

**INSPIRATION FOR SELF-EMPOWERMENT IN THE GLOBAL AGE- PAUL  
COELHO'S *LIKE THE FLOWING RIVER* (2011)**

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**ABSTRACT**

*In a highly globalized and digitalized world, the pace of technology seems to be faster than the pace of human emotions. Technology has come to stay and further expand and we have to move on and be a part of the 'race'. But thanks to writers who inspire us through their works, we can be in the race with some grace. Motivation has always been a part of every person who wants to perform well. At the same time, a regular infusion of the same has also been necessary to sustain the levels of invaluable qualities. Even our attempts to seek the very best from ourselves need that external source to kindle that spark of inspiration to reinforce our beliefs in our abilities. Helping ourselves to ignite our creative energies goes a long way in the individual and social life of a human being.*

*Literature that inspires has an enigmatic pattern that comes alive to the reader. Inspiration through literature makes us revisit life more meaningfully and sometimes philosophically. The literary creativity of the writer strikes us and influences us in more than one ways. Paul Coelho's *Like a Flowing River* (2011) is a book about life that touches various themes. In this paper I would like to examine how the metaphorical value aims at empowerment of the self.*

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