

**THE DOMINANCE OF THE MALE EGO**  
**IN THE NOVELS OF**  
**THOMAS HARDY AND O.V.VIJAYAN**  
**- A COMPARATIVE STUDY**

Thesis submitted to

Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady

In Partial fulfilment of the requirements

for the award of the degree of

Doctor of Philosophy in the

Faculty of English Language and Literature

By

K.B.SHAJI

(Beena Sadanam, Kotta.P.O., Karakad(via) 689504.)

Under the supervision and guidance of

Prof. (Dr.) Joseph Kachapilly

Research Guide

Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady.

Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam.

May 2004