

CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Research

Moral is very important for human beings to run their lives in society. Moral is an absolute thing that must be possessed by people. The harmony will occur in society as well as the human beings begin their lives with the good moral. The harmony will be destroyed in society when the moral is not applied by the human beings in society. According to (*Oxford Dictionary*, 2004) moral is concerned with goodness or badness of characters of disposition, or with the distinction between right and wrong. In other words, moral is related to the good characters and immoral is related to the bad characters.

In human life, there is always the problem of morality from time to time, as the ways of life, in every time and place emerging leaders who uphold moral values. An assessment of the moral measures of the local culture. Every culture has a moral standard according to the system of prevailing value. Moral is an acts, behaviors, and greetings. When a man performs an action related to the values in the society and the action is received by the society, it is considered that the man performs good moral.

Since the Indonesian independence on 17th August 1945, Pancasila is the foundation and ideology of Indonesia. Pancasila underlies all aspects of national life. This is evident in the history, since 1945 Pancasila is always implemented in all the

Constitutions applied in Indonesia. The values of Pancasila consists of The Deity, The Humanity, The Unity, The Democracy and The Justice. This elements are the basic value of life in Indonesia.

Indonesia consists of the variety of religions, ethnics and cultures. Pancasila as the foundation unites the diversity. The diversity will be harmonious when the moral values balances in human beings. In fact, the values of Pancasila is started put aside for the needs of individual and group. Lately there are coming to the surface the news that makes the people of Indonesia sad. It can be seen in variety of reports on various cases that lately occurred in Indonesia. The case of murder of Wayan Mirna was her friend Jessica. Jessica planned to murder her close friend Mirna, she put cyanide into the coffee drunk by Mirna. Mirna died after drinking the coffee.

The case of junior high school student named Yuyun was raped by 14 men to death. Yuyun 14-year-old girl was raped by fourteen teenagers. When Yuyun went back from school, she crossed in front of teenagers who were drunk. When she passed, Yuyun seduced by the youth. One of the youths tried to hug her. Yuyun revolted over the rude attitude. Rejection from Yuyun made them angry. They struck her neck several times, which made Yuyun lying. That is when Yuyun raped repeatedly until she died.

The next case is the murder of Muhammadiyah University of North Sumatra lecturers by her student. Nur Ain Lubis, a lecturer at Muhammadiyah University of North Sumatra (UMSU) was killed by her student, Roymardo Sah Siregar. Nur was

killed in the bathroom when she wanted to pray. Roymardo committed the murder for revenge because he got bad grades.

News on television and in newspapers show the incident happened and opened the eyes of the world to know what happened in Indonesia. In this point of view, the incidents show that the moral of people is going down, Indonesia experienced a moral crisis. Moral crisis is the decline in moral values or behavior or one's personal ethics. People no longer run the moral values well.

The development of scientist and technology makes the people easy to get information. The information can be got from television, social media. Nowadays all information becomes the daily consumption by all levels of age, the youngs and the olds. Unlucky, there are many programs showing the poor quality to the audiences or viewers. The poor quality program on television easily influences things that they watch on television or in their surroundings. They give a significant contribution the development of audience psyche, especially for the kids or teens. They easily imitate the action surround them. According to Dr. Frances Kaligis, SpKJ, Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Hospital Cipto Mangunkusumo, there are three main factors that contribute to the problems experienced by a person: biological, psychological, and social. In his teens, naturally, the environment is very influential for them, especially peers, people who are considered to be an idol or role model. Therefore, adolescents more susceptible to adverse environmental impacts, such as violence, drug use or promiscuity. The bad teaching is shown by the immoral act.

Children who watch immoral act could do what they had seen to their friend. In other word the immoral acts directly or indirectly give effect of bad teaching to them.

The life of people around whether it is good or bad life can be reflected by the writer, they convey in the writing way. Novel is also the media of writing works. Novel is one of literary works. A novel (from the Italian novella, Spanish novela, French nouvelle for "new", "news", or "short story of something new") today is a long narrative in literary prose. Novel is the further development of romance. A novel is a long narrative, normally in prose, which describes fictional characters and events, usually in the form of a sequential story. According to Oxford Dictionary, novel is a fictitious prose narrative of book length, typically representing character and action with some degree of realism. (Taylor, 1981) explains that a novel is normally a prose work of quite some length and complexity which attempts to reflect and express something of the quality or value of human experience or conduct. Novel is a literary work that brings us to the world of dreams and takes us away from reality which reflected human life.

In this research, the researcher chooses *The Painted Veil* novel. It is a 1925 novel by British author William Somerset Maugham. William Somerset Maugham is a British playwright, a novelist and a short story writer. He was among the most popular writers of his era and reputedly the highest paid author during the 1930s. Some novels written by Maugham are *Liza of Lambeth* (1897), *The Making of a Saint* (1898) *Orientations* (1899), *The Hero* (1901) *Mrs Craddock* (1902), *The Merry-*

go-round (1904) The Bishop's Apron (1906), The Explorer (1908), The Magician (1908), Of Human Bondage (1915), and The Moon and Sixpence (1919).

The Painted Veil is one of the famous novels by William S. Maugham. It is published in 1925. The Painted Veil is a novel that attracts people to read. It tells a story about a married couple who never really shares the same love for each other. When her husband discovers her adulterous affair, he forces her to accompany him to the heart of a cholera epidemic. Stripped of the British society of her youth and the small but effective society she fought so hard to attain in Hong Kong, she compelled by her awakening conscience to reassess her life and learn how to love. The title is taken from Percy Bysshe Shelley's sonnet. Maugham mentions that he was inspired by Dante when he wrote The Painted Veil. Indeed, he used different sources of inspirations, such as poems from Shelley and Goldsmith. The novel has been adapted for the screen three times: The Painted Veil (1934), The Seventh Sin (1957), and The Painted Veil (2006). It makes this novel become so interesting and easy to understand. The Painted Veil is a beautifully written affirmation of the human capacity to grow, to change, and to forgive.

Based on the explanation above it is important to the researcher to conduct a research as the analysis morality aspects which might become important example for human being and also for the readers as thier priority after reading the novel. The Painted Veil consists of some problems that related to marriage life, love, affair and struggle to life in a place exposed to cholera outbreak and forgiveness. From the story the author shows the moral value and bad teaching to the readers. The researcher

decides to analyze *The Painted Veil* using Moral Philosophical Approach. In this research, the researcher uses theory of Harris and Loudon. They stated there are eight kinds of moral values. They are tolerance, fairness, belief, kind-hearted, honesty, and responsibility, care of soul, justice and respect. Theory of Saint Augustine about six bad characters, they are pride, anger, envy, lust, gluttony and covetousness. The *Painted Veil* novel reflected the moral values and bad teaching

Therefore, the title of this research is “An Analysis of Moral Values and Bad Teaching in “*The Painted Veil*” Novel by William Somerset Maugham; A Moral Philosophical Approach”.

1.2 Identification of the Problem

The researcher describes several problem in the novel *The Painted Veil* by William Somerset Maugham such as:

1. There are moral value found in *The Painted Veil* by William Somerset Maugham
2. There are kinds of moral value used in *The Painted Veil* by William Somerset Maugham
3. The moral value influences the character in *The Painted Veil* by William Somerset Maugham
4. There is philosophy found in *The Painted Veil* by William Somerset Maugham

5. There is bad teaching found in *The Painted Veil* by William Somerset Maugham
6. Major characters are life based on the moral

1.3 Limitation of the Problem

The limitation of this research will analyze the moral messages as found in novel *The Painted Veil*

1. There are kinds of moral value in novel *The Painted Veil* by William Somerset Maugham
2. There is bad teaching found in *The Painted Veil* by William Somerset Maugham

1.4 Formulation of the Problem

There are some problems found in the analysis of the novel *The Painted Veil* by William Somerset Maugham. This research formulated as follow:

1. What are the kinds of moral value in novel *The Painted Veil* by William Somerset Maugham?
2. What is the bad teaching found in *The Painted Veil* by William Somerset Maugham?

1.5 Objective of the Research

The researcher in this research has some objectives in analysis in the novel *The Painted Veil*. That objectives are following:

1. To find out the kinds of moral value that appear in novel *The Painted Veil* by William Somerset Maugham
2. To find out the bad teaching in *The Painted Veil* by William Somerset Maugham

1.6 Significant of the Research

The aim of this research is to develop the science of literature either theoretically or practically

1.6.1 Theoretically

This research is aimed to understand the content of the novel and how moral theory is applied in this research. In addition, it contributes the development of moral philosophical study, especially in *The Painted Veil* novel by William Somerset Maugham.

1.6.2 Practically

This research has some advantages for some circles.

1. English literature students, the research helps them understand about moral values and bad teaching and how it is applied. It guides them to deliver their own opinion about moral value based on their own idea.

2. Researchers, this research is one of sources for them in doing research with similar object. This research can be explored deeper with different theory.
3. Society, this research let the people know about moral values and bad teaching, make the people know about the difference between what is good and what is not good by showing the sample described in the novel.

1.7 Definition of Key Terms

Moral : Moral concern with goodness or badness of characters or disposition, or with the distinction between right and wrong (*Oxford Dictionary*, 2004)

Value : Value expresses the utility of some particular objects, and sometimes the power of purchasing other goods which the possession of that object conveys (Smart, 2007).

Moral Philosophical Approach : Moral philosophical approach analyzed moral value or moral messages and life philosophy in the literary works. (Johnson in (Guerin, 1992).

Bad Teaching : Bad teaching is something to explain, show and teach the bad things, bad attitude to others (*The American Heritage Dictionary of English Language*, 2000)