

MOTHER - DAUGHTER RELATIONSHIP IN AMISH TRIPATHI'S RAMCHANDRA SERIES

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Abstract :

This research paper highlights the importance of the best person in the world, the selfless love and care of that person and the ultimate truth of our life.

The pure and selfless love in this world is the love of mother. Only a mother can sacrifice for her children. A mother's life revolves around her children. She thinks only of her children. Her life is centered with children at its focus. She is never deviated from her aims, aspirations for her children. The beginning and the end of the mother's life is the welfare, the goodwill of the children. She takes care of her children like a treasure. She gives selfless and boundless love to her children. She is never selfish and never calculates what she will get in return. She only thinks of her children's growth and development in a positive way. This paper celebrates the love of mother and daughter in a special way because it is pure, free from malice, without any profit motive, or for any selfish purpose.

It is only and only for the good of her child that she is worried about. In the whole world, for a mother, her child is the most beautiful child and nobody can take her place. Amish Tripathi in his Ram Chandra Series has beautifully portrayed this relationship of mother and daughter especially of Mother Sunaina and her daughters Sita and Urmila in the novel Sita: Warrior of Mithila. .

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Introduction :

There are many great writers today in the Literary world. They have penned down beautiful and touching lines on mother. No poem or article written on a mother is wrong or has flaws. The lines penned down on a mother are always from the heart of the author or the poet. It reflects the experiences which an author or a poet had during their childhood. They recall each incident and feeling which was very close to their heart. Similarly, Amish Tripathi, a great contemporary author blended fiction with mythology and wrote various novels like Shiva Trilogy and Ramchandra Series. He also wrote non-fiction like Immortal India.

In his Ramchandra Series, he has touched the most powerful and indelible part in one's

life that is the love of a mother. This aspect is of paramount importance and he had shown it through the protagonist Sita and her mother Sunaina. Their bond was more than a mother and a daughter. They both tried to complete each other. Sita was a mission for Sunaina whom she wanted to groom in the best possible way so that she feel contented in her life and can give to the society and the nation, a capable and an efficient leader in the form of Sita. She tried her best to do Sita's physical and mental development in all the possible ways. Sunaina never thought that Sita is a girl and therefore should be devoid of those things which only boys were allowed to do. Sunaina allowed her to master in all the fields so that she can be equally capable and strong as boys.

Acceptance :

Sunaina found Sita in a furrow and Sunaina accepted Sita as her daughter. Though Sita was not her biological daughter, she took care of her and named her Sita. She did not differentiate between Sita and her biological daughter Urmila. Instead, we find that Sunaina takes great care of her and brings her up in a conducive environment. She had a deep connection with her daughter Sita and was always worried about her. This shows the true motherhood of Sunaina and her connection with infant Sita. She didn't think that Sita is not her biological daughter. Instead, she accepted her as her own child and made an everlasting bond with her daughter Sita.

Even Sita never doubted Sunaina's love and care. She always respected her mother and treated her as her own real mother. She accepted Sunaina wholeheartedly and obeyed her as a real biological daughter.

Education :

Sita's education and all round development was taken care of by her mother Sunaina. Sunaina didn't leave any stone unturned to educate Sita. She stressed on all types of education to be imparted to her daughter Sita. She didn't want Sita to be left behind in any field. Though Sita, an adopted child, Sunaina, never lowered her education standard. She tried to give all the facilities to upgrade her education. Like a real mother, she took keen interest in her all round development and was always worried about her growth and success in academic, warfare and other aspects required for Sita's development.

Sita, on the other hand, also worked hard and attained academic and warfare knowledge sincerely. She concentrated on the teachings of her Gurus and developed her personality to become a leader of Kingdom Mithila.

A Guard :

Sunaina and Sita had a strong bond of mother-daughter relationship and Sunaina was always on guard to check Sita's growth, development and her wishes as per her growing age. She kept on guiding her what is right and what is wrong; between good and bad. She was a good mother and she knew what demands of her daughter to be fulfilled and to say 'No' to certain demands.

“ There is always a reason why I ask you to do or not do something, Sita,” said Sunaina.

She, like a caring mother, took care of her very nicely. She told her that there's time for everything.

“There is an age to discover certain things in life. You need to be ready for it.”(35, Sita-Warrior of Mithila)

She explained to her the difference between rich and poor; good and bad people. She guided Sita on every step and was worried about her well-being at every step of her life. She took a lot of care that Sita should follow the righteous path and not deviate from it. So as a guard, Sunaina played her role as a caring mother and always kept a watch on the moves of her daughter. Sita also followed the guidelines set up by her mother because she knew that the guidelines were for her betterment and not against her.

This shows the trust between daughter and mother upon each other.

A Motivator :

As our mother shows positive ways to excel in our life, so was Sunaina. She was a great motivator and this made the bond between mother and daughter a strong one. Sunaina kept on motivating Sita and Sita accepted the motivation and worked for it to fulfill the desires of her mother because she also knew that her mother wants her to excel in every field and lead Mithila one day. Sunaina always wanted Sita to become the head of Mithila and helped her to develop Mithila and make it a strong and powerful kingdom. She always had this desire and expressed her wish.

“ You will help me govern Mithila someday”, said Sunaina (36, Sita - Warrior of Mithila)

It is very important for a mother to be a motivator because she is the one who knows her children very closely. Therefore, it becomes the utmost duty of a mother to be a motivator of her child. Whenever a child feels depressed or faces any negativity in the life, then she as a catalyst should always be present for them or her motivational thoughts should always encourage a child to go ahead instead of falling down depressed and broken. It is the motivational thoughts of a mother who can help the children to face and handle the situations which would come on their way. Motivation can lead a person to do miracles and if it is given by a mother, miracles are blessed. Sunaina blessed her daughter with motivation and Sita did miracles which led Guru Vishwamitra to think about Sita as the next Vishnu. Sita was never irritated by the teachings of her mother. She took it as motivation and worked on it to get fruitful results.

Positive Approach :

Sunaina was an experienced woman and she knew that life is not easy. It is full of difficulties and problems. She was very well aware of the bitter facts of life but on the other hand, she also knew how to handle such Sunaina was a great administrator as King Janaka was immersed in a spiritual philosophy, so queen Sunaina took care of the kingdom of Mithila. That's why she guided Sita to develop a positive approach towards life and keep on moving. She advised her daughter Sita to never look behind and regret. On the contrary, one should have a positive attitude and work for success.

“Clinging to painful memories is pointless, Sita,” said Sunaina. “You must move on. You must live...” (99, Sita - Warrior of Mithila)

A mother knows her children's strength and weaknesses. Therefore, it is the mother who can groom a child into an optimistic person. Then, this person can mould others mentality and can construct a society of the optimistic people. This, whatever a child learns from his or her mother plays a prominent role in shaping one's life, society, and nation altogether. Positive attitude helps everyone to rise and shine. This approach helped Sita to become an apple's eye of the people of Mithila. Whenever, Sita was sad or remembered her mother, she always used to recall her mother's sayings and soon developed positive approach towards life. The mental bonding between daughter and mother was praiseworthy.

Link between siblings :

Sunaina was like every Indian mother who wants harmony among her children. She too wanted all her children to respect, love and take care of each other. She never wanted them to fight with each other or be botherless about each other. Sunaina guided Sita about her siblings and explained to Sita that she, being the eldest, has to take care of her younger sisters .

‘...The queen of Mithila wanted her daughters to build a strong relationship that would tide them over the difficult years ahead. She had spoken to them about the need for them to stand by each other. And the love and loyalty they must share.’ (100, Sita- Warrior of Mithila)

She has to carry out her duty of being a responsible elder sister. She should also love, care, support and guide them and create a strong bond amongst themselves. She kept on reminding her that everyone in the family loved her. She should not feel abandoned or alone for being an adopted child. Once she said,

“Your father has always loved you. So does your younger sister, remember that.” (99, Sita- Warrior of Mithila)

Sita as the eldest daughter took care of her younger sister Urmila. Though Sita was not a biological sister of Urmila, but still she never showed any abhorrence against Urmila. Equally, she took care of her and gave respect to the bond which Sunaina had with Sita by returning the same love and care to her younger sister Urmila.

Lovable mother :

Sunaina loved her daughters very much. She was very kind and polite to them. She explained the pros and cons of the situations. We have never come across in the Series that Sunaina spoke harsh words to them or have been unkind to them. Even when she knew that she is going to leave for the heavenly abode, she kept on teaching the life lessons to Sita. She told Sita to keep moving on and do not get shaken by the sorrows of your life.

This mother - daughter bond was so strong that even after Sunaina's demise, Sita remembered her in high spirits and her mother's teachings resonated in her mind.

“Find partners you can trust; who are loyal to your cause. Personal loyalty is not important.

But they must be loyal to your cause.”(105, Sita - Warrior of Mithila)

She remembered her mother's last statement.

“ I will always be looking at you. Make me proud.”

Sita making this noble mother daughter relationship a great success,promises to fulfill her mother’s wish. As she takes a vow:

“ I will Maa,I will.”

We define any bond to be complete and successful when it is fulfilled from both the sides equally .It is important to be honest, sincere respectful and devoted in bringing a relationship to a successful destination. But it is not that only when a person is in front of you that you should carry out the responsibilities of your relationship and when it is out of sight,it is out of mind. This should not happen. Even if a person is absent, the relationship should continue by following the principles which was the base of the relationship.

Conclusion :

Thus, we see that the purest bond and relationship is of mother and a daughter because a mother always wants her daughter to be like her or even better than her. Whatever she couldn't accomplish,she looks into her daughter and wants to fulfill through her daughter. Sunaina though was an accomplished queen but still she wanted her daughter Sita to be a great leader of Mithila one day and make her and her family proud of her. At many instances,we come across the conversation between Sunaina and Sita wherein Sunaina keeps on encouraging Sita to move ahead and make the whole family proud of her. It doesn't mean that Sunaina pressured Sita but Sunaina knew the qualities of her daughter Sita and that's why she didn't want to waste her potential. On the other hand, Sunaina wanted to channelize her daughter's potential and use it to the optimum level for the society's and the nation's welfare. Sunaina made her bond with her daughter strong by being a mentor,guide, caretaker, inspiration and lovable mother.Sita also carried out her responsibility as a good,kind and an obedient daughter . She took care of her sister Urmila and as her mother taught her the values, she imbibed them into her life to become a leader of Mithila and fulfill all the wishes of her mother. She did lot of changes in Mithila and made Mithila a proud kingdom. Sita was not a biological daughter of Sunaina but still,she carried out her responsibilities and duties honestly and sincerely. She never showed any signs of being an adopted child of queen Sunaina and if anyone tried to remind her of , she used to give them the apt reply and made them silent on this topic. Whatever Sunaina showered on her daughter Sita - the love,care, protection and bounties was returned back to her in multiples by her daughter Sita by her great love and respect for her mother Sunaina. This gives the testimony to the pure bond that was shared by mother Sunaina and her daughter Sita.

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