



COMMON FEATURES OF HUMAN AND NATURE IMAGES IN THE TRANSLATION OF JAMES JOYCE'S WORKS.

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Article history:	Abstract:
Received: 7 th September 2025 Accepted: 6 th October 2025	This article explores the common features of human and nature imagery in the translation of James Joyce's works, emphasizing their symbolic, psychological, and artistic interrelation. Joyce's literary style, marked by psychological depth and stream-of-consciousness technique, intertwines human emotions with natural elements to express universal human experiences. The study examines how these symbolic and aesthetic layers are interpreted in translation, particularly in the Uzbek context. Through analysis of key works such as <i>Ulysses</i> , <i>Dubliners</i> , and <i>A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man</i> , the article highlights the challenges translators face in preserving Joyce's complex symbolism, linguistic experimentation, and cultural context. Special attention is given to Ibrohim G'ofurov's contributions, whose translations introduced Joyce's modernist style to Uzbek readers while maintaining fidelity to the original's poetic and philosophical essence. The research concludes that the interconnection between human and nature imagery in Joyce's works serves as a central artistic concept, and its accurate transmission in translation enriches both Uzbek literary criticism and the broader field of translation studies.

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In twentieth-century modern literature, James Joyce is recognized as a writer who depicted human psychology and the details of daily life through a unique artistic style. In his works, the images of nature and human beings are inseparable, often intertwined within symbolic layers. Joyce elevates ordinary human life to a universal level and expands the spiritual world of his characters through depictions of nature. Accurately interpreting these shared characteristics during translation plays an essential role in understanding the artistic essence of his works.

In Joyce's art, the depiction of the human image is characterized by psychological depth and social symbolism.

Psychological Depth

In *Ulysses*, through Leopold Bloom's daily life, the smallest details of the human psyche and inner experiences are depicted artistically. For example, Bloom's simple act of walking down the street becomes a complex psychological process through his inner monologues. In translation, preserving these nuances requires conveying emotions in a natural and direct tone.

Simplicity and Universality

In *Dubliners*, Joyce writes about the fate of ordinary people. For instance, in the story *Eveline*, the internal

struggle of a simple girl torn between family and love is portrayed. For the translator, presenting this image simply yet meaningfully is key to conveying the spirit of Joyce's work.

The Conflict Between the Individual and Society

In *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*, the protagonist, Stephen Dedalus, seeks creative freedom against the religious and social norms of his community. Through this image, Joyce illuminates the eternal conflict between the individual and society.

If we consider the general features of nature imagery in Joyce's works, we see that natural landscapes serve as vital tools for expressing human emotion.

Nature as a Means of Creating Atmosphere

In *Araby*, dark streets and dim light become symbols of the boy's broken dreams and inner despair. To preserve this symbolic layer, the translator must convey the imagery not word-for-word but in contextual meaning.

The City as a Symbolic Environment

In Joyce's works, Dublin's streets, yards, and rivers function as symbols of social life. In *Dubliners*, cityscapes represent stagnation and spiritual distress within society.

Harmony Between Nature and Emotion

In *Ulysses*, throughout a single day's journey around Dublin, the weather, wind, and sunlight align with the



characters' moods. In translation, this harmony should be conveyed with a natural tone and symbolic resonance.

Joyce's interconnection of human and nature imagery can also be seen in the following ways:

External Reflection of Inner Emotions: In *Eveline*, the wind and sea express the girl's fear and uncertainty.

Symbol of Social Decline: Dusty streets and empty squares in Dublin reflect the moral impoverishment of society.

Symbolic Harmony: The merging of human life and natural scenery creates multi-layered meanings.

It is well known that translation always brings challenges. In translating Joyce's representations of human and nature images, several major difficulties arise:

Preserving Symbolism: For Joyce, nature imagery holds deep symbolic meaning. The translator must interpret it contextually, not literally.

Cultural Differences: Natural symbols used in English may evoke different feelings in Uzbek; the translator overcomes this through cultural adaptation.

Conveying Artistic Style: Joyce's flowing style, long sentences, and complex poetic rhythm must retain their aesthetic effect in translation.

The Early Translations of Joyce's Works

Since the second half of the twentieth century, Joyce's works have been translated into French, German, Italian, Spanish, Japanese, Russian, and many other languages. Among them, *Ulysses* has received special attention. Its first French translation appeared in 1929, followed by Italian and German versions in the 1930s–40s.

Finnegans Wake, due to its experimental language, has served as a test for many translators. Japanese, Russian, and French translations have sparked comparative studies because of the original's complexity.

In Russia, Joyce's translations had a significant literary impact. From the 1960s–70s, Russian readers became familiar with his works. The complete Russian translation of *Ulysses* was published in 1989, influencing post-Soviet literary development. German, French, and Italian translations strengthened Joyce's role in European modernism, as each culture adapted his style to its own context.

Joyce's Reception in Uzbek Literature

For Uzbek readers, Joyce became known relatively late — from the 1980s–90s. Initially, *Dubliners* stories and selected excerpts were translated. These translations played an important role in introducing modern literature to Uzbekistan.

Ibrohim G'ofurov's translations were especially notable. He translated excerpts from Joyce's works into Uzbek, familiarizing the literary community with modernist

writing. G'ofurov aimed to convey Joyce's linguistic complexity and symbolic depth as closely as possible to the original. For example, passages from *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* were published in Uzbek, where Stephen Dedalus's inner monologue was adapted through Uzbek syntactic expression.

Problems and Opportunities in Uzbek Translation
Translating Joyce into Uzbek presents several challenges:

Linguistic Experimentation: Joyce invents new words (especially in *Finnegans Wake*), which are hard to adapt to Uzbek.

Stream of Consciousness: Rendering continuous inner monologues in Uzbek grammar and rhythm requires creativity.

Symbolic Layer: Joyce often employs religious, mythological, and historical symbols that require cultural adaptation for Uzbek readers.

Translation strategies include:

Literal Translation – rarely effective due to Joyce's linguistic play.

Adapted Translation – modifying cultural and mythological symbols to resonate with Uzbek readers.

Creative Translation – using the musicality of the Uzbek language to express stream of consciousness and emotional depth.

For instance, the imagery of darkness and light in *Araby* can be expressed through national-aesthetic terms such as *zulmat* (gloom) and *nur* (light), deepening the symbolic meaning for Uzbek readers.

Translating Joyce's works into world languages is a significant literary event. Each language interprets his complex style according to its cultural and aesthetic standards. Uzbek translations serve as an initial step in bringing Joyce closer to the national readership.

Joyce's translations are valuable not only for Uzbek literary studies but also for enriching literary and aesthetic thinking. The full and extensive translation of his works into Uzbek remains an important direction for future research.

In Joyce's works, the interconnection of human and nature imagery defines the artistic and symbolic layers of modernist literature. Human emotions deepen through depictions of nature, while nature itself becomes a symbol of social life and environment. Preserving these shared features in translation is crucial for fully understanding Joyce's works and conveying them to Uzbek readers.

James Joyce's creative legacy occupies a special place in twentieth-century modern literature. His treatment of the relationship between humans and nature functions as both a philosophical and artistic layer, serving as a key means to reveal characters' inner emotions, worldviews, and relationships with society. Joyce does not treat nature as a mere background but as a symbolic



and aesthetic element expressing the complexities of human consciousness.

Thus, in his works, the harmony, conflict, and sometimes alienation between humans and nature form one of the core layers of artistic conception.

The use of natural imagery in Joyce's writing is closely connected with the inner monologue of his characters. By harmonizing nature with human psychology, Joyce deepens the psychological analysis typical of modernist literature. For example, urban landscapes, the sea, or weather phenomena often parallel the emotional states of characters. This reveals the complex artistic nature of Joyce's writing, combining realism, romanticism, and modernism.

Ibrohim G'ofurov's translations of Joyce's works into Uzbek help to deepen the understanding of this process. He strives to preserve the stylistic, symbolic, and aesthetic complexity of Joyce's texts. From this perspective, the representation of human and nature imagery in translation offers rich ground for scholarly interest. G'ofurov successfully interprets Joyce's nature imagery in a way that feels close to Uzbek readers while remaining faithful to the original. The resonance of nature with human emotion retains its poetic power in translation.

The findings of this study demonstrate that analyzing the human–nature relationship in Joyce's works is significant not only for literary studies but also for translation theory. Based on G'ofurov's translations, the following conclusions can be drawn:

The relationship between humans and nature occupies a central place in Joyce's artistic concept, with nature serving as an aesthetic and symbolic tool for exploring human psychology.

Natural imagery is closely linked with the characters' emotional states. In Joyce's works, psychological analysis and inner monologue are harmoniously combined with depictions of nature.

Ibrohim G'ofurov's translations play a crucial role in conveying this complex layer to Uzbek readers. The translator preserves Joyce's unique style while expressing the harmony and symbolism between human and nature imagery.

These analyses enrich the theoretical foundations of modernist literature studies in Uzbek translation scholarship. Furthermore, the interpretation of Joyce's works in Uzbek allows for a broader exploration of the human–nature relationship in national literary criticism.

In conclusion, the depiction of human and nature relations in Joyce's works emerges as an important topic for aesthetic, philosophical, and symbolic analysis within Uzbek literary scholarship. Ibrohim G'ofurov's translations serve as valuable scientific sources in this process. The results of this research contribute to a deeper understanding of Joyce's place in modern

literature, the artistic interpretation of human and nature imagery, and the development of new approaches within Uzbek translation studies.

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