

# **CHAPTER I**

## **INTRODUCTION**

The chapter deals with the introduction of the research. It contains the background of the study, problem statement, limitation of the study, objective of the study, benefit of the study, and paper organization.

### **A. Background of the Study**

People do some activities every day. The activities are various from one to another. There are purposes or reasons for them to do such kind of those activities. In selecting the kinds of activities, purpose is the first determiner. The purpose, the aim or the goal of something become the first step in making plan and starting it. To be successful in a particular field is a common purpose of making activities. It needs self-improvement and skill than just reading, dreaming or wishing for something.

Reality sometimes differ with people`s want. People`s life is a collection of events, and sometimes, facing hard reality beyond the expectation. Therefore, in making and executing a plan, people needs big desire because problems or obstacle may come anytime. Big desire functions to recharge people spirit when they have problem or limitation. The desire brings extra energy to solve and pass the limitation. Sometimes people must have big desire in the attainment process that combined with the willingness to strive for the accomplishment, can be said as ambition.

According to Burron, Nell in Philosophy (2014) Ambition derives from the Latin *ambitio*, which means a going around and, by extension a striving for honour, recognition, and preferment. Ambition can be defined as a striving for some kind of achievement or distinction. It involves, first, the desire for attainment, and, second, the motivation and determination to strive for its accomplishment even in the face of failure and adversity.

Ambition is people`s desire to get what they need. It arises from people themselves. Ambition can be positive and negative. Positive ambition means the people want to get or achieve something beneficial for them by doing right. For example people want to be success by studying and hard working. On the other hand, negative ambition rise when people want to achieve the goal by doing bad or harm. For example stealing or robbing to get some money. Therefore, people must have good purpose and right way in realizing their ambition.

Ayu Utami`s SAMAN Novel (1998) is a very popular novel. This novel revealed many controversies on that era. They were social issues, environmental issues, and the character`s self-issues. First, the social issues were sexual taboo, women`s oppression, villager`s colonialization, etc. Second, the environmental issues were plantation problem and land exploration. Third, self-issues of the characters, anxiety, abusing, self-ambition, defense mechanism, love affairs, etc.

One of the issues that make the writer interesting is self-ambition. The novel told the story of a young man name Athanasius Wissanggeni. He usually

called as Wis. Wisanggeni is a brave man. He has very high social dedication. In Wisanggeni's self, exists a strange power that can help him at emergency time, this was happened several times, and the last one was when he tried to escape from the raging fire that burn the place where he jailed in. There were many things was faced, most concerning of how the grinds of higher level people in money measure that assume as subordinate people. He dedicated himself totally to the society. Opposing the rebellions to burn the plantation and plunder the citizen's land.

In the beginning of the journey, Wisanggeni was a priest that assigned to rural place named Lubuk Rantau. In the place, there were many social problems of the villagers and colonizer. The colony want to seize villager's plantation lands. And plant them with a specific commodity that only beneficial for them. Some villages were forced to cultivate the land without any compensation. They did not get salary, food, health insurance. Even some of the villager's land were taken over. Wis assisted the low economics society in plantation of rubber area.

In the assigned place, Wis was assigned to teach religious principle to the villagers. Then, he found some inappropriate condition. His heart was touched emotionally to fight the colony for the villager's right. In his effort, he got some confrontation from the apparatus. Although everything that he had done for the villagers had been destroyed, he kept continue his work. He struggled for the villager's land, built an electrical generator, looked for donation, planted day and night, etc. At the last he was accused as the

villager`s provocateur and jailed. In the jail, he got some maltreatment every day for several months. The condition made him disbelieve with his religion and the presence of God because no help came to him. There were still many things that can be learn from wisanggeni`s ambition. Therefore the writer interested in analyzing the issue.

There are reasons why the writer interested in studying this novel. First, the novel is controversial. It revealed taboo phenomena that forbidden to be exposed by the government and colony at that era. However, the novel had been successfully exposed the condition to other countries among other media that were banned. In addition, the novel was very famous in other countries because it had been translated into other foreign languages by foreign translators.

Second, the novel becomes the witness of historical phenomena that truly happened in Indonesia at that era. At that time, reformation happened. There were chaises everywhere. There were some social, political problems, criminal, etc. This novel tells the condition at that time. Third, the novel has some interesting issues; they are love and friendship, social problems, political problems, oppressions, sexual abuse, etc. They were described and combined in chronologically.

Forth, the writer of the novel, Ayu Utami portrayed the condition and characteristic of the story successfully. Thus made the story alive. It was due to the diction or words selected to portray the characters, setting, theme and

situation that appropriate to the story. This is why the writer amazed of the bravery of Utami to present the novel.

Fifth, the story of the main character of the novel makes the writer curious. A condition where the main character, Athanasius Wisanggeni or Saman, the bravery and full dedicated man, struggled for himself, his believe, family, love and society. He were tortured in struggling the citizen`s right. However, he continued the struggle until he was jailed and almost die. He won`t be such a brave and strong man who fights for others if he did not have strong willingness and ambition. His ambition makes the writer curious, so that it the writ analyzed it. In this research, psychoanalytic approach will be used to analyze the issue of ambition. This approach is considered as the appropriate approach to be used because it is used to analyzed human`s behavior and personality. Referred to the background and reasons, the writer proposes the following research title: **Wisanggeni`s Ambition in Ayu Utami`s SAMAN (1998) Novel: a Psychoanalytic Approach.**

## **B. Problem Statement**

The formulated problem statements of this research are:

1. How is Wisanggeni`s personality in Ayu Utami`s *SAMAN* (1998) novel?
2. How is Wisanggeni`s Ambition in Ayu Utami`s *SAMAN* (1998) novel?

### **C. Limitation of the Study**

In order to make the accurate analysis, the writer limits the study in analyzing the ambition of Wisanggeni in Ayu Utami's *SAMAN* (1998) by psychoanalytic approach.

### **D. Objective of The Study**

Based on the problem statements, the objective of the study can be formulated as follows:

1. To analyze Wisanggeni's personality in Ayu Utami's *SAMAN* (1998) novel based on psychoanalytic approach.
2. To reveal Wisanggeni's ambition in Ayu Utami's *SAMAN* (1998) novel.

### **E. Benefit of the Study**

This study will give some benefits in this following ways bellow:

1. Theoretical benefit
  - a. The result of the study can be additional references in study for other researches.
  - b. The result of the study can add knowledge and understanding about Wisaggeni's ambition in Ayu Utami's *SAMAN* (1998) a psychoanalytic approach.

2. Practical benefit

Practically, the result of the study may give benefit to the students, the readers, and the other researchers in providing additional information.

## **F. Paper Organization**

The research paper organization of **Wisanggeni`s Ambition in Ayu Utami`s SAMAN (1998) Novel: a Psychoanalytic Approach** is as follows:

Chapter I is introduction, which consist of background of the study, literary review, problem statement, and limitation of the study, objective of the study, benefit of the study, research method, and paper organization. Chapter II is literature review, deals with the underlying theory, which explains about theory of psychoanalytic, the notion of psychoanalysis, the structure of personality, Ambition, previous study and theoretical application. Chapter III deals with the research methodology of this research. Chapter IV is finding which present psychoanalytic analysis and the application of underlying theory in which Wisanggeni`s personalities and ambition in Ayu Utami`s *SAMAN* (1998) and discussion. Chapter V presents conclusion, suggestion, and pedagogical implication.