

Tribhuvan University

**Dual Personality: Consequence of Drug Addiction in R.L. Stevenson's *The
Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde***

**A Thesis Submitted to the Department of English,
Ratna Rajya Laxmi Campus, Tribhuvan University,
in Partial Fulfillment of the Requirements for the
Degree of Master of Arts in English.**

By

Shiva Lal Acharya

March, 2010

Tribhuvan University

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

This thesis submitted to the Department of English, Ratna Rajya Laxmi Campus, entitled "Dual Personality: Consequence of Drug Addiction in R. L. Stevenson's *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*" by **Mr. Shiva Lal Acharya**, has been approved by the undersigned members of the Research Committee.

Research Committee Members:

Supervisor

(Yadab Prasad Adhikari)

External Examiner

(Rudra Prasad Paudel)

Head, Department of English

Ratna Rajya Laxmi Campus,

Exhibition Road, Katmandu.

Date: _____

Acknowledgements

I am indebted to the Department of English for providing me an opportunity to conduct this research work. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to my supervisor Yadab Prasad Adhikari for his invaluable instructions and suggestions throughout the writing of this thesis. His unfailing guidance, constant encouragements and scholarly comments through different stages have enabled me to materialize this research in this form.

I am grateful to my Department Chief, Rudra Prasad Paudel for his constructive suggestions and scholarly guidance. I would also like to thank other lecturers who in one way or other helped me a lot in my endeavor.

I am deeply indebted to my loving parents, brothers and sister for their constant inspiration to make me pursue academic career. Mr. Mahesh Tiwari , Kamal Kharel, Bishwonath Kharel, Yadab Parajuli, Laxman Panthi, Keshab Wagle and Khem Ghimire are the indispensable characters of this research. Technically, brother Vism Raj Paudel, along with Orchid Com. Type, Nayabazzar, Kirtipur, have made major contribution in computer type setting. Ultimately, I would like to thank all my well-wishers for their assistance throughout the preparation of the thesis.

Shiva Lal Acharya

March, 2010

Abstract

The present study deals with dual or a split personality of the protagonist as a consequence of drug addiction in RL Stevenson's gothic novella *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*. A dual or split personality means that within the same person there are both good as well as evil qualities which are exposed in different conditions. When people are in a normal condition they seem good and gentle, and when they are intoxicated they show their true identity i.e. full of cruelty and irrationality. The major character of the novella, Dr. Jekyll, has two personalities: Dr. Jekyll (a good and professional physician) and Mr. Hyde (an evil and murderous character). His two personalities are exposed to the society when he desires to live a life of duplicity and invents drug for it. Drug plays a major role to separate him from good to evil and vice-versa. In the initial position, Dr. Jekyll needs drug to be Mr. Hyde but later when he is fully addicted, he no longer needs it to transform himself into Mr. Hyde. In Freudian viewpoint these two distinct personalities of the same person represent two different aspects of human psyche i.e. conscious and unconscious. Hence, the cause of the protagonist's dual personalities is nothing other than drug addiction and its abuse.

Contents

Charter One: Introduction: Stevenson and His Major works	1
Historical Context of <i>The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde</i>	7
Chapter Two: Psychoanalysis and Personality Types	14
Psychology: A Theoretical Modality	14
Major Psychoanalysts	16
The Structure of Personality: Id, Ego and Super-ego	19
Desire and Destruction	22
Schizophrenic Disorders	24
Psychic Fragmentation	25
Psychoanalysis and Literary Analysis	27
Drug Addiction and Psychoanalysis	30
Chapter Three: Dual Identity: Consequence of Drug Addiction	
Story in Brief	34
Dr. Jekyll and His Theory of Dual Personality	38
Experimentation of Drug: A Psychic Fragmentation	41
The Influence of Drug on Dr. Jekyll's Personality	42
Death as an Ultimate Remedy of Drug Addiction	53
Chapter Four: Conclusion: Drug's Impact on Dr. Jekyll's Personality	57
Works Cited	59