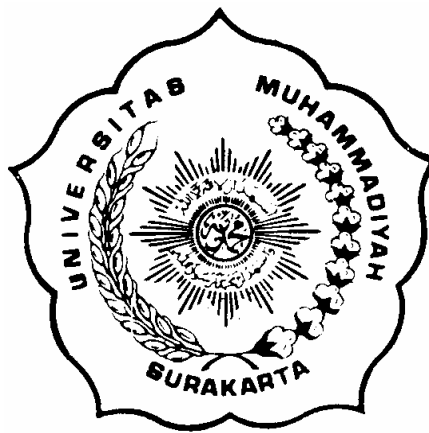


**THE ANXIETY OF MADAME DE VIONNET IN HENRY
JAMES'S
THE AMBASSADORS NOVEL (1903): A PSYCHOANALYTIC
APPROACH**



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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Research

Anxiety has close relationship with human being. Everybody gets problems in their daily life that makes them anxious. Anxiety may occurs from internal and external factor. The internal factor caused by the contradiction of id, ego and superego, meanwhile the external factor comes from environment

In psychoanalysis theory, anxiety is painful emotional experiences represent a threat or danger to the person (John and Pervin, 1997:86). Environment is external world provides a threat or danger for people. It makes an individual feel worries and discomfort in their daily event. This condition is able to produce the tension and brings the anxiety for an individual.

Literary works deal with human life, it is appropriate to use psychology as an approach in understanding human being from psychological point of view. With such social interaction, an understanding of literary work also has conspiracy with human being. "Since literature is the exposition of man's mental life, it can be said that literature has a tight relationship to psychology. Literature and psychology have the same object of research that is human being" (Wellek and Warren, 1984: 91).

Henry James is one of famous authors with many masterpiece works. Henry James was born in New York City on April 15, 1843. In 1876, at the age of thirty-three, James moved permanently to England; he eventually became a British citizen. Beside the meeting of American and European cultures is the predominant theme in his work, James observes the reality of problem that is faced by character.

James' most famous literary works are *The American* (1877), *The European* (1878), *Daisy Miller* (1880), *The Portrait of the Lady* (1881), *Washington Square*(1881), *The Bostonians* (1886), *The Turn of The Screw* (1898), *The Wings of The Dove* (1902), *The Golden Bowl* (1904), and *The Ambassadors* (1903)

The Ambassadors (1903) is the novel by Henry James consist of 446 pages, published in New York by Dell Publishing Co. Inc and copyright in 1964. The story of *The Ambassadors* (1903) start when Lewis Lambert Strether from Woollett, Massachusetts traveled to Paris in doing his task to bring back Chadwik Newsome, the son of his employee Mrs. Newsome who has been stay in Paris for long time.

Strether arrived in Paris accompanied by his friends, they were Mr. Waymarsh and Miss Maria Gostrey. Strether tried to visits Chad in Chad's apartment but unfortunately he was not there. Strether met with Chad's friends, John Little Bilham and Miss Barrace.

Finally, Strether met Chad. He saw Chad has changed since the last time they met in America. Chad became improved person, then he tells Chad about his mission to bring back him. Unfortunately Chad refuses.

Strether did not know what happened with Chad. He guessed there was woman in Chad's Life. One day Chad took Strether to Gloriani's Garden Party. There, Chad introduced Strether to Madame de Vionnet. He saw the romantic relationship between Chad and Madame de Vionnet who older than Chad. Strether consider that Madame de Vionnet just took the advantages from Chad. But in the conversation with Madame de Vionnet in the next meeting, he recognized Madame de Vionnet well. She is kind.

Knowing the mission of Strether, Madame de Vionnet was worries and made effort to keep Chad beside her by charm Strether. After many weeks in Paris, Strether had a brief conversation with Madame de Vionnet. Strether decided to keep Chad to stayed with Madame de Vionnet . It showed that Madame de Vionnet is succeed keep Chad.

Knowing the information from Waymarsh, that Strether decided to encourage Chad to stays in Paris, Mrs. Newsome decided to send her second ambassadors. They were her daughter Sarah Pocock , the husband of Sarah Pocock, Jim Pocock and his sister in law, Mamie Pocock. Mrs. Newsome decision sent new ambassadors, shows that Madame de Vionnet will lost Chad. She felt anxious to lose Chad. She was anxious of being older than Chad and she did not have capability to keep Chad any longer. She felt anxious of Sarah Pocock attendance, She was anxious could not

keep Strether beside her. In the end of the novel Madame de Vionnet was the loser. She lost her daughter, her lover, and Strether

The Ambassadors, Novel By Henry James is an interesting novel. The writer discover three reasons why choosing this novel. The first reason is *The Ambassadors* is realistic novel. It is meant that the conflict that appear in this novel which is faced by the characters reveal the conflict of daily life faced by human in real life.

The second reason is that this novel is simple. The writer finds that this novel is simple because this novel uses traditional plot which make easy for the writer understand the story.

The third reason is challenging. This novel is challenging because the writer finds there are several aspects and there are interesting characters in this novel that challenge to be explored.

Seeing the Madame de Vionnet characteristic above, then there lies the interesting part of analyzing The Henry James' *The Ambassadors*. The researcher is interested to analyze the anxiety of Madame de Vionnet which will be elaborated in problem statement.

Based on the background above, the writer proposes to conduct a research entitle “ *The Anxiety of Madame de Vionnet in Henry James' The Ambassadors : A Psychoanalytic Approach* “

B. Literature Review

The novel *The Ambassadors* by Henry James is an interesting novel. As far as the writer concerns, the research on the novel *The Ambassadors* has been conducted by two students in Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta.

The first researcher is Siti Yulaikah (2004) Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta, the title is “*Strether’s Inner Conflict in Henry James The Ambassadors*“. She employed psychoanalytic approach. The problem statement of her research is how the major character faces his inner conflict in making decision. The outcome of the study showed that the problem faced by major character, Lewis Lambert Strether causes the conflict of the major character’s mental condition. It brings him in anxiety which influences his decision making process. Finally, the decision is taken as the influence of his conscience. Therefore, it makes him more comfortable in life although he gained nothing in the end.

The next researcher is Narsim (2004) Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta, entitle “*Ambition and its Influence on the Major Character’s Personality Development in Henry James The Ambassadors*“. He used individual psychological approach in analyzing the novel. The problem statement of his research is how the ambition influences the personality development of the major character, Lambert Strether. The outcome of the research showed that the ambition of major character, the man who wants to change his social status, bring him into positive impact that influenced

his character, therefore make him gained nothing in the end but more comfortable in life of major character it self

Different from two previous researchers this study focuses on the anxiety of Madame de Vionnet, one of the major characters in this novel by using psychoanalytic approach. In this study the researcher gives the title “*The Anxiety of Madame de Vionnet in Henry James’ The Ambassadors: A Psychoanalytic Approach* “

C. Problem Statement

Based on the background of choosing the subject above, the problem is “How the anxiety of Madame de Vionnet is reflected in this novel?”

D. Objective of the Study

The objectives of the research is to expose the anxiety of Madame de Vionnet based on a psychoanalytic approach by Sigmund Freud

E. Limitation of the Study

The limitation of this study is how the anxiety of Madame de Vionnet is reflected in this novel viewed by Freud’s psychoanalytic theory.

F. Benefit of The Study

The benefits expected from this research are as follows:

1. Theoretical benefit: to give some contributions to the larger body of knowledge or the development of knowledge particularly studies in Henry James’ *The Ambassadors*

2. Practical benefit: to give deeper understandings in literary field as the reference to the other researcher, and enriches the literary study, particularly among the students especially on Surakarta Muhammadiyah University.

G. Research Method

1. Types of Research

This types of research is qualitative in which the researcher does not need statistic to collect, to analyze, and to interpret data.

2. Types of data and data source

In this research, the researcher takes two kinds of data:

a. Primary data

Primary data is the main data obtained from all the words, dialogues, phrases and sentences occurring in the novel related to the topic.

b. Secondary data

Secondary data is the supporting data taken from literary books, criticism, and some articles related to the novel.

3. Research Object

The object of the research is the novel of Henry James's *The Ambassadors* consist of 446 pages, published in New York by Dell Publishing Co. Inc and copyright in 1964

4. Method of the Data Collection

In this research, the researcher uses library research. The data are collected from the books related to the topic. The first step is reading the novel *The Ambassadors* many times to identify the problem and find the data. Then it continued by reading the relevant theory with the subject, finally is collecting the supported data from internet and other references related to the topic.

5. Technique of Data Analysis

The technique of data analysis is descriptive in which the researcher uses psychoanalytic approach especially Freud's theory and draws a conclusion.

H. Thesis Organization

This research consists of five chapters. *Chapter I* is Introduction, which consists of background, literary review, research problem, research objective, research limitation, research benefit, research methodology, and the last is research organization. *Chapter II* comprises of the Underlying theory, which presents notion of Psychoanalysis, the structure of personality, the notion of anxiety and theoretical application *Chapter III* is Structural analysis of the novel, which involves the structural elements of character and characterization, setting, point of view, plot, style, theme and discussion. *Chapter IV* constitutes Psychoanalytic analysis of the personality. The last is *Chapter V* which contains Conclusion and Suggestion.