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The Renaissance

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The period of the history in Italy, between 14th to 17th centuries, named “The Renaissance”. The Renaissance was well-known as prosperity of art, literature, philosophy and many more.¹ It could not be happened if in renaissance there was no figuring out the understanding of nature and real human capabilities. By the idea of reason, Pico della Mirandola, a philosopher, had done significant role of mankind contributing his notice and record his work in writing in period of disease plague cover magnificent death of European.²

Pico della Mirandola, born in 24 February 1463, an intelligent child studied in school as normal other kids. But once his mother passed away, he turned his interest in studying philosophy in the University of Ferrara. Later on, he focused on a major of Aristotelianism which he moved to study at the University of Padua. At that time he started to write his thesis one by one. His character always be a person who stay with topic and create every possible of reasons in many points of view. He was a man with believe to spread his own works by announcing in public in Rome. One of his works named “The Oration on the Dignity of man”. Unlike others, Pico did not

¹ Wikipedia contributors. “Renaissance.” *Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia*. 7 Feb. 2012. <<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Renaissance>>

² New World Encyclopedia contributors. “Pico della Mirandola.” *New World Encyclopedia*. 12 Feb. 2012. <http://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Giovanni_Pico_della_Mirandola>

die by his ages, in 1494, he was poisoned and died.³ Even though his body was gone but what he has left to all humanity is his thought and works.

His thought and believe change the way of many human minds afterward. Pico thought against Augustine's that Augustine's said everything of creation will never understand God because there is no such a thing similar to God in the world but Pico see this topic in other angle that everything in the universe, everything in the world, including sound, light, water are imaged of God, especially every man speech and thought are similar to God. The main idea is that men have capacities of learning and imagining. Men can be in any position by change themselves because God is in human soul. If men want to be low as slave, men could be so. If men want to be intelligent like god, men could be so in one way.^{4 5} His works all focus on human capacities and human perspective.

One circumstance that occurred in the Renaissance is that the destruction of disease killing life of human by approximately 50 percent of European.⁶ The Black Death, In Florence, described that there was protection by not letting people who has disease pass in the city. The plague can be known as black spot on any part of body, arm, legs and so forth. Sometimes there was blood from nose. In that period, there was not proper remedies which be known that people who has infected will

³ Wikipedia contributors. "Pico della Mirandola, Education." *Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia*. 12 Feb. 2012. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Giovanni_Pico_della_Mirandola>

⁴ Dr. Liana Cheney. "Humanism and philosophical." *Italian Renaissance Art*. 11 Feb. 2012. <http://faculty.uml.edu/CulturalStudies/Italian_Renaissance/8_9.htm>

⁵ Wikipedia contributors. "Pico della Mirandola, Writing." *Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia*. 12 Feb. 2012. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Giovanni_Pico_della_Mirandola>

⁶ Wikipedia contributors. "Black Death." *Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia*. 11 Feb. 2012. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_Death>

die within 3 day. Because the disease can be easily passed from one to other by just only contact even clothes,⁷ every class of people had been killed even king lead people to curious from suffering the depressed time where God is.^{8 9}

The Renaissance period has so many stories occurred in that time. One of the most beautiful stories of humanism is from Pico della Mirandola who contributes one reasonable the view of human being that God is in our soul you can be any positions because you are already have capacities to do so. And one of the most tragedy stories of human race, The Black Death, which take many one's love, gives message and contributes to all human to concern more each other. Life is worth if you make it worth. Some point, some situation, you don't know what will happen to someone you love or even to your family. Both beautiful and tragedy stories from history have contributed to mankind in the way of thinking. More or less, those will be learnt by generations which never end.

⁷ Thomas G. Barnes/Gerald D.Feldman. *Renaissance, Reformation, and Absolutism 1400 – 1660*. 1972. P.29-33.

⁸ Dowling, Mike, "Italian Social Classes in the Renaissance." *Browse of the world MrDowling.com*. 13 Feb. 2012. <<http://www.mrdowling.com/704-social.html>>

⁹ horrornymphs. "Black Death (2011) - Official Trailer [HD]." *YouTube*, 12 Feb. 2012. <<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sj3Jw1DLGpA>>