

**STRUGGLE FOR KEEPING JAPANESE MORALITY
IN OGAI MORI'S *VITA SEXUALIS*:
AN INDIVIDUAL PSYCHOLOGICAL APPROACH**



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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study.

Human living needs a pride as the perfect creation in the earth. One into another needs regarding, respecting, believing, and so much loving. The people gather with in order to be exist in the world. They try to balance the life with any kinds of activities as the reaction of joining the social community. Although they cannot resist of the problem that rises because of those activities.

The problem always brings the people to be aware of what they have done before. The problem of each person will be different. But, there is something that can make them same facing the problem, namely struggle. Because of struggle they can survive in their life.

The people fight in their life in order to gain better condition. They must have defense to face the problem in their life. There are many Medias that explore about life fighting that might be inspired someone else. It can be found in Magazine, News paper, TV news, Radio, Book, Novel, Drama, etc. one of them is Ogai Mori's *Vita Sexualis*. This novel concerns with the fight of major character in defense to survive. *Vita Sexualis* is only some of those novels that give more explanation in order to make the reader aware of self conscious to do the best thing in life survival. *Vita Sexualis* is one of the novel deals with

fighting in the life of the major character of that novel ([www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki / mori_ % c5 %: gai](http://www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/mori_%c5%:gai)).

Shizuka Kanai, the major character, has bad experience life. The story started when Shizuka Kanai entered on Junior High School. Since the school he lived with Professor Azuma who lived in Ogawacho in Kanda, and from this house he went off to school everyday. In this year, he almost got a sexual accident. But, he always is safe. Three years letter, he entered on Senior High School. He lived in the school dormitory.

In the school dormitory Shizuka Kanai found many bad attitudes of his friends. He promised himself not to follow what they have done. He tried to keep the morality as Japanese. He succeeded. Mr. Kanai and his friend, Kojima, was the only student who could keep the morality until graduated. After graduated, he worked at the company. In the other hand, his mother forced him to get married. He always refused. The end of his story, Shizuka Kanai chose to go to German to continue his study.

Ogai mori's *Vita Sexualis* released by Tuttle on 2001. Ogai Mori is one of the famous novelists in Japan. Because of *Vita Sexualis*, he beacame Japan's Surgeon general and officially reprimanded by the minister of war, *Vita sexualis* is far more than prurient erotic novel. The narrator, a professor of philosophy, wrestles with issues of sexual desire, sex education, and the proper place of sensuality. He tells the story of his own *journey* into sexual awareness, spanning

fifteen years, from his first exposure to a woman, and his eventual encounter with a professional courtesan. Beyond being a poignant account of one boy's coming of age, *Vita Sexualis* is also an important record of Japan's moral struggles during the cultural upheaval of the last years of the Meiji era's.

Based on the reason above, the researcher is interested in analyzing the main character's that strives for keeping morality in *Vita Sexualis*. This study will be analyzed by using Alfred Alder's Individual Psychological Theory. Furthermore, the researcher entitles this *research* **Struggle for Keeping Japanese morality in *Vita Sexualis* an Individual Approach.**

B. Literary Review.

The researcher cannot find the other writer research of this novel. It means the novel has not been studied before, so this research is the first research in Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta or Sebelas Maret University.

C. Problem Statement.

The problem statement of the study how Shizuka Kanai struggles for keeping Japanese morality in Ogai Mori's *Vita Sexualis*.

D. Limitation of the Study

The study only analyze how Shizuka Kanai struggle for keeping Japanese morality in Ogai Mori's *Vita Sexualis* is viewed from the Individual Psychological perspective.

E. Objectives of the Study.

The objectives of this study as follows:

1. To analyze the novel based on the structural element by finding character and characterization, plot, setting, point of view, style, and theme.
2. To analyze the novel based on individual psychological perspective.

F. Benefit of the Study.

The benefits of this study as follows:

1. Theoretical Benefit.

- a. To give some information which can be used by the other researcher that is interesting in analyzing this research.
- b. To give contribution to other literary research especially in the study.

2. Practical Benefit.

To give deeper understanding in literary field as the reference to the other researcher in analyzing this novel using different perspective.

G. Research Method.

The research method of this research paper broken down into four aspects. (1) Type of the study (2) Type of the data and the data sources (3) technique of the data collection (4) technique of the data analysis.

1. Type of the Study

In analyzing the data in the novel, the researcher use the qualitative as the type of the research.

2. Type of the Data and the Data Source

In this research, there are two sources of the data. Namely Primary and Secondary data sources.

a. Primary data sources

The primary data are taken from the novel of *Vita Sexualis* by Ogai Mori's that is published by TUTTLE.

b. Secondary data sources

The secondary data sources related to the primary data sources such as information about the author's biography, websites about the novel.

3. Technique of the Data Collection

The technique of collecting data using library research. The data from both primary and secondary sources are collected and recorded in a sort of document as evidence. The techniques of collecting data will be as follows:

- a. Reading the novel.
- b. Taking notes of important data from both primary and secondary data.
- c. Browsing to the internet to get several information and article related to the object of the study.
- d. Arranging the data into several parts according to its classification.
- e. Developing the data provided.

4. Technique of the Data Analysis.

In analyzing the data, the writer will use descriptive technique. It used to describe the structural element of the novel. This is an interpretation of the text and content analysis to get the characteristics of the data in using individual psychoanalysis of the novel *Vita Sexualis*.

H. Paper Organization.

To make it easy to understand, the researcher arranges the research paper into five chapters. The first chapter introduction that consists of the background of the study, literary review, problem statement, and the object of the study, benefit of the study, theoretical approach, research method, and paper organization. The second chapter present with underlying theory explaining Individual Psychology used to analyze the novel. The researcher presents the underlying theory, which consists of the notion of Individual Psychology, the basic concept of Individual Psychology and theoretical application. The third chapter presents structural element and discussion of the *Vita Sexualis* novel by Ogai Mori. The fourth chapter presents with the analysis the individual psychology toward the major character of the novel. The fifth chapter presents conclusion and suggestion of the research.