

## CHAPTER IV

### CONCLUSION

The objectives of the study entitled *Lesbianism in Celie's Character in Alice Walker's The Color Purple* are: (1) to explain the causes Celie's as lesbian, (2) to describe Celie's attitude toward her lesbian partner Shug Avery, (3) to elaborate the society's opinion toward Celie's lesbianism. The researches of methodology that the writer applies are the data collection, the data corpus, and the data analysis. In the data collection, the writer employs the library research and internet browsing. The writer finds conceptual models of lesbianism, its cause, attitude, and others. These conceptual models are used to find the data in the novel. The data corpus is in the form of words, phrases, clauses, and discourse that refer to Celie's lesbianism in Alice Walker's *The Color Purple* published in San Diego by the year 1982. Furthermore, in analyzing the data the writer uses psychological approach. The psychological approach is used to analyze deductively the behaviors of Celie's as a lesbian.

Celie's lesbianism because she is afraid of the opposite sex, her father. He rapes and bashes her. The succession of the raping and bashing results in Celie's pregnancy but her father sells the children. Therefore, she decides to close her heterosexual relationship and commits lesbian because the heterosexual relationship makes her traumatic. The second reason comes from the psychological of family background that fear of the opposite sex parent. Fear of the opposite sex parent could turn youngsters into the member of their own sex (McMahon, 1986:477). Celie is obvious afraid of her father because the raping

and bashing. Her frightening makes her committing lesbian. The desire of mothering woman love is also the cause (Huffman and Vernoy, 1985:72). Celie also misses a mothering woman love. She lack of her mother's attention. Her mother is crazy. When Shug leans on Celie and hugs her, feeling like, her mother leans on her. The feeling is always appeared when she combs Shug's hair. The unsatisfaction on her heterosexual intercourse she has committed with her husband is classified as the other cause. Celie never feels the desire and pleasure. She never feels it because she is never attracted to men.

Celie's attitude as a lesbian are: (1) Celie's dreaming and fantasizing of Shug. Since, she cannot meet her, she dreaming of her. One day Mr. \_\_\_\_ brings her home but Celie cannot express her feeling to her. She is only able to have a sexual fantasy of Shug. She often dreams and fantasies of Shug that she almost sucks Shug's finger. (2) Celie enjoys engaging in long-term relationship. Celie's long-term relationship is shown by taking care and sharing problem with her lesbian partner, Shug. That time, Shug is sick. People saying, Shug gets the nasty woman disease or tuberculosis that nobody wants her but Celie. She takes good care of her until she recovers. Celie treats her well even though she never gets Shug's respect. Finally, Celie gets Shug's respect and they become friend. Celie tells Shug her suffering and her beloved sister, Nettie. As a response, Shug helps to find Nettie's letters that hidden by Mr. \_\_\_\_\_. Somehow, Shug also helps her to defend herself from Mr. \_\_\_\_\_. Now, Celie becomes a woman that can fight for herself. Therefore, she appreciates engaging in long-term relationship with Shug even though at the end they are not as a lover anymore.

The other characters opinions on Celie's lesbianism are split. One character, Shug Avery, agrees to it. The others, Harpo, Sofia, and Mr. \_\_\_\_\_, do not. Shug agrees on Celie's lesbianism because she thanks and sympathizes for her. She sympathizes for Celie's because she never feels the desire of the sexual intercourse she has committed with her husband and the father of her son. Shug also thanks for Celie's patient in taking care of her in her illness. Meanwhile, in Harpo and his wife' opinion lesbian should be never existed. The love between women considers as immoral. Therefore, they disagree on Celie's lesbianism. Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ disagree on Celie's lesbianism because he still wanting Celie to marry him again.

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