

## **The Eternal Conflict of Flesh and Spirit**

**[A STUDY OF MORAL CONCERNS OF MODERN NOVEL WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO AJ CRONIN]**

### **Abstract:**

Depravity and degradation of man is conspicuous by its presence all around us. It is causing great loss to the values of life highlighted in all ethical and theological books. Very few modern novelists have tried to uplift man from this morass of depravity. Life is not merely physical pleasure; life is not merely money. Writers like A. J. Cronin have tried to awaken man from his sleep and thus emphasized an important function of literature which is not merely entertainment, but also instruction. The paper discusses the prescription of do's and don'ts in human life. The novels of A. J. Cronin reflect the conflict of the flesh and the spirit that human beings face.

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