

**“An Analytical Study of Human Values in the Selected Poems of Tagore and Robert Frost”**

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**Abstract:** Values play a very important role in life. Through values we can understand the life, relationship, morality and society. This is why literature is filled with values. Poetry is an art or creative work that tries to express something through a human being. Renowned poets like Rabindranath Tagore and Robert Frost have exemplified remarkable human values in their poems. Though the poets are from different countries and cultures, both write extensively on humanity, nature, morality and the inner life of man. This study analyzes the human values in the selected poems of Tagore and Robert Frost. The poetry of Tagore predominantly illustrated love spirituality peace and universal brotherhood. Frost's poems, on the contrary, reflect simplicity, hard work, responsibility, human struggle and decision making. The poets utilize nature as an important tool for conveying their ideas and emotions. Poetry guides readers towards virtuous living and self-realization. The study takes an analytical and comparative approach. The Poems of Tagore and Frost. The selected poems of Tagore are taken from Gitanjali. In Gitanjali, the poet depicts his awareness of God and his submission to God.

Some Selected Poems of Robert Frost are Road not Taken, Mending Wall, Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening. These poems convey life's most important messages and moral values. This poem is about making important choices.

The two poets significantly both believed in the life of humanity. Both of them thought that having ethical values is important in life. Even after years of their composition, even today, their poetry inspires many readers. Because the values of their poetry are universal they have been successful. Thus, the values signify that they can be used by anyone of any age. The research shows that like the poems of Tagore, the poems of Frost deliver ethical ideas. The poetry of Tagore and Frost that we analysed in this literature is a great example of using poetry towards a purpose.

**Keywords:** Human Values, Tagore, Robert Frost, Humanity, Nature, Spirituality, Moral Values, Poetry, Love, Comparative Study

**Introduction:**

We use a word to express our feelings, ideas, beliefs, and values. Poets and writers have centuries ago established different ages in literature to make mankind realise the ultimate truth, morality, peace, and humanity. Poetry reflects the inner feelings of human life in simple form but with an artistic quality with a particular structure. Human values like love, kindness, integrity, honesty, sympathy etc. are often depicted in poetry as they are integral to the development of a society and human civilization. Literature from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries reflected an increasing concern with human emotion, individual experience, spirituality or social problems, including literature. Poets from various nations are beginning to focus on universal human values and no more on only traditional objects. An essay on human values will explain how poet Tagore and Robert Frost contributed to human values through their poetry. Rabindranath Tagore and Robert Frost Rabindranath Tagore (1861 – 1941) was the greatest poet of India and philosopher. He came to the world on 7 May 1861, in

Kolkata, India. He comes from a well-educated, cultured, and rich Bengali family. He was home-schooled and taught by various private tutors until his teenage years. Tagore has made significant contributions to literature, music, education, and social reform.

Due to his pioneer contribution to the Bengali literature, Rabindranath Tagore became the first-ever Asian to win the Nobel prize in literature in 1913. Rabindranath Tagore won the Noble Prize for his work Gitanjali. Tagore's poems reveal his spiritual nature. His book depicts the notion of brotherhood, love of man and spirit, freedom and peace, and harmony with nature. Additionally, man is to live with compassion, truth and moral consciousness, Tagore felt. The writings of the author were greatly influenced by Indian philosophy and Upanishad thought. British rule over India made people conscious of freedom, dignity and cultural unity through his writings and works. Robert Frost was an American poet who became one of the most celebrated poets of the 20th century. On 26 March 1874, the man was born in San Francisco, California, USA.

Frost also earned fame for his down-to-earth depiction of rural life and nature. The everyday human experience is reflected in his poetry. Moreover, contrasted Tagore's spiritual approach because Frost presented life as it is. His poetic works embody the struggles, choices, relationships, and obligations of mankind. In addition, Frost earned great fame through the use of simple language and a natural setting to convey a deeper thought like a philosopher.

Works such as The Road Not Taken, Mending Wall or Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening, reveal important human values.

Tagore and Frost were both actively engaged in the political and social life of their nation. Tagore aimed at getting self-realization through education and not through religion. Frost earned four Pulitzer Prizes for poetry and became a major American poet of the twentieth century. The poetry of Tagore and Frost bear very similar and very different traits due to the differences in their countries and cultures. The poets expressed their thoughts through poetry in different ways. The poets have made use of nature in their poetry extensively but they decipher a different meaning from nature. According to Tagore, nature is a divine and spiritual force that connects us with God and the human soul. Frost, conversely, takes a realistic meaning from nature. Consequently, nature and human life are closely connected and nature share the experience and emotions of human life.

The background of the present study can lie in the fact literature can play an important role in society. It can assist the human society in creating awareness regarding ethical and moral values in life. The world today has become materialistic and people are becoming materially oriented day by day. Moreover, the levels of conflicts and stress are rising quickly. This situation makes the study of human values in literature relevant to us and also important. The poems composed Tagore and Frost show us the significance of the human being, peace, self, social harmony and conscience. The values expressed in their poems have transcended time and continue to win over new generations of readers. They were not aged because of it

The aim of this study is to examine how values like love, compassion, truth, freedom, responsibility and harmony are differently expressed by the poet/poets in their poem. This research also compares their poets' vision through poetry. The poet wants to explore whether the treatment of humanity and nature by poets are similar or different. The researcher through the study also aims to highlight the importance of literature which can instil a sense of morals and human sensitivity in individuals.

#### **Literature review:**

Z. M. Abbas in 2024 This researcher examined poem choice frost the human relationship's theme. The writer availed Frost's poetry to analyze how human relations are influenced by

emotional distance, solitude, communication, and social barriers. The investigator examined human relationships in the common rural situations which Frost made use of here and there in his poems. By this study, the investigator elucidates the human relationship theme in chosen poetry. The research paper on Robert Frost critically analyzes a selection of poems by Robert Frost such as Mending Wall, Home Burial, The Death of the Hired Man, and more. The poems delve into human relationships, making them relatable to readers. Frost's poems deal with the heartbreaking loss of emotional connection and the isolation it causes. Also, Abbas, Z. M. Indicate the importance of people understanding each other.

Frost usually wrote about human beings and their relationship. Furthermore, he offers a moral value through the Indian poets' poetry. Frost attempted through his Poetry to understand people, their nature and give it back poetically. Frost only used simple words and commonplace happenings in order to illustrate the poetry. Moreover, he has endowed the poem with a complexity of a different order via assuming that persona. In this manner, Frost discusses intricate human relationship issues via casual conversation.

Researcher argues that Frost's poetry creates a fruitful relationship between man and nature. The poet also uses nature to highlight a person's emotional struggles, his duties, and man's existence. In other words, Frost's poetry invites the readers to look at Nature as something that belongs to humans. Nature also judges humans and their morality.

The study of Robert Frost's poetry: An effective means of communication between man and nature by Kumar, P. (2021). The author notes that Frost employs woods, trees, and snow as metaphors for human emotions and experiences. Further, the study describes nature as a reflection of human emotion and life experience. Furthermore, nature reflects man's feelings and thoughts. According to the researcher, Frost's poetry establishes a connection of meaning between nature and man. In this way, Frost's poetry helps the readers see life in a meaningful and thoughtful manner and assimilate the insights found therein.

K. R. S. Iyengar (2001) contends in Indian Writing in English that Rabindranath Tagore was one of India's greatest poets. Moreover, the researcher notes that the poet weaves together spirituality, humanity and lyric beauty in his work. In addition, the literary works of Tagore illustrate the Indian philosophy, cultural values, and human issues.

According to researcher the poetry of Tagore strengthens peace, a moral spirit as well as feeling

Graver and Kearns (2003) investigated how Ibsen's Hedda Gabler, G.B. Shaw's Pygmalion and Kafka's Metamorphosis take commonplace everyday episodes and give them a tragic depth. The research found that the plots of change or metamorphosis are common in all three works. According to the researchers, Shaw's Pygmalion tells story of Eliza's metamorphosis from flower girl and lady. In Ibsen's play "Hedda Gabler", this transformation focuses on Hedda, a very high-class lady who commits suicide to save her honour. Kafka's The Metamorphosis depicts the change of Gregor, a traveling salesman, from a man to an insect. Through the use of satire, the study reveals how all these changes bring about the destruction and downfall of these characters while making a critique of the society.

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This book teaches us that realisation of the spiritual and love for mankind makes our life worth living. Most importantly, Gitanjali exerts an influence on the readers because of its moral and spiritual value. Lawrance Thompson (2002) discusses frost essay Robert Frost: The Early Years. The life experiences of Frost and their impact on poetry were explained by

researcher. The study states Frost presented emotions, loneliness, responsibility, and decision making humanly realistic. Mr. Uddin the 2024 piece focuses on Frost essay which discusses the human limitation in the poetry of Robert Frost. Let's take a closer look. The researcher learnt the meaning of human limitations and poetic patterns of Robert Frost. The research states that Frost's poetry mirrors the uncertainties as well as struggles, emotional conflicts and limitations of man. According to Amalendu Bose (2005), the poetry of Robert Frost reflects Tagore's humanistic philosophy. Tagore's poetry occupies an important place in the higher human thought-sphere of our time. The author further believes in freedom, equality, compassion and universal brotherhood.

According to the study, Tagore's literary works motivate the people to respect human dignity and foster emotional understanding of others.

According to the conclusion of the researcher, Tagore used his literature for moral values as well as social harmony. The collection contains the important literary works of Robert Frost along with his prose and plays. This overview publication of his collected works as per Frost's Collected Poems, Prose and Plays (2006) contain his papers on nature, rural life, human feelings and philosophical concept. Multiplicity of nature and his intelligent and realist approach towards life is another characteristics feature of his collected works. It is impressive how he manages to catch deep truths through a simple poetic language. Besides, on close examination of his poems, one finds that he highlights the need for patience, responsibility, self-reliance and individuality in mankind. In Frost's poems, we find the real-life situation of human beings. Thus, this collection holds a universal significance.

Chaudhuri's Tagore: The World as His Nest (2010) expounds on the universalist vision of Tagore and his sense of global human unity. Tagore sees the whole universe as one family through writing. Chaudhuri noted that Tagore sought to influence global opinion in favour of peace, love and cultural harmony through his writings. The study discusses Tagore poetry especially focusing on spirituality and nature. It elaborates further.

The researcher elucidated that Tagore held the view that literature must assist in the growth of an emotional and moral awakening of the community. Thus, the study concludes that Tagore's humanistic philosophy is relevant in shaping a world with peace, tolerance and social bonding. B. Das the study of spirituality and universal brotherhood in Gitanjali by Tagore (2018) The researcher says that Tagore's poems demonstrate his devotion to God and unity and harmony amongst human beings and Nature. The researcher says that according to Tagore spirituality helps the human being attain eternal peace and purify the soul. The researcher concludes that the poems inspire us to transcend self-interest and to develop love and care for others. R. Sharma Robert Frost's poetry contains human values and human nature (B. L Sunil 2020). Various Poem of Frost by the researcher reflects great values such as hard work, patience, responsibility and emotional strength. The following, the researcher explained that Nature in Frost's poems is both beautiful and tough. As discussed in the study, the researcher says that Frost deals realistically with nature and the human being. The researcher, therefore, concludes that Frost's poetry continues to be a relevant study in contemporary times. D. Ravi (2025) did a study on Tagore and Robert Frost's eco-criticism. The modern researchers look at both the writers' poems and the presentation of nature in it.

Researcher Analysts State that both of the Poets have uses Nature as a medium to divulge Human Feelings, values, morals, and philosophy. Furthermore, a critic remarked that according to Tagore, Nature is spiritual and harmonizes with the divine. In contrast, Frost presents Nature in realistic terms and humanizes it with struggle and experience. Ultimately,

the researcher arrived at the conclusion that both the poets differ in cultures and countries but present human values through poetry.

The literature review shows a variety of researches have been done on Rabindranath Tagore and Robert Frost's poetry with reference to spirituality, humanism, morality, nature, philosophy by different researchers. However, some researchers have studied the comparative study of human values in the selected poems of both the poets. As a result, the present study attempts to analyze and compare the human values reflected in the poetry of Rabindranath Tagore and Robert Frost in a comprehensive way and in much detail.

### **Analysis of the study:**

#### **Human Values**

Human values are the values people adopt in their personal as well as social life in general. The human capacities lead to specific behaviour patterns that are supposed to help us live a happy life. These are essentially a set of principles that enable a person to promote goodness and oppose evilness. Likewise, they do not permit a person to make errors in life. Human values are a kind of moral compass that people need to act rightly. They also assist a person in living honourably. People refrain from doing things that are harmful to others but do things that benefit all. Therefore, we see that the values cannot be mere words without action. Behaviours are the things that breathe life into the meaning of the words. We see that human in literature often.

#### **Tagore**

Rabindranath Tagore, a noteworthy author and poet, lived between 1861 and 1941. His poems express feelings of spirituality, universal brotherhood, love of man, freedom, and harmony with nature. As a result, he is the first literary reform of India. According to one view, the best work in Indian literature is his poem. Most importantly, he was a man of many talents but ultimately a poet and he had a poetic attitude and temper. Moreover, he believes that literature should be a continual inspiration and a great incitement to truth and peace and moral growth of man.

#### **Robert Frost**

The twentieth century's most noted poet was Robert Frost (1874–1963). The author, gifted with a simple style, rural backgrounds and great philosophical ideas, became very popular. Additionally, he demonstrated how the ordinary human life and struggle can give rise to poetry. His best-known poems purposefully and reflectively represent human choices, solitude, relationships, and responsibilities. Frost's poetry goes on to discuss a variety of human experiences and relationships through nature. The backdrop of his poetry includes woods, roads, trees, snow, walls and other familiar places. All these natural and rustic scenes on the surface communicate deeper truths about life and the human condition and the behaviour of human beings. Robert Frost's greatest use is.

#### **Humanity**

Man is a social animal. Humans can't survive without the society. Everyone in society is a vital part. Thus, everyone plays a part in making society better. Society makes us social due to our needs. It is necessary to understand the value of being human and organising our society so that it can become better. We must do our best to become a better human being and must teach others the importance of being human too.

#### **Nature**

In poetry of Tagore and Robert Frost, nature is a significant element and theme. Nature is used to express sentiments, ideas, and values. Though both utilize nature the same way but

their perspective of nature is totally different. According to Tagore, nature is a divine force through which man connects to God. Where nature's spiritual powers are manifested. For instance, in his poems, the river, flower, bird, blue sky, moonlight, and different seasons stand for beauty, peace and spiritual calm. Frost realistically portrays nature in contrast. He incorporates natural elements such as woods, snow, fields, roads and plants to reflect the inner turmoil and conflict between man and nature. Frost imparts moral lessons through his ingenious touch with nature.

### **Spirituality**

Spirituality is about seeking inner truth and peace, going beyond the physical, and connecting to God. This is a concept that is closely linked with values and qualities such as kindness, affection, empathy, understanding and compassion and service. Tagore's poetry is filled with spiritual and religious thoughts. He thought that human beings when gain a sense of inner peace, life becomes meaningful. People develop, apart from selfless service, a strong faith and love for humanity. All the poems are brimming with images of God devotion.

They have a unity of soul and nature. You'll also argue that this poet's poetry signifies the notion of spiritual freedom. In Gitanjali, Tagore provided important illustrations of the relationship of man with his supreme being. They are emotional and philosophical in character. In the same way, the stream is also quite peaceful and med.

### **Moral Values**

Moral values are ideals which help you judge right from wrong. One of the most important attributes of human beings is the values. Therefore, these are very useful for the overall development of a person. Some of the important values are honesty, truthfulness, dutifulness, justice, patience, and more. The Essential Role of Literature in Promotion of Moral Values. Through literature we can promote moral values like honesty and kindness. Every form of literature teaches a moral lesson through a story, play or poem.

Contribution of Tagore to moral values Accordingly Tagore's poetry has the message of peace, kindness, simplicity, truth and universal love. To establish the social order and advancement of mankind human moral evolution and knowledge is essential. Rabindranath Tagore's contribution towards the society is truly valuable. Frost's Essential Morality of Life and Love Hence, these.

### **Poetry**

Poetry is a literary form that is used to show a high quality of feeling thought or idea through distinctive style. It is merely the written art form. A poem composes many human emotions or describes different kinds of experience. In India, poets have been composing since the Vedic Period. The students must also refer the clear commentary on each of the poems of poetry essays.

### **Love**

One of the essential human values is love. The literature of all tongues has often reflected it. The reason for this is due to its universality. For example, this phrase makes you feel something and promotes humanity, brotherhood, and peace. Likewise, Tagore's love poems emphasize unconditional love, divine love and love for mankind. We, as humans, all love each other. It is one bond that we share equally and honour it.

We understand values in all shapes and forms, including love between friends and families. One can observe the physical and emotional aspect which exists between the two people involved. With love, one is ready to sacrifice and is able to take care of each other. It develops the compassion and sensitivity we cultivate as individuals.

### Comparative Study

The comparative analysis of the two poets, both humanists in a way, will be undertaken through the study carried out. This comparative article deals with the subject matter of the poetry of Tagore vs. Frost. It will show how poetry is an expression of sound and visual language and rhythm. Although the study is comprehensive, it is not exhaustive of the works of both these poets that have appeared in this book. The humanist is concerned about humanity and the moral life. Their poetry embodies humanism.

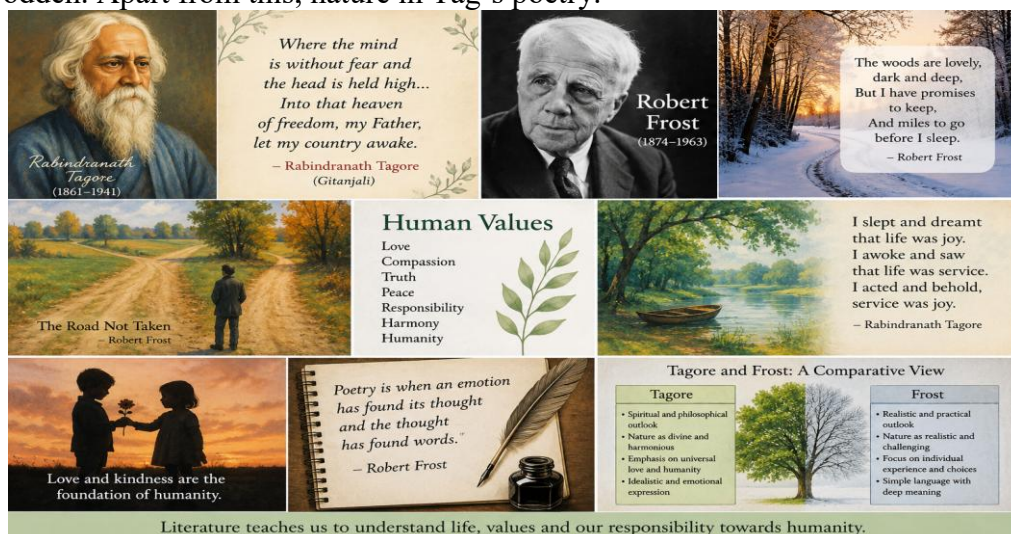
Unlike Frost, Tagore was a spiritual and philosophical poet who addressed broader human concerns. The Indian tradition is spiritual in nature and thus Tagore presents spiritual and philosophical poetry more. Frost's poetry reflects the Anglo-Saxon tradition which is more realistic than other traditions.

Tagore is a philosopher and mystic, but Frost is an ordinary man who confronts common problems.

### Conclusion of the Study

The poets Tagore and Robert Frost have remarkable contributions to the literature of the world. Their poems contain human values and thus have been selected for the present study. The study is named “An Analytical Study of Human Values in the Selected Poems of Tagore and Robert Frost.” The conclusion chapter summarizes the findings of the study. Rabindranath Tagore and Robert Frost are two eminent poets, each representing a different continent or country. But we will see what their similarities are with the comparison essay on Tagore and Frost. The poetry of their theory deals with human values and themes related to mankind, morality, nature, love, human life etc. Various poems are chosen by the readers for the college essay writing task because the values expressed through their poetry are relevant for all ages and time.

The research indicates that Tagore’s poetry has a spiritual and philosophical nature. He stressed on universal brotherhood of man, on peace, on love and compassion, on freedom, on truth, on harmony with nature, on purity and on self-concentration. Through morality and spirituality, we can live in peace, and realize the divinity within us. Essays enable the human mind and heart to become better thinkers and doers. As a result, the readers become more kind, humane and develop emotional sensitivity towards others especially the poor and the downtrodden. Apart from this, nature in Tag’s poetry.



On the contrary, in Robert Frost's poems values are dealt in a realistic and practical way. Frost's poetic world consists of human experiences, conflicts, responsibilities, decisions, and relationships that are very ordinary. Further, he conveys the universal truths of man through the very simple country scene. His poetry illustrates the life experience values of morality. The literary images show the human values of patience, hard work, and duty. It also stresses the importance of independence and making good choices. Likewise, Frost's poems draw parallels between nature's symbols and human existence. These literary images show the difficult and cruel facts of human life.

A comparative study of both these poets shows that both are concerned with humanity, although they hail from different worlds. Besides, both express their concern for the ethical status of human beings. Though they come from different backgrounds, both are poetic genius in their own right. In addition, both of these are deeply human. The poets showcase humans feelings through nature in their poetry. Tagore's poems are more spiritual and idealistic while Frost's are more realistic and philosophical. Despite their differences, both poets utilize nature to direct human beings in the right direction. The poets wish their readers to engage in moral thinking so that people can have a better and responsible life.

As we are surrounded by so much stress, conflict, and consumerism, the teachings of Buddha and Gandhi are still relevant today. To sum up, the chosen poems of Tagore and Robert Frost were examined through a fresh lens illuminating the value of human beings and moral wisdom. The poetry of such authors has influenced the readers of generations by awakening the spirit of love, truth, and humanity.

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