

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### A. Background of the Study

Determinism can be marked out in many ways. According to Mill in Barrett (Determinism and Freedom, 1958: 119), determinism is compatible not only with judgments of moral responsibility about this or that particular action flowing from an unimpeded desire, but also, within limits, with moral judgments about the character of human beings. One of the kinds of determinism, that is theological determinism (soft determinism) or predestination belief that events are determined or necessitated by God. God controls the occurrence of things. Another form asserts that his omniscience, making possible his foreknowledge of future events, affects the occurrence of such events. Throughout the history of Islamic and Jewish philosophy, the debate over predestination was central according to Smedes in Huyssteen (2003: 217).

Determinism is a position repugnant to most people. The reason is our stubborn feeling of freedom and the belief that determinism would make nonsense of moral responsibility, according to Blanshard in Barrett (1958: 46). The freedom of the pendulum will mean its ability to express itself, unhampered by alien interference. The possibility of freedom is staked on that of the ambiguous future, according to Palmer (1911: 14). According to Ballard (1911: 214), the real freedom of true determinism bids him like what

he likes, and choose what he himself prefers. According to Edwards in Barrett (1958: 119), in Hume-Mill-Schlick theory, freedom is the ability to act according to one's choices or desires.

For example, the journey of life and love of Emma and Dexter in the *One Day* novel, the story of life and love with an unexpected ending. Emma and Dexter is old friend, they are close friend. Emma realizes her love for Dexter, Dexter and Emma are separated and Dexter realizes his feelings for Emma when reunite after a long separation with Emma in a wedding party. However, after that they have to split up again to live their own lives. Their life is full of twists and turns, ups and downs, in a long journey until they can be together and get married. But after they get the happiness, God apparently says otherwise. An accident happens to Emma and makes her die, and it all makes Dexter's life become destroyed and sunk. Dexter must live without Emma, the woman he loves. Based on the story above, it can be concluded that the people can only hope, try and pray but still God disposes their life. In the *One Day* novel, determinism occurs in the life by Emma Morley and Dexter Mayhem. This novel looks at romantic comedy and tragedy story.

In *One Day* novel, the reader can find that during the past twenty years, the two main characters namely Emma and Dexter always have special occasion on the July 15, where the date is St Swithin's Day. Hence, the title of the novel is *One Day*. *One Day* is a British novel written by David Nicholls and published in June 2009. *One Day* novel consists of five parts and twenty

three chapters. This novel is about the relationship between Emma Morley and Dexter Mayhem, their love and life story from time to time.

The story begins with their graduation from Edinburgh University in 1988 and the following night. There is a definite purpose to this particular way of dealing with the passage of time and giving the reader a compact glimpse of each year. From part one until the last part of this novel, it describes their love story from a friendship until they get married. In general, this novel tells about relationship between Emma Morley and Dexter Mayhem, initially their relation is just as a friend. They are close friend. Emma is a clearly intelligent working-class girl and Dexter is a well off man. Their families and backgrounds are different, their tastes and general outlook on life is different and their way of handling life is also different.

Emma Morley falls in love with Dexter Mayhew since their first meeting on the night of their graduation. There is an openness feeling between the two characters. When one of them is up the other one is down, when one of them is successful the other one is working to survive. It doesn't really occur to their happiness, because they really don't know if either of them can be described as happy, rather they are comfortable or uncomfortable.

This novel tells about the story of life, love and friendship that happens for twenty years on each of July 15, in consecutive years, and in each chapter of the novel. Emma and Dexter always tell about how they will be when they are forty years old. While they are not fully involved in a romantic story, this is the beginning of the story of their friendship. Emma wants to change the

world and improve her life, then she starts to write the script and play a drama though his efforts were not successful. Unlike Dexter begins his journey to traveling, around the world, hooking up with the girls or women, get drunk, drugs and always have fun with his life. In the end, they both move to London. Emma works as a waitress at a Tex-Mex restaurant in Kentish Town and Dexter become a successful television presenter. Although there are numerous attempts of them to be able to start a relationship, but they decide to remain a close friends. At that time they also have the same relationships with other people. Although they have a love relationship with others, but it all does not change their friendship. Emma and Dexter remain a close friends even they always put their friendship in the first place and secretly they always miss each other. Their friendship become closer and so close when they are on holiday together in Greece and when Dexter's mother die.

One day Emma decides to split up with her boyfriend namely Ian Whitehead, after she realizes that she is guilty of a relationship and living with a man who she does not love. During that time, Emma eventually able to find a job as a teacher after many years and struggles that she has through, even though she has a double degree. Instead with Dexter, his life and career development is not as good as Emma, Dexter always gets drunk and consumes drugs, followed by the destruction of his career. All that is followed by the story of their friendship that becomes harder and harder, Emma continues to hurt because of Dexter, because Dexter hides his feelings of love and affection for Emma from himself and her, as well as also with Emma who hides her

feelings of love and affection for Dexter from herself and him. At that time they go to a restaurant, an incident happens to them. Emma is treated rudely by Dexter at the restaurant, it makes her angry and decides to terminate their friendship. Since then Emma and Dexter miss communication and make them lose contact for a long time.

At the wedding of Emma's former roommate, Emma and Dexter meet again. Emma admits that she wants Dexter back. At this point of time she ends an affair with her headmaster, Dexter falls in love with another woman, namely Sylvie, who is pregnant. At this reunion, he invites Emma to his wedding, who is disappointed by the situation.

Emma tries to overcome her problems and begins to write, while Dexter is unemployed and overwhelmed by his role as a father. After realizing this, he and Emma for the first time have sex. They do not get together and Emma leaves to go to Paris in the hope of writing a successful novel. Dexter and his wife have divorced. When Dexter visits her in Paris, he learns that she met someone and likes him and for the first time admits his feelings to her. After talking about their relationship, Emma chooses Dexter.

Emma and Dexter get married and they are happy together, however Emma wants a child. The couple finds themselves frustrated by the failing attempts to have a child. Dexter however is able to open a deli-cafe and finds himself suddenly successful again. Emma gets her book published and becomes a successful children author. On the anniversary of the day they meet after graduation and the day they get together, Emma and Dexter have an

appointment to see a house. While travelling there, Emma has a bike accident and dies. After her death, Dexter finds himself in despair. He starts to drink again and provokes people in bars in order to get beaten. He is comforted through his ex-wife Sylvie, his father and his daughter. The upcoming year he travels together with his daughter to Edinburgh where he and Emma meet and they climb the same mountain together that Emma and Dexter climbed nineteen years ago. This novel ends with a memory of what happen after that first night together in 1988 and Emma's and Dexter's first kiss and promise to stay in touch and their goodbye.

David Nicholls is a writer of *One Day* novel, he was born in 1966 in Eastleigh, Hampshire. David Nicholls attended Toynbee Comprehensive School and Barton Peveril Sixth Form College, before going to the University of Brisbol in 1983 to study English Literature and Drama. Before he become a famous writer or novelist, he is an actor and scenarist. David Nicholls trained as an actor before making the switch to writing. His TV credits include the third series of *Cold Feet*, *Rescue Me*, and *I Saw You*, as well as a much-praised modern version of *Much Ado About Nothing* and an adaptation of *Tess of the D'Urbervilles*, both for BBC TV. David has continued to write for film and TV as well as writing novels, and he has twice been nominated for BAFTA awards. David's best selling first novel, *Starter For Teen*, was selected for the Richard and Judy Book Club in 2004, and David wrote the screenplay for the film version, which was released in 2006 and starred James

McAvoy. *One Day* novel published in Great Britain in 2009 by Hodder and Stoughton, an Hachette UK company.

*One Day* novel is interesting novel for many readers. In this novel, David Nicholls wants to show the effects of determinism and freedom of stories of Emma and Dexter for the readers that at last they can get married, happy, hopeless, and then destroyed . There are four reasons that make this novel is interesting.

Firstly, this study is very important to be conducted because of the determinism and freedom of the novel, this novel have implication for the readers about how important about a destiny or fate that they certainly did not know before, that they could only hope, pray and strive to reach their desires. But they also need to know that this way of life determined by Allah, so that they must prepare their self for all possibilities that occur because sometimes life is not always like what we want. Secondly, find out the meaning of the determinism and freedom in this novel. In this study which is the main point is try to describe the determinism and freedom in this novel. Thirdly, the present researcher will be a teacher and this study is so needed to be done to widen, enlarge, increase and insert more understanding insight of knowledge as a professional teacher. Finally, the reason is to provide theoretical framework in the study of literature in English Department.

Based on the previous reasons, the researcher would like to analyze Determinism and Freedom Reflected In David Nicholls's *One Day* Novel (2009): A Philosophy of Determinism.

## **B. Literature Review**

There is no previous study on *One Day* novel, at least in university in Central Java. So the researcher cannot compare this research with other research because this is the first study of *One Day* novel. The researcher uses Philosophy of Determinism approach to analyzes the novel. The research will be entitled DETERMINISM AND FREEDOM REFLECTED IN DAVID NICHOLLS'S *ONE DAY* NOVEL (2009): A PHILOSOPHY OF DETERMINISM.

## **C. Problem Statement**

Based on the title and the background of the study, the researcher proposes the problem statements of the research as follow “How is determinism and freedom reflected in David Nicholls’s *One Day* Novel (2009)?”

## **D. Limitation of the Study**

The research focuses on analyzing the Determinism and Freedom Reflected in David Nicholls’s *One Day* Novel (2009), by using Philosophy of Determinism approach by William Barrett, et al in his book “Determinism and Freedom” (1958).

## **E. Objective of the Study**

According to the problem statement above, the objective of the study are as follows:

1. To analyze David Nicholls’s *One Day* Novel based on its structural elements.

2. To analyze Determinism and Freedom reflected in David Nicholls's *One Day* Novel (2009) by using a Philosophy of Determinism.

#### **F. Benefit of the Study**

After doing this research, the researcher hopes that this research can give some benefits. Those benefits include theoretical and practical benefits.

##### **1. Theoretical Benefit**

Theoretically, the study gives contribution to other literary research especially in the study on *One Day* novel. And also give some information which can be used by the other researchers who are interested in analyzing this literary work.

##### **2. Practical Benefit**

To enlarge the literary study, principally among the students of Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta.

#### **G. Research Method**

In this study, the researcher analyzes the Determinism and Freedom in *One Day* by using qualitative method. The study of determinism and freedom in this research paper will cover:

##### **1. Type of the Study**

In this research, the researcher applies qualitative research. The data sources are library and literary data. Its purpose is to analyze using Philosophy of Determinism approach. The steps conduct the research are as follows: (1) determining the type of the research, (2) determining

data and data source, (3) determining technique of data collection, and finally, (5) determining technique of data analysis.

## **2. Object of the Study**

The objective of the study is *One Day* novel by David Nicholls was published in 2009 by Hodder and Stoughton.

## **3. Type of the Data and the Data Source**

There are two types of data sources namely primary data and secondary data source.

### **a. Primary Data Source**

The primary data source is the *One Day* novel written by David Nicholls.

### **b. Secondary Data Source**

The secondary data source includes references and data or materials related to the research picking up from the books and the internet.

## **4. Technique of the Data Collection**

The techniques of data collection are as follows:

- a. Reading the novel.
- b. Taking notes of the important parts in both primary and secondary data.
- c. Arranging the data into several groups based on its theoretical category.
- d. Selecting particular parts considered important and relevant for analysis.
- e. Drawing conclusion and formulate its pedagogical suggestion.

## **5. Technique of the Data Analysis**

In analyzing the data, the researcher applies a descriptive approach. The steps taken by the researcher in analyzing the data are as follows, the

first is analyzing the data based on its structural elements. Focus will be paid on the structural analysis of the novel. The second step is analyzing the data based on Philosophy of Determinism approach. Focus will be paid on the meaning of determinism and freedom.

#### **H. Research Paper Organization**

In order to give the guidance for the researcher and the reader in reading the research paper the researcher divides this research paper into five chapters. Chapter 1 is introduction that consists of the background of the study, previous study, problem statement, objective of the study, benefit of the study, research method, and research paper organization. Chapter II is underlying theory. It presents the notion of determinism, types of determinism, notion of freedom, structural elements of the novel. Chapter III is the Structural Analysis of *One Day* novel. Chapter IV is analysis and discussion of *One Day* novel. Finally, chapter V consist conclusion and suggestion.