

## **LECTURE 12**

### **Human struggles against the forces of the world**

The most obvious interpretation of the story is, of course to say that it represent the human struggle against the unconquerable forces of this world , a struggle in which man can only lose , but lose in such a way that his loss has dignity and can be viewed in itself as a victory , from this point of view the novel becomes an epic metaphor a contrast between man and all those forces which stand in the way of the attainment of his god. For an individual to be the victim in this struggle is no disgrace. If he fights well according to his abilities and powers, to lose eventually is inevitable courage and unconquerable spirit , Santiago is determined to show that a man is and what he can endure , and he really rises to the occasion . the message of the novel can be summed up in the following remarks of Santiago " A man can be destroyed but not defeated " the novel tells us the story of a moral triumph , Santiago's not the only a manifestation of personal dignity , courage and heroism , but has rightly been called " a ritual of transfiguration" that is , Santiago's faith, determination and hope rest upon his belief in man's infinite capacity to endure suffering.

