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## **Abstract**

Ginsberg's *Howl* has mysticism as it combines the eccentric way of life as in the mysticisms of Christianity, William Blake and Zen Buddhism. The celebration of freedom of life, innocence and enlightenment through the visionary perceptions of human world as mentioned in these mysticisms have been quite iconoclastically embroidered in the poem to represent the revolutionary flavor against the conservatism that developed in America after the Second World War and during the Cold War. Human life is to be celebrated and enjoyed as the mystic exposures in the poem like inhaling drugs and alcohol, involving in homosexuality, enjoying public nudism etc. celebrate eccentric way of life through vivid examples of mysticism. The celebration is like the unique norms of monks and parsons who celebrate the life in their own way as per the standard of religious rules. Certainly, the overflow of freedom of self expression to attain the mystic vision without taking care of social restrictions must be a part of mysticism in *Howl*.

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