

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSIONS & SUGGESTIONS

In this chapter, the writer will provide the conclusions of the analysis that the writer has done in chapter IV. The writer will also provide suggestions about the things that can be learnt from this novel for the adults and students.

5.1 Conclusions

In the conclusions, the writer will explain the results of the analysis to answer the research questions. The research questions are: 1. What are the traits that the characters in “The Little Prince” convey? And 2. What are the human values found in the prince as the main character in “The Little Prince”? According to Knickerbocker’s theory of human values, there are three human values; the psychological value, social value, and metaphysical value. After doing the analysis, the writer finds that there are many traits that conveyed by the characters.

From the prince as the main character, the writer finds that the prince is innocent and naïve. From his innocent and naïve, there are other traits emerge. He is shown to be kind to anyone even though he does not know anything about them. For examples, he takes care of the flower even though they just meet. He thinks about the pilot needs. He also tries to give

solution to the lamplighter (the inhabitant of the fifth planet in his journey) even though they just meet. Another trait from the prince is his curiosity and diligent. As a kid who lacks knowledge, he never stops asking for everything.

From the other characters, the writer finds that they have the traits that are good and bad. The traits that the writer finds good from the characters are clever, confident, keen, polite, hardworking, faithful, brave, and kind. The other traits that the writer finds bad from the characters are arrogant, demanding, prideful, picky, and evil. In addition, the writer notices that their traits reflect the goodness and the badness of the adults in real life. For example is the geographer. While he is known to be very clever for he has lived for a very long time (he is described as an old man in the story), he is also very picky and demanding to the prince. He demands information from the prince, but he refuses to record things that are ephemeral.

For the analysis of human values, the writer finds two human values in the prince. They are the psychological values, the values which emerge when an individual struggles with conflicts within himself, and the social values, the values which deal with the relationship between human and the society.

The psychological values that the writer finds in the prince come from the result of his naiveness and his inability to understand anything as a kid. As he is naive and unable to understand anything, he always makes a decision based on words that make him suffer in the end. When he hears something that is good, he will think of it as a good thing. This works vice versa. When he hears something that is bad, he will think of it as a bad thing. Two crucial examples of this are when he decides to leave his flower because of her dishonest words, which actually are not important at all, then suffers as he feels lonely after doing it because he does not notice the true meaning behind the “words” and when he decides to use the snake’s help as the snake tells him that it can send the prince back if he grew too homesick which in the reality, it actually tries to say that it wants to kill him and in the end, the prince suffers as he dies in the hand of the snake. After all of the events that show that he is innocent and naïve, the little prince realizes this weakness of him. He admits that he does not know anything to the pilot. He then becomes determined to seek for knowledge and then set out for journey. During his journey, there are values that emerge from the prince himself, which are perseverance and curiosity. As he knows that he lacks of knowledge, he becomes very diligent and curious. He asks everything in order to add more knowledge. When he is not answered or ignored, he will repeat the question until he is answered. Another psychological value that

emerges from him is kindness. Because he is unable to see what is good and bad, he cannot see whether the person or the thing he meets is good or bad. Therefore, he treats them with kindness. Aside from the values that emerge as a result of his innocent and naiveness, the prince has a value that emerges purely from him, which is diligence. As he knows that he owns volcanoes and a flower, he takes care of them and cleans them every day even though one of the volcanoes is an extinct volcano. He always takes care and cleans them until the final day before his departure to the other planets.

The social value that the writer finds in the relationship between the prince and the pilot is like a relationship between family members, which is caring. They spend the day together since the first day of their meeting while talking about the prince's story of his journey to seek knowledge and the flower. They also care each other and afraid to lose one another. The example of this is when the prince notices that the pilot is thirsty because he runs out of water. He then offers the pilot to look for a water source together. Other examples are when the prince falls asleep while looking for the well and when he asks for the water as he is thirsty. The pilot takes him in his arms and then continues walking. He also gives the prince the water he needs first even though the pilot is thirsty. In addition to this, when the prince is bitten by the snake, the pilot thinks that he cannot restrain the prince from leaving. The prince, in the other hand,

warns the pilot about the snake so that he will not do the same mistake that the prince did. The other value that is found in their relationship is friendly. Even though they just meet, they are not afraid of each other that they spend the days together in the desert.

Another social value is found in the relationship between the prince and his flower. The writer finds that their relationship is like the relationship of lovers, which is caring. They both love each other but do not know how to tell each other. This relationship of lovers and caring are shown when the flower asks the prince to take care of her and when the prince fulfills her needs of water and screen everyday. When the prince decides to leave his planet, they both admit that they love each other. The rose also almost cries when she knows that the prince wants to leave her. The prince, in other hand, also almost cries before his departure. In addition to this, there is another value that is shown in the relationship between the prince and the flower, which is responsibility. It is shown when the prince is away from his flower, he still thinks and worries about her. He also regrets for leaving her in such a hard situation in his planet alone and in the end plans to return to her as he knows that he is responsible for her.

5.2 Suggestions

The Little Prince is a great novel written by Antoine de-saints Exupery. It tells about the life of the little prince who always makes a

wrong decision because he is innocent and lacks of knowledge. As he has no one to teach him everything, he tries to seek the knowledge all by himself. However, when he believes that he finds the source of knowledge from the inhabitants of the planets, they actually teach him nothing because they are very selfish and demanding to the prince. Therefore he retains his personality until he makes a wrong decision that makes him die.

This study can be a reference for the adults to realize that when they have children, their children will be the same like the little prince, who is innocent and lacks of knowledge at first and will try to look for knowledge. The parents must not be like the inhabitants of the planets who are selfish and demanding to their children because their children will not learn anything from that. Instead, the parents must be able to teach their children everything instead of becoming ignorant toward them so that they will not end up like the prince when he makes the wrong decision that cost him his death.

For the English department students, the writer hopes that this study will be a good reference when they want to make a study in literature, especially in human values. In addition to this, the writer hopes that this study will also be a good reference for the English department students who want to analyze the little prince novel because there are many things that can be learnt from this novel.

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