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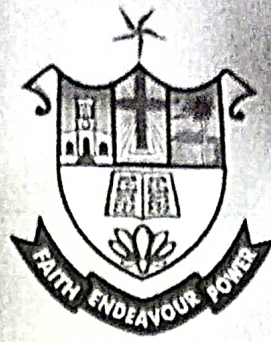
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Jewish aestheticism and mysticism are the byproduct of the Jewish engagement with contemporary literary and religious formations have had on her. To address the contradictory demands of Judaism, feminism, and paganism, Ozick rewrites the golem tale from Jewish folklore. Puttermessenger's golem, like the one crafted by Rabbi Judah Loew the Maharal of Prague in Jewish tradition, erupted out of control, rebelled against her creator, and wrecked Puttermessenger's utopian plan. Eventually hitting the true paradise above, Puttermessenger discovered it to be nothing but torment. In this novel, Ozick continued his critique of idolatry while also attempting to accomplish two goals at once since a female golem is a key to making literature's utopia a reality. "A crazy delight." -The New York Time Book Review

**Keywords:** Aestheticism, Mysticism, Descendant, Jewish Monotheistic, Golem

### 79. Environmental Degradation in Ayi Kwei Armah's *Beautiful Ones Are Not Yet Born*

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The novel *Beautiful Ones Are Not Yet Born* brings the social issues prevalent in the West African nation, Ghana. Ghana, as an independent nation, ruled by the political leaders of Ghana. Corruption of the local party leaders affects the people of Ghana in various aspects. Environmental degradation of the Ghanaian society is one of those aspects which makes the people of Ghana to suffocate in their own nation. Armah's first novel, *Beautiful Ones Are Not Yet Born* makes the readers to realise the sufferings of the Ghanaians under poor environmental situation. The novel set near the coastal city Accra, where most people depend on fishing for their daily livelihood. The paper discusses poor maintenance of public properties and

lack of public awareness about cleanliness expressed by Armah through his novel. The paper emphasis issues of worst environment faced by in the coastal people of Ghana, which leads to the destruction of Ghanaians lifestyles. The paper also showcases the negligence of political leaders to take care of the people of their own nation.

**Keywords:** Negligence, Society, Sufferings and Destruction

### **80. Consequences of Foot binding in Lisa See's Snow *Flower and..Secret Fan***

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This paper titled "Consequences of Foot binding tradition in Lisa See's Snow *Flower and Secret Fan*" explores the causes of foot binding practice prevailed in China during 19<sup>th</sup> century with reference to Lisa See's novel *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan*. In this paper, the positive and negative aspects of foot binding are discussed. Foot binding is the custom of applying painful tight binding to the feet of little girls at their tender age to stop further development of their little feet which remains as a symbol of beauty. One of the significant theories of the custom used in this study is that a person who declares that the spirit of a culture having a custom in it is not its artifacts, tools, or other tangible cultural elements but how the members of the group understand, use, and recognize them. Health is the most essential part of human life. Health is the axis upon which a man's whole life and its well- being depend. A poor health and painful body reduce the enthusiasm and spirit to live in this society. Unpleasant feelings and sensations become hindrances for the swiftness of functional activity, economic development and spiritual uplift.

**Keywords:** Culture, Health, Foot Binding, Social Status, Beauty