

## CHAPTER V

### CONCLUSION

*The End of the Affair* is the fifteenth novels by British author Graham Greene. *The End of the Affair* sets in London during and just after World War II. The novel examines the obsessions, jealousy and discernments within the relationships between three central characters: writer Maurice Bendrix; Sarah Miles; and her husband, civil servant Henry Miles. In this thesis, the writer reveals two important things, namely; Sarah's infidelities in *The End of the Affair* and the effects of Sarah's infidelity toward herself and the other characters in *The End of the Affair*. To support the main data, library research including internet browsing is used in collecting data. To support the data, the writer also uses psychological approach and sociological approaches. Moreover, the theories are used in this research are character, characterization, and infidelity which is relevant with the topic of discussion.

The research focuses on the three major characters in the novel are Maurice Bendrix, Henry Miles, and his wife Sarah Miles. The first problem is Sarah's infidelities in *The End of the Affair*. There are two kinds of infidelities done by Sarah. First is Sarah's infidelity toward Henry and second is Sarah's infidelity toward Maurice. Sarah meets with Maurice at the first time in Henry's party. They are interested to each other, and suddenly love grows between them. They make an affair when Henry goes to work. Their affair is never known by Henry. They do it secretly. They purpose to get married and live together.

Unfortunately, Sarah breaks her promise toward Maurice because she is a married woman. So, she must be faithful to her husband. She leaves Maurice and finally goes back to Henry.

The second problem is Sarah's infidelity toward herself and the other character in *The End of the Affair*. There are three effects because of Sarah's infidelity. The first is the effect of Sarah's infidelity toward herself, the second is the effect of Sarah's toward Maurice, and third is the effect of Sarah's infidelity toward Henry.

Sarah's infidelity toward herself has five effects. The first effect is feeling guilty. Sarah really feels guilty because she hurts Henry and Maurice's feeling. So, she decides to die to end her faults. The second effect is feeling unhappy. Sarah feels unhappy because she has hurt her husband's feeling and because God interferes her love desire. The third effect is being selfish. She makes an affair with Maurice, but she does not want to lose her husband. The fourth effect is being unfaithful. Sarah is a married woman; she must be loyal with her husband. However, she breaks her promise toward Henry and also breaks her promise toward Maurice. And the fifth effect is being jealous. Sarah has opinion that Henry and Maurice has relationship with another woman. But, Sarah's opinion is wrong because they only love Sarah and anybody else.

Sarah's infidelity toward Maurice Bendrix has three effects. The first effect is being disappointed. Maurice and Sarah not see each other for two years. Maurice wants have to lunch with Sarah, but Sarah refuses it. So, Maurice hires private investigator who is helped by the agency representative. From them he

knows that Sarah meets Richard Smythe. The second effect is being sad. Maurice becomes sad because Sarah does not want to meet him although he can live again. He does not know that Sarah has promised with God to leave him if Maurice can live again. He also cannot marry with Sarah. The third effect is being angry. Maurice offers to Sarah to live together, but Sarah rejects it. Sarah also breaks her promise toward Maurice and leaves him and goes back to Henry.

Sarah's infidelity toward Henry Miles has two effects. The first effect is being hurt. Henry feels hurt because Sarah breaks her promises toward him. She also leaves the house without permission to make an affair with Maurice. He also knows that Sarah loves Maurice so much and cannot live without Maurice. And the second effect is being sad. Henry feels that he is a foolish husband because he never knows that Sarah has an affair with Maurice. Henry does not want Sarah leaves him although he has already been hurt by her.

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