

*Free from shackles,
Got the equality,
She can do miracles,
Woman is free creature,
Free. Free. Free.
But just for namesake!*

This is the plight of a woman in today world that she is made to believe that she is equal to men but actually she is not, she is emancipated but it is a parable only, very much like the characters of Dorris Lessing's novel "The Golden Notebook", Anna and Molly, who are living alone in their flat, free and enjoying their freedom, but actually they have been suffering from chaos and emotional repression. They are free but just for namesake as they are still in the cage of social obligations and very much dependent on the society and male-counterpart for their happiness.

The crucial obsession one can find in women is that, they are the most emotional beings whose lives scatter if they are not feeling emotionally satisfied themselves in their personal lives. A woman, who is very lucrative and dominant in her professional life, can be seen equally subservient in her domestic life. What is that which made her to soften? Certainly her emotional attachment which makes her weaker.

I find that emotionality is the main root cause of all sufferings of a woman in the world as her emotions make her weaker in every sphere of life, specially in her personal life... she is dominated because she couldn't raise above her emotional subjugation... she doesn't possess a bold and sturdy heart in order to manage her emotional life independently... she remains very dependent on her male-counterpart for her happiness. She forgives and forgets everything just because of this reason that she is woman and therefore she is supposed to remain calm every time submissively... she can't raise her voice against wrongdoings of her family members because this can be taken as natural on their part; but unnatural on her part if she raises her voice to put her points in front of them.

Men perpetrated an ideological prison that subjected and silenced women. Women have been casting as emotional servants whose lives are dedicated to the welfare of home and family in the perseverance of social stability, specially when we talk about the institution of marriage in which men are being seen to play the dominant role and wielded control, placed women at the mercy of their male-counterparts. Overall we notice that women lives are plagued with pain, emotionally and psychologically.

It is found that emotionality is a big hurdle on the part of women, who are enslaved by their emotions and due to which just surrender themselves wholly as in the name of love; men do nothing but "Impose a private will upon women". They are made to act like a puppet in the hands of them.

The institution of marriage is seen by many female writers like Kate Chopin, as a structure which is created on the foundation of destructing the female desires, wishes and individuality. The freedom to work like men outside home only multiplied the list of responsibilities of women as society hasn't changed its stereotypes according to which a woman is expected to love and marry a man and become mothers and caregivers for all, and this code of conduct is set for woman as natural.

The patriarchy always tries to induce the woman with three unauthentic attitudes according to a feminist and these are: the attitude of being a "devi", a devoted wife and mother and a pure or sati woman. And on the other hand society claims that women are considered now equal to men though truth is that women have been treated as objects and slaves in main-stream society and nothing has changed up till now so far.

Time has come to realize that a woman is not an emotional slave, but is an equal companioning and complementary to men. Exploitation of women, emotionally, psychologically, economically and physically, is caused by patriarchal hegemony and it has to be ended if one has to build a society based on equality.