



Egyptian Society after 2023: Sociological study

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ABSTRACTS

This research handles the novel of Ahmed Khalid Tawfik Utopia from sociological perspective using the theory of conflict of Carl Marx to prove the point of view and the principal theme which consider the economic factor as the most damaging and fatal to destroy the social unity and texture especially if this economic system is aided and patronized by the government and when the later policies serve certain minority of citizens while neglecting and forsaken the majority. The writer presents his futuristic predictions of the social, political and economical situations of Egypt in 2023 when he was in 1985. He predicts a strong religious and moral decline and corruptions of Egypt in 2023 throughout simple and interested events of Utopian It is dystopian novel that revolves around the far distance between the two social classes which leads to the declines in the economic situations. The absence of the middle class leads to remain only the extremely prosperous class and the extremely poor one. As a result this will create apparent vacuum laying the country to the edge of collapse. This study deals with the declining of the society from sociological point of view focusing on the economic element and its role in shaping and guiding this society. Sociologists always intend to consider, analyze, and/or explain objects of social reality from a sociological perspective. They target to comprehend our knowledge of the contemporary world. Conflict theory achieves this goal throughout grasping the transformation from classical communities to contemporary. Before the nineteenth Century, the social theories were extremely narrative and shaped in a story like to support the existence of ethnics and recommend the moral manners. According to this criterion and using conflict theory, this research produces the hypotheses of lacking morality and ethics is enough to demolish and destroy a whole society and the existence of these moral and ethical manners is enough to build and rebirth great and perfect nation, which appears clearly throughout the events of the novel how is the fall of ethics destroys the two classes of the society the Utopian and the marginalized communities; therefore class conflict is capable of destroying the nation socially, politically, and economically, leading to its imminent collapse, both humanly and morally. Likewise, eliminating class conflict is an imminent factor in the prosperity of nations and the spread of peace, security, and safety among the people of one nation. Key words: conflict, class, ideology, utopia, dystopian, Egyptian Science fiction, Marx, sociological, interest.

Introduction

Utopia " is Ahmed Khalid Tawfik's greatest novel of science fiction. In this novel Ahmed Khalid treats the Egyptians social conditions in his time by overheating how the society will be after 2020 as if he warns his country citizens of the dangerous future consequences if the social and political affairs still revolve in this circle. He applies science fiction components in his story to achieve his themes Utopia deals with people who were living together in certain geographical area sharing their religious beliefs, language science habits convictions, wishes and inclinations. People who are encouraging the same football teams, celebrate the same feasts and had the same outsider enemies and gradually they will departed radically as if they belong to two strange planets. The first class is the citizens of Utopia, the aristocracy class and the second area is the poor, abandoned and outcast class Ahmed Khalid Tawfik the wonderful Egyptian writer who was always felicitous in accessing the reader mood, taking him to remote and magical spheres through his exiting science fiction from on hand and horrible shocking from another. His style which is simple, vigorous and spry besides his vast and encyclopedic knowledge that made him worthy to be called the godfather. The main figures who contribute in sociology in the pre-classical period were Thomas Lagueny and the saint Augustas. They tried to form fair society. How people's moral and human inclinations are a factor that can lead them to fall to the brink of war, culturally, scientifically, socially, and politically, and how the presence of morals and lofty principles is enough to build a strong constructive unit in all

social, political, economic, and cultural aspects. According to the sociologist Herbert Spencer (1903-1820) there are many factors that affect the individual and consequently the society first of all is the family which has the principal role in bringing up the individual and preparing him then the political system which organizes the affairs of the community and disciplines the reactions and manners in addition to the religious system and its role in this aspect. Lacking all these concrete bases this will lead to a state of collapse inside the individual and the society of Utopia. This is highly reflected throughout the character of Alaa the prosperous, rich and spoiled son of very rich business man who may see his son only by accident as he has no time to sit or speak with his son or examine his growing up so how will a young man like Alaa turn to be in the future especially when he has everything in life to entertain him to the point that he gets bored and seeking for something extraordinary to fulfill his greed for pleasure and excitement; therefore he tries something which is outside human boundaries that is to chase and hunt human being from the miserable and poor areas and cutting part of his body as testimony to prove his achievement. He kills innocent person and deforms his corps only for the feeling of lustiness.

Conflict Theory

A wide range of social phenomena, such as revolutions, wars, poverty, discrimination, and domestic violence, can be explained by conflict theory. Although it credits capitalist attempts to control the masses rather than establishing a social order with the origins of concepts like democracy and human rights, it always rebels against ideas like social inequality in the distribution of resources and concentrates on the conflict that exists between classes. Since the beginning of creation, mankind has been living in a state of conflict and war. Adam's struggle with himself when he ate the apple, and the struggle of Cain and Abel are prime examples of human conflicts. As humanity developed and advanced, this conflict gradually increased and its ferocity increased too. The idea of conflict is multifaceted and encompasses a range of situations. These disputes have their roots in human nature and behaviour (Dar:1). It is said by the renowned philosopher Heraclitus that "War is the father of all things." A more accurate statement that is also, ironically, more politically correct would be, "Peace is the mother and war is the father of all things" (Hirshleifer 9). We can provide an explanation for a certain conflict's existence once we have determined the potential reasons of conflict behavior. For instance, we contend that there are six primary causes of conflict behavior: the parties may have (or think they have) different objectives; they may have each attained a high level of solidarity; they may have prepared for conflict; they may be able to mobilize their conflict resources; they may be antagonistic toward one another; and they may have access to enough materials (Martos:9). The term "conflict" comes from the Latin word "configgere," which means "to strike together." The conclusion remains the same even though other people have described it in different ways. In this way, social structure is seen as having inherent tensions as opposed to being a question of personal interpretation. In another sense, conflict arises from intrinsic incompatibilities in the system that gives rise to it (Dar:2). Conflict may be defined as: incompatibility of interests, goals, values, needs, expectations and/or social cosmologies or (ideologies) ideological conflict especially has a tendency to become malicious (Van der:3). According to Collins dictionary "Conflict is a serious disagreement and argument about something important." Conflict is the disruption caused by differing thoughts, wants, or ideas. This can be good or bad depending on the type of conflict." (Doss). Conflict continues to play a significant role in human civilization, both on a personal and global scale. Each conflict is distinct, differing from age to age and having its own actors, patterns, structures, and grievances of power. What defines the supply and demand of states according to their needs and fuels conflict between the parties is the "biological and cultural survival" or national interest of the state. Therefore, conflict is an inevitable phenomenon that arises between societies and states for a variety of reasons. Conflicts are enduring features of social interactions and human behaviour (Dar:1). "conflicts in society existed because of competition over resources." (Robinhood.com) With the development of humanity and the increase in complexity in the details of life, the distribution of wealth became different between the classes of society, which led to the creation of a large discrepancy in the amount of resources among members of society. All of this led to the necessity of thinking about developing a solution to this discrepancy and the emergence of a scientific study to develop solutions to this discrepancy and class conflict. One of the most famous supporters of conflict theory was the American sociologist C. Wright Mills who worked in the twentieth century. He was one of the strongest supporter of the social conflict theory, which held that social structures were established by the ruling class using shared institutions to dominate the lower classes. In the field of sociology, C. Wright Mills is renowned for his conflict theory and advocacy of social reform and intellectual responsibility. The Power Elite is his best-known piece of writing. Miller's conflict theory asserts that class struggle shapes society, with one class using common institutions to oppress, dominate, or take advantage of the lower classes. Among the many works he has written are White Collar: The American Middle

Classes and The Sociological Imagination. The Power Elite, his most well-known work, examines the characteristics of the power elite in modern society.(Cole).According to Mills' argument, persons in positions of power, wealth, and notoriety are by definition seen as having higher moral and psychological qualities than those who are under them (Mills: 13)."The course of events in our time depends more on a series of human decisions than on any inevitable fate... in our time the pivotal moment does arise, and at that moment, small circles do decide or fail to decide," Mills said in opposition to the idea that fate, chance, or some unseen hand determines history. They are a powerful elite in either scenario (22). Additionally, he contended that the most effective tools for logistical planning and other organisational effectiveness, as well as the most recent and concentrated power of technology, are at the disposal of the elites in positions of power (23)The first theorist and thinker in this aspect was Karl Marx, who founded the theory of conflict, a theory that was built on the fact that there is a social conflict between classes of society of varying wealth and resources. Likewise, Karl Marx was one of the first founders who contributed to developing the foundations of social conflict theory, as he saw money as a path to social chaos. Marx himself saw the rental system, for example, as an unfair and unjust system."By now, of all the social groups in society, it was classes that Marx saw as the most important of all. And what provided them with a crucial interest in common, overriding or underlying all others, he believed, was material interest (Worsely:24). People were split into two categories by private property: those who produced and those who appropriated the products of other people's labor. Marx was equally impatient with those, like Proudhon, who saw socialism as an anarchist dream based on private property and inequality and destined to be overthrown by large-scale capitalist enterprise. Proudhon saw socialism as a society of small peasants and artisans who entered into contractual relations only as they wished and with minimal need for any monarchies or government Marx saw it as unfair for the tenant to pay rent for the property for many years without benefiting from any property value, which is considered exploitation of the tenant by the property owner. Marx also saw the relationship between the worker and the factory owner as a form of exploitation of the poor by the rich. The factory owner exploits the worker to inflate his wealth in exchange for granting the workers wages that are not commensurate with their toil and fatigue. As a result of these different images, a class struggle arises in society in which the lowest seek to rise to the top, while those at the top try to trample anyone who tries to get close. Marx also saw that this social conflict is what directs the process of cultural and social development, so these were the basic ideas that formed the foundations of the theory of social conflict.Marx also saw that the history of the humanity was a witness and a record of these social conflicts of different times and places, so the emergence of Karl Marx's theory of social conflict was a reason for new management readings.Marx classified society into five classes :the first one represents the primitive Communism ,the second stands for the slavery ,the third represents the feudalism,the fourth stands for capitalism and the last one represents the communism Remember that the material circumstances of the forces of production explain how the epochs are distinguished from one another based on their class relations of production. Historical materialism holds that differentiable disunity (feudalism, slavery) replaced undifferentiated unity (Cla.purdue.edu.)The society free of class and class conflict as a result of an optimality crisis that is brought about by a sequence of successive changes in the relations of production, which are chosen at each transition point by the strength of the forces of production(Kumar:39) Conflict theory can be used to explain a wide range of conflict tumours. According to certain theorists, like as Karl Marx, socially created conflict is what propels social development and change.Different levels of conflict are experienced by cultures and social groups. Individuals, social groups, and/or social groupings themselves may clash. One helpful viewpoint for comprehending how and why these conflicts arise is conflict theory community. Unresolved disagreement within the family unit can result in divorce, division of extended families into rival groups, and a severing of family members' communication. Battles for wealth, influence, and power give rise to conflict. Conflict theory states that scarce resources result in conflicts(Fredrick). Premises of the Conflict Theory The main focus of conflict theory is on power dynamics inside and between social groups.Karl Marx's theory of conflict centres on the struggle between two fundamental classes, each of which is a collection of individuals with shared goals and varying degrees of private property that are frequently backed by the government. proletariat class includes members of the working class or the poor. With the rise of capitalism, Marx saw that the bourgeoisie, a minority among the population, would use its influence to oppress the proletariat, which is the majority class. This style of thinking is commonly associated with models of Society is built on conflict theory, and proponents of this philosophy believe in the existence of a hierarchical arrangement in which a small group of elites dictate standards and conditions to the largest proportion of society as a result of their exaggerated control over power and resources Conflict theory:. "Is a theory that society is in a state of perpetual conflict because of competition for limited resources."(Hayes) According to conflict theory, conflict inevitably

arises in social interactions and is a necessary component of family connections. On the other hand, conflict has its advantages, particularly when it leads to constructive adjustments and problem-solving. The intention is not to totally avoid conflict, but rather to keep disagreements from getting worse to the point when group members suffer irreversible harm or believe it is against their best interests to stay in the group. Unresolved disagreement within the family unit can result in divorce, division of extended families into rival groups, and a severing of family members' communication. Battles for wealth, influence, and power give rise to conflict. Conflict is caused by scarce resources, claims conflict theory.(Fredrick Conflict theory holds that dominance and power, as opposed to consent and obedience, are what uphold social order. According to conflict theory, those who are wealthy and powerful will do whatever it takes to keep those positions, mostly by oppressing the weak and impoverished. The core assumption of conflict theory is that individuals and groups within a society would work together to try and increase their own wealth and power(Hayes).These resources could be material goods like cash, food, TV, or the family car. That being said, abstract concepts like love, affection, or attention can also be considered resources. Families may fight over who gets to use these resources. According to this perspective, there is a constant shortage of resources, which means that conflict will arise as some individuals will never be able to obtain the resources they desire. In a conventional family, for instance, a husband and wife would quarrel about how to use the husband's pay (such as purchasing a fancy purse or a golf set), and kids might fight for their parents' time and attention. Generally speaking, the person or individuals with the most power are those who can control resources(Fredrick) Differences in the preferred allocation of resources are interpreted as the fundamental incompatibility between the parties when conflict issues are defined in terms of interests.The fundamental incompatibility is interpreted as fundamental differences in beliefs, ideologies, and cognitive structure when they are rejected as a conflict of values.Such discrepancies in how the parties define or assess the issues at hand have a big impact on the conflict management process.Compared to conflicts of interests or consensual conflicts, conflicts over values or dissensual conflicts are far less amenable to compromise solutions (Zartman:6). Conflict theorists adopt a variety of perspectives, highlighting the distinctions between interest groups and utilizing ideas like power, constraints, consensus, change, and control coercion.Conflict is an inevitable fact, according to conflict theory This research highlights the idea that humans are naturally antagonistic while vying for power and wealth. It is derived from philosophical viewpoints advanced by Niccolo Machiavelli, Thomas Hobbes, and Karl Marx. During the Civil Rights Movement, this argument gained traction as many questioned the historically higher authority of white people and men in society Karl Marx theory is built on two factors:

1-Putting people in groups based on how they interact with social labor.

2-Politics is ultimately structured around and entrenched in class relations (Cole).

Conflict theory according to Carl Marx's has six main components which will be the hypotheses on which this study will be based.These components are:

1. Authority relationships based on property ownership are known as classes.

2. A class is a collection of people who share interests and/or life circumstances.

3. Due to their conflicting interests, classes are inherently hostile.

The development of two opposing classes and their conflict, which eventually consumes all social relationships, are imminent in contemporary society.

4. The class struggle uses political structure and power as an instrument, and prevailing ideologies reflect this.

5. The class struggle has resulted in structural change.

6-Imminent within modern society is the growth of two antagonists and their struggle which eventually absorbs all social relationships(Rummel).

Ahmed Khalid Tawfiq

Ahmed khalid Tawfik (1962-2008)is one of the greatest and first Egyptian and Arabic writers in science fiction . He born in Tanta a city in Al -Garbia government in the north of Egypt.He comprehended his study as physician at Tanta university and graduated in 1985. He started his literary life in 1993 with in his work the series Ma waraa al Tabia or "Metaphysics"though this kind of literature was not familiar in the Arabic society but it made a great success, and deeply welcomed by the readers which urged him to complete it.In 1995 he published his series of Fantasia, in 1996 he published Safari series,in 2006 he published his series w.w.w.and many novels which achieved strong success and one of these novels is Utopia ,2008.He started writing stories when he was a child. He also translated many national works such as "A trip to the centre of the earth"by John Fern ,"The Island of Dr. Moreau"by the American writer ,G.H.wells ,"1984"by Gorge Orwell , "Alice in wonderland "for Charles Lutwidge , "Doctor Jekyll and mr.Hyde"for the Scotch writer Robert Louis and the

Jaws for the American writer Petter Benchley and so many novels His profession as a physician affected his characters as the first character for him is an old physician of blood diseases and also for example his character in " Safari " is also a physician who works in Cameron .He is famous of his political and social periodicals articles in many newspapers and magazines. He is the first writer who made the young Arabs like reading by his interesting novels , his distinctive and satirical style and his unique characters (arageek.com). Utopia is regarded as the first novel of science fiction in Arabic language by Ahmed Khalid Tawfik .He published this novel in Arabic language in 2008, then in 2020 the novel was translated to English by Chip Rossetti.It is not the first work of science fiction for Tawfik ,he wrote short stories of Fantasia and two novels before Utopia. His other previous science fiction novels are :Mawaraa at-Tabiah and Safari.

Conflict in Utopia

Utopia " is a type of dystopian fiction in which Ahmed Khalid Tawfik designs the components of science fiction when the substitute of petroleum is discovered ,and when a new narcotizes are discovered and manufactured like Phlogistone and ,Libidafro.In Utopia the materialism is totally the leader that dominates all the aspects of life abolishing any trace for sensations ,moral feelings and killing with a poison knife the human commitment and relationships among Egyptian masses The events of the novel start in 2023 ,so the author predicts by his wide imagination how the life in Egypt will be after 40 years later on .He supposed that the Egypt will be divided into two classes of population which are extremely different socially ,economically and morally. The first class is the aristocracy ,which is the prominent, protrusive and the highest in its obscene affluence.It's citizens are of high rank officials or very famous businessmen and very rich merchants who dwell segregated and economically dominated .Utopia ,their city lies near the sea beach , is isolated and separated from the rest places by immutable walls .Utopia is protected military by American mercenaries of Marines who are retired from their formal jobs.Their duty in Utopia is to shoot any creature or human being who dares to approach the borders of Utopia walls .Its civilians are protected and preserved to the point that they own private airports ,aiding them to flee to any American or European city if any threat or risk disturb them. The second class is represented by the poor ,destroyed ,sick, tired masses whom life exhausted them in their search and struggle for living and survival.They are the simple officials and workers.They suffer hunger,poverty, misery and illness, they dwell in the suburbs , poor cities and villages of Egypt in Cairo ,Shubra and other governments.

They are the afflicted class who earn very limited income .They couldn't go on living with the capitalists, many of them are working in Utopia to serve the masters.They treat them as they are nought, worthless creatures .They are always insulted and offended by the Utopian since there is no law protect them.Utopia belongs to the dystopian fiction where the evil and corruption dominate the society.The term dystopia originates within the utopian literary tradition and made its first appearance in 1747Utopia revolves around imaginary city lies at the north coast of Egypt, where the rich people insulated themselves surrounding by immune walls guarded by American Marines .The inhabitants of Utopia are supplied with everything that grants them prosperous and lavish life to the point that they have become very immoral and corrupted.In this society the middle class is no longer exist ,whereupon the Egyptian society is divided into two varied classes which is the rich and poor. The most important thing is that the social collapse is not associated with the prosperous class only ,in fact both of them behave in the same ways; in committing crimes ,murder, violence, addiction and rape.The absence of the middle class in any society qualifies it to explode at any moment therefore Egypt will be like a timed bomb, waiting for the spark which flames at the end of the novel in a form of hunger revolution against the Utopian inhabitants.(elakademiapost.com).The boredom , tedium, and lack of ethics and morals lead a Utopian adult ,Alaa to think of new thing to kill the monotony;"We've tasted all the amusements here,' I added. 'The same thing happened to Nero and Caligula. There's no longer anything like the methods the two of them had to add some excitement to life.'"(Tawfik::24).Therefore he decides to go to the poor areas outside Utopia to hunt and the hunt here is not in the well known for us which is of birds ,fish or animals ,but it is the new fashioned for Utopian young people ,that is the hunt of men, to entertain himself and to show off of his or her adventure and when they return they can easily phone their private airplanes to take them.It seems that hunting the "others "is something usual inside the society of Utopia.The marine guards bring a wrapped up BODY from inside the helicopter. The body seemed to be one of the "OTHERS". When they fully open the bag, they notice a missing LEFT ARM. It was somehow chopped off(Tawfik:12).Thinking in this wrecked way Alaa decides to go to Utopia.misleading the guards he was able to crawl at night accompanied by his girlfriend They enter a crowded street of poor people and try to cheat a girl and they are about to kill her but they are discovered by the other angry people who try to kill them but they are rescued by an an educated poor young man when calming the furious crowd by a some

aesthetics which are with the rich guys .This poor guy is Jaber who behaves in this manner to revoke the mercy and pity of the rich Utopian upon the exhausted poor people. But to his disappointment ,this favor will be rewarded by murdering him in addition to raping and killing his sister then the two sadistic guys will escape to Utopia After Alaa return to Utopia he will be astonished that one day the poor will steal the charge of byrol ,the compensate synthetic for petroleum which is the main source of the energy in Utopia ,as a result every thing of their life will be stopped , which makes Utopia isolated environment without any protection ,and the ware breaks up between the poor and rich One of the main ideas of sociology's conflict theory is the concept of "social exploitation." This is because it is, in actuality, one of the primary reasons behind the proletariat-bourgeois clash. According to Marx, social exploitation and the ensuing conflict between the rich and the poor are inherent in a capitalist society (Carter 46). Marx argues that conflict not only produces dynamic relationships within the current social structure but also transforms the entire social structure(Coser:200).The author predicts that there will be catastrophic economic changes and transformations ,therefore there will be no existence for the middle class it will be abolished and vanished after 2020.As a result for this extreme and distinct contradiction and disparity ,there will be a dangerous ,revolutionary and catastrophic slope between the two extremed classes. There will be two absolute levels as the Egyptian well known phrase says: Ya abedh ...ya..isuid, meaning :either white or black, there is no grey color in this formula ;the social rank either obscene affluence or wretched poverty with the increasing of greed and rapacity of the the capitalism. Both of these two classes are fragile and brittle ,neither the Utopian civilians nor the impecunious, starving and needy are capable of living normally and properly, each one of them has its own obsession, panic, abhorrence and abominationThe citizens of the poor areas are depicted in the novel by the word "others " to emphasize the fact that the inhabitants of Utopia consider them no more than ostracized and outcast.The citizens of Utopia hate to be equal with the poor citizens even to be called people like them ,though they are belong to one nation. It is not only a matter of social cavity but the amount of hatred and isolation between the two sides .Tawfik says that the inhabitant of these two cities consider the residents of the other city as"other " and hates them.The poor are dreaming of taking revenge on the inhabitants of Utopia ,and the inhabitants of Utopia view the poor as stupid folks who should be brutally suppressed and exploited.The poor hate the residents of Utopia so deeply that the protagonist Alaa and the girlfriend have to be strayed as beggars ,because they know that if the poor recognize that they have come from Utopia ,they will kill them at once The cultures and interests of the society play an effective role in refining the individual's personality and preparing him morally and socially. Every human being is part of the society in which he lives. He is affected by the behaviors of individuals and they interact positively or negatively with the activities of this society. A person is a victim of the challenges and conflicts that are happening around him in the society, and he cannot live in isolation from those conflicts. He is affected by these conflicts that control his personality and morals. Therefore, this conflict plays an effective role in building this person morally. "Thus an individual is a social being whose reality, according to Marx, cannot be anything other than the result of the whole social relationship(Maryok:83). A driver dances on a loud local song by "AHMED ADDAWEYA",one of the pioneers of Egyptian local songs. He swirls around using a Swiss knife, exhaling a great product of addicted energy. A car comes in the way, hits the microbus and causes damage to the front lights. Without any warning, the microbus driver brings out a stick and hits the car driver the minute he gets out. Women scream, lots of men gather around to stop the fight, yet the bus driver continued to hit the man, and break the front windshield.EXT. LOCAL CAFÉE – MIDNIGHT Most of the men jump out of their seats to stop the fight. One of them flips the table, and a MEDICINE BOTTLE, which has "MOURAD CO." written on, rolls on the ground, all the way till just beneath Alaa's shoes. Alaa kicks it away after noticing his father's name on it.(Tawfiq:25,26) The sharp economic difference between the members of Egyptian society has played a great role in strengthening the social gap between the members of Egyptian society, and this gap has grown deeper day after day until it has created a kind of innate hatred among the members of this society , which has led to a bitter conflict that has changed the structure of society upside down . According to Marx theory of conflict . "The class struggle has resulted in structural change" "There is a kind of fear which is connected with totalitarianism that lead to terrorism that fear helps to shape the personality of individuals(Bakker :10). Gaber catches his breath slowly. He notices Germinal's face once again. There is a sign of relief descending upon his expressions. His eyes are all watery from guilt. He buttons her blouse and covers her again with the sheets. He takes some Phlogiston from her small bag and leaves.(Tawfiq:41). According to Karl Marx:a class is a collection of people who share interests and/or life circumstances.Jaber is one member of the poor, oppressed, toiling, marginalized class, who is starving. They have the same difficult living conditions, the same economic situation. They work day and night to make their wives ,parents and their children

alive. They have the same low educational levels because they have neither the money nor the time to study. To participate in their struggle with poverty, hunger, injustice and marginalization. "A long line of people, each with a knife, wait for their wage after a long hard day at work. Gaber approaches Said, mid 40s man with a huge built up body, and looks like a pimp. He hands in his knife, and takes a chicken wing in a wrapped newspaper. Yet, Gaber doesn't leave. Said grabs another wing from beneath the table, where he takes some hashish from Gaber's PANTS. Said wraps the other wing in a newspaper and hands it over to Gaber, with a wink followed by. (Tawfik:9,10). As for the other side of the components of society, they are the sons of bourgeoisie. They live in a velvety environment and are characterized by comfortable living. They do not endure material experiences. They do not know the meaning of the word hunger or struggle. They do everything they want. They live their full lives. They share the same standards of living, educational, economic, and even the same low moral level. Their children live luxurious life without supervision or guidance. "Ferrari cars race each other with full speed, upon the hardest asphalt, through the wildest night. A drunken topless GIRL loses it completely, when she decides to run over one of the "OTHERS" working there as a garbage collector. She screams in joy and adds credit to her level of craziness. Nude girls and boys on motorcycles perform some scary stunt" (Tawfik:15 According to Marx) "The development of two opposing classes and their conflict, which eventually consumes all social relationships, are imminent in contemporary society" Many reasons emerged that reinforced and supported the deepening of the gap between social classes, the most important of which was the post-modernism phase, which transformed the traditional and semi-traditional system into an inhumane and technological system. Many people were born and raised on these miserable concepts and values, accompanied by a new development in the social structure and its motives, values and standards that are completely devoid of common sense. and is extremely alien to the ancient social structure. It is unjust to show disrespect and no estimation to any one of your parents. They both feel let down and repulsed, each with their own filth, brutality, and squalor. The name Utopia is a metaphor for the wealth and modern conveniences that the city possesses. Their sons don't need to work, think, or worry about anything because they are the elite; they have everything. Due to their parents' spoiling, lack of accountability, oversight, and supervision, and general boredom and frustration, they eventually succumb. Obviously all countenance and faces of postmodernism are vivid in Utopia therefore there is no doubt of the enormous and revolutionary collapse of the social ethics in general, the lost of the young moral enthusiasm and the absence of the guided, positive and useful ambitions which are without dispute the most important and principal elements and foundations of healthy and promising society. The lives of the young men and women are riotous, ridiculous, and wild all the time and the protagonist Alaa is good example whom Tawfiq introduces to represent that pampered and immoral generation. He is the son of a wealthy businessman named Murad, whose mother is Lauren. Alaa has everything, so he doesn't need anything else. He tries everything to entertain himself. "He has shaved half of his head like the Indians; on other half, he has worn a violent necklace with skills hanging from it. He has painted a bloody figure on his forehead, which has just come into faction; he has even dyed his teeth. He is a student but he doesn't believe in anything and he does not adhere to anything" (Tawfik:13,14) It becomes very clear that the social relationships are totally corrupted, regrettable, and senseless, there is no any consideration or regard for the human and social ethics and values. The people in both worlds: Utopia world and in the opponent world are inclined, and most of them are deviating, aimless, and depressed. Both sides of the two classes live and behave according to Machiavelli principal that is the end justifies the means to justify their dirt and brutality since there is no strong and serious law that restrains and curbs the elite class nor there is any certain law that protects, guarantees the poor supports or secures them; therefore the whole social combination is tattered and fragile. Alaa, for example is young man from Utopia, he is only sixteen years old, in his appearance he seems like the rest of the prosperous city, but in his notions and intends he is like the Poor, he is drinker addicted and practice sex with any girl he likes, and the worst of all is his relationship and treatment with his parents, he doesn't respect them at all and he used to call them by their personal names: Murad and Lauren. Alaa is one of the Utopian who lost their identities, they are no more differentiate whether someone is American, Israeli or Egyptian. It is noted that each generation has become immersed in its narrow world and hardly understands anything about the world of the other generation. In fact, they did not even want to understand their children, just as children do not understand their fathers. After that, the current trend contributed to a remarkable increase in the rate of social development, which gradually increased in periods. Many disputes and conflicts arose between these multiple generations. The old generation clings to all the old things, ideas, and behaviors, because it was familiar with them and lived through them, its fathers and grandfathers, so it cannot abandon them despite the fact that they may have lost their validity and their connection

to reality. Therefore, we find them resisting for the sake of their survival with the power they possess, and perhaps the children of the new generation may emerge from them with the fluidity and dissolution of the of religion and morals. It seems clear that social relations and human feelings seem almost non-existent between members of different classes and between members of the same class. In fact, there is no trace of human relations and feelings even between relatives and friends, and even members of the same family. Affection is almost absent between the mother and the father, like a husband and wife, between the father and his children, and between the mother and her children. Between children and their families, even friendship is just a gateway to spending leisure time and enjoying where there is no love, no tolerance, no loyalty, no sincerity. In Utopia, you do not need to experience the loss of human nature and humanity.....“Alaa is obsessive in reading not for the sake for knowledge and consciousness abut only to escape to unconsciousness.Of course ,reading books is a kind of narcotic for him”.(Tawfik:15) You can easily confirm that Alaa has never loved his parents, cause a person like him with all his dirt and sins ,it will be impossible for him to love anyone even his mum.He transgresses the normalcy and over goes the minimal level of humanity.He doesn't left any remains for feelings and emotions, he is just like an animal in his dissipated and scarlet mania for new adventures and entertainment The emotional relationships between the parents and their sons are about to be totally nonexistent, they are vey loose ,actually Allaa is an example of the whole social status in his treatment with his parents.Most of the children and sons don't use the word ,dad or ,mum.They remove the respects and estimations between them, they call their parents using their private names.The sons in Utopia own ever thing ,so they didn't have to work or disturb ,they live in expensive manners , prosperous and unconditional pleasure ,so they are fed up and bored .They are the sons of capitalists who live like kings, they care only to increase their wealth in obscene way.They don't have time to sit or speak with their children or take care of their bringing up .The mothers spoiled their sons and approach the maximum point of failure in directing them .Alaa , the protagonist for example doesn't hesitate to say that he is beat his dad the day he had scolded him, regretting his existence in this world by his father.(Nazemian:257).The relationship between Alaa and his mother Larine is very dull and boring “Larine gets a little angry at hisbehavior, forcing him to pick up the joint from where he threw it, put it out and toss it in the garbage. After this small dramatic role of Larine, Alaa sits a bit further from her. They both watch T.V... Their lives seem to be very dull, boring, empty and miserable. Alaa looks at her with sympathy. She is no longer adventurous, or that's what she thinks at least”.(Tawfiq:17). Carl Marx argues that “. Due to their conflicting interests, classes are inherently hostile.The development of two opposing classes and their conflict, which eventually consumes all social relationships, are imminent in contemporary society. According to Marx” Political organization and Power is an instrumentality of class struggle, and reigning ideas are its reflection” The most important thing that distinguishes human society from others is the permanent and continuous change that occurs in it, within a single family, whether related to its behavioral references that change from one generation to another and from one period to another, or to its urban reality that includes various systems and relationships of social life, and this change creates an intrapersonal conflict inside the individual and within the family members, then this conflict is transmitted to society and rages between the different social classes as a result of the interaction that occurs between members of the same society.In this context, power can be understood as the capacity to influence one's own situation, future results in life, and/or the circumstances or results in life of others According to conflict theory, structural inequality is another possibility for a common source of conflict. A difference in power based on one's assigned social role or status is known as structural inequality The husband or father is assigned the highest level of authority and control in a traditional family, including final say over resources (like money). The wife/mother is positioned second in the family hierarchy. The disparity may give rise to disputes between genders.Marx defines power as coercion; he does not provide a precise definition. Marx believes that a certain group in society should hold power at the expense of the other members of the society. He contends that the economic system and those who control the means of production that is, the dominant group are the sources of power in society and that group exploits those under its control in order to further its own interests.Marx contends that while it is sometimes necessary for dominant classes to use overt force in order to maintain their dominance, the lack of such overt coercion should not be interpreted as a sign that exploitation, oppression, or the need for any kind of force is absent. The dearth of overt oppression does not negate the existence of dominance. Only because the ideologies they have been indoctrinated into are so powerful, the dominated are oblivious to their situation. According to Mills, a "triangle of power" is formed by the "ever-increasing interlocking of economic, military, and political structures." The decision makers' tools of power have greatly expanded in each of these institutional domains; their core executive authorities have been

strengthened. The effects of each of these domains' activities get bigger as they get larger and more centralized, and their traffic with each other gets more ALAA to Safya Your poverty isn't our fault...Don't you understand yet that you're paying the price for your foolishness, your stupidity and your submissiveness? (She wails and weeps) ile our fathers were taking advantage of opportunities, your fathers were queuing to get their salaries from government agencies...Then there were no more government agencies...There were no more salaries. (She sobs and groans) ALAAYou didn't catch on to the game early on, so you fell from high up into a bottomless pit...How is that our fault?(Tawfiq:45,46).As Bernie Sanderssay says "A nation will not survive morally or economically when so few have so much and so many have so title. " and this is the case in Utopia world as there is no quality in distribution of the national income of Egypt,“Utopia describes a dystopian wrought by ever -increasing income inequality”(Campbell::541). One of the most important views of the conflict theory according to Carl Marx is that "-Structural change is a consequence of the class struggle"this context, power can be thought of as the ability to control one's own circumstance or future life outcomes and/or the circumstances or life outcomes of others. Conflict Theory also asserts that structural inequality may be a common source of conflict. Structural inequality may be defined as a difference in power dependent upon the social role or status one is assigned. In the traditional family structure the husband/father is prescribed the highest degree of power and control, such as ultimate authority over resources (e.g., finances). Second in the familial hierarchy is the wife/mother. This inequality can lead to conflict between men and women. Lastly, the children are afforded a degree of power and control, and older children are often given additional power. This can lead to conflict because people have differing abilities to secure their desired resource.Ahmed Khalid Tawfik tries in his novel Utopia to predict the economic situation in Egypt after 2020 ,he doesn't introduce his predictions arbitrarily ,and he doesn't want just to be pessimistic about the future of Egypt .Though the cities ,the actions are imaginary but Tawfik is successful in his analyses and predictions as he depends on realistic facts and computational studies."There were frightening indicators, everyone should have seen it coming” (Tawfik::128). Egypt suffers severe economic problems and dilemmas.The people are suffering to earn their living in the poor areas which represent the larger areas in Egypt.They live in a very bad conditions .(Poverty, unemployment and social inequalities were certainly among the principal causes of the population's exasperation)(journals.openedition.org)The economy couldn't bear this additional burden, and the state washed its hands of all responsibility. It stopped all forms of social assistance, privatized everything. There was no more government to take care of us. One day it simply stopped paying salaries and running its services. The police disappeared. In the meantime, the people belonging to your parents' class continued getting richer' (Tawfik:99) There are millions of people who are starving.They suffer deficiency and excommunication.Their regions are neglected by the government, and of course such inattention will lead to a state of many issues such as economic troubles ,violence, chaos., prostitution, felonies ,murder, thefts and many many kinds of disorders and wrongdoings. Tawfik is originative in his depictions the situation of the people in Shubra and other poor regiones ,for example when he describes how Jaber and his fellow citizens hunt dogs and cats for eating to get their protein, when they add spices to their food in order to hide the terrible taste of the rotten chicken, septic eggs or acidic broad bean, and when they depend on themselves to get their water by digging wells or getting electricity by using generators. He resumes his details about the terrible economic and living reality of the poor areas by the second narrator "Jaber" when he says : “..disappeared because the state wiped its bands completely of the responsibility for them ,and privatized everything "(Tawfik::97,98)“The indentation of Gaber is very sensible,he describes the decline in the Egyptian economy of the committing from foreign workers”.(campbell::543)“According to the international Organization for Migration,in 2010 about two million Egyptians (out of 85 million total)lived in other oil -producing Arab countries, and they sent home approximately 4% of Egypt's GNP in remittances”(Ibid) All these miseries ,troubles and catastrophic reality will have their effects and reflections on the social texture of Egyptian people ,and especially on women.To This entrance is carefully controlled by American mercenaries.Even female workers are not immune from the harassment of the youths of Utopia ,who regard the humiliation of the poor as their absolute right.(Tawfik:42) And here we are now in the year 2024, and all the evidence and indicators bear witness that the predictions of the writer Ahmed Khaled Tawfiq were not pure imagination, but rather expectations from an expert and a sociologist, and not just writer.It begins to strip its imaginary portrayal and become relatively real and more logic and for the follower of the recent political and economic news , surely one can comprehend and notice how Ahmed Khalid Tawfik was adequate and realistic in his predictions for Egypt future.

Conclusion

Utopia is a novel in which Ahmed Khalid Tawfik centralizes on the misconceptions and defects of the economic aspect in Egypt portraying a dystopian society rather than Utopian one in a frame of science fiction literature. Ironically naming the novel Utopia to rivet the awareness to the hidden tautness .He diagnoses the substantial issues and problems that lead to the social declines and the most important one is the segregation between the citizens of Utopia city and the other poor governments with the dereliction and ostracized policy of the government to those demolished inhabitants which consequently will create a state of fierceness and deep aversion that at the end lead to the big explosion of hunger revolution. Ahmed Khalid Tawfik in this novel sends a message of warning of a dark future .It is features start to appear after the Arabic nations failed to contains the economic fails adopting policies that serve the new labourist system that works on the basis of liberation , the markets free exchange ,allocation and austerity 2023 is about to end, and we are on the verge of 2024. Before us is a series of important events that occurred on the social, political, and economic scene in Egypt. The events of the novel are clear before our eyes. It is as if we see its characters in different models of the people, as the expectations and predictions of the Egyptian writer Ahmed Khaled Tawfiq, which he predicted in the year 2008, rise to become bitter facts and truths that disturb the members of poor, limited and middle-income families in Egyptian society. According to the challenges and the latest clear military, political and other events in the world that may become visible That Egyptian society is moving toward a humanitarian catastrophe, and that a revolution of hunger and poverty is on the verge of looming if the government does not take wise and deliberate measures in order to lift the poor class to a decent life.

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