

# MATRIX Book Review

## **“ANIMAL FARM”** By “George Orwell”

Supremacy can drive anyone crazy and this is the theme of George Orwell’s short novel, which eloquently and vividly describes the reason of failure of “communism”. Orwell himself exclaims” it is the history of a revolution that went wrong”.

“Animal farm” is an ironic story where in the beginning the animal’s patience was tested till the breaking point. Afterwards they rebel and drive out Mr. Jones, their master. At that juncture, they have dreamt to have a state of their own based on the foundation of equality and respect. But with time, the whole system breaks down due to the tyranny of pigs.

Revolution has good start with “seven commandments” and a motto of “generating self esteem among fellow animals”. Whether feeble or strong, plain or intellectual, it is ensured that all got equal opportunities in terms of living with contentment and enjoying life.

But under the leadership of domineering pig, Napoleon, pigs go on height of craziness. They go on delivering absurd commands, killing fellow animal beings. The shrewd Napoleon has also chased out Snowball who works for the goodwill of animals. The pigs make others believe that Snowball is responsible for all evil happenings. Squealer, a brilliant orator who can anytime swing the argument to his side, manages to alter all the seven commandments. The story teaches us how the pigs, once a four leg comrades turn into dictators. The story has parallels with history of Soviet reign. We can identify Napoleon as Stalin, Snowball as Trotsky, and Boxer as simple Soviet people with “I will work hard “as answers to all questions.

The downfall of communism was due to the concentration of power in selected hands which hampered the dissemination of resources among the masses. The whole story is aptly concluded by the last line “The creatures outside looked from pig to man, and from man to pig, and from pig to man again, but already it was impossible to say which was which”.

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