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Metaphysical And Theological Convictions Of Donne In His Poetry: A Deconstructive Study

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Abstract

It is well-accepted that John Donne had a comprehension of philosophical conceits. A metaphysical conceit is a literary technique that is both complex and very astonishing. It is used to establish a contrast that is both outlandish and weird between a nonphysical quality of an individual and a physical aspect of anything that exists in the world. It is a prolonged comparison using a simile and a metaphor to attract the interest and attention of the readers to the content. The French philosopher Jacques Derrida is credited with creating the word "deconstruction," which describes a technique for interpreting a piece of written material. Deconstruction is a philosophical school that opposes the rigidity of metaphysics, which means that one of its guiding ideas is to break down hierarchical models, dismantle binary oppositions, and dismantle outmoded ways of thinking about hierarchies. The process of deconstruction involves inverting the hierarchies to reveal the whole ideological procedure that is involved in the creation of hierarchies. It holds the belief that a piece of writing may have more than one interpretation because the connections between an author's 'ideas' and 'words' are nearly always intricate and multifaceted, this is the only method that can be used practically and technically to understand John Donne's poetry. In his poetic work, this is the only way that his poetry can be comprehended. The purpose of this study is to investigate how Donne used Metaphysical and Theological Convictions in His Poetry through deconstructive analysis.

Key Words: Donne, Deconstruction, Inconsistencies, Metaphysical Conceits, Theological Convictions.

Introduction

The fame of Jacques Derrida (1930-2004) has risen rapidly as a consequence of his involvement in the International Symposium at Johns Hopkins University in 1966 when he introduced structuralism and Deconstructive Criticism to the United States. The symposium's subject was "The Language of Criticism and the Sciences of Man," and Derrida delivered his most major work “Structure, Sign and Play in the Discourse of Human Sciences."

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A deconstructive analysis involves reading a book closely and doing a word-based analysis. Both new critics and deconstructionists place more emphasis on a text; neither is likely to comprehend it by relating it to the author's previous age, culture, and lifetime. It rejects the notion that a text has a fixed or singular meaning. Deconstruction seeks to read beyond the simple substance of a work and bring out new meanings and realities. Deconstruction, a critical philosophy, holds that language is a sign system and, more specifically, a system of oppositions, distinctions, and contradictions. It is a technique of dissection used to discover the fundamental mechanism of language and the underlying assumption in expressive ways. Deconstruction implies that interpretations, as attempted via language, are not absolute since language is not absolute. "Language is a system of signifiers that can never fully signify: a word that may refer to an item, but can never be the thing itself." Derrida borrowed the word deconstruction from Heidegger's work “Destruktion”. A careful reading of a text that results in paradoxical interpretation and the extraction of hidden meanings from the text. Deconstruction tracks how language develops meanings in collaboration, inside a text, and between texts while claiming that such connotation can only be ephemeral. As it is a philosophy, its applicability spans all fields. The deconstruction theory in literature finds its written incarnation in 'Of Grammatology' (Derrida) and confronts Saussure's 'linguistic theory' as articulated in 'Course in General Linguistics.'

Metaphysical poetry is exemplified by John Donne (1572-1631). He composed works of love poetry, epigrams, songs, sonnets, religious poetry, elegies, satires, and sermons. He innovates "British poetry" while opposing Elizabethan ambiguity. The concept is expressed in daily language in Donne's poetry. With its original and philosophical concepts and unexpected images, his poetry also infuses English literature with new vitality. His expertise is in metaphysical conceits. A metaphysical conceit is a complicated and uncommon literary device that relates a person's spiritual quality to a physical object. It is a lengthy simile and metaphor designed to captivate readers. Dr Johnson defines vanity as "a concealed resemblance between things that appear to be unlike." Philosophical analogies are used by metaphysical poets. Their analogies are frequently baffling, but rehearsing them may educate the speaker. Metaphysical conceits have an analytical tone, double meanings, logical reasoning, inconsistencies, imagery, paradoxes, and wit. Metaphysical poetry is distinct because it employs excessive figures of speech, its similes and metaphors are far-fetched and frequently drawn from unfamiliar sources, its analogies are not obvious in nature, its figures are fully developed, and its images are logical and intellectual as opposed to sensual or emotional.

As with the works of many other metaphysical poets, Donne's poetry is difficult to read due to its frequent use of absurd-looking metaphors and parallels. To comprehend the concepts, vocabulary, and consequences of parallelism, one must read with mental sharpness. In the case of Donne, the poetry frequently demonstrates the authenticity of the surprise, according to Herz. Metaphysical poetry is argumentative; it is intricate and cerebral; and it relies on the element of surprise. Unquestionably necessary for metaphysical wit are dexterity, inventiveness, the pleasure of language and language usage, and the often extravagant synthesis of the physical and spiritual, body and soul.
According to Gardner, a metaphysical poem's components or essence are "reason and persuasion, and the use of conceit as their instrument." At this juncture, the significance of the word "conceit" grows. However, there is a great deal of criticism but little consensus on the precise definition of the term "conceit." According to Alden, Shakespeare's sonnet "Ah! but those tears are pearls which thy love pours" compares a teardrop to a pearl, evoking an "imaginative flash" in the reader's mind. Shakespeare then continues to enhance the idea by stating, "And they are wealthy, and ransom all evil deeds" According to Alden, Shakespeare's usage of the teardrop-pearl metaphor in the following lines of the poem has "become a conceit" The comparison between the various concepts is, therefore, less crucial than "the process of elaboration," which is expanded to become a distinct mental progression requiring

the reader's full comprehension. Similarly to how metaphor is utilised, other literary tropes such as personification, simile, and pun can be employed to create conceits. Alden believes that now, if the symbolic development's details are connected in a way that creates a single, vivid imaginative whole, we can say that we have a perfect allegory or piece of symbolism; however, if they are too complicated or inconsistent to comprehend without additional explanation, we can say that they have the characteristics of a conceit.

According to Alden, "the elaboration of a verbal or imaginative figure, or the substitution of a logical for an imaginative figure, with sufficient use of an intellectual process to take precedence over the normal poetic process, at least for the moment," serves as a working definition of conceit for the purposes of this paper's structural analysis of Donne's poetry.

In England, throughout the late 16th and early 17th centuries, John Donne lived during a time of political and Cultural Revolution. For non-Conformist households like Donne's, Elizabeth I's reign, which began in the late 16th century, was a challenging period. Although Donne was raised Catholic, he later changed his religion to Anglican, but he did not renounce his Catholic upbringing: "As I am a Christian, I have been ever kept awake in a meditation of Martyrdom, by being derived from such a stock and race, as, I believe, no family (which is not of far greater extent and branches) has endured and suffered more in their persons and fortunes." By employing "[s]equalized metaphors for religious acts," Donne exhibited a very expansive understanding of the concept of religion and the two competing Christian traditions, Catholicism and Protestantism. Perhaps this will occur as a result of "Donne's search for common ground across religions":

Methodology

The research uses the technique of "deconstruction" to examine Donne's three poems in order to determine their relation to the "metaphysical conceits" and "deconstructive reading" of Donne. The relationship between "Text" and "meaning" is examined in deconstruction. It is an argument against structuralism. Deconstructionists examine the hierarchies that structuralists and ideologies employ to reveal uncomfortable moments in "text," and as a result, the reversal of the hierarchical system leads to the dissection of a poem's main points of contention. The structuralists' system of binary opposition may also be seen in terms of the intellectual hierarchies that deconstructionists seek to dismantle. While structuralists looked for binary oppositions to characterize a poem's structure, deconstructionists seek for a philosophical hierarchy to discover the poet's true understanding of the experience captured in a poem. According to structuralist critics, the first word in each of the binaries is superior to the second, revealing how the poem's logic is constructed around the idea that one term should have precedence over the other. However, deconstructionists reject binary oppositional hierarchy. According to Deconstructivists, the hierarchy shows that the first word of these binaries is preferred in the poet's understanding of the reality in the investigation.

The course attempts to concentrate on how to analyze poetry deconstructively or how to deconstruct a poem. By demonstrating how a "Sign" becomes the sum of numerous "Signifiers" since the hypothetical "Signified" is really a "Transcendental Signified," the deconstruction theory actually rebels against the basis of structuralism. The "Sign" is the central concept in a "literary work." The structuralist critics present this concept as the one that benefits from a literary work in terms of binary opposition. It includes demonstrating how the concepts involved in binary opposition intersect at certain places when deconstructing poetry of this kind. As a result, the conceptions of deference and difference that make up the impression of "Difference" are called into doubt. Additionally, the "Sign" serves as the "Signifier's reservoir" and simultaneously conveys the "Trace" of the purportedly non-privileged thought.

Discussion

Donne's insistence on creating this connection between religion and women is a significant cliché that frequently dehumanizes women and ironizes religion, showing the conflicting character of St. Paul's original depiction of the Church as Christ's bride. Christ remains the unwavering ideal for this union, but because the Church is merely a collection of believers, she can be portrayed in a variety of ways, ranging from a foolish traveler to a flawless bride.

He employs "feminine representations of the Church" in "Satyre III." The poem begins with Donne appealing to the conscience of the reader by asking, "Is not our Mistresse a religion?" Donne compares the relevance of virtue in pre-Christian periods to the ideals taught by Christianity, arguing that virtue was just as important to pre-Christian peoples as Christian principles are to Christians. As pagans lacked the knowledge that Christians possess, he argues that individuals "should fear being judged by God because they are worse than pagan philosophers." Donne asserts that "the fear of damnation" is the "true courage" that one should possess, noting, "This fear is great courage and lofty valour." Donne continues by listing the numerous dangers and barriers that a person in search of "true religion" may face: wars, storms, ice and fire, prisons, and, worst of all, the pleasures of the body. He exhorts the reader to "seek genuine religion" and provides examples of those who have done so. Mirreus, who represents Roman Catholics, knows that "she" (true religion) is in Rome since "she was there a millennium ago." Crantz, who represents Calvinists, "loves only her, who in Geneva is called/ Religion, plain, simple, melancholy, and young." Graius "remains still at home," and he is the Anglican who likes the Anglican Church because "some preachers, wicked ambitious bawds, and laws/ Still as fresh as styles, tell him to believe that she/ Which dwells with us is only perfect, he" Phrygius, the agnostic, rejects them all because, "Knowing that some of them are prostitutes, he dares to marry none of them." And, the theological relativist Gracchus loves them all because he believes, "As ladies do in many countries,/ In different customs, yet are still one kind." Which therefore is the proper response? Donne tells the reader not to react hastily, but rather to "doubt intelligently" because it is difficult to comprehend the truth.

To adore, or scorn an image, or protest,
May all be bad; doubt wisely, in strange way
To stand inquiring right, is not to stray;
To sleep, or run wrong is. On a huge hill,
Cragged, and steep, Truth stands, and he that will
Reach her, about must, and about must go;
And what the hill's suddenness resists, win so;

Donne understands that the searcher is on a tough path, but if he does not find true religion, he is doomed: "Yet try so, that before age, death's twilight,/ Thy spirit may rest, for none can labour in that night." Donne cautions people to not "blindly embrace the authority of human rulers and leaders; it is preferable to experience persecution (as Donne's own family had done) than to risk losing one's eternal life by following human authorities instead of God." According to Shell and Hunt, the depiction of a variety of religious viewpoints in "Satyre III" "presents several satirical individuals whose imprudence in love parallels their theological delusions": While Mirreus is looking for "a mistress last seen a thousand years ago," Graius is "like a court-appointed ward wishing to avoid financial penalties by accepting a marriage when his guardian presents her to him." Donne portrays churches as women and Christians as men who must pick the correct one. In addition to creating people from notions, he also develops an allegory about the battle of religion. At first glance, the allegory linking women to the church (religion) seems implausible, and it takes a certain level of information as well as the capacity to think on the side of the reader. Thus, Donne constructs a conceit by developing a series of

complicated parallels via the use of personification and metaphor, which involves a more complex logical process than a simple allegory.

In a manner comparable to "Satyre III," "Holy Sonnet XVIII" by Donne utilises the "woman-church metaphor". Using "St. Paul's original definition of the Church," he compares the Church to the bride of Christ and asks Christ who is the true Church: the Roman Catholic Church or the Protestant Church, and appeals directly to Christ.

Show me deare Christ, thy Spouse, so bright and clear,
What! Is it She, which on the other shore
Goes richly painted? Or which rob'd and tore
Laments and mournes in Germany and here?"
Sleeps she a thousand, then peeps up one year?
Is she self-truth, and errs? Now new, outwore?
Doth she, and did she, and shall she evermore
On one, on seven, or on no hill appear?

He extends the parallel of two churches and women by asking Christ whether his wife resides in England or if they must go to Rome to find her: "Dwells she with us, or like adventuring/ First labore we to seek, and then make Love?" He then asks Christ to expose his wife to the eyes of Christians so that they may discover her and see her beauty.:

Betray kind husband thy spouse to our sights,
And let myne amorous soul court thy mild Dove
Who is most trew, and pleasing to thee, then
When she is embrac'd and open to most men.

In this poem, Donne makes the comparison between the Church and the "Spouse of Christ" more blatant and the conceit somewhat harsh by portraying "the Church as Christ's prostituted spouse" and "Christ himself as a complaisant cuckold." He develops the metaphor of the Church as Christ's bride by asking Christ where to locate her and, if he does find her, by requesting that she be introduced to many people, therefore transforming the metaphor into a conceit.

According to Guibbory, Donne writes sensual poetry that also contains religious and political themes. Donne's resignation from "his unrewarded devotion to his chilly Petrarchan mistress" is the first thing that happens in "Elegy VI." He says, "Oh, let mee not serve thus, as those men serve/ Whom honours concurrently feed and starve; / Poorly enriched with good men's words or glances; "The metaphor he used in the first three lines might be seen as both romantic and political; nevertheless, "the third word, religion, enters the poem when the speaker refuses to be one of "those idolatrous flatterers" and refers to his lover as "Purgatory". She has not only been "faithless" (inconsistent? lacking real faith?) but also "treacherous" and destructive, burning or drowning the victims she entices with her embrace." She (the mistress to whom the poem is written) ambushes her victims to return, but then she destroys all their hopes, which might be seen as "a cliché for love-suffering but also a reality for certain persecuted Catholics, including members of Donne's own family". There is no constant analogy of politics-love or religion-love throughout the whole poem; nonetheless, there are metaphors that may be taken to be such. At the conclusion of the poem, Donne admonishes his lover to stop hurting him, as it will only result in their relationship disintegrating.

As nations do from Rome, from thy love fall.

My hate shall outgrow thine, and utterly
I will renounce thy dalliance: and when I
Am the Recusant, in that resolute state,
What hurts it mee to be ‘excommunicate?

In addition to his multiple church-women metaphors, Donne blends sexual behaviour with religious notions in additional ways. In "Holy Sonnet XIV," Donne presents God and himself (the speaker) in a master-slave relationship. He implores the Christian God (Holy Trinity) to be harsher with him: "Batter my heart, three-personed God; for, you/As yet only knock, breathe, shine, and attempt to repair". He requests that God enter him violently, as one enters and besieges a city:

He claims that his "reason" prevents him from God, but that it is feeble in comparison to God's power: "Reason your viceroy in me, me should defend,/ But is prisoner, and proves weak or false". He acknowledges that he loves God, but he is "engaged to your (God's) adversary", which might be his "reason," Satan, or even a worldly spouse. He wants God to rescue him from his servitude and to take him away because he knows he will never be free until God entirely possesses him and he can never be "chaste" unless God captivates him
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Batter my heart, three-person'd God, for you
As yet but knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend;
That I may rise and stand, o'erthrow me, and bend
Your force to break, blow, burn, and make me new.
I, like an usurp'd town to another due,
Labor to admit you, but oh, to no end;
Reason, your viceroy in me, me should defend,
But is captiv'd, and proves weak or untrue.
Yet dearly I love you, and would be lov'd fain,
But am betroth'd unto your enemy;
Divorce me, untie or break that knot again,
Take me to you, imprison me, for I,
Except you enthrall me, never shall be free,
Nor ever chaste, except you ravish me.

This sonnet makes use of two metaphors: "the speaker's heart as a captive town," and "the speaker as a girl betrothed to God's adversary." Both of these metaphors describe the speaker (Sparknotes.com). The speaker in Donne's poem personifies God as a great king and conqueror of cities, and he thinks of himself to be God's helpless but stubborn subject. The speaker believes that to comprehend the full extent of God's might, he requires God to have entire authority over himself. After that, he develops the metaphors and personifications into a conceit that illustrates man's utmost love for God. The poem also has violent language, with powerful verbs such as "batter," "overthrow," "bend," "force," "break," "blow," "burn," and "ravish," which highlights the nature of a violent relationship between God and men. "Batter," "overthrow," "bend," "force," "break," "blow," "burn," and "ravish" are some examples.

Donne uses a different form of conceit in the poem titled "the Canonisation." In this poem, he idealizes love and elevates it to the level of a sacred concept. First, Donne makes an impassioned plea to the audience to refrain from passing judgement on him and instead allow him to love: "For God's sake restrain your mouth, and let me love". Before contemplating his current state of mind, he requests that the reader not pass judgement on his statements, saying, "Consider; what you will approve so that you

will let me love." He continues to defend his love by claiming that it has never harmed anyone else, saying things like "Alas, alas, who's damaged by my love? / What merchant's ships have my sighs drowned." Donne begins to make his thesis in the third verse by using a variety of analogies, including:

Call us what you will, we are made such by love;
Call her one, me another fly,
We are tapers too, and at our own cost die
And we in us find the eagle and the dove,

He elaborates on the metaphor by making a comparison between their relationship and the legendary bird known as the Phoenix, which is said to be able to resurrect itself from its own ashes. According to Donne, "... they may die by it, if not live by love". And they would live on in poetry because a verse that is beautifully written has the potential to be just as unforgettable as a gorgeous tomb does:

And if unfit for tombs and hearse
Our legend be, it will be fit for verse;
And if no piece of chronicle we prove,
We'll build in sonnets pretty rooms;
As well a well-wrought urn becomes
The greatest ashes, as half-acre tombs,

And in this way, their love is elevated to a holy status: "And by these songs, everyone shall approve/ us sanctified for love". In the last line of the poem, Donne makes a prayer to God, pleading with him to elevate them to the proper position so that others might give them: "Countries, towns, and courts: pray to the almighty for a pattern of your love!"

Donne takes his romantic connection with his girlfriend to a higher level by posing the question of whether or not they should be canonized in his poem "the Canonisation." He also uses several metaphors to create a conceit for the poem. According to the definition provided by Newadvent.org, canonization is only bestowed upon extremely notable individuals "whose lives have been marked by the exercise of heroic virtue." Based on this definition, we can deduce that Donne compares divine love to mutual love that requires lovers to devote themselves completely to one another. After that, he develops the metaphor further by saying that the lovers absorb one another and that as a result, they are reborn as "one": "By us; we two being one, are it. So to one neutral item both sexes fit. We die and rise the same..." (By us; we two being one, are it), and because of this togetherness, they are transformed into something "mysterious by this love" "these statements may indicate the mystery of marriage as it represents the connection of Jesus and his church, as articulated by Paul in I Corinthians," claims one critic. "These words were taken out of context." In point of fact, the new union is unsexed even though it contains members of both sexes: "to one neutral entity both sexes fit," just as there is no longer any male or female in Christ." In the end, the passages of their tale that are most often quoted confer upon the couple the gift of "canonization," which means that their love is elevated to the status of a saint. "Donne's metaphorical language renders sexual love holy," says Guibbory, "suggesting that it delivers a feeling of transcendence, a taste of the divine." Donne elevates the notion of secular love to the status of a sacrament by elevating the figure of "the saint of love- saint of God" to the status of a martyr.

Donne, once again, links the sanctity of love between a man and a woman to the holiness of love between God and his creation in "the Relique." The poem starts with a powerful image: someone breaks into a grave, and the person who digs it up discovers "A band of golden hair encircling the bone". The poet sacrifices himself by going to his tomb with a lock of his lover's hair so that they might be reunited

"on the final hectic day," also known as the Day of Judgment. In the second stanza, the poet indulges his imagination by speculating on what may occur between him and his lover:

If this fall in a time, or land,
Where mis-devotion doth command,
Then, he that digs us up, will bring
Us, to the Bishop, and the King,
To make us relics; then

He has this fantasy that one day they will be canonised as saints and will be adored by both men and women; this will allow the miracle of their love to be remembered and celebrated. In the third and final stanza, he emphasises the purity of their love by saying, "...we loved well and truly", without being conscious of the "different in sex". He compares their behaviour to that of the heavenly beings, the "angels do". Donne goes even farther in elaborating this metaphor by noting that their "hands ne'er touched the seals,/ Which nature, damaged by late law, lets loose"; seals signifying "sexual intercourse". He continues by discussing the miraculous nature of such a love, saying, "These miracles we accomplished; but now alas,/ All measure, and all words, I should pass,/ Should I explain what a miracle she was."

Donne makes use of some imagery that is both brilliant and compelling in his poem "the Relique." The poem describes how the bones of two lovers are found to be linked by "a bracelet of shining hair", which gives their love an everlasting character. And to add further weight to his argument, he says that after this, the bones will be removed from the grave and the event would be recognised as a miraculous occurrence. There is perhaps more to "the wonder of love" metaphor than meets the eye here, according to a commentator:

When the poet talks about a "land/where mis-devotion doth command," he is talking about nations that were not affected by the Reformation. Bones of martyrs and saints were held in high regard in these nations because it was widely held belief that they have the power to perform miraculous healings. This no longer held true in England during the Protestant Reformation. Therefore, in such a nation, the alleged grave-digger, rather than leaving the bones in the grave to wait for the end of the world, would take the bones to the Bishop or the King and have they officially declared to be the relics of saints, making them capable of performing miracles. In this way, the bones would have the power to change the course of history.

As a result of Donne's choice of the term "mins devotion," which literally translates to "mistaken devotion," when referring to the regions of the world where the Reformation did not make its way, it is possible to deduce that he is making fun of their level of ignorance. Despite this, Donne continues to glorify the idea of miracles and relics by comparing his beloved to the holy figure known as "Mary Magdalene," who has a unique position among all of the other saints due to her intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. After that, he elaborates on the parallel by focusing on the divine quality of their love. Their love is holy since neither of them is interested in pursuing sexual fulfilment of any kind. This makes their love a miracle because it exemplifies the virtue of chastity that characterizes "angels" in paradise, who are also free of any traces of sexual immorality. In order to bring the parallel to a close, he states that there are no words to adequately convey "what a miracle she was."

Donne, in the majority of "the Relique," elaborates on the premise by making use of theological notions that are associated with the Catholic religion. He brings divinity into love by stripping it of its carnal character, which makes it simpler for the reader to understand the connection he is attempting to convey.

According to Guibbory, "the Relique" and "the Canonisation" are two of Donne's works in which he "captures the fact that there is something strange about intimacy." Since "love, like birth, seems magical," as the saying goes. When the historical context of the time period in which the poem was written is taken into consideration, there are a number of situations surrounding the poem's imagery that are in direct opposition to one another:

The Reformation led to the abolition of monasteries, the eradication of saints, and the forbiddance of the veneration of saints, relics, and pictures. It also resulted in the decrease of the number of sacraments from seven to two and their designation as "signs" as opposed to "instruments of grace." In all of his works, Donne includes them in his celebrations of love. Deep, mutual, and passionate romantic love may be the gateway to realising one's spiritual potential and gaining a connection to the infinite. This is akin to the function of opening doors to the grace that the sacraments performed in the Roman Catholic Church. Donne's sensual reworking of the Catholic belief that body and soul, material and spiritual, are inexorably connected in the world, in devotion, and the sacrament is his portrayal of love as both sexual and spiritual. According to this perspective, the world, devotion, and the sacrament are all intimately connected by the interconnectedness of body and soul, material and spiritual. He suggests that only sensuous love (and the bedroom) is a place of calm and union, a temple, while simultaneously referencing the Protestant/Catholic controversies of his day in his poetic depiction of love.

The Petrarchan sonnet tradition, which was prevalent throughout Donne's period, is challenged by the poetry of John Donne, which is characterized by its intricately intertwined spiritual and erotic elements. It is possible to say that Donne moved the lady from the pedestal that the Petrarchan had set her on to the bed where she was waiting for him. This is one way of putting this statement. This is particularly true when discussing his "love poetry," which "celebrates the experience of love" while also "embracing human sexuality" and "celebrating the experience of love" by imbuing love with "religious meaning". Also, by drawing difficult comparisons between carnal love and heavenly love, as well as between women and religion, he produces metaphors that seem to be so outlandish that they might be misunderstood by readers if they are not examined carefully and read in their entirety. Even influential critics like Samuel Johnson and John Dryden did not give Donne's poetry the recognition it deserved after he passed away. This is the primary reason why his poetry did not get the appreciation it deserved after his passing. Donne's poetry, known for its acute wit and sometimes bawdy-sounding language, His "boldest intervention was casting sensual love as a spiritual experience that delivers fulfilment the public world, and even its religious institutions, cannot," but he "overturned traditional pieties with his humorous libertinism. “By imbuing it with a heavenly nature, he equates romantic love with religious observance. As a result, he challenges "the Christian tradition that distrusted the body and sexuality" by fusing the sensuality of love with a more spiritual understanding of it. He does not take into account the "Christian linkage of sexuality with sin," even though there are several examples that refute this view.

Donne's literary style and the architecture of his verse mark a special place for him: he makes use of certain literary tools such as personification, metaphor, and simile, to create vivid allegories that are not, at first glance, intelligible. Donne's style of writing and the architecture of his verse marks a special place for him. However, via the mental exercise that is necessary on the side of the reader, practically everything falls into its place, and excellent instances of "metaphysical conceit" are uncovered. In the realm of metaphysical poetry, he is recognised as a preeminent figure due to the humour, intelligence, and uniqueness of his poetry.

Donne's poetry appears to connect with its time period, via the ambiguities and complexity it contains since he lived at a time when there were significant shifts in the understanding of religious doctrine, which resulted in cultural and social advancements. These conditions provide a unique element to his

lyrical wit, which, taken as a whole, makes Donne and his poetry an attractive topic of study both for historians and for men of letters who desire to investigate a significant time in the history of English life.

Conclusion

Deconstructivists believe that a given text may be interpreted in several ways. Deconstruction is an approach to reading that goes beyond the surface of a work to unearth deeper meanings and realities. As a critical philosophy, deconstruction holds that language is a system of oppositions, differences, and contradictions rather than a system of signs. Deconstruction is a method used to examine the assumptions made by a text and to uncover the underlying mechanisms of language. Deconstruction is the process of turning hierarchies upside down to show how the ideology behind their creative works. In terms of the philosophical hierarchy sought by deconstructionists, the structuralist system of binary oppositions becomes clearer. When analyzing poetry, deconstructionists look for a philosophical hierarchy to determine where the poet's actual understanding of the experience represented in a poem may be found, whereas structuralists seek dichotomous oppositions to characterize the form of a poem. Analysing Donne's metaphysical conceits via the lens of deconstruction shows how a text may undermine the consistency and fixed meaning assumed by conventional critics. Donne, a poet of exceptional wit, uses metaphors to convince his beloved and himself that their bond is special and their separation would be meaningless. Donne's use of analogy suffers in his poetic works. In another context, he draws parallels between one situation and a facet of another situation with several sides and interconnected parts. Soul and Flesh, Man and Woman, are no longer diametrically opposed, but rather coexist in peace and harmony thanks to Donne's poetry. Donne's poetry was first misunderstood and disregarded, especially by the majority of his contemporaries, but it was eventually recognized and revered by modernists such as T. S. Eliot for its ability to captivate readers through centuries. In my opinion, this is the single most important piece of proof that Donne's poetry has gained widespread recognition and acclaim throughout time. Even though they broke with Elizabethan literary norms, Donne and his contemporaries nonetheless advocated for the skilled and accomplished craft of poetic form. This study reveals how deconstructive analysis of certain metaphysical conceits in some of John Donne's poems may be utilized to unearth novel, multiple, and previously unknown interpretations.

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