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“We read to know that we are not alone”

Lewis, a noted British Theologian says, “We read to know that we are not alone”. This divine quote is something that acts as a bridge of hope for the lost people and a shoulder for the people who are depressed under the pressure of circumstances of life. This line was repeated twice in movie “Shadow lands” (McGrath et al.,) Lewis himself was transformed by the sufferings that he faced during his life, in the form of premature death of his wife. This line later published in the article, “The Mariners Always Faithful to Their History" again asserted the underlying stance of the significance of the quote. It is more like a myriad of hope, courage, and strength (Como & James). I agree with the underlying meaning in fact even the apparent meaning of the quotation as well because the one who has not read something has not been brought to the world of "others". This introduction to others is hope because everyone is more blessed than someone else in the world and it gives strength. Another dimension that I found in the quote is that when we read we are sublimed to another level or path in the world because we are away from the suffering of the world and then the stories of the brave men and courageous women are such a strong hope. I find this quotation as a connotation to the world’s experience of the world because when we read on, we see that there are many characters like us and we are not alone in this world. Here, I’m reminded of the Shakespeare definition of life which clearly defines the status of man and his role in this world in the form of stage and players. Reading the stories of other people and analyzing our life with either the tragedies or patience of others is a source of t belief that we are going to overcome whatever we are facing. Sometimes many of the characters push us to think about the positive side of life and here we get a thread to the connotation life. So, Lewis’s quote is more like a realistic version of hope and life.

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