

HUMAN VALUE IN *THE GREEN MILE* : A PSYCHOLOGY OF LITERATURE

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Abstrak

Latar belakang penelitian ini adalah kurangnya pemahaman orang-orang terhadap nilai manusia yang melekat dan sejatinya dimiliki oleh setiap individu. Akibatnya terjadi banyak penyimpangan, kekerasan, asusila, rasisme dan perbuatan buruk lainnya terhadap orang lain karena kurangnya atau bahkan ketidakpahaman orang-orang terhadap nilai kemanusiaan. Tujuan penelitian ini adalah untuk menemukan prinsip-prinsip utama Nilai Manusia, bagaimana nilai manusia digambarkan didalam movie *The Green Mile* dan alasan mengapa Frank Darabont/Stephen King secara khusus memilih topik Human Value didalam *The Green Mile*. Adapun hasil yang ditemukan didalam penelitian ini adalah: 1. 8 prinsip dasar dari Nilai Manusia, 10 nilai dasar nilai manusia dan alasan Frank Darabont/Stephen King membahas Human value didalam *The Green Mile* adalah karena Stephen King sendiri memiliki keterkaitan terhadap tahanan pidana hukuman mati dan Old Sparky atau kursi listrik dan juga idenya tentang pria tahanan hukuman mati berkulit hitam yang memiliki kemampuan untuk menyembuhkan orang lain. Metode yang digunakan dalam penelitian ini adalah Snapping, yakni dengan merekam adegan yang sesuai dengan topik yang dibahas dalam bentuk screenshot. Metode ini dilakukan dengan 1. Menonton movie *The Green Mile* secara menyeluruh, 2. Memperhatikan adegan-adegan dan percakapan yang sesuai dengan topik yang dibahas, 3. Merekam adegan/screenshooting sesuai dengan teori Shalom H. Schwarz terkait prinsip utama Human Value dan Nilai-nilai dasar dari Human Value, dan 4. Mempresentasikan hasil temuan pada bab 4 terkait finding and discussion. Simpulan dari penelitian ini adalah bahwasanya nilai manusia adalah nilai yang dimiliki setiap individu dan harus dihormati dan diakui oleh orang lain sehingga setiap individu berhak mendapat perlakuan yang semestinya dan setara.

Kata kunci : Human Value (1), Psychology of literature (2), Basic of Human Value (3), *The Green Mile* (4)

Abstract

The background of this research is people's lack of understanding of the inherent and true human value of each individual. As a result, there are many deviations, violence, immorality, racism, and other bad deeds against other people because of the lack or even lack of understanding of human values. The purpose of this research is to find the main principles of Human Value, how human value is depicted in the Movie *The Green Mile* and the reason why Frank Darabont/Stephen King specifically chose the topic of Human Value in *The Green Mile*.

The results found in this research are: 1. 8 basic principles of Human Value, 10 basic values of human value and the reason why Frank Darabont/Stephen King discussed Human value in *The Green Mile* is because Stephen King himself has a connection to death row prisoners and the old sparky or electric chair and also his idea of a black-skinned death row man who has the ability to heal others. The method used in this research is snapping, which is by recording scenes that match the topic discussed in the form of screenshots. This method is carried out by 1. Watching the Movie, *The Green Mile* thoroughly, 2. Paying attention to scenes and conversations that are in accordance with the topics discussed, 3. Recording scenes/screen shooting in accordance with Shalom H. Schwarz's theory related to the main principles of Human Value and the basic values of Human Value, and 4. Presenting the findings in chapter 4 related to findings and discussion. The conclusion of this research is that human value is the value that each individual has and must be respected and recognized by others so that each individual has the right to receive proper and equal treatment.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In the world of cinema, works that can evoke emotions and affect viewers deeply are often regarded as outstanding works of art. One such Movie that shows a strong psychological appeal is "*The Green Mile*". The Movie is based on the novel by Stephen King and directed by Frank Darabont. Combining elements of psychology and literature, "*The Green Mile*" offers a thought-provoking cinematic experience that touches our humanity.

The Movie "*The Green Mile*" is set in a prison in the United States in the 1930s and tells the story of Paul Edgecomb, a Chief prison warden in charge of Block E, also known as the "Green Mile" because of its green floor, where convicts awaiting execution are held. Through its emotional journey, the Movie raises complex themes such as justice, empathy, regret, hope, and deep moral questions.

The aspect that becomes the main point in this research is human value. human value is described in the movie as a value that humanizes humans. the meaning is a value that makes humans valuable, has rights, and moral guidance.

Human values are important to humans because they form the basis of our morals, ethics, and behavior as individuals and societies. Human values play a key role in shaping how we interact with others, how we make decisions, and how we live our daily lives.

Even so, today there are still some deviations from human values. some major cases that have occurred recently are the Russian invasion of Ukraine which has killed thousands of soldiers and civilians. this is not justified in the context of human values in Shalom H. Schwarz's theory, because one of the points of human value is safety and conformity, namely security and comfort. besides that, the invasion of a region certainly cannot be justified, because the invasion itself involves the fall of both military and civilian victims.

Then there is also a case that occurred in Indonesia around February-March. this case is in the form of persecution committed by Mario against David. this is based on the reasons for harassment said by AG, as Mario's girlfriend. although the facts are not the case, David must receive serious injuries and intensive care at the hospital as a result of this persecution. this proves a lack of understanding of human values. because if someone understands enough about human values, then this persecution case will not happen. even if Mario is reasonable enough not to immediately accept the words of AG herself.

Based on the two examples above, the researcher aims to describe the meaning of Human Value. Human values which are depicted in the movie *The Green Mile* (1999).

In this context, this study aims to analyze the movie "*The Green Mile*" from the perspective of literary psychology. Literary psychology is a scientific approach that combines the disciplines of psychology and literature to understand characters in literary works, including in this case, characters in Movies. The theories and concepts of literary psychology will be used to reveal the psychological dimensions present in the story, characters, and plot of the Movie.

In this study, theories of literary psychology will be applied to analyze the main characters in the movie, including Paul Edgecomb, John Coffey, Percy Wetmore and other characters. This research will reveal the psychological dimensions hidden in the characters by utilizing psychological concepts such as identification, personality formation, and internal conflict. In addition, analysis will be conducted to find the human values reflected in the Movie and how these values affect the audience.

Literary psychology is a field of study that combines two different but complementary disciplines, namely psychology, and literature. As a written art form, literature offers rich aesthetic and narrative experiences, while psychology discusses human thoughts, feelings, and

behavior. Both synergize in exploring the complexities of human life and understanding the human values contained in literary works.

In the world of literature, humans are often the center of attention. Literary works depict their characters' inner and emotional journeys, exploring the internal and external conflicts humans face in their lives. Through psychological exploration, we can see how characters in literary works interact with the world around them, face changes and challenges, and present authentic and profound life experiences to readers.

One important aspect in the study of literary psychology is the human values reflected in literary works. Humanity includes various aspects, such as empathy, morality, justice, love, hope, and many more. Literary works can be an enlightening mirror of the human condition and invite readers to reflect on these values. Literature gives us the opportunity to understand the human condition more deeply, explore the complexity of emotions and thoughts, and reflect on life from a different perspective.

Based on the theory, it is said that basically, every humans have human values. Human value is a value that makes an individual valuable, has their rights, their respective obligations. This human value is given by God Almighty to humans and no human being can revoke or deny its existence. At first glance it looks like human rights, but in terms of human rights, the scope is more general and universal and shows the meaning of a human being, while human rights discuss the specific rights and aspects of an individual. Because it's important for everyone to appreciate and understand the meaning and function of these human values, because in essence, human values aim to humanize humans themselves.

According to (Weiskopf, 1959:108) in his book he explained that in Human Experience it consists of Existential structure. In dialectical trinity, Men experience everything which consist of basic antinomy, a polarity of the two antinomic poles and an ultimate unity of the two; a subject that experiences, and an object which is experienced. From the conflict between subject and object, of “myself” and world, a fundamental split or an antinomy arises.

According to Endaswara (Makrif, et al. 2017: 144) Literary psychology is a study that views literature as a psychological aspect. In contrast to the view held by literary writers that human events are always discussed in their works, which reflect on living and response to life, literary psychology is an analysis based on a psychological perspective.

The function of literary psychology itself is to explore the inner souls of the characters contained in literary works, to find out more about the ins and outs of human actions and their responses to other actions (Makrif et al, 2019:148).

"Psychology of literature is the study of literary works which are believed to reflect psychological processes and activities. In examining psychological work, what needs to be understood is the extent of the author's psychological involvement and the author's ability to present fictional characters who are involved with psychiatric problems. Literary psychology is influenced by several things. First, a literary work is the creation of a psychological process and the author's thoughts are in a semi-conscious situation which is then poured into a conscious form (Endaswara, 2003: 96). Second, the study of the psychology of literature is a study that examines the psychological reflections in the characters presented in such a way by the author so that the reader feels lulled by the psychological problems of the story which sometimes feels himself involved in the story. It is possible to examine literary works through a psychological approach because literary works present the character of the characters, although they are imaginative, they can present various psychological problems.

2. METHOD

This research is using Descriptive Qualitative. This research is kind of research that explains a condition or phenomenon thoroughly, broadly, and in depth. the data in this study will be explained in a narrative and qualitative form and described in descriptive form.

In Conducting the research, researcher take place mostly at library to discover more knowledge in Human Value by reading books related to the topic and the time was mostly during the Open Week in University. This research was conducted from February 2023-examination.

This research was conducted independently, in addition to the topic discussed in this study is literature so that it does not require research actions in the field, then this research is carried out by examining the movies discussed. This research was conducted at the campus library with the aim of obtaining additional references at the residence in order to obtain the necessary data directly. This research was conducted since the end of March 2023.

This study uses secondary data. secondary data is data taken based on documents, text, images, and audio. In this study, secondary data was in the form of images or scenes from *The*

Green Mile movie itself. The type of data used in this movie is through images or scene cuts from the movie *The Green Mile*. secondary data comes from previous research that examines the movie *The Green Mile*. For data sources, the researcher directly collects data by watching the movie "*The Green Mile*" and reading references about this movie on online sites/internet. in the technique of collecting data, the researcher uses snapping or screenshot techniques. This technique is done by taking pictures of certain scenes in the movie which are then used as a scene cut related to the topic being discussed.

The data of this research consists of textual of several conversation or scene in the Movie which then conducted into the topic being discussed, which is about the Human Value. The Data taken from *The Green Mile* movie.

This study uses primary and secondary data. The Primary data is taken directly from the Movie, the researcher directly watch *The Green Mile* movie and analyze it in order to obtain the data. And secondary data is data taken based on text and images. In this study, secondary data was in the form of images or scenes from *The Green Mile* movie itself. The type of data used in this movie is through images or scene cuts from the movie *The Green Mile*. secondary data comes from previous research that examines the movie *The Green Mile*. For data sources, the researcher directly collects data by watching the movie "*The Green Mile*" and read several references about *The Green Mile* movie. in the technique of collecting data, the researcher uses snapping or screenshot techniques. This research data is in the form of snapping images or screenshots obtained from the snapping method which discusses Human Value and how Human Value is depicted in *The Green Mile* movie.

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In collecting data, the researcher uses the observation method. This observation method is carried out by directly observing the Movie with the same title, *The Green Mile*. During the

observation, the researcher observes several aspects that appear in the Movie. After that the data is obtained by using snapping or screenshotting in certain scenes.

The researcher used methods such as snapping/ screenshotting to obtain the data. Which consists of screenshots and textual.

According to Sugiyono (2015: 92), data validity/trustworthiness is the degree of trust in the research data obtained and can be accounted for accountable for the truth. Sugiyono (2015) explains that for checking the validity of data in qualitative research includes a credibility test, transferability test, and data validity check. In this research, the researcher is using the Credibility test.

Credibility is a gauge of how true-to-life a qualitative study is, or how accurate and right its conclusions are. It is dependent, at least in part, on the reliability of the researchers' own research practices. To boost the credibility of qualitative investigations, a variety of techniques can be utilized, including triangulation, extended engagement with data, persistent observation, negative case analysis, member checks, and referential adequacy. Researchers employ sources they can trust and triangulation to increase their credibility. The following constitute credibility:

1.) Triangulation

According to Lapau (2012), triangulation is checking data or sources from various ways and times, namely: source triangulation and data collection triangulation. It consists of multiple sources and multiple method. Multiple sources obtained from several books, the Movie itself, and other source such as Journal, Internet, etc.

In Triangulation, the first step is to classify the psychological aspects of each character by using the psychological method using Minderop's method, the Characterization and then correlate the classified of each character into the Human Value aspects which consist of tenets, and basic Human Value. As example, in the first category of basic Human Value, Virtue, researcher analyze the movie scene by using the psychology scope/approach and then classify it into the methods of Characterization, by Telling and Showing method. After classifying it into the characterization, then researcher analyze it whether it is related into which Human Value aspect which include the 8 tenets of Human value and 10 basic of personal human value. After found the two, then researcher combine and organize the two into the same category of the depiction of Human Value by using the psychological method.

2.) Reliable Source

According to Yusuf (2017) The credibility of the data and information collected can be more trusted if it is complemented by appropriate reference materials.

Data credibility will be more reliable if it uses reliable sources. including using references from reliable sources such as Scholar, Mendeley, Indexed journal, etc.

In analyzing the data, the researcher uses the literary study or literary review method. In literature studies or literary reviews, the first step is to determine which paper is appropriate to the topic being discussed. After finding a paper that is in accordance with the topic discussed, then proceed with reading and finding the essence of the paper. After finding the core, then proceed with finding a connection or connection between the written work and the topic discussed. Therefore, the researcher uses this method to analyze the data obtained.

In the data analysis method, this research uses four stages. namely collection, data reduction, data display, and conclusion or verification. These stages namely;

a. Data Collection

In the data collection stage, data is collected by watching the Movie *The Green Mile (1999)* directly and snapping or screenshotting some scenes or schemes that are included in the required data. in addition, the researcher also searches and reads references related to the topic discussed, namely human value and literary psychology.

b. Data Reduction

Then at the data reduction stage, the researcher sorts the data that has been obtained. sorting data is needed so that the data becomes more accurate and in accordance with the topic.

c. Data Display

Then the third is data display. at this stage, the data that has been reduced or sorted earlier will be displayed in the form of writing and images, the images will serve as evidence or part of the topic discussed and make the data more valid.

d. Drawing Conclusion

Then the fourth is drawing conclusion. The goal of Drawing conclusion is to make summary of the research and the topic researched.

3. FINDING AND DISCUSSION

In chapter IV it consists of the findings of the research which aim to find about the human value depicted in Movie: *The Green Mile* by using Psychology, they are; Main Tenets, The depiction

of Human Value, and the reason why did Frank Darabont/Stephen King specifically addressed Human value in *The Green Mile* Movie.

3.1 Main Tenets of Human Value

The main tenets of human value include ethical guidelines and norms that shape attitudes, behaviors, and interactions between individuals in society. Here are some key principles of human value:

- 1.) Virtue: This principle emphasizes the importance of developing virtues such as honesty, justice, humility, compassion, loyalty, and mercy.

Melinda : “I dreamed about you. I dreamed you are wandering in the dark. And so was I. And we found each other. We found each other in the dark.
(Melinda gives necklace to John).”

Paul : “Take it John. It’s a gift.”

Melinda : “It’s St. Christopher. I want you to have it, Mr. Coffey and wear it. He’ll keep you save. Please. Wear it for me.”

John : “Thank you ma’am.”

Melinda : “Thanks to you John.”



Picture a.1 Melinda talks to John

- 2.) Empathy: The principle of empathy encourages individuals to understand and feel the feelings and experiences of others. This helps build deeper and more meaningful relationships with others.

John : “I saw it.”

Paul : “You saw what?”

John : “Take my hand, Boss. You see it yourself, please.”

Paul takes John’s hand and saw what John’s has seen.

John : “He killed them with they love. They love for each other. Now you see how it is. That’s the way it is every day. That’s the way it is all over the world.”



Picture a.2 John talks to Paul

3.) Justice: The principle of justice demands fair and equal treatment of all people, without discrimination based on race, religion, gender or other backgrounds.

Paul : “My name is Paul Edgecomb. If I’m not here you can ask for Mr. Terwiliger, Mr. Howell, or Mr. Stanton. These gentlemen right there. Question?”

John : “Do you leave the light on after bedtime? Because I get a little scared in the dark sometimes if it’s a strange place.”

Paul : “It stays pretty bright here all night along. We always keep a few light burning out in the corridor.”



Picture a.3 Paul talks to John

- 4.) Respect: This principle encourages individuals to respect the dignity and human rights of every individual, regardless of differences.

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John : “Thank you ma’am.”

Melinda : “Thanks to you John.”



Picture a.4 Melinda talks to John

5.) Responsibility: The principle of responsibility encourages individuals to take responsibility for their actions and decisions and their impact on themselves and others.

John : “Boss, I need to see you down here.”

Paul : “This is not a good time, John Coffey. Not a good time at all.”

John : “But I need to see you, Boss. I need to talk to you.”

Paul decided to see John even though he felt painful for his sickness.

John : “Closer.”

Del : “Boss you know you ain’t supposed to do that.”

Paul : “Mind your business, Del. (come closer to John). What do you want, John Coffey?”

John : “Just to help. (John grabs Paul and heal his sickness).”

Paul : “What did you just do to me?”

John : “I helped it.”



Picture a.5

6.) Tolerance: The principle of tolerance emphasizes the importance of accepting differences and respecting the right of individuals to hold different views and beliefs.

Hammersmith : “What Exactly are you trying to find out?”

Paul : “I’ve wondered if he had done anything like that before.”

Hammersmith : “Why? Has he said anything?”

Paul : “He is, strange I admit. But there doesn’t seem to be any real violence in him. I know violent men Mr. Hammersmith. I’ve deal with them in and a day out.”

Hammersmith : “I’ll tell you something. and you listen close too. Because it might be something you need to know. We had us a dog. Just a sweet mongrel. You know the kind. Well, in many ways a good mongrel is as same as a negro. You get to know it, often you get to love it. it is no particular use, but you keep it around because you think it loves you, If you are lucky Mr. Edgecomb, you’d never anything different. My wife and I were not so lucky.”



Picture a.6

7.) Fortitude: The principle of fortitude encourages individuals to endure and persevere in the face of trials and challenges in life.

John : “I’ll be alright, fellas. This here’s the hard part. I’ll be all right in a while.”

Paul : “John, I should have this just for now. (Paul takes the necklace), I’ll give it back after.”

John : You know I had slept this afternoon and had me a dream. I dreamed about Del’s mouse. I dreamed Mr. Jingles got down to the place Boss Howell talk about. place. The Mouseville park. I dreamed there’s kids, and how they laugh of his trick. I dreamed that two blond-headed girls were there. They’s no blood and they just laugh and fine.



Picture a.7 Paul talks to John

8.) Gratitude: The principle of gratitude teaches the importance of appreciating and being grateful for the good things in life.

Woman : “Klaus! Bring the girls. Its suppertime.”

Man : “Girls, you heard your mama.”

Girls : “Yes, papa. We’re coming.”

Man : “Come on Billy, I worked enough you for one day. Come get you some supper.”

Girls : “God is great, God is good, and we thank you.”







Picture a.8




3.2 Human Value depiction in *The Green Mile* Movie




Data taken from the Movie by using the 10 basic value theories of Shalom H. Schwarz and using Telling and Showing Method proposed by Albertine Minderop which resulted as:

Table b.1 Human Value depiction

	Human Value Depiction	Explanation
1.	<p>Self-Direction</p> <p>Picture b.1</p> 	<p>Hammersmith: If you are lucky, Mr. Edgecomb, you never have to find out any different. My Wife and I are not lucky.</p> <p>Telling: Mr. Hammersmith, “Is John Coffey guilty? Yes, he is.” This scene explain that Mr. Hammersmith is convincing himself and Paul that John Coffey is Guilty</p> <p>Showing: Mr. Hammersmith told Paul to be careful with John Coffey because he doesn’t believe he was innocent because of what happen to his family. In this scene, Paul took his word but not losing his judge of John because John has helped him.</p>
2.	<p>Stimulation</p>  <p>Picture b.2</p>	<p>John: “I’m tired boss. Tired of being on the road. Lonely as a sparrow in the rain.”</p> <p>Telling: Paul: “tell me John, what do you want me to do? To free you? To let you run and watch how far you can go?”</p> <p>John: “Why should you do such foolish thing. I’m tired boss.”</p> <p>Showing: Before John’s Execution, Paul knew that John’s is innocent and not guilty. He is willing to do something for John. But John replied that he is tired of being in this world. He wants to rest. He wants Paul to end his life.</p>

<p>3.</p>	<p>Hedonism</p>  <p>Picture b.3</p>	<p>Harry: “Well, you sure know how to cook a chicken.” Jan: “Well thank you.” Telling: Harry: “This is one delicious treat, ma’am. Before I go to work.” Jan: “I’m glad you are enjoying it.” Showing: In this scene, Paul and his friends (other warden) are having a picnic together at Paul’s house. Harry compliment Jan Edgecomb’s cooking. In hedonism, people are looking to get happy and calm, in order to get satisfied.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Achievement</p> <p>Picture b.</p> 	<p>Telling: Paul: “It was the last execution I ever took part in. I just couldn’t do it anymore, Brutus either”. Showing: Paul completes his task to execute to death penalty prisoner. Even though he and the other warden also willing to not execute him. But he got job to be done. At the end he quit from his job as he felt guilt.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Power</p> <p>Picture b.5</p>	<p>Paul: “About that, people will care. Even your uncle the governor will care about that.” Telling: Percy “Just because of a mouse you did this?” Showing: Percy was handled by Paul and Brutus because of his intolerant behavior. In that, Paul force to make a deal with Percy so that he can no</p>

		<p>longer disturb the other prisoner. Even if he's the cousin of the governor.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Security</p> <p>Picture b.6</p> 	<p>Telling: John: "Do you turn on the light at night? Because I get a little scared in the dark sometime. If it's a strange place." Paul: "It stays pretty bright in here all night along." Showing: In this scene, John first enters the prison and meets with the wardens. Paul asked John's name and whether he need something. John just answered that he was afraid of dark so want the light stay bright at night. And Paul replied that it is always on at night. Here Paul gives safety toward John so that he would not be afraid of darkness.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Conformity</p> <p>Picture b.7</p> 	<p>Telling: Paul: "I let Harry take those chains off you, you gonna be nice?" John: "Yes." Showing: This is the first of their encounter. John was restrained with a chain in his hand. Paul offers to release the chain as long as John Coffey acts calm and nice. John answered YES. It is the struggle to follow the rule not to make trouble.</p>

<p>8.</p>	<p>Tradition</p> <p>Picture b.8</p> 	<p>Telling: Girls: “God is Great. God is good and we thank you.” Showing: Praying to God and be grateful for God’s gift is a tradition of Religion. following the rules of religion, life will be more directed and better</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Benevolence</p> <p>Picture b.9</p> 	<p>Telling: Melinda: “Thank you John.” Melinda hugs John as she thanks him for her cure. Showing: John cured Melinda’s illness by absorb her illness. After that, Melinda says that she dreamed about John and after that she thanks him and gives him a necklace. The point of this value is to help each other and doing good to eh other.</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Universalism</p>  <p>Picture b.10</p>	<p>Telling: John: “They’s lots folks here that hate me. Lots. I can feel it. It’s like bee stinging me.” Brutus: “Well, feel how we feel then.” Showing: Before the execution, the wardens bring John to the execution room, before the execution, John said that there are lots of people hate him. Brutus comfort him to feel how the wardens feel toward him. After that, John feels a little better. This is something that John never felt before because he was all alone before. The wardens knew he is innocent but can’t do much to safe him.</p>

3.3 The Reason of Frank Darabont/Stephen King addresses Human Value in the “*The Green Mile*(1999)” Movie.

The Green Mile(1999) was a movie directed by Frank Darabont which adapted from famous Novel titled “*The Green Mile*” by Stephen King. This Movie talk about the life of Black People in the State at early of nineteenth century and Racism which covered in the entire nation. Other than Racism, this Movie also talks about the death penalty to the most dangerous prisoner by the law. Beside the negative themes, this Movie talks about Empathy, Sympathy, and the Subject of not to judge people by their covers. Stephen King wrote stories with the theme of racism and injustice experienced by black people in the early 90s.



Picture c.1 Stephen King on his Interview in 2008

According to Stephen King Interview on January, 6th 2008 said that “Well there’s a feeling that in *The Green Mile* that the human spirit is alive and well even on under the most difficult circumstances and I think sometimes the more difficult life become and the can to be a place where life’s much more difficult and on death row more difficult that life becomes the more the human spirit has a chance to shine and certainly and there are aspects of this story that are difficult to take because they’re so awful but I think that very background gives some of the foreground where people are trying their best to do their best. It gives it a real sort of clarity and joyfulness.

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where life's much more difficult and on death row more difficult that life becomes the more the human spirit has a chance to shine and certainly and there are aspects of this story that are difficult to understand. It acquires a genuine type of clarity and joy as a result.

Stephen King on his interview at University of Massachusetts Lowell in 2012, talks about his inspiration of *The Green Mile*. He said that he doesn't really understand where it's going (the story). He said: "When I wrote *The Green Mile* I had no idea what was going. I started with an idea about a guy who is imprisoned. He was a snack guy who went around. He was trusted. He went around with a snake way again, and he got a pain mouse with a rood on cart and of course the mouse made in the story, but the rest of it didn't. it's a mysterious part of it. sometime there is no way to say where it come from.

4. CLOSING

This research is using Psychology of Literary Approach and the human value theory of Shalom H. Schwarz. The first thing for this conclusion is the definition of Human Value. Human values refer to a number of characteristics and moral attributes that are believed to have intrinsic importance and significance in human life. These values reflect beliefs, ethics, morality, and views on what is considered good, right, or proper in behaving and interacting with others and the environment. these human values make a human being have value and this value needs to be respected and understood by others. because the purpose of these human values is to humanize humans. if these human values are not understood and applied properly, then what happens is that there are acts of violence, immorality, and other bad actions.

The second conclusion of this research is Main Tenets of Human Value. These main tenets are analyzed by using the theory of Shalom H. Schwarz. In Main tenets, it consists of 8 tenets, namely; Virtue, Empathy, Justice, Respect, Responsibility, Tolerance, Fortitude and Gratitude. All of the 8 tenets will refer to how principle of Human Value that is owned by every individual. All individuals have this human value, it is something that makes people important, the thing that make them something to respect, to be treated as they behave.

The third conclusion of this research is the 10 basic of Human Value which proposed by Shalom H. Schwarz depicted in *The Green Mile* which resulted that this research found that there are 10 human values. The 10 Basic of Human Value include; Self-Direction, Stimulation,

Hedonism, Achievement, Power, Security, Conformity, Tradition, Benevolence, and Universalism.

The fourth conclusion of this research is the usage of Albertine Minderop's characterization method in analyzing the Human Value depiction in the Movie. these methods are Telling and Showing. The direct/telling method consists of characterization using character names, characterization through character appearance, and characterization through authorial speech. The direct/telling method consists of characterization through the use of character names, characterization through character appearance, and characterization through authorial speech. And The Showing (indirect) method shows the author placing himself outside the story by giving the characters the opportunity to display their characterization through dialogue and action.

By using the Shalom H. Schwarz theory of Human Value and characterization method of Albertine Minderop, researcher use triangulation in order to analyze the Human Value depiction in the Movie. the two theory and method are firstly combined to find the meeting point which then resulted the ten basic human value and the analyzing method of Showing and Telling.

The last result consists of the reason and Background of *The Green Mile* based on Stephen King, the writer of *The Green Mile* and Frank Darabont as the director of the Movie which resulted that the thing that inspired Stephen King in writing *The Green Mile* was because his interest in death row prisoner and the Death Chair execution or called as Old Sparky which then used as the same name and theme in the Movie itself. In short, the theme of the Movie was inspired by the interest of the writer himself, "Stephen King".

The topic of this research, Human Value depiction in the Movie, even if it's not specifically addressed by the Writer or the Director of the Movie, it can be said that this Movie has very similar case to the first death punishment.

The first black boy George Stinney Jr. was sentenced to death by electric chair in the United States in 1944. and in 2014, the judge of California, vacated the sentence of the defendant George Stinney that he was innocent, just like in the Movie that John Coffey was innocent. the reason why the two are so similar cannot be known for sure whether Stephen King was really inspired by the story or not, because as Stephen King said in his interview at the University of Massachusetts "That everything is interesting because it is mysterious".

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