

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

Moral values have the meaning of a set of principles that humans as social beings should have so that they can be used to guide humans in evaluating something so that they can distinguish between something right and wrong. Human moral values can help shape the character and personality of each individual (Asmita Kadam, 2017). Humans were created and lived on earth very much in number, humans were created not only one or two people on this vast earth. Based on such circumstances and the fact that each individual human being has different characters and characteristics. So that there will be no hostilities, riots, destruction, or even wars between neighbors, relatives and also between countries. Humans should understand the basic things that humans must have as a social being called moral values.

Moral values in humans can be built in various ways, each human being has their own way to get or build moral values. Not all humans can easily realize the importance of moral values to have. There are people who take decades to understand the importance of moral values, but there are also those who have been taught moral values since childhood. Humans who have and understand the importance of moral values are people who have good psychology. The moral values and psychological state of a person have a very close relationship with each other. Psychology itself is the study of experiences that have been passed and then appeared in humans. Such as through the five senses, feelings, volition, and thoughts (Wilhelm Wundt, 1873).

Learning about moral values can be done in many ways, learning by listening to parents' messages, playing online games, watching television broadcasts, watching videos from Youtube, or it can also absorb moral values from books or novels that are read. One novel that tells a story about moral values is a novel by Paulo Coelho. This novel discusses a lot about the importance of moral values for humans to live their social life. This novel is very good to read and use to learn moral values because the character at the center of attention is not only an ordinary human being, but a special human prophet whom God has appointed.

The Fifth Mountain is the title of a novel written by Paulo Coelho in 1996 with the original title *O Monte Cinco* in Portuguese. *The Fifth Mountain* is the twelfth novel written by Paulo Coelho after writing the novels *The Manifest of Krig-ha* (1974), *Theater For Education* (1974), *Hell Archives* (1982), *Practical Manual of Vampirism* (1986), *The*

Pilgrimage (1988), *The Alchemist* (1988), *Brida* (1990), *The Greatest Gift* (1991), *The Valkyries* (1992), *Maktub* (1994), and *By the River Piedra I Sat Down and Wept* (1994). Paulo Coelho was born on August 24, 1947 in Rio de Janeiro, one of the major cities in Brazil. After writing the novel *The Fifth Mountain*, Coelho still wrote many other novels, until 2020 Coelho has written 34 works with the title used in his novel is *The Archer* (www.wikipedia.com). Researchers use this novel as an object because the researcher considers this novel to contain very many moral values, besides this novel was also written by Paulo Coelho who was inspired by the story of the prophet Elijah which is contained in the Bible.

This novel by Paulo Coelho, entitled *The Fifth Mountain*, tells the story of a prophet named Elijah who God has given miracles since childhood, like other prophets, the little prophet Elijah lived in Israel until at one time his country which originally worshiped God obediently changed to worship idols, named Baal. The people of Israel changed to worship idols because the King, Ahab, married the Phoenician Queen, Jezebel, the Baal worshiper. Elijah worked as a carpenter while living in his own country Israel, Elijah had to run away from his house because King Ahab ordered to kill all those who did not want to worship the idol of Baal.

Elijah was ordered by God to go to the city of Akbar, one of the prosperous cities in Phenicia, the country where Queen Jezebel came from. Elijah was given instructions to stay in the house of a widow who had one son after God tested him by hanging Elijah's question when Elijah asked where he should go which caused Elijah to only be circling in the forest that had a river in it, but the water was not so pouring down.

After negotiating with the widow, the prophet Elijah was allowed to stay in the widow's house without God telling him how long Elijah would be with the widow. Hearing the news that there are foreigners living in his city, the inhabitants of Akbar are split into two camps between agreeing and disagreeing with Elijah. Elijah could be rather calm living in the widow's house because the residents who agreed with Elijah explained that the city of Akbar had a tradition that they were friendly residents. The people of Akbar are afraid that if they act mean to strangers, their children and grandchildren will be treated the same as their actions if one day their children and grandchildren go to another nation.

God commanded the Prophet Elijah to stay in the city of Akbar to wait for the situation in Israel to become conducive again so that he could teach God's words again, but while he was in Akbar, trials from God also took turns coming. One of the trials he received was the death of the widow's son, which caused the people of Akbar to become suspicious of Elijah. The people of Akbar began to dislike Elijah and wanted to drive him out of the city. However, Elijah, who asked God for guidance on his future fate, has not yet given God clarity. Elijah did not want to leave the city of Akbar because God had not given him any guidance. Elijah and the people of Akbar negotiated, if Elia could bring the child back

to life after climbing the fifth mountain, the people of Akbar would give the prophet Elijah a chance. After one afternoon the Prophet Elijah ascended and reached the top of the fifth mountain, the Prophet Elijah received news that the widow's son was alive again after Elijah entered the city again.

Before God gave permission to the prophet Elijah to return to Israel, God gave a test that was enough to make Elijah almost despair of God's presence to help him. The city of Akbar fell to pieces after being attacked by the Assyrians after Elijah failed to convince the governor Akbar to take a peaceful path to solve the problem. The houses in the city of Akbar were burned, not only the houses were roasted, the widows who gave a place to live for the Prophet Elijah were also roasted in the flames which caused the Prophet Elijah to grieve and be disappointed with God.

Paulo Coelho is a well-known novel writer, many people from various countries have read his works. Many have praised his work, but there are also those who dislike his novel, *The Fifth Mountain*. Researchers took several positive responses and some negative responses from people from www.google.com and www.goodreads.com. Praise for the first novel *The Fifth Mountain* is from Vishal Bhatt, who he wrote in a commentary column on Google in January 2020, stating that this novel is encouraging and very inspiring to face God's trials as well as possible and keep going seriously towards achieving life goals. Positive comments in October 2019 were written by Poonam Badsara, he revealed that he was very impressed with this novel because he was able to complete a novel entitled *The Fifth Mountain* in just seven hours. In addition, he also considered that this novel teaches humans to always be able to accept whatever tests in life. The third compliment came from Washington Kilasara which he wrote in May 2020. This novel is quite simple in terms of writing and Paulo Coelho is very good at telling the story of the Prophet Elijah which comes from the Bible. This novel is also very inspiring to the point of touching the soul.

Unlike the three people above, here are some responses from people who think Coelho's novel is not good enough for reading material. First, Ariosto, who comes from Spain, gave one star on the goodreads website because he didn't like the storyline that was too simple, the reading was boring, and because of the few names of the characters in this novel. Then, Shahmeer, who wrote his critique in November 2012, thought that the novel *The Fifth Mountain* was still the same as Coelho's other novels, he thought that Paulo Coelho should not always equate the concepts in *The Fifth Mountain* novel he wrote the same as *The Alchemist* novel. Last criticism, in February 2012, John gave his response about this novel if this novel is very bad at writing dialogue, he also mentioned that from this novel can also influence humans to disobey God from every command he gives.

In conducting the research, the researcher chooses *The Fifth Mountain* as the material object because of three reasons. First, this novel is very interesting because it discusses the moral values that are very necessary for every human being to live a social

life in society in general and live life as a creature of God who rules this universe. Having good morals can help comfort in society and have a good relationship with God. Moral values are a necessary focus in all countries, not just one or two countries.

Second, in this novel the main character is a prophet, as believed by individuals who have religion, the prophet is a special human being who has been directly chosen by God to deliver God's words for himself and can be used for other humans. So, the good things done by the main character must be words that can be imitated by other individuals who want to try to get closer to God.

Third, this novel teaches that the struggle of people today is easy enough to share goodness with each other, very much different from the fate of ancient people who were very, very hard to move from one place to another, very hard to teach the words- the word of God, very different from today, where you only need to type and send, good messages can reach the end of the world in just seconds.

From the description that has been written above, the researcher is interested in using Paulo Coelho's novel entitled *The Fifth Mountain* as a material object in the research. The researcher conducted a discussion about the moral values brought by the Prophet Elijah contained in this novel by using an individual psychological approach theory. Therefore, the researcher entitled this study **MORAL VALUES OF PROPHET ELLIJAH IN PAULO COELHO'S THE FIFTH MOUNTAIN NOVEL (1996): AN INDIVIDUAL PSYCHOLOGICAL APPROACH.**

B. Problem Statement

From the explanation of the background above, the researcher concludes that in *The Fifth Mountain* novel, several important points can be drawn which form an outline of the questions. And according to researchers, questions that can explain moral values in the novels raised are as follows:

1. What are the basic concepts of individual psychological in *The Fifth Mountain* novel by Paulo Coelho?
2. What moral values can be learned of Prophet Ellijah in *The Fifth Mountain* novel by Paulo Coelho?

C. Limitation of the Study

The researcher discusses the moral values taught by the prophet Elijah as the main character in *The Fifth Mountain* novel by Paulo Coelho. Researchers conducted this study using the theory of individual psychological approaches from Alfred Adler.

D. Objective of the Study

Based on the formulation of the problem that has been written by the researcher above, the researcher has the following objectives as follows:

1. To mention what are the basic concepts of individual psychological in *The Fifth Mountain* novel by Paulo Coelho
2. To mention what are moral values of Prophet Ellijah in *The Fifth Mountain* novel by Paulo Coelho

E. Benefit of the Study

Researchers hope that after compiling the research, this research can be useful for anyone who reads this research. And researchers hope that the theoretical benefits and practical benefits can be used by others. The benefits that researchers expect are as follows.

1. Theoretical Benefit

a. Other Researcher

The results of this study are expected to be useful for other researchers who want to do research related to the fifth mountain novel. is expected to provide references and information to them about the fifth mountain novel which is studied using the theory of individual psychological approaches. In addition, this research can be useful for other people who are interested in analyzing literary works.

b. Language Learner

The results of this study can be studied by language learners about the theory of individual psychological approaches, and especially in problems that discuss the moral values of the main character.

c. English Department Students

It is hoped that this research can provide learning references for English students for learning about moral values, the fifth mountain novel, and the theory of psychological individual approaches.

2. Practical Benefits

a. Researcher

This research was conducted by researchers to fulfill one of the requirements to get a bachelor's degree from the English language education department which is included in the compulsory subject with the name of a final project or research paper.

b. English Department Students

It is hoped that this research can provide more information and additional knowledge to English students about human moral values that are contained and delivered by the main characters in a novel based on psychological studies.

c. Other Researchers

It is hoped that this research can add information in the field of psychological studies, especially to conduct similar or further research about the fifth mountain novel, human moral values, and the theory of individual psychological approach