

**THE PLACE OF THE NOVEL "THE ALCHEMIST" IN THE EDUCATION OF YOUTH*****Ernazarova Laylo Abdusaitovna****Assistant of Uzbekistan-Finlandiya Pedagogical Institute, Independent student of Fergana State University, Uzbekistan****Boymurodova Nigina Elyos qiz****Uzbekistan-Finlandiya Pedagogical Institute 2nd stage student, Uzbekistan***ABOUT ARTICLE****Key words:** Alchemist, novel, holy Quran, month of Ramadan, pilgrimage, obligation, hadith, genre, work.**Abstract:** The article discusses the reality described in the novel "The Alchemist", the positive impact of the characters' activities on the current educational process.**Received:** 13.11.2024**Accepted:** 18.11.2024**Published:** 23.11.2024**INTRODUCTION**

The author of "The Alchemist" is Brazilian Paulo Coelho. The work was published in about 120 countries of the world, translated into about 60 foreign languages. The play tells about the shepherd boy Santiago and his journey. The content of this work is about a simple human problem. Perhaps, the reason for the popularity of the work among readers lies in the image of simplicity. This is when the image of a simple problem and relationship serves as a starting point for drawing universal conclusions. There has always been continuity in social relations. In this sense, comparing the environment in which the Brazilian writer lived with the present period, there are differences and similarities.

In this article, we tried to analyze the similarities and draw conclusions based on them. Paulo Coelho was also a supporter of the view that "... the fate of a person is in his own hands." This idea is revealed from beginning to end in the novel "The Alchemist" through Santiago's travels based on the method of magic. This fate is the supreme truth given by God, one should be convinced of the essence of this truth, and a person should act in the direction of his specific goal. Happiness and perfection cannot be achieved by oneself. We need to understand well that the path of destiny is different from other paths and that it is difficult. That is why a person striving for their goal must have patience and believe that they will achieve their goal, even if it is as unimaginable as Santiago's dreams. As we move towards our goal, we must remember that we will also face defeats.

When a person is just starting to fight for their dreams and hopes, they can make many mistakes due to their inexperience. Mistakes are lessons for us. Meanwhile, the subsequent trials and tribulations temper a person and teach him to be careful in life. As a result of carelessness, sometimes a person loses the thing he loves most in life. Meanwhile, the subsequent trials and tribulations temper a person and teach him to be careful in life. As a result of carelessness, sometimes a person loses the thing he loves most in life. The moment he realizes that his lifelong dream is not coming true, he feels guilty about himself. He looks around and sees many people who have not achieved their dreams and hopes, and he begins to think that he is not worthy of this happiness either. People forget the pain, suffering, and sacrifices they have endured for this dream, and when they get close enough to reach it, they do such foolish things that their dreams remain just dreams again. Man is taught from childhood that his greatest dreams in life are unfulfilled. He grows up with this understanding, and as the years pass, his heart becomes filled with fears. As a result, years pass and he cannot understand why he came to this world. Through this work, we can get to know Santiago, a young shepherd boy who goes against his parents' wishes and pursues his own dreams. One of the reasons we were created on earth is because of our goals: no matter who we are, if we truly want something, we will definitely achieve it, such desires are sent to our hearts by Allah. Therefore, we must follow our own path of destiny. Because this life also wants a person to follow his destiny. It is also worth mentioning that, as a person follows his destiny, it is natural for him to do good and bad things as a result of his arduous journey. At such times, we need to make decisions based on our own intelligence.

Our Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) encouraged us to follow the five pillars of Islam, including praying five times a day, fasting during the month of Ramadan, being kind to the needy, and giving zakat. Since the Quran and Hadith encourage us to do good deeds, it is true that we should also do good deeds in our own way towards our goal. In fact, evil is not born from what goes into a person's mouth, but from what comes out.

Even if a caravan on the road gets lost, wanders, and goes around, it will definitely reach its destination. We must also move forward without deviating from our goal. Whatever a person truly desires, he will have, and whatever he needs, he will undoubtedly be granted. When can a person be deprived of his own destiny? Only when he interferes in the destiny of another. We must strive to understand this. Our actions lead us to our treasure, and the happiest people are those who have found their treasure. They are not just happy, they have God in their hearts. The treasure is the heart. If our heart is beautiful, we can achieve our dreams and hopes.

Every person on earth has a treasure waiting for them, but people shy away from the hardships of reaching their treasure. Therefore, through divine power, children are instilled with the knowledge of their future and their treasures in their minds and hearts. Unfortunately, very few of them stray from the path set for their goals. For the rest, these paths become worrisome and frightening. Let's remember that we must always know exactly what we want.

The main idea of the work is that man cannot choose his own destiny, and that he lives believing in the greatest lie. The greatest lie is that our life does not obey our will, but is determined by someone else, namely fate. Therefore, we can set ambitious goals for our future without hesitation.

It's sad that some young people today can't stand the trials and tribulations of life, even for trivial reasons. Santiago, the hero of the story, overcame the trials that came his way one by one. As he moves, he loses all his wealth. He endures this and begins to look for a solution. He begins to collect the coins he needs to reach the treasure. As a result, he becomes an assistant to a carpentry dealer. Years pass, and years pass. He now has countless coins and has become a wealthy merchant. The hero's unique point is that he did not change his goals for wealth or even for his love of divine power. He made the right decision, but those were not his goals.

That was Santiago's dream: to travel the world, meet the Alchemist, and find the treasure. He achieved his dreams. Of course, no task is without difficulty. As we have seen, he acquired infinite wealth, but he did not give up on his goal. His goal was different. This is the true aspect of the work: even though he became an experienced salesman of cinnabar, he was able to stand firm in his opinion, that is, the further he went on his chosen path, the more powerfully he controlled his life. As an artificial aspect of the work, we can point to the cinnamon seller. The cinnamon seller has always dreamed of going on a pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca and has begun to work towards this dream. He chooses the path of trading to earn three or four coins. He earns three or four coins, but he prefers to buy a shop rather than go on the pilgrimage. He dreams of becoming rich and wealthy and then going to Mecca. His money also increases, but it still doesn't go far. He couldn't stand firm in his goal. He put ordinary coins above his goal. His desire for material things has surpassed his goals. In fact, a person should never give up on his highest dream and goal.

The lesson from the story is that qualities such as patience, contentment, and unwavering faith in achieving one's goals are values that need to be instilled in today's youth.

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