

## Critical Perspective on "The Enormous Radio" by John Cheever

this paper offers an opportunity to recognize John Cheever as one of the most important writers of the twentieth century. John Cheever in "The Enormous Radio" discusses the difficulties of mid-twentieth marriages for reaching prosperity. The writer introduces to the reader a typical, ordinary couple, the Westcotte, and gives us information about their lives. According to Althusser, a person's desires, choices, intentions, preferences, judgments, so forth are the products of social practices, he believes it is necessary to conceive of how society makes the individual in its own image. Within capitalist societies, the human individual is generally regarded as a subject. Besides this, it is important to remind that, writer wants to explore some secret and theme for us.

The story focuses on two major characters, Jim and Irene Westcott, an average couple that their fondness for music and harmony. When their radio breaks down, Jim buys another as a gift for his wife. Irene considered new radio ugly with gumwood cabinet. She was also said that the radio would will not suit/match/become fit with the decor that she had in her living room. Moreover, when she wanted to hear music, instead she heard hear ringing telephone conversation and the quarrels of her neighbors, on the other hand, the writer explores the theme of privacy in the story.

In Althusser's view, our values, desires, and preferences are inculcated in us by ideological practice, the sphere which has the defining property of constituting individuals as subjects. Ideological practice consists of an assortment of institution called "Ideological State Apparatuses", which includes the family, the media, the religious organization, and most importantly in a capitalist society, the education system, as well as the received ideas that they propagate. The broadcast of music to many apartments creates the impression that many married couples seem like the Westcotte in their tastes, manner, clothes but unhappy and frustrated with their lives and with each other. Even they forget about their relationship with by depending on the radio. When the radio got a little role in on their lives, they focus on significant problems that they have had. Fixing the radio has had cost four hundred dollars and Jim tells Irene that

he cannot really afford it. It highlights to the reader that not only are the Westcotts' financially strained ~~strianed~~ but they are beginning to lose control of their finances.

Although the story begins as a work of realism, ~~but~~ the plot and theme can be interpreted allegorically." The Enormous Radio" can be seen as a retelling of a biblical story of man's fall from the innocence and expulsion from the Garden of Eden, in this case, the American Garden of middle-class responsibility. In exposing Irene, the writer exposes the underside of American life that she and her husband represent. The confrontations of their middle-class life cannot protect the individual against either the evil in the world or the evil in oneself.

To Sum up, Althusser argues that many of our roles and activities are given to us by social practice. Jim starts to list Irene's secretss, the reader learnsing that she has stolen from her sister and that she had an abortion. Thus, I would argue that Jim and Irene's life contain many problems and dark secrets as their neighbours' lives.

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