CHAPTER IV

ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION

This chapter deal with type analysis of th novel with using Psychoanalytic theory by Sigmund Freud. In the discusssion of the analysis, the researcher will analyze the importance of altruism for happiness of others in Nicholas Sparks Dear John Novel (2006).

A. Analysis

1. Motivation of Altruism

   a. Giving Attention to Others

   I said nothing to him about it one way or the other until the summer after graduation, but when he realized I hadn’t even applied to junior college, he locked himself in his den for the rest of the night and said nothing to me over our eggs and bacon the next morning. Later that evening, he tried to engage me in another discussion about coins, as if grasping for the companionship that had somehow been lost between us. (p.71)

   The above quotation shows that John’s father tries to engage John through coin topic. He gives his full attention to him by explaining much about it. Unfortunately, the response from John is quite bad. He even does not want to stay in unless gets mad at his father because he has been bored to that never ending topic.

   Everyone chips in for the house and pays their own expenses for the month, and we don’t charge anything for the labor we do on the houses. That’s why it was so important that I get my bag back. I wouldn’t have been able to eat all month.” (p.14)
The above quotation portrays that Savannah in fact attract others attention to do the same with her; to make something useful for others during their vacation that later can be always memorized because helping others is a kind of action that people will be very thankful for. At the end, Savannah is successful to influence her friends, some of them want to join the volunteer as she does and they togetherly are in particular place to help victims of disaster.

And the community’s been supportive. As soon as word about Tim got out, there was a segment on the local news and the newspaper did a story, and people all over town have promised to start collecting money. They set up a special bank account and everything. My parents helped. The place we worked helped. Parents of some of the kids we worked with helped. I’ve heard that they’ve even got jars out in a lot of the businesses.” (p.108)

In this novel, giving attention to others motivation is realized when Savannah and Tim community tries to help Tim disease. They make charity for medicinal therapy for Tim. They place some donation boxes onto several spots that are expected can attract others compassionate to donate their money for Tim, not only that, they also set up a special bank account for anyone who wants to help but in any other areas. This action portrays this kind of motivation because by spreading those donation boxes and opening special account, people give the attention to their other human being and are able to help each other.

“There’s this boy in Lenoir named Alan, and I’ve known him all my life. He’s autistic, and for a long time no one knew what to do with him or how to get through to him. And it just got to me, you know? I felt so bad for him, even when I was little. When I asked my parents about it, they said that maybe the Lord had special plans for him. It didn’t make any sense at first, but Alan had an older brother who
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b. Helping Others

I suppose I should explain why I jumped into the waves to retrieve her bag. It wasn’t that I thought she would view me as some sort of hero, or because I wanted to impress her, or even because I cared in the slightest how much money she’d lost. It had to do with the genuineness of her smile and the warmth of her laugh. Even as I was plunging into the water, I knew how ridiculous my reaction was, but by then it was too late. I hit the water, went under, and popped to the surface. Four faces stared down at me from the railing. Pink shirt was definitely annoyed. (p. 12)

This quotation shows that John decides to jump into the sea to take Savannah’s bag. He also does not know what his attention is, but he does believe that he just wants to help others as well as it is the social value that everyone should own to. Even the condition of the sea at that time is rather danger, John does not notice it. In his mind is only how to take that bag back to her belonging. Through being directed by other people there, finally John is successful to save that bag and brings it back to the owner.

“When I was growing up, our house was kind of like a farm. Dogs, cats, even a llama for awhile. I was a sucker when it came to strays. My parents got to the point where they wouldn’t even argue with me about it. There were usually four or five at any one time. Sometimes an owner would come, hoping to find a lost pet, and
he’d leave with one of our recent additions if he couldn’t find it. We were like the pound.” (p. 32)
This quotation describes about the kindness of Savannah’s parents. They sincerely help any lost animals that come to their house and nurture them as if they are theirs. This shows that Savannah parents is a kind of kindhearted well being. That they fond other creatures with a full of love. That is why some of the owner of lost pets usually come to their house to see whether or not their pet is there.

“But anyway,” she went on, “that’s what I meant when I said it wasn’t always easy my freshman year. And it was the reason I wanted to quit school. My parents, bless their hearts, thought that I was homesick, so they made me stay. But . . . as bad as it was, I learned something about myself. That I could go through something like that and survive. I mean, I know it could have been worse—a lot worse—but for me, it was all I could have handled at the time. And I learned from it.” When she finished, I found myself remembering something she’d said. “Was Tim the one who brought you back from the hotel that night?” She looked up, startled. “Who else would you call?” I said by way of explanation. She nodded. “Yeah, I guess you’re right. And he was great. To this day, he hasn’t asked about the specifics, and I haven’t told him. But since then he’s been a little protective, and I can’t say that I mind.” (p.48)

This quotation says that Tim helps Savannah in her worst condition. At that time Savannah is being rapped and drunk by her favorite man. She is lied. She is only cheated by him in the name of love. She considers that it is her worst during her life because she has trusted someone who breaks her future. But Savannah still does not tell anything to Tim even he has helped her. Instead, he keeps calming her down to ensure everything is still alright.

“Don’t be ridiculous. You said it was a long walk, right? I’ll have Tim drive you. Let me get him.” She raced off before I could stop her, and a minute later Tim was following her out of the house. “Tim is happy to take you,” she said, looking way too pleased with herself. I turned toward Tim. “You sure?” “No problem at all,” he assured me. “My truck’s out front. You can
just put your board in the back.” He motioned to the board. “Need a hand?” “No,” I said, rising, “I got it.” I went to the chair and slipped on my shirt, then picked up my board. “Thanks, by the way.” (p.20)

The quotation shows indirect help done by Tim. Savannah tells John that Tim will deliver him to his house because it is quite far from their house. Tim by then with a big pleasure wants to bring him home. During their way home, Tim and Jhon talk more about their other. At the end, it is clear that here Tim helps John.

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“I was glad to help,” she said. “He’s been so nice over the years. He never complained about the noise my kids made when they were teenagers, and he always bought whatever they were selling when they needed to raise money for school trips or things like that. He keeps the yard just right, and whenever I asked him to watch my house, he was always there for me. He’s been the perfect neighbor.” I smiled. Encouraged, she went on. (p.87)

This is the quotation that shows about the help done by Jhon neighbour. Since he became an army, he should leave his father alone and no one could take care of him. So, Jhon decides to ask for help to his neighbour. She is kind. She wants do
everything to make Jhon’s father feels alright. She does all household. But once when her daughter is sick, she leaves John house for a moment.

I took a seat at the bar and struck up a conversation with the bartender. He was about my age, and his mountain accent reminded me of Savannah’s. After twenty minutes of easy conversation, I took Savannah’s picture from my wallet and explained that I was a friend of the family. I used her parents’ names and asked questions that implied I’d been there before. He was wary, and rightfully so. Small towns protect their own, but it turned out that he’d spent a couple of years in the Marine Corps, which helped. In time, he nodded. “Yeah, I know her,” he said. “She lives out on Old Mill Road, next to her parents’ place.” It was just after eight in the evening, and the sky was graying as dusk began to settle in. Ten minutes later, I left a big tip on the bar and made my way out the door. (p.92)

This implies that bartender helps Jhon to find out the address of Savannah by showing him her picture. After talking much about several matters, finally the bartender explains the direction clearly so that John will be easy to reach Savannah current house.

My mom and dad have been great . . . kind of. I know they’d do anything that I ask, and they’re always offering to help, and Mom brings over our meals, but every time she drops off the food, she’s just a bundle of nerves. She’s always on the verge of crying. It’s like she’s terrified of saying or doing anything wrong, so when she’s trying to help, it’s like I have to support her, too, instead of the other way around. Added to everything else, it’s almost too much sometimes. I hate to say that about her because she’s doing her best and she’s my mom and I love her, but I just wish she’d be stronger, you know?” (p.107)

This quotation shows that Savannah parents hardly ever leave her. They help Savannah so much. They know and realize that the current condition of Savannah is really apprehensive since Tim had such serious disease. Savannah’s mother never
stops to deliver her food to make sure that Savannah is still alright even so many burdens on her back.

She shook her head. “No!” For the first time, she seemed to question what she’d done, and her lip began to quiver. When she spoke again, her voice trembled. “You’re right. I shouldn’t have done that. But I just wanted you to understand him.” “Why?” I said, taking a step toward her. I could feel my muscles tensing. “I understand him fine. I grew up with him, remember? I lived with him.” “I was trying to help,” she said, eyes downcast. “I just wanted you to be able to relate to him.” “I didn’t ask for your help. I don’t want your help. And why is it any of your damn business, anyway?” She turned away and swiped at a tear. “It’s not,” she said. Her voice was almost inaudible. “I thought you’d want to know.” (p.54)

This quotation shows that Savannah actually wants to help Jhon to understand more about his father. Savannah believes that his father is having retardation which is called Asperger. But Jhon can not believe it. He gets mad at Savannah and blames Savannah to whatever she has done to. Even Savannah has explained it clearly, but still she has no ability to reduce Jhon’s anger. Savannah, in fact just want to help John. But she may not show it through right way.

I’ve worked with soldiers on all sides of the political spectrum; I’ve met some who hated the army and others who wanted to make it a career. I’ve met geniuses and idiots, but when all is said and done, we do what we do for one another. For friendship. Not for country, not for patriotism, not because we’re programmed killing machines, but because of the guy next to you. You fight for your friend, to keep him alive, and he fights for you, and everything about the army is built on this simple premise. (p.9)

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death is the worst effect they have to accept. As long as cooperative value built up, everything is alright and all be safe.

c. Prioritizing the Interests of Others

Despite the hour, the air was already warm. We spent a few minutes in the sand near the water’s edge going over the basics of surfing, and I explained how to pop up on the board. When Savannah thought she was ready, I waded in carrying the board, walking beside her. There were only a few surfers out, the same ones I’d seen the day before. I was trying to figure out the best place to bring Savannah so she’d have enough room when I realized I could no longer see her. “Hold on, hold on!” she shouted from behind me. “Stop, stop . . .” (p. 21)

This quotation implies Savannah’s interest to surfing. It is actually Jhon’s. He used to have surfing since he spent much time on the beach. Even it is not her hobby or something that she used to, she tries to understand the instructions given by Jhon. It makes her happy. She enjoys her first experience to have surfing. In the other hand, Jhon never let his sight off from Savannah. He passionately teaches Savannah how to have a good surfing. At the end, she sincerely let herself involve in an experience she has never been in.

We spent six or seven hours in the saddle, and I did my best to keep up with Savannah, though that was close to impossible. I didn’t end up with my face planted in the dirt, but there were a few dicey moments here and there when Pepper acted up and it took everything I could do to hold on. It wasn’t until Savannah and I were getting ready for dinner that I realized what I’d gotten myself into, however. Little by little, I began to realize that my walking resembled waddling. The inside muscles of my legs felt as if Tony had pounded them for hours. (p.69)

And this one is the turn of Jhon. He tries to have horseback riding as well as it is Savannah’s interest. Even it is not his first time to do that, he admits that he still has to adjust himself with Pepper; the horse of Savannah which is being ridden by Jhon at
that time. Like Jhon did to Savanah before, at this time Savannah is also being a good instructor for Jhon. She shares many things to Jhon about how to have a good horseback riding.

2. **Altruism Portrayed in the Novel**

   1. **By Creating Characters**

      a. Willing to Sacrifice to Others

      “My dad hoped to share the same passion with me, including the sacrifice it required. Growing up, I had to sleep with extra blankets in the winter, and I got a single pair of new shoes every year; there was never money for my clothes, unless they came from the Salvation Army” (page.23).

      From the explanation above, we know that the sacrifice of a father to his son. A father sacrifices for the happiness of his son. He always protects her child and willing to have nothing for her child

      “In my hand, I was holding a 1926-D buffalo nickel in gem condition, a coin that my dad had just purchased. It was among the rarest of all buffalo nickels, and we ended up eating hot dogs and beans for a month, since it cost more than he’d expected. But I didn’t mind the sacrifices— for a while, anyway” (page.23).

      From the illustration in the novel we know that, John realizes that his father does not have much money, he is willing to eat hot dogs and red beans for a month. But, John never minded doing it. All the sacrifices he did for his father.

      “I’m glad, I was a little worried about her coming down here. Last year her parents were with us, so this is the first time she’s been on her own like this. I know she’s a big girl, but these aren’t the kind of people she usually hangs out with, and the last things I wanted was for her to be fending off guys all night ” (page 19).
From the quotation above, it explains that Savannah is a person who unusual being apart with his parents. She loves her parents a lot, because her parents never force her to be what they like. Savannah gave the freedom from her parents to determine her life. However, she began to be independent without the help of her parents this time. She is type of person who care with her parents. Savannah wants to sacrifice for the happiness of her parents.

evident, and when my dad grounded me, I stayed at a friend’s house for a couple of weeks after raging at him to mind his own business. He said nothing upon my return; instead, scrambled eggs, toast, and bacon were on the table in the mornings as usual. I barely passed my classes, and I suspect the school let me graduate simply because it wanted me out of there. I know my dad was worried, and he would sometimes, in his own shy way, broach the subject of college, but by then I’d made up my mind not to go. I wanted a job, I wanted a car, I wanted those material things I’d lived eighteen years without. (p.6)

The quotation above shows that even Jhon has been arrested by police and they turn him back, the father does not get mad at him. Instead, he prepares meals for him as he is used to do. He keeps running the role of being a father even bad things done by his son.

They met in college at Appalachian State, and Mom worked at a bank for a couple of years until she had me. Since then, she’s been a stay-at-home mom, and she was the kind of mom who was there for everyone else, too. (p.32)

This quotation shows that Savannah’s mother is a good one. She sincerely put off her job since she got married and serves fully to her family and surroundings.
When I asked my parents about it, they said that maybe the Lord had special plans for him. It didn’t make any sense at first, but Alan had an older brother who was so patient with him all the time. I mean always. He never got frustrated with him, and little by little, he helped Alan. Alan’s not perfect by any stretch—he still lives with his parents, and he’ll never be on his own—but he’s not as lost as he was when he was younger, and I just decided that I wanted to be able to help kids like Alan.” (p.19)

The above quotation shows about the attention and love given by an older brother. Tim that is Alan’s brother described by Savannah has a good heart. He is patient to face Alan’s condition which is different with others. It is what an innateness of a sibling takes turn. When there is one of them is abnormal, others take care of him and love him fully.

“So I joined the military. My first thought was that I’d join the marines, since they were the guys. I was most familiar with. Wrightsville Beach was always packed with jarheads from Camp Lejeune or Cherry Point, but when the time came, I picked the army. I figured I’d be handed a rifle either way, but what really closed the deal was that the marines recruiter was having lunch when I swung by and wasn’t immediately available, while the army recruiter—whose office was right across the street—was. In the end, the decision felt more spontaneous than planned, but I signed on the dotted line for a four-year enlistment, and when the recruiter slapped my back and congratulated me as I went out the door, I found myself wondering what I’d gotten myself into. That was in late 1997, and I was twenty years old (page 146)

From explanation above, John joining the military. John want the father happy and proud with the decision join the military to defend his country.

“In the first week of September, we began the countdown of the days. I had left until i am discharge. There were
one hundred to go. It was easier to talk of days rather than weeks or months” (page 146)

This explains about how Savannah and Jhon wait for their meeting. They prefer saying days to months because by that way, their await will be easier. It is mutualism for them because each other is very happy latter.

“Granted, I was caught up in the ame patriotic wave, but more than that, I was bound by the twin ties of fiendship and responsibility. I knew my men, I cared about my men, and the thought of abandoning them at a time like this struck me as impossibly cowardly” (page 147)

This shows about how the friendship in military relies on. They support each other. They are not there for the good situation but also the bad ones. And it is the core because their friendship is about holding one another.

“Even I, who was expecting my honorable discharge in December and had been counting the days until i could go home to Savannah, caught the fever and found myself reenlisting. I called Savannah with the news. Initially, she was supportive. Like everyone else. She’d been horrified by what had happened, and she understood the of duty that weighed on me, even before I tried to explain it. She said she was proud of me. But reality soon set in. In choosing to serve my country, I’d made a sacrifice” (page 147)

From the explanation, John wants to resign as army and return home to marry Savannah. But on September 11th, 3 months before he resign, there is a major event in his country that makes everyone angry. Actually, John must join the fight to defend his country. During, the army, he is assigned only to maintain peace on the border. One by one his friends register for the term of two years. John who is waiting for the time to resign. He feels a sense of patriotism is higher than the desire to return home. John stay in Germany and join the register with his two year stint as his friends. John
Asks the opinion of Savannah about the decision. Savannah understands the state of John and supports that decision, even he proud of John. The he make great sacrifice in his life by choosing to serve in the country.

And you’re all down here on vacation for a week?”
“A month, actually-but no, it’s not really a vacation. We’re volunteering. You’ve heard of Habitat for Humanity, right? We’re down here to help build a couple of houses. My family’s been involved with it for years” (page 13)

From the illustration above, it explains that Savannah likes to help others. Savannah have a polite attitude, cares with other people In addition to vacation, savannah do social activities by helping the poor, for example to help build a houses.

b. Unlucky characters

“There’s this boy in Lenoir named Alan, and I’ve known him all my life. He’s autistic, and for a long time no one knew what to do with him or how to get through to him. And it just got to me, you know? I felt so bad for him, even when I was little. When I asked my parents about it, they said that maybe the Lord had special plans for him. It didn’t make any sense at first, but Alan had an older brother who was so patient with him all the time. I mean always. He never got frustrated with him, and little by little, he helped Alan. Alan’s not perfect by any stretch—he still lives with his parents, and he’ll never be on his own—but he’s not as lost as he was when he was younger, and I just decided that I wanted to be able to help kids like Alan.” (p.19)

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From the above quotation, it shows that soon as the community of voluntary where Savannah and Tim already been in, they help their member, Tim that at that time needs much money to his therapy.

“That falls, right after I finished up with all my classes and moved back home to work at the developmental evaluation center here in town, Tim’s parents were in a horrible accident. They were driving back from Asheville when they lost control of their car and swerved into oncoming traffic on the highway. A semi ended up hitting them. The driver of the truck wasn’t hurt, but both of Tim’s parents died on impact. Tim had to quit school—he was trying to get his PhD—so he could come back here to take care of Alan.” She paused.

“It was awful for Tim. Not only was he trying to come to terms with the loss—he adored his parents—but Alan was inconsolable. He screamed all the time, and he began pulling out his hair. The only one who could stop him from hurting himself was Tim, but it took all the energy Tim had. I guess that’s when I first started coming over here. You know, to help out” (page 100).

Finally, Savannah told about the reason of her marriage with Tim. When, Savannah finished every classes of her study and she came back to her house. But, at that time, Tim’s parents have accident that serious enough, they are in trip to comeback from Asheville when they are losing their control of their car and swerved oncoming traffic on highway. A big truck with different direction hits them.

The driver truck did not hurt but Tim’s parent died directly. Knowing the fact that his parent had already passed away, Tim decided to quit school in his effort to get his PhD and come back to take care of Alan. Because of the incident, Alan became a depression; he began pulling out his hair. Actually,
Tim also began to overwhelmed with Alan who getting over. When savannah knows it, she wants to help Tim and Alan. Alan’s condition was getting worse with the fact that his parents has passed away. Therefore, Savannah should help Tim to take care of Alan. Since that moment, Savannah often interacted with Tim. So, the reason of her marriage with Tim is Savannah wants to help Tim take care of Alan, not because Savannah falling in love with Tim after broken out of John.

2. Setting of Place
   a. Battle of Field

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“Duh,” she teased, and my nervousness disappeared. “Of course I will,” she said, smiling.
“How can you even bother to ask? I’ll write you all the time. And just so you know, I write the best letters.”
“I don’t doubt it.”
“I’m serious,” she said. “In my family, that’s what we do on just about every holiday. We write letters to those people who we care a lot about. We tell them what they mean to us and how much we look forward to the time when we’ll get to see them again.” I kissed her neck again. “So what do I mean to you? And how much are you looking forward to seeing me again?” She leaned back. “You’ll have to read my letters.” I laughed, but I felt my heart breaking. “I’m going to miss you,” I said.
“I’ll miss you, too.” “You don’t sound too broken up about it.” (p.61)

This quotation shows that Savannah will kindheartedly send her letter to Jhon during his bond in military. To reduce Jhon’s missing, She will always do that and Jhon will too. They love eventually still can be kept up even the distance separates them.

We landed in midafternoon under a cloudless sky and found ourselves surrounded by sand on every side. Almost immediately we were loaded on a bus, drove for hours, and ended up in what was essentially the largest tent city I’d ever seen. The army did its best to make it comfortable. The food was good and the PX had everything you might need, but it was boring. Mail delivery was poor-I received no letters at all-and the lines for the phone were always a mile long. In between drills,
my men and I either sat around trying to guess when
the invasion would start or
practiced getting into our chemical suits as quickly as
we could. The plan was for my squad to augment
other units from different divisions on a hard push to
Baghdad. By February, after what
already felt like a zillion years in the desert, my
squad and I were as ready as we’d ever be.

The above quotation shows that the military of which Jhon stays in attempts to
overlap each other’s need during their obligation to have war in Baghdad. It is done
to make sure that every needs is fulfilled well.

b. Tim’s House

“Are you okay?” I finally asked.
“Why are you here, John?”
“You already asked me that.”
“I know I did,” she said. “But you didn’t really
answer.”
I studied her. No, I hadn’t. I wasn’t sure I could
explain it myself and shifted my weight from one
foot to the other. “I didn’t know where else to go.”
Surprising me, she nodded. “Uh-huh,” she
acknowledged” (page 94).

From the conversation above, John was still worried with Savannah condition,
although her life with her husband. But when at home Tim, John did not see
her husband was coming up. Actually , John was still cares with Savannah
and he was still loves with Savannah. But John had to give up savannah to
someone else.

“What’s going on, Savannah?”
With my words, she came back to me. “What do
you mean?”
“Your husband,” I said.
“What about him?”
“When can I meet him?”
Instead of answering, Savannah rose from the table with her wineglass. She poured the remains into the sink, then retrieved a coffee cup and a box of tea. "You’ve already met him,” she said, turning around. She squared her shoulders. “It’s Tim” (page 99)

The quotation above told that John began to ask to Savannah about her husband, Why he is not here. John wants to meet him. Savannah said that her husband is Tim. John felt angry knowing this fact because John has known Tim well. As he knows, Tim is a person who knows enough about his relationship with Savannah from the beginning until the end. Tim also supported John to have relationship with Savannah. For that reason, John realizes Savannah will be happy lives with Tim.

“You know we’ve been friends. Even though he was a graduate student, we ended up having a couple of classes in the same building during my last year in college, and afterwards, we’d have coffee or end up studying together. It’s not like we dated, or even held hands. Tim knew I was in love with you . . . but he was there, you know? He listened when I talked about how much I missed you and how hard it was to be apart. And it was hard. I thought you’d be home by then.” When she looked up, her eyes were filled with . . . What? Regret? I couldn’t tell “(page 99)

From the quotation above, it is clear that Tim knows enough about the relationship between John and Savannah. Even Savannah often tells to him how much she misses John and how hard it was to be apart. But John think in his mind, how it can happen, he had already known that Tim has fallen in love when the first time John talk to him. But tim does not express it because he knows that Savannah has not the same feeling like him. John knows that Savannah only regard him as like her elder brother that always admired by her. So it makes John think what already happen when he was away.
3. Events
   a. Handling of Savannah’s Bag

   I suppose I should explain why I jumped into the waves to retrieve her bag. It wasn’t that I thought she would view me as some sort of hero, or because I wanted to impress her, or even because I cared in the slightest how much money she’d lost. It had to do with the genuineness of her smile and the warmth of her laugh. Even as I was plunging into the water, I knew how ridiculous my reaction was, but by then it was too late. I hit the water, went under, and popped to the surface. Four faces stared down at me from the railing. Pink shirt was definitely annoyed. (p.12)

   This quotation shows that John decides to jump into the sea to take Savannah’s bag. He also does not know what his attention is, but he does believe that he just wants to help others as well as it is the social value that everyone should own to. Even the condition of the sea at that time is rather danger, John does not notice it. In his mind is only how to take that bag back to her belonging. Through being directed by other people there, finally John is successful to save that bag and brings it back to the owner

   “I don’t know how long we stood together, but when we finally began moving toward the baggage claim, I slipped my hand into hers knowing that I loved her not only more than the last time I’d seen her, but more than I would ever love anyone” (Page 67).

   From the quotation above, it is showed that how they love each other, especially for John. He said that he loves Savannah more than other girls he had before. John always care and protect Savannah, because he loves with Savannah. Savannah’s desire to marry with John is really strong. She feels happy when she is beside John, she saw that John suh nice guy who never force her to sleep together. Therefore, she really wants to live with
John and married with him someday. She is sure that her dream to marry with John will come true since their love is greater all the time. Someone who has a desire wants it become real although she does not know when the day will come.

b. Savannah Marriage

“That falls, right after I finished up with all my classes and moved back home to work at the developmental evaluation center here in town, Tim’s parents were in a horrible accident. They were driving back from Asheville when they lost control of their car and swerved into oncoming traffic on the highway. A semi ended up hitting them. The driver of the truck wasn’t hurt, but both of Tim’s parents died on impact. Tim had to quit school—he was trying to get his PhD-so he could come back here to take care of Alan.” She paused. “It was awful for Tim. Not only was he trying to come to terms with the loss—he adored his parents—but Alan was inconsolable. He screamed all the time, and he began pulling out his hair. The only one who could stop him from hurting himself was Tim, but it took all the energy Tim had. I guess that’s when I first started coming over here. You know, to help out” (page 100).

Finally, Savannah told about the reason of her marriage with Tim. When, Savannah finished every classes of her study and she came back to her house. But, at that time, Tim’s parents have accident that serious enough, they are in trip to comeback from Asheville when they are losing their control of their car and swerved oncoming traffic on highway. A big truck with different direction hits them. The driver truck did not hurt but Tim’s parent died directly. Knowing the fact that his parent had already passed away, Tim decided to quit school in his effort to get his PhD and come back to take care of Alan. Because of the incident, Alan became a depression; he began pulling out his hair. Actually, Tim also began to overwhelmed with Alan who getting over.
When Savannah knows it, she wants to help Tim and Alan. Alan’s condition was getting worse with the fact that his parents has passed away. Therefore, Savannah should help Tim to take care of Alan. Since that moment, Savannah often interacted with Tim. So, the reason of her marriage with Tim is Savannah wants to help Tim take care of Alan, not because Savannah falling in love with Tim after broken out of John.

“I know you want to be angry with Tim or me. Probably both of us. And I guess we deserve it. But you don’t know what it was like back then. So much was going on—it was just so emotional all the time. I felt guilty about what was happening, Tim felt guilty “(page 100)

Savannah realizes that John would might angry with her and Tim. Savannah and Tim also fell guilty by their decision. But, Savannah has to make a decision whether waiting for John or stay married with Tim. Finally, Savannah choose to marry with Tim, although she felt guilty because she has sacrifice her love, he is John the men who her loves.

c. Moments of Tim’s Being Sick

And the community’s been supportive. As soon as word about Tim got out, there was a segment on the local news and the newspaper did a story, and people all over town have promised to start collecting money. (p.108)

From the above quotation, it shows that soon as the community of voluntary where Savannah and Tim already been in, they help their member, Tim that at that time needs much money to his therapy
“I’ll bet she was glad to see you. I konw she’s always felt bad that it ended the way it did, and so did I. I owe you an apology.”Don’t, I raised m hands.”It’s okay.”He Formed wry grin.”You’re only saying that because I’m sick, and we both know it. If I was healthy, you’d probably want to break my nose again.”Maybe,”I admitted.(p.105)

The condition of Tim who is sick might make John reducing his angry. Tim asks an apology to John because he has married with Savannah. Savannah is willing to marry with him, because Tim really need her help and cares with Alan’s condition.

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4. The Importance of Atruism Depicted in the Novel

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On Nicholas Sparks’s website, he explained the importance of altruism in his novel. He argued that “I finally understood what true love meant, love meant that you care for another person’s happiness more than your own, no matter how painful the choices you face might be”. The importance of altruism obviously represented in this novel. To whatever Jhon already done, mainly for Savannah as the one he loves for most, it is very important to him by then seeing Savannah be happy. Even in fact he can not unite with Savannah as spouse, at least they can be best friends for each other. Remembering that Tim is also a good man and he does know about it, then Jhon feels alright to let Savannah be with him. He does
everything as he can be to make Savannah be happy with her current life, even there is no him beside her.

B. Discussion

John is a military-based man that lives with his only father. Her mother has left him since he was kid. He feels bored to his life until he is teenager, because his father keeps doing regular routinities everyday. Even he has done something wrong, his father never gets mad at him. He still loves John and nurtures him well. His interest about coin, oftentimes makes John feel annoyed. He is too tired to be in that always issue. The life of John then changes when he enters military and becomes an army. He has been seldom at home. He has to be in dormitory during his bond. He just visits his father once or twice a year. Once on his vacation, he meets a lady named Savannah. A kindhearted one that becomes a volunteer to help poor people building up their house. Since the bag of hers retrieved by John in the sea, they become closer by then. They match each other. Therefore, not so long, they decide to engage and bring their relation to the more serious phase.

During John’s bond as an army, Savannah never stops to send letters to him, so their relationship still can be alright. Savannah patiently waits for John arrival whenever he is free. John promises to propose Savannah soon after his 2 years bond. Unfortunately, due to the passion of being an army is really high on John’s self, he decides to continue his bond few years later. Savannah, at first understands about his decision. But later, after knowing that Jhon is in a worst war that his life will be ended soon whenever he goes to, Savannah decides to discontinue their relationship. After that moment, John alters. There is no passion in his life unless continuing his contract as an army. He is more focus on his carier without thinking of his love life. Soon after that, it is known that his father is sick. He realizes that it is his turn to repay what his father already done. So, as long as he is free, he nurtures his father
well. Even he does not really attract to coin, he loves to talk it with his father for the sake of his goodness. But after all of efforts pour out, God loves him more. He passed away when John was having bond. John, later tries to accept the reality. Soon, a lawyer of his father comes to give the heritage letter made by him. Its about the coin certificates which are expected can be useful for him later.

During his free time, he tries to go to Lenoire, the city where Savannah lives in. Since he knows that Savannah already married to another guy, he hardly never communicate with her again. Things that make John surprised by then is that apparently, Savannah husband is Tim, a friend of hers that is well-known too by John. Moreover, since Tim’s parents passed away, the role of Tim as Alan’s brother replaced by Savannah. It is known that Alan has special need such an autism.

John is really concerned about the current situation experienced by Savannah. Even he loves her so much, but he never wants to betray him. John helps Savannah in several circumstances. At the end of the story, he sells all of his father’s coin to help Tim’s therapy fee. He just leaves one, the buffalo coin as his memorable stuff that reminds him to his father. Due to John’s and others donation, finally Tim can be healthy and he sees happily ever after with Savannah.

All of motivations and types of altruism can be found in this novel. By then, what makes this novel becomes unique is that many kinds of altruism experienced by the whole characters. The motivation of those characters are merely to please others and realizing that they are social creature that has nothing unless themselves which can be useful for others.

Started from John’s father as the one who never stops caring about his son, sincerely being an altruistic due to the gene and his daily routines. Jhon, as the main character here, doing several altruism, such as: helping Savannah
to take her bag from sea, nurturing his father until his last day, being a good friend during his bond in military, and at the last, donating all of his father’s coin for Tim’s recovery, the one that becomes her ex-girlfriend husband. In the other hand, Savannah, a girl whose kind heart being a volunteer to help poor people build up their house from disasters. She also concerns about retarded children, that is autism. She even wants to spend her life to nurture them. Even it is not easy for her, later she realizes that it has been her destiny. After being married by Tim, Savannah also nurtures Alan, Tim’s young brother who is also autist. It becomes harder since Tim had serious disease that enforces Savannah to nurture Alan lonely, but she is still a good wife and sister for them because she never gives up to give her love to them.

There is Tim, that in the beginning of the story becomes Savannah’s best friend, eventually becomes her husband. Tim, from his very first appearance, has done many altruism. As the example, when he picked Savannah up after being rapped by his man. Next, doing everything Savannah asks for during their voluntary time especially for Jhon’s importance, and the last, to take care of his only brother Alan, that has special need as an autist. He does everything sincerely and never be in a wrong way as long as he lives. That’s why it shocked Savannah when she knows that Tim has rare-serious disease on his skin.

In addition, The parents of Savannah also do altruism. Since the very beginning of the story, Savannah tells Jhon that they are a good one. Loving to help others even it is not in the same creature. When Savannah gets trial in her life, her mother also never leaves her. They keep supporting and nurturing Savannah from the far even she has got married.

Finally, what Jhon already done to Savannah is a great issue. He let himself be sad just for seeing his love be happy. This what is called true love. That someone sincerely does all efforts he can be just to see someone else’s happiness even she does not belong to him afterward.
The altruism is very important as well as portrayed in this novel. How all characters try to please others. They intentionally sacrifice themselves for the sake of others happiness. It is such an innateness that everyone, since he was born, given a sense to be care to other creatures to make themselves happy at the end.