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Abstract

Tony Kushner's *Angels in America* deal ⁱⁱⁱ major social problems of contemporary America of 1980s, encountered in the domains of Gender, Sexuality and HIV/AIDS. The American society never accepted the possibility of different sexuality and gender identities of a person. The newly found infection is taken as a infection of the homosexuals acquired as a result of their sinful sexual activities. Tony Kushner - a social activist and a gay man himself. By bringing various examples and scientific facts, has proved that a person can have different sexuality and gender identities. This research paper has redrawn the contemporary monolithic boundaries of Gender, sexuality and HIV/AIDS on the basis of Pulitzer Prize winning play *Angels in America*.

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