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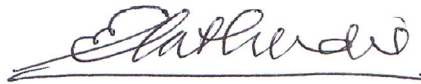
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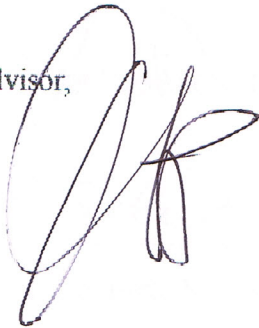
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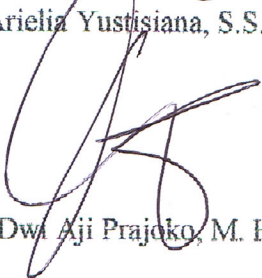
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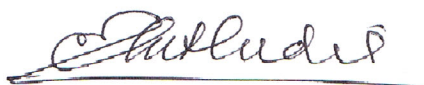
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ABSTRACT

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This thesis focuses on Puritans and non Puritans' attitudes and actions, and the moral message of it in *A Woman of No Importance* by Oscar Wilde. There are three questions to answer. First, how are Puritans's attitudes and actions? Second, how are non Puritans' attitudes and actions? Third, what are the moral messages in this drama?

Library research including internet browsing are used to form the conceptual models which are used to find the data. The data corpus of this thesis includes all of the words, phrases, clauses, sentences and even discourses related to Puritans and non Puritans' attitudes and actions. They can be in the form of dialogues or narratives. Sociological approach is used to analyze the data descriptively.

Puritans' attitudes and actions can be seen from Mrs Arbuthnot and Hester Worsley's life. Their attitudes and actions are guided by the principles of Puritanism, that is, protecting and rewarding virtue, punishing the wrong doers, becoming hard working persons, marrying and having children, having humble and obedient life, needing self examination, self denying, doing the division of labor on the basic of sex, supporting democracy in society and church, following Sabbatharianism, and having high standard of morality.

Non Puritans can be seen from the life of Lord Illingworth, Mrs Allonby, Kelvil, Lord Alfred, Lord Henry, Lady Caroline, and friends of hers. Their attitudes and actions are not guided by the principles of Puritanism, that is not having humble and obedient life, not marrying, not self denying, not having high standard of morality, not doing the division of labor on the basis of sex, not working hard.

Mrs. Arbuthnot as the representative of Puritans based conducts upgrades herself from a woman of no importance, at least according to Lord Illingworth, becomes a woman of importance. On the other hand, Lord Illingworth as the representative of non-Puritan based conducts, becomes a man of no importance. This implies the importance of the principles of Puritanism.

ABSTRAK

NENY KURNIAWATI SUSANTI (2008). PURITANS VERSUS NON PURITANS IN OSCAR WILDE'S DRAMA *A WOMAN OF NO IMPORTANCE*.

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Penelitian ini difokuskan pada sikap dan tindakan orang-orang Puritan dan non Puritan serta pesan moral dalam drama *A Woman of No Importance* karya Oscar Wilde. Terdapat tiga pertanyaan untuk dijawab. Pertama, bagaimana sikap and tindakan orang-orang yang pro-Puritan? Kedua, bagaimana sikap dan tindakan orang-orang yang non Puritan? Ketiga, apa pesan moral di dalam drama ini?

Study kepustakaan termasuk mengakses internet digunakan untuk mendapatkan teori yang sesuai, untuk membentuk model konseptual. Lalu model konseptual ini digunakan untuk memperoleh data. Data yang digunakan dalam penelitian ini adalah semua frase, klausa, kalimat dan bahkan paragraph ataupun wacana yang berhubungan dengan sikap dan tindakan orang Puritan dan non Puritan. Data tersebut bisa berbentuk dialog atau narasi. Pendekatan sosiologis digunakan untuk menganalisa data secara deskriptif.

Sikap dan tindakan orang-orang Puritan dapat dilihat dari hidup Nyonya Arbuthnot dan Hester Worsley. Sikap dan tindakannya didasarkan pada prinsip Puritanisme, yaitu melindungi dan mengganjar kebaikan, menghukum orang yang bersalah, senang bekerja keras, menikah dan mempunyai anak, memiliki kesederhanaan dan ketaatan dalam hidup, membutuhkan introspeksi diri, mengingkari diri, membagi pekerjaan berdasarkan jenis kelamin, mendukung demokrasi di dalam gereja dan masyarakat, memuliakan hari Sabbath, dan memiliki tolok ukur moral yang tinggi.

Sikap dan tindakan non Puritan dapat dilihat dari hidup Lord Illingworth, Nyonya Allonby, Kelvil, Lord Alfred, Lord Henry, Lady Caroline, dan teman-temannya. Sikap dan tindakan mereka tidak didasarkan pada prinsip-prinsip Puritan, yaitu tidak memiliki kesederhanaan dan ketaatan hidup, tidak menikah, tidak memiliki pengingkaran diri, tidak memiliki moral yang tinggi, tidak membagi pekerjaan berdasarkan jenis kelamin, tidak senang bekerja keras.

Nyonya Arbuthnot yang mewakili sikap dan tindakan Puritan mampu menaikkan dirinya dari wanita yang tidak penting, setidaknya menurut Lord Illingworth menjadi wanita yang penting. Di sisi lain, Lord Illingworth mewakili orang non Puritan menjadi laki-laki yang tidak penting. Sikap dan tindakan ini menyiratkan pentingnya prinsip-prinsip Puritanism.

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