

Skepticism as Reflected in Graham Greene's novel *The Power and The Glory*

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The word 'Skepticism' has been derived from the Greek word 'Skepsis' which means inquiry or doubt. Doubt is better than over-confidence because it leads to inquiry and inquiry leads to invention. This is the root of all progress under the sun. Human beings, from the very beginning, have been suppressed and oppressed which caused numerous questions arising against it in the minds of the oppressed and they became skeptical and revolutionary. This paper attempts at analyzing how Graham Greene's novel *The Power and the Glory* throws light on the philosophy of moral skepticism of Immanuel Kant, Rene Descartes, David Hume and others.

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Henry Graham Greene, a visionary novelist of 20th century, generally known as Graham Greene, is much acclaimed for the depiction of empirical view of moral issues, politics and religion, mixed with suspense and adventure. His experience about life and religion is mysterious and full of doubt regarding the extrovert religious concept. In this context, Richard Johnstone commented that he "is denying any personal need for belief; he is claiming that the predicament of the young man seeking permanence in a dangerously impermanent society was not his predicament - instead Catholicism presented itself to him as possessing the irresistible logic of mathematics" (17). His dissatisfaction with