PREFACE

In this high-tech computerized era, men strive hard for their spiritual survival in the highly mechanized and violent world. A small minority of people realizes that happiness lies within an individual. Every individual understands the need and importance of human values. Such values alone equip a man in the right path.

In solving the problem of lack of human values, the Indo-Anglian poets play a pivotal role. Especially, the poets, Nissim Ezekiel, R.Parthasarathy and A.K.Ramanujan lay emphasis on the rejuvenation of human values through their poetry. Though Nissim Ezekiel has his roots in Israel, his poetry deals with an ordinary common Indian's feelings. His poems represent a search for human values in the history of world literature, glorifying man. There is a conflict between the east and the west throughout his poems.

A.K.Ramanujan’s poems reveal the predicament of Indian society. They reiterate the sanctity of man and his gradual development towards perfection. The encounter between the rural and the urban forms the key note in his poems.

The poems of R.Parthasarathy exhibit the nature of human beings and their desires and urges. The theme of alienation forms the core of his poems.
These selected poets from Indian writing in English underline the importance of human values. They belong to the tradition of philosophers, whose poetry deals with the positive spirit of affirmation in life. Their poems indicate that the lack of human values in the contemporary society and the causes thereof. They also provide the remedy for the social problems, cropping up now and then.

In this odd hour among the several wars, it is significant to show these human values to this world. Though Ezekiel, Ramanujan and Parthasarathy belong to the same cultural background and contemporary poets, their attitude towards the poem is different. But at the same time, they deal with human values. This study does not claim to be exhaustive. Only the selected poems of these three writers are discussed. The various theories of humanism are analyzed and compared with their poems. The study is supported most often by textual poems.

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