

CHAPTER IV

CONCLUSION

The objectives of this study entitled Puritans versus non Puritans in Oscar Wilde's drama *A Woman of No importance* are (1) to explain Puritans' attitudes and actions in the drama, (2) to explain non Puritans' attitudes and actions in the drama, (3) to find out the moral message from their attitudes and actions. Library research including internet browsing is 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 discourse 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.

Two persons, namely Mrs. Arbuthnot and Hester Worsley, represent Puritans' attitudes and actions. 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 basis of sex, supporting democracy in society and church, following Sabbatarianism, and having high standard of morality.

Some other persons however, represent non Puritans' attitudes and actions. 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, and not working hard. They are Lord Illingworth, Mrs. Allonby, Kelvil, Lord Alfred, Lord Henry, Lady Caroline, and friend of hers.

Oscar Wilde's *A Woman of No Importance* proposes Puritan based conducts for making them beat the opponents, namely non-Puritan based conducts. This is indicated by the refusal of Mrs. Arbuthnot's on the proposal of Lord Illingworth's. Due to refusing to marry Lord Illingworth, 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.

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