

## CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

### A. Background of the Study

Human beings are a social species that relies on cooperation to survive and thrive. Humans are social beings and therefore have a fundamental need to relate (Baumeister and Leary, 1995; Dunbar and Shultz, 2007; Fiske, 2018). This need is often satisfied by socially connecting to others such as the partner, family or friends. However, we know that people also socially relate to animals, deceased ancestors, deities, abstract entities such as countries, humanity as a whole, or even imagined collectivities in order to meet their need to relate (Fiske, 2004; McFarland et al., 2012). Likewise, ecopsychologists have pointed out that the need to relate can be satisfied by feeling connected to nature (Schultz, 2002; Baxter and Pelletier, 2019).

Moreover, every human being had a variety of differences and that differences make life is colorful and meaningful. The differences between human being called the art of life. Many people called “art of life” to illustrate differences between humans. Besides, humans as social creatures who help and need each other for survival.

Human being has different original nature, which trait is innate from birth naturally. Humans can't change the original nature of others, but everyone can improve or minimize our original nature which is not good. Good and Evil are the characters of human nature. Someone who have a good character will think rationally and responsible for what he is doing and a person of bad character will act arrogantly, make decisions inappropriately and ambiguously. It also occurs in a literary work, in that literary works there are a variety of human nature.

Human nature is a person's natural character. Human nature refers to different characters, including in behaving, acting, feeling, way of life and others. Everyone has a different character. Characteristics in literature works can be seen from some sides, like think in behaving, personality, attitude, and

dialogue are there. From the declaration which has been clear, that the psychological condition of personality is closely related to the errors with personality in literature works. Not only about the feelings and thoughts of each person but in psychology of personality also learn through the length of life (Suryabrata, 1982: 50). According to Marx (1818-1883) Human Nature is natural growth of the history. Marx believes that natural developments in history can lead people to the true freedom organizing factors in cultured and socially that alienating them from their natural identity.

Human nature is how people act and behave. Everyone has different feelings, characters, and ways of acting, basic traits that we must accept as social beings. If we have bad things about ourselves, it would be nice when people can reduce the bad quality, so they can become a better human being. Human nature not only become research material by philosophers, religious experts, psychologists. Human nature also becomes the attention of one of the authors of the novel.

The author who pays attention to the existence of human nature is Paolo Coelho. Paolo Coelho is Brazilian author that also known as Paul Rabbit. He was born on August 24, 1947. He worked as actor, journalist, lyricist, novelist and the director of theatre before dedicating his life completely to literature. Paolo Coelho's novel has sold over 86 million in 150 countries throughout the world and also his novel had been translated into 66 languages. Paolo Coelho is one of the most read writers in the world.

One of the Paolo Coelho's works that explicitly represents human nature is *The Devil and Miss Prym* novel. The famous novel *The Devil and Miss Prym* is the conclusion of the trilogy *And on the Seventh Day* which began with *By the River Piedra, I Sat Down and Wept* and the most popular *Veronika Decides to Die*. Each of these books has their respective focus on the lives of ordinary people within one week and which will be confronted with great power that change lives. Paolo Coelho believed that the most profound changes occur in a significant reduced time.

In 2000, the publisher of Harper Collins New York published *The Devil and Miss Prym* novel. One of the works of Paulo Coelho which explicitly depicts human nature in *The Devil and Miss Prym* novel. The story begins when a resident named Berta sees a stranger coming into a small village of 281 people called Viscos. Berta is an elderly woman with a special power. She is said to have special powers because until now she can still communicate with her husband who has died. Every day, she spends his time sitting in front of his house, to see the beautiful viscos village and communicating with his deceased husband. The stranger name is Carlos, even though that isn't his real name.

Carlos came to carry out his goals and stayed for one week in the village. Berta remembered her husband's prediction that Viscos would be visited by devil and Carlos would be do mischief in Viscos, because he had a devil personality similar. Carlos meet Chantal Prym, she is a young barmaid and quite pretty. He felt bored with the beautiful view in Viscos and felt that life was slow. He met with Chantal to discuss that he was looking for answers and find out whether humans basically have good traits or even have bad traits. He told Chantal that he had brought a lot of gold in his bag which he would have buried in the ground and wanted to prove what he had been looking for. Because without gold they cannot live and in the end they will leave viscos.

Carlo promised that if there was someone who wanted to kill one person in the village, the gold would belong to Viscos Village. The villagers discussed about who the person would be sacrificed to get the gold. After a long discussion, they chose the person who will be sacrificed to get the gold. Berta was chosen to be the person to be killed because she was old and her husband had long died. Before the villagers executed Berta, Chantal Prym persuaded and made the residents viscos aware of what they were going to do. Chantal Prym proved that it was a shame for their dreams about gold and made them aware that killing is not allowed in any condition. With this action

Chantal Pym gave the Carlos his curiosity. Everyone can just do good or bad, our manner depends on what we choose and control on every problem.

This novel received several responses, some responded positively and some responded negatively. The following who responded positively to the novel were Muhammad and K. O 'Grady. The first responds came from Muhammad that can be seen as goodreads.com that there were many responds in pros and contras about *The Devil and Miss Pym* novel. *The Devil and Miss Pym* is one of the novels in the list of 1001 Books You Must Read Before You Die. This novel is very easy to read and enlighten the reader. Paulo discusses the journey of human life with a philosophical life full of values and messages that can be taken. In this novel, Paulo gives a new view of us all having to respect and oppose it to have the same face. In addition, Paulo also helps those of us who like and love to always go hand in hand, needing one another. The second respond was from K. O 'Grady, on June 17, 2007. He said that *The Devil and Miss Pym* is the best novel he has read. The novel made him meditates on human nature. He said that the novel invite to explore the naturally good or evil of people. He was very interested from the beginning to the end of the story. This novel is also very easy to provoke readers.

Not everyone has good responses about this novel, there are also negative responses or can also be called criticism. Some readers' criticism about this novel, and readers who respond negatively and also criticism this novel are Nicole Del Sesto and Claire. The first criticism respond was from Nicole Del Sesto, on May 17, 2016, he said that this novel is disappointing. He wants Paulo back to make the readers derive their own perspective about the novel. The second criticism was from Claire, on November 25, 2018. She said that Paulo Coelho always enchants readers with the topic of life in humans. Paulo also persuades us to feel the story that is marked by how Paolo describes the character of each person and he also always has a little twist in the middle of the novel. So, readers realize that this novel is very dynamic when they read it. Although he felt emotions in the characters of this novel, he

also felt bored while reading this novel, because the storyline was very flat and simple.

The appeal of *The Devil and Miss Prym* novel has 3 aspects. These aspects in terms of characters in the novel, plot, and subject matter or theme. The first aspect is characters that exist in the novel. Character is an internal factor of the novel. The characters created in this novel are very different from the novel in general. In this novel there is a person named Miss Prym who experiences an inner turmoil between the good and bad sides of himself, between the nature of the devil and the angel. Both of them fought so violently, constantly whispering and persuading in the guise of reasonable arguments that were easily accepted by reason. This is basically also often felt by humans.

The second aspect is plot of the novel. The plot used in this novel is very interesting and unpredictable to the reader, so the reader is curious about the continuation of the story and will continue to finish reading the novel. The storyline is made very interesting, starting from the initial journey of Carlos who came to Viscos which aims to find out whether there are still good people in the world then continued his meeting with Miss Prym and asked him to kill one of the people in Viscos so that Viscos lives prosperously with the promised treasure Carlos and in the end Miss Prym was made aware of Berta, an old woman who was about to be killed was aware of Carlos' evil plans. In this novel Paolo gives messages and values with his novel that contain like a real human life. This novel also teaches us to respect each other.

The third aspect is subject matter. This novel tells the story of someone who wants to prove that there are still no good people in this world. The subject matter in this novel is about searching for someone who wants to prove his true nature in humans, whether humans have evil or good nature. It means that this novel is concerned about human nature. This literary work of Coelho also presents protagonist and antagonist characters in it. In storytelling, a protagonist is the main character or principal character or group of characters in a story. Writers use the protagonist to drive the story forward

the protagonist's goals reflect the overall story goals, the plot moves forward based on the protagonist's decisions, and their character arc is what the readers follow throughout the story. Meanwhile, the antagonist is the oppose or combatant working against the protagonist's or leading characters' goal ("antagonizing") and creating the main conflict.

Based on the reasons and explanations above, the researcher is interested to observe *The Devil and Miss Prym* novel by using Psychoanalytic Approach and appointed the issue of Human Nature in the protagonist and antagonist characters inside it, therefore, the researcher constructs this research entitled "**Human Nature in *Miss Prym* in Paulo Coelho's *The Devil And Miss Prym* (2000): Humanistic Psychoanalytic Approach**".

## **B. Problem Statement of the Study**

Based on the background, the writer formulates the research questions are as follows:

1. What are the elements of human nature in the protagonist and antagonist of *The Devil and Miss Prym* novel (2000)?
2. How human nature described in the protagonist and antagonist of *The Devil and Miss Prym* novel (2000)?
3. Why Paulo Coelho use the elements of the human nature in the protagonist and antagonist in *The Devil and Miss Prym* novel (2000)?

## **C. Objectives of the Study**

Based on the problem statements of the research, the objectives proposed in this research are as follow:

1. To identify the elements of the humans nature in the protagonist and antagonist *The Devil and Miss Prym* novel.
2. To describe the human nature in the protagonist and antagonist of *The Devil and Miss Prym* novel.

3. To identify Paulo Coelho reason to use the elements of the human nature in the protagonist and antagonist in *The Devil and Miss Prym* novel (2000).

#### **D. Benefits of the Study**

By conducting this research, the researcher may have expectations that the research can give some benefits. Those benefits include practical and theoretical, as follow.

1. Theoretically

It is expected that this research can give some additional references or theory related to psychoanalytic study, particularly in human nature.

1. Practical Benefits

- a. Novel Reader

It is expected that the result of this research can give some references to the novel reader for broader knowledge of human nature that appear in the characters of novel, particularly in the novel of *The Devil and Miss Prym*.

- b. English Department Students

It is expected that this research can give more information and additional knowledge about the human nature that appear in the characters of novel based on the psychoanalytic study.

- c. Other Researcher

It is expected that this research can add some information in the field of psychoanalytic study, particularly to carry out similar or further research about elements in human nature.