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A famous scientist had a moral "Before God, we are all equally wise, and equally foolish". - Albert Einstein. We are one brother and sister whether you believe in a god or not whatever religion you come from we are all "human". In the book, To Kill a Mockingbird, written by Harper Lee, a family fights against a racial town for the life of a black man Tom Robinson, they learn empathy, compassion, and injustice. Their perspective of the Finch family against the law put down by white to go against the people of color.

Atticus said ("In the name of God, do your duty.") in a court where black and white listened in deafening silence looking over the jury. Atticus truly did put every effort to give the judge and jury all the evidence to not point to Tom Robinson, with full heart he tried protecting the one black person no one believed but his "own kind" as Maycomb said. As Atticus was fighting for the life of Tom he made one last attempt to the jury saying "in the name of God" an attempt to persuade the jury knowing that all of them are supposed to be Christians. "Being one himself he put the name of God on their judgment to make a decision. The inequality the law showed at the time was inhuman., based on truth this proves the good heart he gave to Tom Robinson. Atticus

treated him like he would treat anyone being white. The last trial in the book is a really moving part of the book where the feeling of not only Atticus but also Scout, Jem, and the black folks looking over from the porch down at Tom's last plea for help . Atticus didn't speak for himself but rather spoke for every person in that courtroom on Tom Robinson's side hoping he wins his innocence and life.

Mis Maddie said "We're so rarely called on to be Christians, but when we are, we've got men like Atticus to go for us." She admits that maycomb town identifies themselves as good "Christian" but don't act like it while on the other hand they use atticus to represent what a good Christian is and what a good person is when it comes to any racial or physical thing. A hypocritical thing for them to say as they profess the word of god each day in church "quality amongst men and women brother and sister". While they claim there good "christian for the lord" if they were actually, they would have not been bigotry towards the judgment of tom robinson. Mis maddie remarks "so rarely" emphasizes how the town of maycomb truly behaves in counter to their beliefs, which in this case would against Tom Robinson .You can only imagine how they would put more faith in a white person despite all the evidence against her as opposed to a black person regardless of all the evidence proving innocence to him .Many people have religious background so they use it to identify themselves but rarely do they follow their own believes.

"Atticus had used every tool available to free, to save Tom Robinson, but in the secret courts of men's hearts Atticus had no case. Tom was a dead man the minute Mayella Ewell opened her mouth and screamed."(Harper lee page 245) Scout was confused during the trial,

though everything was going according to the law. She can see other people's reaction to the situation was different, it's when she recognized that something was wrong not with the law but how other people manipulate the law. Scout knew all the evidence was right to free Tom Robinson that he in fact was innocent. What the children didn't understand and what Atticus had to understand was that people will hate against a color even though they live with the same heart and pray to the same god just trying to survive in a small town but will cast them out because they are just different. They can defend him for a while just to give him a few more days of life. But Maycomb didn't care about any black person that lived on the other side of Maycomb." Tom was a dead man the minute Mayella Ewell opened her mouth and screamed" reveals the acceptance Scout had for the death of Tom Robinson she knew there wasn't helping him as much as they tried protecting. Scout and Jem wanted Tom Robinson to be proven innocent but the Jury already had him guilty way before they had brought the evidence in. With all the bad mouthing the white people do in the book and how they spit in their face or shoes it's pretty clear how they have close to nothing of respect towards them. You can clearly see the hate for them, even if one of their own is defending a black person.

As Scout narrated in the story she stated "To Maycomb, Tom's death was typical." Now older Scout she knew or realized that Maycomb deaths for black people are on a regular basis and to them it's no different from any other day. Maycomb went on with their lives as if it was just a tale from long ago, not a second thought except for the Finch family, Scout and Jem wouldn't forget Tom Robinson was innocent from start to his end. The word "typical" an everyday thing normal and expected for a given person or thing or in a given situation. As expected the

jury and the white folk including the black folks knew what the outcome would be and had to learn to accept that in this time during the book black would just be treated as pest and not as human being with a soul and heart. His death only affected bad no good and remembrance of his life but his death and unjust scene this world has for others. All what Mr. Finch was doing was delaying his death even so Tom knew what he was going to face which was death and was not prepared to be proven innocent and everyone knew it but what he was not ready was the denial of every jury and the judge against him because he was not born or given life as another person. He was sent to death and shot 17 times for the bad judgment of the "Christian people" of Maycomb and so because of this the life of Tom Robinson was taken because the perspective of others was flawed and filled with ideals that were set to go against him, only a few whose mentality was on the right to see everyone as an equal, a husband, a worker, a helper, and human being. To this day people in the real world still struggle because they don't have the same qualities as another and it doesn't just apply to black people but it happens to every race and color there is culture that doesn't despise or has different beliefs they don't agree to. Every race has their bad guys and their good.

This book leaves scouts reflecting on the racial injustice, moral growth, and the importance of empathy and understanding in a society marked by prejudice and discrimination. The injustice in the society of Maycomb and the killing of the innocents representing the Mockingbirds.