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Abstract

The present thesis explores the sense of humanism in Peyton Reed's film, *Yes Man*. The entire film demonetizes that the spirit of society survives on the sense of humanity. Reed has reflected this vision of humanism in the form of quest where friendship, mutual cooperation, knowledge and understanding are reflected. In *Yes Man* Reed rises ahead to the evolution of universal humanist culture to be enriched by the contribution of every great thinker of society which uplifts for the betterment and pragmatic sense of social interaction. In the film Carl, the protagonist who remains in thoughts of greed and selfishness attends the yes conference and ultimately realizes the extreme sense of eternal humanist by abandoning all the context of pure humanism.

Yes Man views that one shouldn't be confined in materialistic gain which proves that sense of self sacrifice and indifference to the luxurious materialistic achievement only can help to attain the higher and noble realization of humanism. Besides, Reed claims that universal love and brotherhood, mutual cooperation and quest to wisdom lead to depth of humanitarian realization in the film.

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I. Jim Carrey and Concept of Humanism

This project analyzes Jim Carrey's film *Yes Man* from the perspective of universal humanism thereby concentrating on common human needs and seeks way of solving human problems based on reason which is inspired by love and knowledge and guided by the concept of cooperation. The focus of this study is on the theory called Universal Humanism. Humanism studies about the human problems and how to solve the problems based on reason rather than faith in God. The term "Universal Humanism" indicates the concept of humanism in centered on men women and they are regarded as the maker of their own life and dignity. For protecting their dignities and freedom they can make things favorable and comfortable to themselves by rationalizing any kind of situations through their own reasoning capacity.

Universal Humanism is associated with ethics that affirm the dignity and worth of all people. It helps to rise the ability to determine right and wrong by appealing to universal qualities; particularly human reasoning power and dignity. Hence, the concept of humanism is centered on men and women and they are regarded as the maker of their own life and dignity. For protecting their dignities and freedom they can make things favorable and comfortable to themselves by rationalizing any kind of situations through their own reasoning capacity: "Humanism is a system of philosophy that concentrates on common human need and seeks ways of solving human problem based on reason rather than on faith in God" (Jatava viii). Jatava views that human values are important because among them freedom, equality, fraternity, cooperation, love, sympathy etc. are useful. The history of human civilization illustrates that the human beings have been seeking harmony and striving for adjustment and longing for justice and peace. By addressing this human desire, this philosophy supports the world peace, social justice and composite culture.

Moreover, it opposes war and stands for human rights and is critical of oppression, exploitation, injustice and atrocities whether in the name of nationality or religion.

Encyclopedia defines humanism as a group of philosophies and ethical perspectives which emphasize the value and agency of human beings, individually and collectively, and generally prefers individual thought and evidence (rationalism, empiricism) over established doctrine or faith. The term humanism can be ambiguously diverse, and there has been a persistent confusion between several related uses of the term because different intellectual movements have identified with it over time. In philosophy and social science, humanism refers to a perspective that affirms some notion of a human nature. In modern time many humanist movements have become strongly aligned with secularism. Humanism is a psychological approach that emphasizes the study of the whole person. Humanistic psychologies look at human behavior not only through the eyes of the observer, but through the eyes of person doing the behaving. Humanistic recognize that it is only when people feel free to think for themselves using reason as their guide that they are best capable of developing human values that succeed in satisfying human needs and serving human interests.

Humanism having its ultimate faith in humankind, believes that human beings possess the power or potentiality of solving their own problems through reliance primarily upon reason and scientific method applied with courage and vision. The optimistic motif of perfectibility endured in the thinking of nineteenth and twentieth-century humanists, even though the accelerating pace of industrialization, the growth of urban population and the rise in crime leading to large scale inhuman warfare often put in question the efficacy of humanistic ideals. But even the depressing run of human experience highlighted the appeal of those ideals, reinforcing the humanistic

faith in the values of endurance, nobility, intelligence, moderation, sympathy and love.

Humanists attribute crucial importance to education, conceiving of it as an all-around development of personality and individual talents marring science to poetry and culture to democracy. They champion freedom of thought and opinion, the use of intelligence and pragmatic research in science and technology, and social and political systems governed by representative institution. Believing that it is possible to live confidently without metaphysical or religious certainty and that all opinions are open to revision and correction, they see human flourishing as dependent on open communication, discussion, criticism and unforced consensus.

The concept of humanism and humanitarianism are different from each other. Humanism is a philosophy in itself; whereas humanitarianism is an expression only of human feelings. Humanism regards science as a powerful means of man's progress and genius; through science rationalism and impartiality are strengthened; and by scientific education the hold of orthodox thought can be lessened humanism stands on a firm world outlook on social ground and its basic aim is to know the human situation and to solve the arising problem and remove the obstructions coming on the way of human welfare whereas humanitarianism as Jatava says, "Humanitarianism is an expression only of human feelings. In humanitarianism, we find certain beliefs such as faith in God, supernaturalism, grace of gods, transmigration, divine deliverance, heaven and hell that are considered to be irrelevant in humanism" (Preface vii). Jatava says that humanitarianism is an emotional attitude that plans to help the people by reducing their suffering. For this purpose, it seeks ways to solve human problems based on faith in God and crosses the boundary of human reasons.

Humanism is system of thought that rejects religious beliefs and centers on humans and their values, capacities and worth. It is concerns with the interests, needs and welfare of human. The concept of humanism is traditionally, linked with the question of man's place in the universe, his today and tomorrow. Man is a complex social being. The problems of his life and activity involve all kinds of material, social and spiritual relationships, objective laws of social development, economic, class, national, racial, family, legal, moral, and psychological and others. The problem of humanism, therefore demands through scientific analysis and its solution must take into account the sweeping scientific and technological progress of the present and its social consequences.

Humanism may be defined as an integrated system of human meanings, goals and values and harmonious program of human fulfillment, individual and collective. It seeks to clarify and enrich man's goals values and ideals and achieve his full humanness through bringing him in ever deeper and more intimate kinship and harmony with the surrounding, life, society and cosmos. It is obvious that humanism rests on 'value realism' which is not an abstract notion but involves the concrete fulfillment of human life and potentialities that is itself invested with the highest value by, and for man's self.

The spirit of humanism included in all men and women a feeling of being united and progressive, an enthusiasm for being one with the entire humanity. This is the basis of all humanism, although complete unity of all mankind has not yet achieved. The progress towards unity and harmony is thwarted by several conscious and unconscious, human and natural interruptions in man's life.

Humanism is an approach to life based on humanity and reason. Humanists recognize that it is simply human nature to have moral values that when we make

more particular judgments we need to interpret those widely shared values by the use of knowledge, reason and experience. Humanists find that best available explanations of life and the universe in the naturalistic and provisional answers provided by scientific enquiry and the use of reason. Humanists are therefore atheists or agnostic but humanism is a philosophy in its own right, but not just a negative response to religion.

Humanism is applicable to a variety of beliefs methods and philosophies that place central emphasis on the human realm. However, the term is used with reference to a system of education and mode of enquiry that development in northern Italy during the 13th and 14th centuries and later spread throughout Europe. Alternately known as Renaissance humanism, "this program was so broad" and profoundly influential that it is one of the chief reasons why the Renaissance viewed as a distinct historical period. Indeed, though the word Renaissance is of most recent coinage, the fundamental idea of that period as one of renewal and reawakening is humanistic in origin. But humanism sought its own philosophies bases is far earlier times and moreover, contribution to exert some of its power long after the end of renaissance.

Professor Crane Brinton defines "Humanism is one attitude towards life that is fundamental out of harmony with that side of democracy what is concerned with the common man, with the welfare of the masses" (205). Humanism has neglected the suppressed humanity, because the emancipated humanists of earlier centuries were regarded as beyond questioning. Humanist believe that the life we have is the only life and it is our responsibility to make life good as possible not only for ourselves but for everyone including future generation. They strongly support individual human rights and freedoms but also believe equally in the importance of individual responsibility, social cooperation and mutual respect.

Human society is the fundamental element of humanism. Man is related to society as closely as to nature. As he cannot live apart from nature, so he cannot live without society. Society is the real home of man, for society is something natural to him. Society gives all individuals an organized life, a life of cooperation and competition. Almost all humanists regard society as a mode of unity and the basis of unity is love which is dynamic, creative, cooperative, constructive and benevolent. Love is the sustaining force in society. A lively participation with fellow beings is the fact of human existence.

A good social life necessarily involves love and knowledge. We have pointed that love is the basis of social unity, but this cannot be sustained without adequate knowledge. Ignorance the dominance of misunderstanding is creating havoc in modern life. Knowledge removes all those obstacles, which we face in its absence. That is why all humanists fully agree that knowledge is necessary for an enlightened life.

Humanism is an ardent supporter of world peace, social justice and composite culture; it is opposed to war and stands for human rights; and it is very critical of oppression, exploitation, injustice and atrocities. The philosophy of humanism as a way of life matches the political and social ideals of one world, a united community of all peoples. The signs for a world community are visible in the charter of the United Nations. It is a great humanist institution wisely adopted by several countries. Its object is to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war and to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of human person, in the equal rights of man and woman and of nations large and small, and to establish conditions under which justice and respect can be maintained, and to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom, and for these ends to practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbors, and to unite

strength to maintain international peace and security, are purely humanist ideals. They greatly appeal to all those who yearn for human dignity, security and happiness

Thus, Humanism means the type of thought that is centered on man himself, that raises questions concerning his ultimate nature, and that tries to answer them without transcending the limits of what is human. In this sense, humanistic thinking is the cultivation of man, his self-cultivation and self-unfolding into full enlightened personality. It stands for right relationship between man and man. The idea of humanism is ever-growing, ever creating new avenues and values for the happiness of all human being.

Jim Carrey is a Canadian American comedian actor as well as producer. Carrey first gained recognition in 1990 in the comedy film. In *Living Color*, in 1997, he gave a critically acclaimed performance in *Liar Liar*, which earned him a Golden Globe Award nomination for Best Actor. He then started the movies like *The Truman Show*, *Man on The Moon*, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. Carrey started in the major blockbuster film *Bruce Almighty* (2003). The following year he started in *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* (2004), for which he received another Golden nomination in addition to a BAFTA award nomination. He then started in popular production Lemony Snicker's *A Series of Unfortunate Events* (2004), *Fun with Dick and Jane* (2005) *Yes Man* (2008), *A Christmas Carol* (2009) and *Mr. Popper's Penguins* (2011).

Bruce Almighty the major blockbuster film of Jim Carrey has some universal humanitarian agenda. It starts with Him Carrey as Bruce Nolan, a local eyewitness News TV reporter, best known for doing human interest stories which makes everyone happy but he was unhappy. By chance he meets with the God and complains to God that he isn't doing his job correctly and is then offered the chance to try being

God himself for one week. God offers Bruce to prove that he is doing his job correctly. After given the chance to be God, he acts for the welfare of the people and society. So, many of the film of Jim Carrey is based on universal humanism.

The film is directed by Peyton Reed. Peyton Reed is an American television as well as film director. Reed directed the Films like *Bring it on*, *Down with Love*, *The Break-Up* and *Yes Man*. All the film directed by Peyton Reed is comedy film. The main theme of film directed by Peyton Reed is to show comedy as well as the concept of cooperation among the members of society for the uplift, rising awareness of human. The major blockbuster film *Down with Love* directed by Peyton Reed is a story of a combat woman who advocates female independence fight against man who obsessively seduces and deceives women and patriarchal male chauvinist society of 1950 and early 1960. She appeals for the equality among all the gender shows universal humanism in *Down with Love*.

Yes Man follows the story of the hero Carl who is very cruel, negative and indifference to other human beings. Carl who is an employer at the bank only looks for his benefit and don't provide the loan for the deserving customer at the bank. He even forgets his best friend Peter engagement party and tells lie to his friend. Carl's wife Stephanie left him because of his indifference behaviors and he is also in position of losing his job. So, Carl sits ideally and has monotonous life. Accidently he attended the self-awareness 'yes' conference and there is dramatic conversion in Carl's life.

This research focuses on the humanitarian Carl after attending the 'yes' conference. He provides loan to all customer in the bank, Carl's humanist practice is clear from his covenant to say 'yes' to everything. We can see helping to the homeless man by giving lift on car and providing mobile and money to the homeless man and

meeting with Allison makes Carl happy. He even helps to the elderly woman whom he rejects at the beginning of the story and saving of suicidal man by Carl, hooking of So-Mi Korean girl with English man Norman and disturbing food, clothes etc to the poor and needy people by Carl shows some of the tenant of humanism in the film *Yes Man*. Thus, the main concern of this research is to find out the universal humanism perspectives of Carl for the upliftment of the society.

Jim Carrey's *Yes Man* has been interpreted and analyzed from different perspectives by many critics. Some of them analyses it from the Marxist point of view, some from autobiography perspective, some from the perspective of crude sexual humor, language and brief nudity and many more. But none of them have looked the film from the perspective of universal Humanism. This research fills the gap talking about the issues as a utopian society of Karl Marx, Richard Corliss, a renowned critic, focusing upon the humanitarian sense of the protagonist claims:

Americans in the economic through this holiday season will find fantasy solution to their money woes in the weekend's two big new movies. Wouldn't it be nice of Him Carrey were your local bank officer who smiling approved every loan, even if you need were bizarre and your collateral non-existent? Wouldn't you soul to soothed if will smith were a treasury agent who gave a six month extension on the pile you owe the IRS? You needn't be a financial gift-not when these two stars are playing Santa. (18)

He makes the survey of the film on the basis of Karl Marx classless society. Carl's behavior of providing loan to all the customers in the bank inspires Richard. There is no any gap between bourgeois and proletarian in the society. All the members of the

society are treated equally and there is no any economical hierarchy between the members of society.

Similarly, another critic, Danny Wallace analyzes the film from the autobiographical perspective:

I, Danny Wallace being of sound mind and body, do here by write this manifesto for my life. I swear I will be more open to opportunity. I swear I will live my life taking very available chance. I will say yes to every favor, request, suggestion and invitation. I WILL TO SAY WHERE ONCE I WOULD SAY NO. (6)

He inspires to make story about himself. Danny Wallace, a freelance radio producer for the BBC in London takes three simple words uttered by a stranger on a bus-say yes more as a challenge and says yes to everything for a year. He says yes to pamphlets on streets, credit card offers stuffing his mail box and solicitations on the internet. He attends meeting with a group of people that believe aliens built the pyramids in Egypt, and say 'yes' in meeting with executives. The character in the film Carl is like Danny Wallace who use to refuse to everything changes after attending the 'yes' conference is similar to character Carl in the film.

Also, another critic Dan Zak criticizes the film from the perspective of Crude, Sexual humor, language and brief nudity:

Yyyy. . . no, even though Carrey is bit mellower these days, the shtick feels dated. He is dong material from 'gobs. In a comedy era ennobled by the cracking wit of Vince Vaughn, Steve Carrel and Tina Feg. "Yes Man" comes across an innocent, quaint, pitiable or one note or borscht belt humor and not committed enough to support great slap stick. "Yes

Man" doesn't have a plot. It has a premise what if some never says no?

Will his life improve by 1000 percent? (19)

Dan Zak looks upon the film from the eye of crude sexual humor, language and brief nudity. This film doesn't have a plot, it has sexual humor. The language in this film is committed enough to support great slapstick.

Moreover, another critic Rene Rodriguez of the Miami Herald claims the film from the comedic, love story. He states "*Yes Man* is fine as far as Jim Carrey comedies go, but it's even better as a love story that just happens to make you laugh" (21). There is a love story about Carl. At the beginning he is married to Stephanie for 3 months and is divorced. Later he accepts mail from Persian girl and dated with her. He once has sexual relationship with an elderly woman Tillie. He met with Allison and there is to and fro love relationship between them. Some time they are tie together and sometime broke their relationship. But at the end they have good love affair. Furthermore, we can see the love relationship between Peter and Lucy Burns, Norman and Soo Mi, Stephanie and his new boyfriend etc and also Rooney attracted towards nurse in the hospital, sexual relationship of Rooney with Tillie shows the film as Comic-love story.

In this way, Jim Carry's *Yes Man* has been analyzed from different perspectives. As this researcher observes some of the humanitarian issues, perspectives, and agenda and so on. No one of the aforementioned critics has inquired the issue of universal brotherhood and universal qualities: particularly human reasoning power and dignity in the context of universal humanism. In this context this project studies the cruel, indifference nature of hero conversion into humanitarian man after attendance of self aware consciousness program. In this research, it gives

the special focus on the humanitarian task perform by the hero after the yes conference for the welfare of human beings.

To sum up, the thesis has been divided into three chapters. The first chapter contains the introduction. It explains the theoretical modality i.e. universal humanism. Also the central issue is elaborated along with the hypothesis and from the analysis of the literature review the point of departure of this work is clarified in terms of the methodology. It has been hypothesized that Carl's life progress as a successful and humanitarian man who helps those people in need after attending the 'yes' conference. His monotonous mechanical and over rational life turns into humanitarian as he realizes human values and ethos. Similarly, second chapter contain the discussion of universal humanism and the interpretation of the text consecutively. And conclusion of the thesis marks the final chapter.

II. Universal Humanism in Jim Carrey's *Yes Man*

The film is an analysis of the complexity of Carl's life with its teeming contradictions, which draws roots from Carl's cruel and indifferent life, attending of the 'Yes' conference convert his life towards Universal Humanism. In this sense, *Yes Man* is more than a mere film. It is a dramatic change in the life of an English man at a crucial period of modern period, when the social, conscience and intellectual awareness conference help to have substantial progress in Carl's life who succeeds to realize humanity and begins to help needy people. Such humanitarian acts and realization becomes the mission of Carl's life.

Jim Carrey's *Yes Man* is the film that concentrates on common human needs and seeks ways of solving human problems based on the reason rather than having a mere faith in God. It is reflected through Carl, whose humanist practice is obviously clear from his covenant to say yes to everything touched by the impressive tenet of humanism. Carl provides loan to the entire customer in the bank. Despite, he is in position of losing his job from the bank but he become selfless and acts for the welfare of other people. He is less mechanical and more humanitarian.

As the film proceeds, Carl helps the homeless man by giving lift and cell phone to talk and providing money to the homeless man, helping by Carl to an old elderly woman, saving of suicidal man by Carl and at the last scene of the film many people gather naked providing their clothes to the needy one illustrate the perspective of Universal Humanism. It illustrates Carl's life progress as a successful and humanitarian man. His monotonous mechanical and over rational life turns into humanitarian as he realizes human values and ethos rather than commercialization. Only the Universal Humanism is appropriate enough to provide ahead in this research

work. Thus the researcher dwells upon some of the crucial tenets of the Universal Humanism.

Humanism associated with ethics affirms the dignity and worth of all people. It helps to raise the ability to determine right and wrong by appealing to universal qualities; particularly human reasoning power and dignity. Hence, the concept of humanism is centered on men and women and they are regarded as the maker of their own life and dignity. For protecting their dignities and freedom they can make things favorable and comfortable to themselves by rationalizing any kind of situations through their own reasoning capacity. The idea of humanism is ever growing, ever creating new avenues and values for the happiness of all human beings. Man has to play an important role to maintain peace and order in the society.

The great thinkers and theorists like Rabindra Nath Tagore, Bertrand Russell, Jatava, Radhakamal Mukherjee and other have express the concept of universal humanism is essential method for the freedom and peace progress in all sphere of human life love, cooperation and knowledge are needed for a good society which leads men towards a good social organization.

Many Renaissance scholars stress the individual as the basic unity of social relations because they believe that a good society depends upon moral consciousness of individual. If a man is not responsible, a good society cannot survive. Thus, a man is the maker of his own society. The Renaissance thinkers "did not believe in the ascetic monk, but in a new type of the universal man delighting in every kind of this earthly achievement" (Jatava 6) because they went against the repressive and other worldliness that had helped human nature in bondage for so many centuries. Humanistic tradition demands man not be ignored in the name of religion and revolts

against the religious orthodoxy and social discrimination and praises the concept of freedom with a spirit of moral and social regeneration.

As the film begins, a pop tune starts playing for Carl. He sees unknown caller's which he accidentally answers the call. He talks to his best friend Peter as Peter tries to persuade Carl to come to a gathering at the usual bar and Carl keeps trying to weasel out telling that he's at home and he has got things to do but is really at the local Blockbuster renting movies. During the conversation we see Peter outside the store window, and Carl is caught. Like Renaissance scholars believes a good society depends upon moral consciousness of individual but in the film Carl acts negatively he even lie to his best friend Peter, shows the cruel, indifference nature of the Carl.

Rabindra Nath Tagore a prominent figure of humanism argues that a good social life necessarily involves love, knowledge and freedom. For him, ignorance is the source of misunderstanding that creates havoc in the society. Even the freedom of daily life can create favorable condition since freedom removes all those obstacles that we might face in its absence. He argues that freedom is necessary for an enlightened life and Knowledge is compulsion to lead human progress towards the social and political idea, "Man as a creation, represents the creator, and this is why of all creature it has been possible for him to comprehend this world in his knowledge and in his feeling and in his imagination, To realize in his union with spirit that is everywhere" (2).

Tagore claims that knowledge grows towards a more intelligently organized democracy. It is essential for an enlightened life that immediately realizes the reality. Knowledge also guides to a deeper and happier life. Tagore regards man as the centre of study and investigation who has peculiar body with mind and reasoning power.

Peter makes the big announcement that he and Lucy are engaged and tells Carl the date of the engagement party which Carl is obligated to attend. But, Carl forgets the engagement party and Peter was upset with Carl.

Peter: This wasn't drinks at a bar, Carl. This was my engagement party.

You only get married once.

Carl: I certainly wouldn't do it again

Peter: I know, Carl. I know that Stephanie left you. And I know that you have issues because of it, but this isn't about you. It's about me. When's the last time you did anything fun? You always excuse. "I don't wanna commit, I don't wanna be tied down."

(11:00-11:13)

The above extract, from the film, we can show that Carl ignores so much. He even forgets the engagement party of his best friend Peter which occurs once in a lifetime. There is misunderstanding between them. Carl has no knowledge if he misses the engagement party of his friend there may be arise the dispute between them. For a good social life there involves, love, knowledge and freedom which are lacking in Carl's life. It shows Carl's cruel and indifference nature.

The Buddhist philosophy denies any kind of orthodox and sets man even above goods because everything in Buddhism is unequivocal within the domain of nature. In this way, Buddha propounded a philosophy of humanism:

Buddha launched a powerful movement for social revolution by denying the existence of all supernatural elements in life. He devoted his time in studying the human problems and put his finger on the fact of life that people are living in suffering. The recognition of suffering and the removal of it were the first steps of Buddhist humanism. The

Buddha revolted against all the blind traditions and cruel orthodoxy of Brahmanism which mutilate the beauty of human existence. (Jatava 4)

The concept of rejecting the existence of supernatural power helps to liberate the fettered humanity from the clutches of injustice. There is a need of universal humanism overwhelmed with the understanding, peace and human thought; to develop and maintain closeness and fraternal relation between man/man and man/woman is inevitable; and the world of fraternity is possible through the efforts of co-operation.

A guy Marv is desperate for loan and has not other options left comes in the Carl's office asking a loan to start a business of making "Roller Blade Suits". Marv is desperate and has no other options but Carl denies his claim:

Marv: Business has been slow down. There's a lot less demand for a small Roller blade shop what with Big 5 and sport chalet but my designs are gonna revolutionary the roller industry.

Carl: I know that Marv, but you have no equity. None. But your credit.

Marv: Bad, but I don't wanna sound desperate

Carl: Yeah.

Marv: Yeah, I don't have other option left. Carl denied his claim for loan. (7:17- 7:39)

People are living in suffering. The reorganization of suffering and the removal of suffering is the step of Humanism. But, in the film Carl deny Marv for the loan. Marv is in suffering and wants to establish the business of "Roller Blade Suits" and also has no other option left. Carl denies the loan and act against the humanism and shows his rude habit.

Confucius, a Chinese philosopher, stresses the need of human beings' duty to achieve an associated harmonies society. For him, morality is the sustaining value of all humanistic through and the morality is based on human values is useful because it stands as a means for maintaining right relations between man and man. Jatva focusing upon Confucius's concept of humanism claims that:

His main concern was the morals, man and state. His humanism is based on the principle that "measure of man is man" which is interpreted as righteousness, benevolence and nobility, beginning with the individual and extending to the family, the community the nation and the world. He aimed at creating a stable society, maintaing a certain level of excellence, although not always striving after new successes. (Jatava, 5)

Confucius realizes that man is a responsible member of society and he is a citizen with interest of his own and the common welfare. He is rationale as well as critical. Humanism, as Confucius says, society and nature run through all human relations. He presents an unbroken chain of humanist ideas in the long history of mankind. He concludes that everything stand in relation to man living in human society.

We see Carl get dressed in a suit, pick up a name tag and head out the door to his job as a junior loan officer at a bank. As he closes his door, a niece elderly woman named Tillie asks him if he wants some breakfast and invites him over, and Carl denies. As he heads to work, he meets a homeless man and declines him help, gets his coffee and declines a flyer to come see a local bands and ends up in front of his computer declining emails and websites for Middle Eastern wives. Confucius principle measure of man is man emphasizes that man is responsible member of society and act for the welfare of common people. An individual who is very loyal

makes a good family leads to good society leads to a good nation. But in the film Carl is indifference, cruel, rude to other character. He doesn't give emphasis to other character and deny to everything. So, he is very irrational and helpless people.

Humanism is intended to have universal application not category from which some may be excluded or a cluster of such categories. It is up to humans to find the truth, a opposed to seeking it through the revelation, mysticism, traditional or anything else that is incompatible with the application of logic to the observable evidence. It avoids blindly accepting unsupported beliefs and supports the scientific method, rejecting authoritarianism and extreme skepticism:

. . . Dynamic humanism is a universal expression of his philosophical insight. The main sources of inspiration behind it have been the Buddha, Marx and Ambedker. The perennial humanism is a fruit able result of the analysis and examination of all humanistic ideas and systems. It can lead us towards peace, prosperity and integration. The technological and scientific discoveries have unfolded the varied dimensions of human curiosity (Jatava 211)

In the humanistic framework, human experience, reasoning, science and scientific methods have significant place, and in it imagination, blind faith, tradition, divine revelation, mystic expression, supernatural power etc, have no relevance. The epistemology of humanism is man's reason and his experience, and whatever is beyond human reason and experience is unknown to man. The humanist epistemology rejects all those experiences and events that seem to be beyond human existence.

Carl's friend Nick invites Carl to the next 'Yes' conference and gives him a pamphlet. He opens the 'Yes' conference pamphlet and he decides to attend the

program. As the conference begins there is a montage of images with philosopher of 'Yes' Terrance starts chanting :

Terrance: Life, we are all living it. Or are we?

Carl: Ohh, heavy

Terrance : Change is generated from consciousness, but where is consciousness generated from? From the external. And how do we control the external? With one word. And what is the word? Yes. Everybody start chanting yes! yes! yes! (14:01-14:21)

Humanism includes all cluster of categories to find the truth of life and it opposed to the blindly accepting unsupported beliefs and it also supports the scientific method for the peace and progress of this entire universe. The humanist epistemology rejects all those experiences and events which are harmful for the humanism and it wants change to generate from consciousness and there is external i.e. 'yes' to generate consciousness for the welfare of the individual, family, community, society, nation and to maintain peace and prosperity into the entire universe.

Rabindra Nath Tagore, as a humanist has accepted the cooperativeness of necessity and determinism in nature and human history. Man is bound to certain determinant facts, he can however; attain freedom and spontaneity in the spiritual world such a free spiritual realm in the world of creative abundance. Man has surplus energy which causes creativity in him. This creativity is the source of freedom and it has spiritual roots without freedom man cannot be liberal and democratic. Freedom is the sole antidote to mechanical conventions and narrow social needs. Humanism spirit is free and is also autonomous. Freedom can save man.

Terrance welcomes all the participants in the conference hall and starts giving philosophical knowledge to everyone:

Terrance: I want you to invite yes into your lives because it will RSVP 'yes' when you say yes to things, you embrace the possible. You gobble up all of life energies, and you excrete the waste.

(15:06-15:25)

Due to the surplus energy man has got the capacity of creativity is the source of freedom and it has spiritual roots. Freedom is the antidote to mechanical conventions and narrow social needs Universal humanism is method of freedom and progress and opposes the exploitation, discrimination among different group of people.

Humanist thinkers view that man occupies a prominent place in the entire universe, he is the centre of study and investigation; and the progress and continuity of nature and society is related to him: "All civilizations aim at the unity and wholeness of human personality, values and norms and this is the concreteness and immediacy of human relation and behaviours" (Mukerjee 142). Mukerjee glorifies the concept of universal humanism as she says that all the polarities and antimonies of human existence are resolved, synthesized and harmonized at the highest dimensions by common values. The core of humanism is its acknowledgement of the essence and truth of transcendence that progressively and dialectically achieve harmony. Professor Mukherjee brings humanism near to such a scientific outlook, which acknowledges the unity, harmony and transcendence of the universe as well as the unpredictable, self-transcending possibilities of man-in-man and with cosmos.

In the 'Yes' conference Terrance comes and discuss with the newcomer Carl. Carl says no to everything and there is a discussion between Carl and Terrance.

Terrance: Let me guess Carl. Someone talked you into coming here today didn't they"

Carl : Yes

Terrence: You are dead Carl. You say no to life, and therefore you're not living. You make up excuse to the people around you and to yourself. You're stuck in the same dead end job. You have been for years. You don't have a girlfriend. You don't have anything close to a girlfriend. And you lost the love of your life because she couldn't be with someone who didn't live theirs.

Carl: Ohh !

Terrace: And most nights you're so bored and filled with ennui . . . you can't even summon the enthusiasm necessary to masturbate.

Am I right Carl? (16:50-17:44)

Humanist aim is to solve the arising problem and remove the obstructions coming on the way of human welfare. There are lots of problem in Carl life and the humanist Terrence is detaching the problem of Carl and is trying to solve all those problems. The polarities and antinomies of human existence are resolved, harmonized by common human values.

The world is the habituation of human beings and not a mere reservoir of power and politics. Only free spiritual co-operation among all men can provide the basis for a genuine universality. All elements that create barrier and differences between people have to be substituted by the spirit of racial synthesis and cultural cooperation, interdependency and brotherhood. Man have to overcome the evils of suspicion, fear, distrust, aggressiveness and enmity and have to create an atmosphere of love and friendship, harmony and adjustment a genuine mingling of people and cultures. The unity of all man is grounded on the basis of the concept of the universalism that emphasizes man is part of the whole universe. The world is always

changing following towards progress and development and this developmental activities encourage taking advantage for the welfare of mankind.

After the yes conference there is dramatic change in Carl's life. As Carl and Nick are walking away from the conference, people congratulate Carl on his breakthrough. Just then, a homeless man mentions how nice is BMW car and asks Carl for a lift to park. Encourage by Nick, he agrees to give lift to the homeless guy. In the car before they leave, the homeless man asks to use Carl's phone and Carl agree. On the ride to the park, the homeless man is laughing with someone on the phone, while Carl is asking where in the park to deep him off. The cell phone battery dies and the man thanks Carl. Before the homeless man shuts the door, he asks Carl for a few bucks. The new Carl reluctantly says 'yes' while taking out a wad of bills . . . he ends up giving the guy the money and the guy thanks him and runs into the bushes with a head first dive. As Carl tries to drive away, his car runs out of gas. To create an atmosphere of love and friendship Carl who was very selfish at the beginning cooperate with the homeless man providing his Car for the lift, giving his cell phone to talk up to battery dies and giving all the money to the poor and homeless man without caring for himself that his car runs out of gas.

For achieving human dignity, security and happiness, this universal humanism emphasis to practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbors, and to unite strength to maintain peace and harmonious relationship among people based on respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of people to achieve cooperation:

There may be some distortions among the human relations as well as kinds of humanist philosophies take it; but a vital urge in all human beings is permeated that is perennially active and awaken to bring

together human relations into some sort of cooperation and participation. (Jatava 235).

Cooperation, love and knowledge are needed for good society which leads men towards a good social organization. A good society is the one which is inspired by love and knowledge and guided by the concept of cooperation. If men combine all the ideas of humanists, they would present a fine picture of a social life. As a result, a synthesis attitude is necessary for a good society in humanist relations.

As Carl was leaving his apartment Tillie an elderly woman bumps into him and asks if he could help her to put up some shelves, to which he agrees. If he hadn't attended the 'Yes' conference, he would surely reject. But Carl helps her. After finishing the task, she wants to give him money but she didn't go to the bank.

Tillie: Oh darn, I forget to go to the bank

Carl: Oh, that's okay

Tillie: I'm getting so forgetful. It happens with age

Carl: Don't worry about it.

Tillie: I am gonna have to repay you somehow.

Carl: Oh, just doing favor for a neighbor is good enough for me.

(35:47-36:02)

Carl who was very mechanical and selfish person perform for only his benefit. After attending of 'yes' conference Carl was totally alters. He emphasize for good neighbor helping an elderly woman Tillie. After completion of the work, Tillie wants to give some amount of money but Carl reject the money and told that it is his duty to help neighbor so that there is unity in the society to maintain peace and harmonious and friendly relation among people of society.

One of the prominent figures of humanism Bertrand Russell believes, nowadays people have begun to understand things in a way less fearful and more scientific. The fear grounded in the minds of the people must be removed if man is to have a happy and better society.

We ought to make the best we can of the world, and if it is not so good as we wish, after all it can still be better than what these others have mad of it in all ages: A good world needs knowledge, kindness, and courage; it does not need a regretful hankering after the past, or a fettering of the free intelligence by the words uttered long ago by ignorant man. It heeds hope for the future, not looking back all the time towards a past, that is dead which we trust will be surpassed by the future that our intelligence can create. (17)

Russell, here clearly remarks, his idea about his concept to remove fear from the mind and become scientifically. It needs knowledge, kindness and courage for the improvement of the world. There should be hope for the future, we shouldn't lament all the time for the past which is dead we should think for the good society inspired by love and knowledge and guided by the concept of cooperation.

Due to his new found philosophy of 'yes'. Yes man, Carl has approve all the loan seekers for a loan and Norman a friend in his bank talk Carl that an executive is here from the Head office and that they may be trouble for saying yes to all those loans.

Norman: Guy from cooperates here. Don't look. He wants to talk to you. I think it's all about all those loans you've been approving.

Carl: Well, we had a nice run. I might get shit canned. Norm. Anyway, don't worry about it. It'll lead to something good. (59:31-59:50)

Due to approval for all the loans for the custom, there is possibility of losing his job from the bank. Instead of worrying about the loss of job, he is very satisfied that, he leads to something good. Despite, at the beginning Carl who thinks only for himself now has a rapid change who lives for other peoples. Carl removes fear from his mind and become social. He has courage for the improvement of society and provide loan to all the customers. He removes fear that he may losses the job at the bank and courageously act for improvement of the society by providing loan to all the needy loan seekers.

Humanism means the type of thought that is centered on man himself, that raises question concerning his ultimate nature, and that tries to answer them without transcending the limits of what is human. In this sense, humanistic thinking is the cultivation and self-unfolding into full enlightened personality. It stands for right relations between man and man. The idea of humanism is ever growing, ever creating new avenues and values for the happiness of all human beings. Man has to play an important role to maintain peace and order in the social life. Humanistic recognize that it is only when people feel free to think for themselves, using reason as their guide that they are best capable of developing values that succeed in satisfying human needs and serving other human.

Similarly, we can show the humanitarian act of Carl from the saving of a suicide man. The incident of saving a suicide man by Carl is telecast in the TV channel and Stephanie saw it. When she met Carl she talks about the incident.

Stephanie: Hey, I saw you on TV. That was amazing, Carl.

Carl: It's just a little life that needed saving. No big deal.

(1:08:57-1:09:04)

Carl puts his life on danger to save the suicide man. He acts with his humanism principle, just to save a suicide man and lives a life of morality. The principles of livery and equality keep man conscious of his on dignity and status in society and pursue him to respect the being of others in social life.

Rabindra Nath Tagore, a democratic humanist, believes in fundamental standards for governing the infinite and social life. These standards are liberty, equality and fraternity. His ideas are nothing but immortal principles of human relationship:

Only free spiritual cooperation among all men can provide the basis for a genuine universality. All elements that create barriers and differences between people have to be substituted by the spirit of racial synthesis and cultural cooperation, independence and brotherhood. International law and collective security can make possible a federation of making. Men have to overcome the evils of suspicion, fear, distrust, aggressiveness and enmity, and have to create an atmosphere of love and friendship, harmony and adjustment a genuine mangling of people and cultures. (Jatava 111)

Love, moral freedom and spiritual harmony establish the divine kingdom because the essence of any community is the quest for the love of humanity. Tagore's humanism always stresses the need of cultural synthesis for whatever is good, beautiful and useful must be learnt and be assimilated for the benefit of larger humanity.

After the 'Yes' conference the philosophy of saying 'Yes' to everything speculates Carl as an agent of Terrorist. So, he is detained by the FBI who have been tracking them since he made the initial flight to Nebraska and they begin to interrogate him asking him why he gave a loan to a fertilizer businessman, why he's

taking Korean lessons (North Korea Connection), why he's taking flying lessons and why he was only married for 6 months. But Carl hasn't tell anything about this incidents to his new girlfriend Allison. So, she is angry with him. Carl calls his lawyer Peter, who explains that he's following a new philosophy of saying yes to everything. Allison hears this and thinks that's why he says yes to everything she was furious with Carl and leaves him behind and breaks up with Carl.

Carl broke the covenant to say 'yes' to everything and went to meet Allison. He told about his monotonous, boring life before 'yes' conference. Allison is talking to Carl about her past life:

Carl: Everything I said I meant, except about living together. That makes me nervous, but that's normal. It's big decision. We shouldn't just jump into that without thinking about it.

Allison: Why not? You do it with everything you say yes to whatever comes your way.

Carl: That's not true. You can say no if you don't want something

Allison: Brilliant, Carl where'd you get that ? You literature .

Carl: Look, I know the philosophy has some holes.

Allison: You think? Seems pretty airtight to me.

Carl: but if I hadn't done that I never would've met you. Because the old Carl didn't think he was enough for anybody. I thought if I said yes to things and got involved with people sooner or later, they'd find out I'm not enough. I didn't think I had anything to share. But now I know that what I have to share is pretty huge, and I wanna share it with you.

Allison: Seriously, I dated this guy and i was astounded at how
counted the was just living his life in this closed-off little box.

Carl: I know, It's so frustrating I just wanna grab these people and
shake them say 'wake up, you. You're missing out on a little
thing called life.'

Allison: That's so true.

Carl : Yes (1:34:05-1:35:23)

Carl has overcome the evils of cruel, rude, fear, distrust, aggressiveness selfish and
has create an atmosphere of love and friendship and met with his new girlfriend
Allison and has lots of friend. Carl looks up English man Normal with the Korean girl
Soo Mi, giving loan to the Korean Nurse, and learning of Korean langue show the
cultural synthesis for whatever is good and useful for the benefit of human beings.

All humanists have created an attitude of indifference towards religions. Every
humanist examines the role of religions according to their own philosophical outlook.
The humanist like Marx, Russell dislikes religion because it has not benefited making.
Humanist thinkers believe that humanist religions are nothing, if it doesn't create right
relations between man and man. Rabindar Nath Tagore views that the real function of
religion should be to bring all men together in a happy relationship.

In the film *Yes Man* Carl accepts Persian wife-finder.com email and accepts to
meet with the girl. Carl and Peter are discussing about Carl's new girlfriend Allison,
when they are with the Persian girl. Carl ignores her because she is a Muslim. It
shows the negative attitude towards others religion. But the humanist believes that the
function of religion is to bring all men together in a happy relationship without
ignoring others religion.

Tagore believes in democratic principle. If a man acts in accordance with this principle, he is just and lives a life of morality. The principles of liberty and equality keep man conscious of his own dignity and status in society and pursue him to respect the being of others in social life. Freedom must be sacred and universal:

Tagore gives to the organized man "the gospel of unity' harmony".

Even in the midst of sorrows and sufferings, trials and troubles, he sees the vision of peace and love. He feels that the great festival of man has been progressing. He always dislikes the narrow relationships and dividing walls between man and man. It is said that Tagore concentrated his attention on "concrete humanity as an organic whole" essentially based on spiritual foundation. (Jatava 107)

Tagore argues that man has to play an important role to maintain peace and order in the social life. He believes that individual freedom is dependent on each other. Hence, they have to maintain right relations among themselves. Only mutual help, cooperation, love, respect and like value can help them. Universal humanism is always meaningful and relevant in human beings and theirs' creativity is free and autonomous. Man is truly social, sensitive and creative being so, that he can create freedom through his own creativity.

Carl goes to the camp to help the homeless people by providing food and clothes. He distributes meal to the queue of people seeking for foods. In the last scene of the film there are many naked people attending the 'yes' conference providing all their belongings for the needy people. It suggests man has important role to maintain peace and order in society. Only mutual help and cooperation among the member of society helps to uplift the good and balance society.

Love and anger are two extreme emotions in human lives which rules us, both poles apart and lead us to totally different destinies. In the present period pure and divine love is the best gift we can give to this world. Today in this selfish and chaotic world, a word of care, a word of selfless love can create wonders. Anger, on the other hand can destroy almost everything that we have or earned in life. An angry man is not in a stable of mind and, hence, cannot be expected to act sensibly. He can never be at peace. We can choose to make our life beautiful by inculcating the virtues of love, peace, purity, happiness or can make it miserable by remaining engaged in vices. The Buddhist philosophy suggests angry management is the best qualities in human being which help to make the bond relationship among the members of society:

The angry person reacts in anger and causes other to be angry, and a cycle beings. My hope is that I'm able to be a person who ends such a cycle, a person who reacts to anger with love and understanding, because the angry people need that more than anything else. Reacting in anger is merely perpetuating these people's belief that their anger is justified, but reacting in love may get them to question whether or not their anger is justified, effective, and/or helpful to them. (Gallmo 47)

This philosophy suggests that it is necessary to manage anger. If we become aggressive and go against then there arises the war between two parties. This may leads to the destruction of both sides. Also, there is a cycle of war among them. But, a person who reacts to anger with love and understanding may get them to question whether or not their anger is justifies, effective and helpful for him as well as other person from whom he is angry with.

Carl along with Peter and Rooney goes to the bar. Carl begins sharing the 'yes' philosophy and the guys toast to Carl's effort. They start drinking alcohol and their

table is full of empty glasses. Carl is fully drunk. As they start to leave the bar, a girl asks Carl if she can . . . and before she finishes the sentence, Carl grabs her and passionately kisses her and then spits out the gum she was chewing. Her boyfriend then comes over. Carl gets completely beat up by boyfriend of the girl. If he wants, there are three persons in Carl side who can easily defeat the single person. He manages his anger, So, Carl reacts to anger with love and understanding without further causing a war cycle begins between him and girl's boyfriend.

When people believing in different religions will get united and cooperate for reviving global brotherhood and humanism, there will be no problem in bringing about world unity. True unity consists not ignoring the differences, but by recognizing diversity and differences and yet respecting the rights of each one to hold. No doubt, the goal of moving towards a universal movement, by bringing all religions together on a common platform, in order to get them to agree on being united in common purpose, sounds noble and very appealing. Bertrand Russell comments these concepts of religious orthodox by saying that religious orthodox are untrue and harmful because they are not based on scientific beliefs:

Russell is deeply concerned with man's place in the universe and the nature of the god. He doesn't find a true explanation of man's place in the universe in the existing religions like Hinduism, Islam and Christianity, because to him they are both "untrue and harmful". No man is religious by reason and conviction. The religion which a man accepts is that of the community in which he lives. The influence of environment in is what leads a man to accept a particular religion."I am that they are untrue", untrue because they don't have scientific

basis; harmful, because cruelties and crimes are committed in the name of religious sanctity (Jatava 23).

Russell views that dogmatic beliefs are the outcome of the religions that practice cruelty upon all sorts of people in the name of religion which has no rational and scientific basis. A good society needs a fearless outlook and a free intelligence that needs hope, for the future, not looking back all the time towards religious orthodox that is dead, which we trust will be far surpassed by the future that our rational power can create.

The film has highly portrayed all men of the universe should get themselves united in the case of promoting the social conditions on which a more joyous and more widely shared human happiness depends. There are many sorts of characters

To wrap up, universal humanism is a system of philosophy that concentrates on common human needs and seeks ways of solving human problems based on reason rather than on faith in God. Humanism tries to explore love, cooperation, brotherhood, knowledge, consciousness towards individuality and self by opposing any forms of cruel, rude, indifference, and exploitation to other member of society. In this context, Jim Carrey's *Yes Man* is significant for Universal Humanism studies. It set the hero of the film *Carl* in different role. At the beginning, he was violating the existing norms of humanism and later converts into Humanitarian one. Hence, it can be concluded that the Universal Humanism is inspired by love and knowledge and guided by the concept of cooperation for the upliftment of human agenda.

III. *Yes Man*: Reflection of Humanism

This thesis explores every human being is unique. Everybody has the potentiality to be perfect. He is the part of whole universe. When he explores the flow of potential cosmic it definitely leads him towards universal humanism. The film *Yes Man* also depicts the development of humanity through its main character Carl.

The entire film portrays that the principle of conscious life of society survives on the sense of humanity. Peyton Reed has shown this vision of humanism in the form of search or pursuit made in order to find where kindness, benevolence, mutual cooperation and understanding are reflected. People are motivated to run after the materialistic gain at the cost of human values. They choose money as the ultimate instrument to live luxurious life but result it into destruction of life. They lose their human values, love respect and become the puppet in the society.

In the film Carl, the hero, who remains the thoughts of greed and selfishness attends the yes conference and ultimately realizes the sense of humanist by abandoning all the context of pure humanism. Carl's humanist practice is obviously clear from his covenant to say 'Yes' to everything. Carl as an employer in the bank provides loan to all customers in the bank. Despite himself is in position of losing his job, he acts for the welfare of the humankind.

Similarly he gives lift to the homeless man and met with his new girlfriend Allison which turns Carl's life into happier. He helps to his neighbor and saves suicidal man. Carl attends program of distributing food, clothes to the poor and beggar people. We should realize that human beings inhabiting different parts of the globe posses diverse cultures and beliefs, which should function in harmony and peace.

Yes Man views that the sense of self sacrifice and indifference to materialistic achievement can help to attain higher and noble realization of humanism. The difference in social, ethical, racial and political conditions cannot differentiate the inherent unity of all men. Besides universal love and brotherhood, mutual cooperation leads to humanitarian realization.

Along with the major character Carl and, all characters in the film are very kind and humanist person. They provide all clothes to the needy people, for the sake of humanity. So, they are outstanding ideal people. Their behavior is acceptable to all men which pushed towards universality.

In this way, the film is teemed with full of human sensibility. Major character Carl and other minor characters manage a spiritual journey to make their lives complete, which ultimately leads them towards universal humanism.

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