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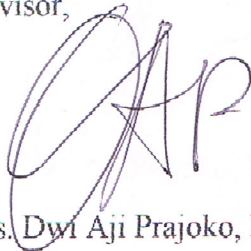
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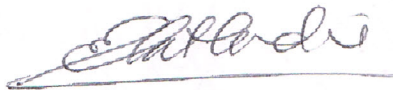
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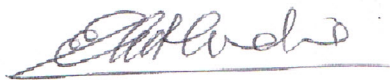
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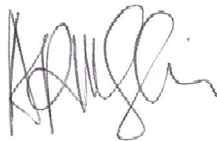
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ABSTRACTS

In their life human being often face many problems and choices and so is in wife-husband life. Too busy husband who does not have enough time for family can be a source of crack of wife-husband relationship. Ironically, it happens because the husband works for their family. Furthermore, the third person interference accidentally or not may worsen the harmonic relationship. There is always a chance and reason for a wife to make affair with another man. In this case, a wife's faithfulness and morality are examined. A wife has to make a very difficult choice. Concerning with moral value, it is shaped and formed through what a person has experienced or through what other people have exemplified.

The End of the Affair written by Graham Greene tells about an affair between a married woman named Sarah with Mourice. It starts from Henry, Sarah's husband. Who is very busy and does not have much time for his wife. The third person appears. He is Mourice. The relationship which is at first only between a writer and an informant is getting serious. Sarah falls in love with Mourice. Their attitudes and behaviors deviate from social and religious moral value. Sarah also make two other affairs with Dunstan and Chief Warden when Mourice is far from her.

The purpose of this study is to (1) describe the main character's moral value, (2) analyze the causes of the main character's moral deviation, (3) elaborate the moral teachings of the main character's moral value.

What is meant by social moral value in this analysis is the principle of right and wrong concerning with the people around. While, religious moral value is the principle of right and wrong based on a religion. In her relationship with Mourice, Sarah breaks many moral values in society. She is not faithful to wait her husband coming home from work. On the contrary, she goes out to see Mourice. She never asks the truth where she has been out. Furthermore, Sarah commits adultery with a man. All of them are contrary to moral value in society. As a Catholic, Sarah of course is forbidden to do all of them. Indeed she is forbidden to make affair with two other men. All of them are contrary to moral value in the religion she has.

There are some factors, which support Sarah to deviate from social and religious moral value. They are parental value, her husband's business, Sarah's egoism, jealousy, and unfaithfulness.

From Graham Greene's novel the writer takes the moral teaching. In a wife-husband relationship a problem must be discussed. It does not matter how little the problem is. A little problem may grow bigger if it is not solved immediately. Parents play important role in shaping and developing a child's moral value. What parents have exemplified through what they have done will be imitated by a child. The examples will be deeply planted into his or her soul. Then they become moral value that a child will hold as long as her or she lives.

ABSTRAK

Dalam kehidupannya, manusia sering dihadapkan pada berbagai masalah dan pilihan. Begitu juga dalam kehidupan suami istri. Suami yang terlalu sibuk dengan pekerjaannya sehingga tidak dapat meluangkan cukup waktu bagi keluarga dapat menjadi sumber keretakan hubungan mereka. Ironisnya, Sang suami bekerja juga untuk kesejahteraan keluarganya. Kemudian dalam situasi ini, kehadiran orang ketiga apakah itu disengaja atau tidak, semakin memperburuk hubungan keduanya. Adanya kesempatan dan alasan seorang istri untuk menjalin hubungan gelap dengan orang lain dapat saja muncul. Dalam hal ini, kesetiaan dan kualitas moral seorang istri diuji. Berkenaan dengan nilai-nilai moral, nilai-nilai moral tersebut ternyata terbentuk dari apa yang telah dia alami dan dari apa yang orang lain telah contohkan.

The End of the Affair karya Graham Greene menceritakan tentang hubungan gelap Sarah dengan Mourice. Suami Sarah, Henry yang sangat sibuk dikantor dan juga diluar kota jarang mempunyai banyak waktu bagi sang istri. Kemudian hadir orang ketiga diantara mereka yaitu Mourice. Hubungan keduanya yang semula hanya sebatas antara penulis dan informan menjadi semakin serius. Sarah jatuh cinta kepada Mourice. Hubungan mereka semakin menyimpang dari nilai-nilai moral social dan nilai-nilai moral religius. Begitupun ketika Sarah jauh dari Mourice selama dua tahun, Sarah menjalin hubungan dengan laki-laki lain, yaitu Dunstan dan Warden.

Tujuan yang dicapai dalam penulisan ini adalah: (1) mendeskripsikan nilai moral dari tokoh utama, (2) menjelaskan penyebab tokoh utama melakukan penyimpangan moral, (3) menguraikan pelajaran moral dari nilai-nilai moral tokoh utama.

Nilai-nilai moral social yang dimaksud adalah nilai-nilai moral dalam hubungannya dengan orang lain disekitar. Sedangkan nilai-nilai moral religius adalah nilai-nilai moral dalam hubungannya dengan agama. Dalam hubungannya dengan Mourice, Sarah banyak melanggar nilai-nilai moral social. Dia tidak setia menunggu suaminya pulang bekerja, bahkan dia keluar rumah. Sarah tidak menjawab dengan jujur ketika suaminya bertanya kemana dia pergi. Lebih jauh lagi, Sarah melakukan hubungan dengan laki-laki yang bukan suaminya. Semua itu bertentangan dengan nilai-nilai moral dalam masyarakat. Sebagai seorang Katolik, Sarah tentu saja dilarang melakukan hal-hal demikian. Apalagi sampai menjalin hubungan dengan tiga orang. Hal-hal tersebut melanggar nilai-nilai moral religius yang dianutnya.

Penyimpangan-penyimpangan yang dilakukan Sarah dipicu oleh berbagai factor. Factor-faktor tersebut adalah nilai-nilai yang telah diwariskan orang tua, kesibukan sang suami, keegoisan, kecemburuan dan ketidaksetiaan.

Dari novel karya Graham Greene dapat diambil pelajaran moral. Dalam hubungan suami istri, masalah sekecil apapun perlu didiskusikan untuk memperoleh jalan keluar. Orangtua berperan penting dalam membangun dan membentuk nilai-nilai moral seorang anak. Apa yang orangtua telah lakukan akan menjadi contoh bagi anak. Anak akan cenderung menirunya. Lebih jauh lagi, hal itu akan tertanam dalam jiwa anak dan menjadi nilai moral baginya yang akan dia pegang.

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