

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

Islam is one of religions in the world; the believer of Islam is called Muslim. They are spread in the world. According to their holy Quran, Islam asks to the believer to give harmony, love and good act to the other, but there are some parts of followers Islam that have perception that other religion such as Jewish, Christian are their rival, and Islam has to shatter the other religion, so they do extreme act such as bombing and attacking, they are called Terrorist. As a syllogism theory, people in the world think that, “bomber is terrorist” “Muslim is bomber” the conclusion is “Every Muslims is terrorist”. So there is an assumption that every Muslim in the world is terrorist and there is Islam phobia in some countries in the world. For example Muslims in America are often associated with terrorism, Muslim’s live begin uncomfortable after WTC attack at September 11th 2001.

After WTC attack in America, Muslim live uncomfortably in America, because the agents of WTC attack are Muslims from Afghanistan, the agents of WTC attack take an Airplane and bring it to hit the WTC building. American is very sad because of that attack, because WTC is one of the business centers in America. After WTC attack, is the beginning of the war in Afganistan, because America wants to find the actors of WTC attack. After that attack, Muslims’s life begins different in America, they get

different treatment from others. They get discrimination from others in America.

In this movie, the researcher can see the discrimination of Muslim after WTC attacks, such as women cannot use their *hijab* when they want to go public area, the researcher can see it in *My Name Is Khan* movie, when Khan's sister in law wants to go to her campus to teach, her *hijab* is taken away by force. And also, the researcher can see the act of Americans that discriminate Muslims in all of aspects of life, they also discriminate the people that have a name or culture related to Muslim.

The movie of *My Name Is Khan* has tried to show a beautiful journey of love story and goodness of human being. The major character of this movie is Rizvan Khan, who is played by Shahrukh Khan. He is suffering from Asperger Syndrom which is an Autism disorder. Asperger Syndrom is an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) that is characterized by significant difficulties in social interaction, alongside restricted and repetitive patterns of behavior and interests. (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asperger_syndrome)

My Name Is Khan is a 2010 Bollywood drama film directed by Karan Johar, written by Shibani Bathija and stared by Shahrukh Khan and Kajol in the lead roles. This movie was released on February 12th 2010 in India. This movie uses English and India as the language and uses America and India as the country in the process and the setting of place. *My Name Is Khan* is played by Shahrukh Khan and Kajol. The kind of this movie is Bollywood drama movie. This movie is produced by Hiroo Yash Johar and

Gauri Khan, the movie is produced by Dharma Productions and Red Chillies Entertainment. The movie distribution rights bought by FOX Star Entertainment with high payment, making it the most expensive Bollywood film of 2010. (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/My_Name_Is_Khan)

Shahrukh Khan noted that the film focuses on themes concerning, "the relationship between the Western world and Islam and how that has changed over the past few years." He describes the film as about "the journey of one family and how it changes because of 9/11 attack.

According to Karan Johar, writer, co-producer and director of *My Name Is Khan*, the film is about a multitude of perspectives of the various opinions, facts, and propaganda that comes with the global issue of discrimination and intolerance towards a race of people completely unassociated with the evils of terrorism.

Shahrukh Khan also stated that *My Name Is Khan* is "not about terrorism, or 9/11. It's about a relationship between two people, between an individual and the State, and between an individual and the country". In short, there are the three important components: a love story, Islam, and a mild form of autism. (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/My_Name_Is_Khan).

My Name Is Khan tells about Rizvan Khan, He is suffering from Asperger Syndrom which is an Autism disorder. He is married to Kajol who plays character of girl named Mandira. Rizvan Khan grows up in India in the Muslim family, his mother is Razia Khan, she is good women and from her, Rizvan studies that there are two kinds of people in the World, a good man

and bad man, a distinction more important than any other differences, like those between Hindus and Muslims, his father is Dilawar Anamaullah Khan, works at state transportation in Bowali, Rizvan has a young brother, Zakir.

My Name Is Khan opens when Khan wants to go to New York to meet the President of America, at the San Francisco airport the officer in charge does not let him go and asks why Khan wants to see the President. With touching earnestness, and considerable irony Khan replies that he has a message for the President. That message is “*My Name Is Khan* and I’m not a terrorist”. In America Khan works as a door to door salesman, and one day he meets a Hindu salon worker, Mandira Rethod, a single mother of Sameer. Both Rizvan and Mandira decide to get married. Zakir chagrins and asks Rizvan to leave. The trios relocated to Benville, open their own salon and live happily with their neighbor. But after the 9-11 WTC attacks, Muslims are blacklisted and shunned, included Khan’s family. Their life becomes different their salon is bankrupt because there is no customer coming to their salon. Mandira is still patient to live with Khan, but when Sameer is killed, Mandira blames Rizvan for her plight and asks him to leave, while she decides to pursue Sameer’s death. The ending of this movie is happy ending, it is when Rizvan meets the President and says that he is Khan and he is not a terrorist. Before it, Mandira comes to Khan because she knows that Sameer’s death not because of his new last names, Khan. So when Khan meets the President Mandira accompanies him.

My Name Is Khan is a film which is directed by Karan Johar, and written by Shibani Bathija and produced by Hiroo Yash and Ghauri Khan. He was born at Mumbai, Maharashtra, India on May 25th 1972. He is a film director and producer of some movies, he has made a lot great movies such as *Kuch Kuch Ho Ta Hai*, *Kabhi Kushi Kabhie Gham*, *Student of the year* and *My Name Is Khan*. (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Karan_Johar)

Karan Johar is an Indian film director, producer, screenwriter and television host based on Bollywood. He is the son of Hiroo Johar and Yash Johar. He is also the head of the production company Dharma Productions. He is most known for directing and producing some of Bollywood's highest grossing films in India and abroad.

Karan Johar was born in Mumbai, he is son of the great producer of film in India, Yash Johar, founder of Dharma Productions. He studied at the Greenlawns High School and attended H.R. College of Commerce and Economics, both in Mumbai. He received a Masters degree in French.

Karan Johar directed a lot of Bollywood big movie. Such as *Kuch Kuch Hota Hai*, *Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham*, *My Name Is Khan*, *Mohabbatein* and other big movie in India. Karan Johar has a lot of award from his movie. He won a National awards, eight Filmfare Awards in 1998 including Best Movie, Best Director and all four Best Actor awards for both leading and supporting roles. At 1998 his movie *Kuch Kuch Hota Hai* is his directorial debut at the age of 25 with the cult film which he also wrote the story and screenplay. Johar first wrote a story about a love triangle between a

tomboy, a very pretty looking girl and a slightly insensitive boy but he shelved the idea because he was not satisfied with it. Then he wrote another plot about a widower and his child which he shelved as well. Eventually he decides to merge the two stories into one. He explained in an interview with Rediff: "It was about the trauma of a widower and his little child. How the child really wants a mother and how she brings her mother into her father's life. Then I thought: Why not bring a youth aspect to the story? Why not a flashback? That's how the story made." Starring Shahrukh Khan, Kajol and Rani Mukerji, the film was well received by critics and audience alike. (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Karan_Johar)

As the director of Bollywood movie, Karan Johar has a lot of award such as from *Kuch Kuch Hota Hai*, he won National Film Award for Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment (Director) in the National Film Award, Best Director, Best Screenplay in the Filmfare Awards at 1999. And also a lot of award from other movie that he directed. For *My Name Is Khan*, Karan Johar gets award in the best director on the Filmfare Award, Zee Cine Awards, and get best story on the Zee Cine Awards.

My Name Is Khan is played by Shahrukh Khan. He is an Indian film actor. He was born in India on November 2nd 1965. He has acted in 75 Hindi films in genres ranging from romantic dramas to action thrillers. Khan is regarded as one of the greatest and most influential actors in the history of Indian cinema. It because his contributions to the Indian film industry. He gets a lot of awards, such as fourteen Filmfare Awards from thirty

nominations. His eight Filmfare Best Actor Award wins make him the most awarded Bollywood actor of all time in that category, tied only with Dilip Kumar. In 2005, the Government of India honored him with the Padma Shri for his contributions towards Indian cinema. According to Newsweek, the American weekly news magazine, Shahrukh Khan is one of the 50 most powerful people in the world. (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shahrukh_Khan)

This movie is a good movie because this movie has a moral value that can open our opinion to judge someone. From this movie we can get a word from Razia, Khan's mother "there are two kinds of people in the World, a good man and a bad man, a distinction more important than any other differences, like those between Hindus and Muslims" from that thing we get an education that we should judge someone from their act not from their race, culture, religion, or country.

My Name Is Khan movie also tells about the discrimination of Muslim in America after WTC attack, that attack changes the harmony of life between Muslim and other religion in America. Muslim's women in America cannot use her *hijab* to go to public area, the shop that is had by Muslims are attacked by people, and Muslims have a bad value in there, so it makes Muslims's life in the difficult condition.

There are some reasons why the researcher chooses *My Name Is Khan* as the object of the paper. The first reason is because *My Name Is Khan* movie has a good moral value, the story tells about the Muslim guy who is suffering from Asperger Syndrom which is an Autism disorder. His family

live in Borivali, India. They live with Muslim and Hindu as the neighbour. At 1983, there is Hindu and Muslim riots in India. Rizvan hears Muslim men say that Hindus are bad, they should be shouted. Khan repeats it continually, when Khan's mother hears it, she advises Khan that there are two kinds of people in the World, a good man and a bad man. From Khan's mother, we get a good word that we have to judge someone from their act not from their race, culture, religion, or country. This movie also tells about the journey of Khan who wants to meet the President to say that he is Khan, and he is not terrorist. He does it because of his wife, Mandira asks him to do it, it is because Mandira's son is killed, and Mandira thinks that her son, Sameer is Killed because of his last name, Khan. Sameer gets Khan as his last name after Mandira decides to marry with Rizvan Khan, the Muslim man. Khan does a long journey; he goes to many places in America, because he follows where the President will visit. When Khan arrives at Wilhemina, Georgia. He meets mama Jeny and her son. Khan stays at there for a day, mama Jeny and Khan are to be family, mama Jeny regards Khan as a son, and Khan regards mama Jeny as a mother. After leaving Wilhemina, Khan continues his journey, he goes to Los Angeles, and he comes to a campus that the president will be visited. Khan is caught by the police because he says terrorist, and he is detained for several days. There are many responses because of Khan's detaining. And after that Khan is released because he is proven that he is not terrorist. It is because Khan calls FBI to report Dr. Faisal Rehman as the terrorist before he is detained. After that, Khan continues his journey to meet

the president, on the way Khan watches the television news that report about hurricane in Wilhemina. Wilhemina is very poor, because of the hurricane many buildings broken, the flood comes, there are many victims. When Khan looks the Wilhemina news, he decides to go to Wilhemina. He helps the Wilhemina's society to repair everything that he can do. So, the news about Khan is increasing. The President and Americans watch a news about Khan, and sympathetic to him. The President knows that Khan wants to meet him. So, when Khan wants to meet the President, when the President visits Georgina, the President lets Khan meet him. The writer gets the meaning of this movie that everyone can get her/ his dreams if they want to fight sincerely.

The second is because this movie is played by Shahrukh Khan, the biggest Bollywood actor in India. According to Newsweek, the American weekly news magazine, Shahrukh Khan is one of the 50 most powerful people in the world. He is a great actor, producer, television host and a lover sports. And the most important is he is a great Muslim India actor. Shahrukh Khan also successfully plays many great movies.

The third is because this movie is categorized as the box-office movie film, so it is interesting movie and one of the big movies that is liked by a lot of people in the world. The performance of the film could not sustain beyond the first or second week in some places, including India and USA *My Name Is Khan* won a lot of awards from 2011 Filmfare Awards, 2011 Zee Cine Awards, 2011 Star Screen Awards, 6th Apsara Film & Television

Producers Guild Awards, International Indian Film Academy Awards, Big Star Entertainment Awards, and The Global Indian Film And Television Honors.

The fourth reason is because the researcher sees condition of the major character and the Muslim's social condition after WTC attack in America. The researcher raises the Muslim discrimination as the issue, and using Sociological Approach as the theory to analyze. The researcher thinks, that theory is suitable to analyze this movie because this movie has complex story about social condition.

My Name Is Khan is movie that has a social problem condition. There is discrimination to Muslim from other people. Discrimination is one of social problems that there is infirmity from the other because of some aspects of their life. So, the researcher will investigate this movie by Muslim discrimination as the issue. And to analyze the movie the researcher uses Sociological approach to analyze.

Sociology is a study which deals with the society. It is related with the life of human being as a member of society where each other can create all kinds of interactions. Swingewood and Laurenson (1972: 11) state, "sociology is essentially the scientific, objective study of man in society, the study of social institutions and social processes..." The researcher can analyze this movie by using sociological approach because this movie suitable to analyze in the social aspect.

According to the explanation above, the researcher thinks that the movie is suitable to analyze by using Sociological Approach. The researcher will present Muslim discrimination in America after WTC attack. So the researcher chooses the title “*Muslim Discrimination in My Name Is Khan Movie (2010) Directed by Karan Johar: a Sociological Approach*”.

B. Previous Study

Studies on *My Name Is Khan* Movie are done by some researcher in UMS. The first researcher is Haris (UMS, 2011), “Recognition of courage in Karan Johar’s *My Name Is Khan* (2010): an Individual psychological perspective”. His aims on that research are analyzing the structural elements of the movie and to analyze the movie based on an Individual psychological perspective. And his study uses qualitative method in which the data are taken from both primary and secondary data source in form of words, sentence and phrases. The researcher collects the data from both primary and secondary data source in sort of document as evidence. The end of his research, he writes a conclusion, they are, *My Name Is Khan* tells about the major character as Rizvan Khan Courage and every people have many ways to get recognition of courage.

The second researcher is Faiziah (UMS, 2011), the title is Against the stereotypes of Muslims as terrorists in Karan Johar’s *My Name Is Khan: a sociological approach*. The purpose of her research is to show the protest against the stereotypes of Muslims as terrorist in Karan Johar’s *My Name Is*

Khan movie by using Sociological Approach. The objective of the study is analyzing the movie based on its structural elements and analyzing the movie based on the sociology of Literature. That research uses descriptive qualitative, the method of collecting data is library research and technique of analyze data is descriptive. The researcher concludes that Muslim is not terrorist.

The third researcher is Setyaningrum (UMS, 2011), the title is Great Mission of An Intelligent in karan Johar's *My Name Is Khan* movie (2010) and using A Humanistic Psychological Approach. The aim of the research paper is to elaborates the motives underlying the great mission of Khan in *My Name Is Khan* Movie which are analyzed through a humanistic psychological approach. The objective of the research based on its structural elements and to analyze by using humanistic psychological approach. This research belong to qualitative research. In the end, the writer draws that the major character of the movie can be said as self-actualized person because the characteristics of self-actualization have been portrayed in his personality.

The fourth researcher is Triwarjianto (UMS, 2011), the title is Rizwan Khan's Existence in Karan Johar's *My Name Is Khan* Movie (2010) and using an Existentialist Approach. He is aimed to show Rizwan Khan existence in *My Name Is Khan* movie by using existentialist perspective. It is done by establishing two objectives: the first is analyzing the movie based on its structural elements and the second is analyzing the movie based on the Existentialist Approach. This research is qualitative research. The conclusion

based on the Existentialist analysis, awareness of the meaning of human existence is very important.

The similarities of previous studies with this thesis are the object. The second researcher has similarities object and theory when analysis the data.

The differences between the researcher and previous researcher are in the issue that is raised. And the theory that is used is difference because the first researcher uses an Individual psychological perspective, the third is Humanistic Psychological Approach, and the last researcher uses Existentialist Approach

. The second researcher has same approach with the researcher, but has difference issue. The second previous researcher uses against the stereotypes of Muslims as terrorist as the issue, but the researcher rises discrimination of Muslim as the issue. So the researcher chooses “*Muslim Discrimination in My Name Is Khan Movie (2010) Directed by Karan Johar: a Sociological Approach*” as the title of the research.

C. Problem Statement

Considering the explanation above, the researcher formulate the problem as follow “How is the discrimination of Muslim in America after WTC attack reflected in *My Name Is Khan* movie ?.”

D. Limitation of the Study

The writer focuses this research in analyzing the Muslim discrimination on *My Name Is Khan* movie, and using Sociological Approach.

E. Objectives of the Study

Based on the problem statement above, the researcher proposes the objectives of the study as follow;

1. To analyze the structure elements of the movie.
2. To describe the Muslim discrimination *My Name Is Khan* movie viewed from Sociological Approach.

F. Benefit of the Study

The study is expected to give benefit as follow:

1. Theoretical Benefit

The study is projected to give contribution and information to the larger body of knowledge, particularly in the literary studies.

2. Practical Benefit

The study is expected to enrich the knowledge and experience of the writer and other students of UMS or other universities interested in literary studies.

G. Research Method

In this research involve to five point, they are: 1) type of the study, 2) object of the study, 3) type of data and data source, 4) Technique of data collecting, 5) technique of data analyzing. The description of each element will be discussed further into wide explanation below.

1. Type of the Study

The type of the study in this movie belongs to qualitative research, because it does not need statistic to explore the fact. Qualitative research is a type of research that does not need include calculation and enumeration. The object of the study is *My Name Is Khan* movie, directed by Karan Johar. The researchers here use qualitative type of data. This is a library research which takes the source of the data from screenplay. The researcher divides the data source into two categories. Firstly, the primary data source of the study is the *My Name Is Khan* movie directed by Karan Johar. Secondly, the secondary data sources are from the book, Website and another data related to this story.

2. Object of the Study

The object of the study is *My Name Is Khan* movie directed by Karan Johar and publishing 2010. That movie is analyzed by using Sociological approach.

3. Type of the Data and the Data Source

There are two data source in this research:

a. Primary Data Source

The primary data source of the study is *My Name Is Khan* movie directed by Karan Johar and written by Shibani Bathija.

b. Secondary Data Source

The other data source is a book, website and other sources that support the analysis.

4. Technique of the Data Collection

The method used in this study is library research. The techniques of data collection procedure applied in this research are as follow:

- a. Watching *My Name Is Khan* movie as a primary data
- b. Searching and Reading the secondary data attentively
- c. Taking notes of important bin both primary and secondary data
- d. Developing the provided data

5. Technique of the Data Analysis

The data analysis uses a descriptive analysis for technique of analyzing data by exploring the structural element of the movie and Sociological Approach. The step is taken by the researcher are as follows: the first is analyzing the data based on the structural analysis of movie. The second step is analyzing the data based on Sociological Approach. Focus will be paid on the meaning of Muslim discrimination.

H. Research Paper Organization

The research paper organization of this research as follow : Chapter one is introduction, consists of Background of the study, Literature Review, Problem Statement, Limitation of the Study, Objective of the study, Benefit of the study, Research method and research paper organization. Chapter two is underlying theory dealing with notion of Sociological approach of Literature and structural element of this movie. Chapter three is the Social Background of American Society in the 21 Century, it consists of Economic Growth, Social Facts, Political Facts, Religion, Cultural, Science and Technology. Chapter four is structural analysis of *My Name Is Khan* movie. Chapter fifth is Sociological analysis of *My Name Is Khan* movie. Chapter sixth is Conclusion and Suggestion.