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English Essay

9. Being human is overlooked in our pursuit of being demigods.

Outline:

1. Introduction

Thesis Statement:

The human ambition to achieve excellence is unstoppable. In order to attain this excellence, humans overlook the very essence of their own existence. The human desire of becoming a supernatural powerful demigod often disregards the idea of being a mortal human.

2. Why humans pursue to be a demigod:

- a. Being demigod is emblematic to excellence.
- b. Humans yearn to escape human weaknesses
- c. Humans are power seekers by nature.
- d. The ambition to attain perfection blinds man.

3. How our pursuit of being demigods overlooks the idea of being human:

a. The ruthlessness in crushing obstacles in the way of becoming demigod.

b. The unconquerable ego that never submits.

c. Disharmonious relationship between man and nature.

d. Discontent, ungrateful and greedy approach to life.

4. Innate humanness is better than pursuit of ~~or~~ being demigod.

5. Conclusion

Essay:

Human beings are created in a way that they always desire to become perfect and achieve an excellence. This ambition of humans to attain extraordinarily powerful status is unstoppable. In order to fulfill this human yearning, the very essence of human existence is overlooked by humans. The idea of becoming a demigod fascinates humans. It is because demigods are infinitely powerful and immortal beings who exist in human form, but exercise divine powers. The parable of Egyptian Pharaoh aptly justifies the human pursuit of being demigod. The remarkable kingdom of Pharaoh and limitless power and control on his people enabled him to assume himself as a god. Despite many warnings and wake-up calls, Pharaoh did not accept God's message. His ultimate end indicates the consequence of forgetting one's humanness and embracing supernatural or divinity.

Human beings pursue to become a demigod because it enables

them to escape their weaknesses. Being a demigod is similar to that of becoming a perfect powerful creature. Humans yearn for perfection and power that is ensured by becoming a demigod. In pursuit of becoming a demigod, humans mostly become ruthless, heartless and arrogant beings that crush any possible obstacle in their way, without considering the significance of that particular hurdle. Humans become blind in pursuit of power. They invest all their energies and time in seeking power. The relationship between man and nature deteriorates as man ascends the path to perfection.

Human beings possess an innate yearning for attaining excellence. Being a demigod is emblematic to excellence. That's why humans tend to become something more than human. Human love for beauty is inculcated in human hearts by their creator. This desire for beauty encourages man to pursue excellence in whatever he does.

Another reason behind human

quest for becoming a demigod is the idea of escapism from human weaknesses.

Humans possess unlimited potential to achieve whatever they desire, but God did not create man flawless. The human weaknesses are many in number and man tries to escape these. The idea to love and being loved is one of major human weaknesses. Although, love proves to be a strength in many cases. But the need to be loved by someone weakens human. The demigods being unaware of this weakness fascinate mankind.

Humans are powerseekers by nature. Being a demigod enables man to exercise power. On the contrary, humanness makes an individual dependent and powerless. Man seeks power to survive better in this world. The powerless and weak individuals always suffer. As a famous Greek historian and general, Thucydides, said; The strong do what they can and the weak suffer what they must. Thucydides' idea is based on realism. In the world full of power-

worshippers, the strong shall do what they want to do and the weak must endure what they have to endure. Power seeking, however, is not evil in itself. The use of power by a man determines the nature of that attained power. As it is often quoted that to seek power is not bad, but to ~~miss~~ misuse power is!

One of many reasons to attain the status of a demigod is the human ambition to be the best. Human covet to be the best. Humans are blinded by the spark of perfection. The extraordinary nature and excellence of demigods allure human beings to do whatever it takes to become a demigod. However, it is humanly not possible to become perfect and flawless. As it is often quoted that to err is human. It is human trait to commit mistakes and to learn lessons from them. The pursuit of excellence and perfection is one of the biggest desires of man.

Whenever humans tend to escape their humanness and pursue the dream of becoming some divine being, they crush any possible obstacle that hinders their progress. Every hardship that comes in the way is not meant to hinder progress, rather some of them act as speed breakers to avoid accidents.

The challenges that the Providence throws to people who aspire to be something more than human are a reality check. They show the supremacy of Nature over human beings. Yet, humans try to overcome those challenges by every possible means, whether negative or positive.

When a person is determined to attain ~~the~~ fulfill his dream by hook or by crook, he does not subdue or submit. It is the vice of vanity that leads human ego to supersede the inner good. The idea of not letting one's ego down

and achieving what one always desires, makes man evil, or at least proud and negative. Man tries to be like Lucifer, who rebelled against his own creator, for just his pride, ego and will. John Milton, a remarkable English poet, describes the pride of Satan in following words:

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What though the field be lost?

All is not lost; the unconquerable Will,

And the courage never to submit or yield. 29

- Paradise Lost

The unconquerable will, ego, is what destructs a being, ~~as~~ as is in Satan's case. When humans try to replicate what Lucifer did, they also invite pain and eternal curse for themselves. When humans do not give up on the idea of becoming a demigod, they suffer. When humans do not accept themselves the way they are, they suffer.

When humans strive to undermine their destiny, they suffer. When humans blindly chase the spark of perfection, they suffer. ~~Humans~~ Indeed, humans inflict suffering on themselves by pursuing the dream of becoming demigods.

In the contemporary materialistic world, the idea of demigod ~~material~~ materializes in various forms. For some individuals, their business becomes their demigod. For others, it is their beauty, wealth, career, family or any other yearning. Individuals invest the best of their time and efforts in the pursuit of their demigod. They busy themselves in this pursuit. They delve deep in the process of chasing their dreams. In all this busyness, man forgets to enjoy the simple and little beauties of nature. Man forgets to appreciate the canvas of sky that changes colours everyday. Man forgets to admire the

polite touch of morning breeze. Man forgets to commend the warmth of sunlight that sun provides in a chilly winter noon. Man forgets these simple yet subtle things because he is preoccupied by the passion of pursuing his dreams. Man is always busy in his worldly affairs and has no time for nature. It makes human life miserable. William Henry Davies contends this idea in his 1911 poem, *Leisure*, in these words:

What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, like skies at night.

No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can dance.

The ~~po~~ pursuit of being a demigod
makes human life full of ~~busy~~ ^{busy} ~~schedules~~ ^{business}.

~~That~~ Humans become unsatisfied and discontent on whatever they already possess. They aspire for more and more. They become ungrateful for what they have, and they pursue for what they do not possess.

The innate humanness is way better than the pursuit of being a demigod. It is because this pursuit takes away the existing beauty and charm of human life for something that is not worthy of it. Humans must accept their reality and should learn the ability to admire their own selves the way they are.

In a nutshell, it can be concluded that the urge to transform into a demigod extracts all other beauties of life. Being a human is nothing shameful. Embracing one's reality and becoming comfortable in one's own skin is a liberating thing. It enables man to enjoy life and become a grateful being. The illusion of becoming a demigod threatens the real joy of being a human.