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Recalling Mythological Narrations from the Perspective of Resurrection and Revival in Fayez Khaddour' Poems



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Abstract

A legend is a story that narrates the life and culture of people and its origin is usually unknown. Myths denote the unconscious needs of human beings' mind and speak to man and the world around him. Man is indebted to his past and his ancestors in all periods. That is why myths have been a source of inspiration for poets and writers and are frequently repeated in contemporary literature of various peoples because of the strength of their influence on souls. Contemporary Arab poetry is intertwined with myth in a way that can be considered employing the myth as one of its artistic phenomena. Contemporary Arab poets not only use myths and the quotation of the mythical times, but also they make changes in narrations and transform them into various forms to adapt them to the current conditions of their time. Teleological thinking has been employed in Fayez Khaddour's poems differently. The motivation behind doing this research is the invocation of the legendary pair Baal and Anat - Inanna and Dumuzid- Shamash and Jadela in his poems. At first, the mythological narratives and the elements associated with them were studied and then the mythical elements were explored in Fayez Khaddour's poems. Since Fayez is a painful poet and a scholar of the tragedy of Arabs, presenting himself as the poet of death and exerting his utmost intellectual efforts in reviving the eastern civilization, he tries to recreate his poetic experience using symbols associated with death and life. The results indicate a deep connection between the poet's thought and the mythical elements of death and resurrection, but he uses them differently. He changes its narrative to show us the darkness in its effects on the social conditions in the Arab countries, including destruction and darkness. One of the poet's most important goals for this mythological use can be referred to the transformation of semantic myths and their more application with the prevailing situation of Syrian society and other Arab countries.

Keywords: Fayez Khaddour, Myth, Legendary Criticism, Death, Resurrection.

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