

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1. The Background of the Problem

As human life we need something to entertain us. Literature is a literary works, which expresses and communicates thoughts, feelings and attitudes toward life through a written language. Rees (1973: 2) states that: "Literature is writing which express and communicates thought, feeling, and attitude toward life." Literature is all written materials, which are expressed into writings by an author. Literature in its broader sense includes all written materials such as plays, poetry, short stories, and novel as well. We like to tell people about things that happened to us and we want to hear of things that happened to other people through some ways such as reading literary works.

In fact that there are lot of experiences and knowledges about human life in literature, because literature is the thought and feeling of the author which he experienced in his life and he wants to describe in the form of literary works. Literature is also a means to express imagination in which the people may get knowledge and entertainment. Furthermore, Hudson (1913:10) explains as follows:

Literature is a vital record of what men have seen in life, what they have experienced of it, what they have thought and felt about those aspects of it which have the most immediate and enduring interest for all of us. It is thus fundamentally an expression of life through the medium of language.

It means that literature is the expression of life. In describing what people have seen or imagined, literature is almost certain to express a great deal of people's thought and feeling. People can express their experience and knowledge into the various forms of literary works, because literature is written work. It has to use a beautiful language in order to give entertainment for the readers so that, it will be enjoyable and not boring to be read.

Jones (1968: 1) says, "Literature is simply another way we can experience the world around us through our imagination." It means that we can express our idea, our experience that happens in our daily lives, or our environment and shows it into literary works. Literature is a reaction of the author towards his environment and his period. As human life, we have a natural desire to learn and to entertain ourselves. One of the entertainment is literature. In fact, that, literature can be enjoyed and it does make us relax.

Novel is interpretation of the author about emotion, feelings, and ideas through his imagination, but sometimes novel contains moral values which reflects the real life. Kennedy (1983:180) in *Introduction to Fiction*, states, "novel is book length story in prose, whose author tries to create the sense that, while we read, we experience actual life." According to Kettle (1961:12) in *An Introduction of the English Novel*, "Novel is a living thing, all one and continuous, like any other organism, and in proportion as it lives will it be found, I think, that in each of the parts there is something of other parts." It means that a novel is a lengthy fictitious narrative prose, in which the author expresses his or her imagination to give a sense of the actual life for the readers. Therefore, by reading it, the readers

get knowledge and experience because it is a picture of real life. Novel contains something which is interesting and it makes a novel live. Furthermore, Kennedy (1983:231) says as follows:

Novel has been known by society, that is a fiction story which is written by other situation and condition of society around him, and he tries to write it in a long story in a prose form, whose author tries to create the sense that while we read, we all experienced actual live.

They tell about the definition of novel. It means that many people like reading novel. We will increase experience in our life with reading novel and it is part of life. Therefore, by reading it, we can get knowledge and experience.

In this study, the writer would like to analyze one of the forms of literature, that is, novel. For her, novel is the most interesting form of literature to be analyzed. In writing this thesis, chooses a novel entitled *The End of the Affair* by Graham Greene. It was published in 1951. Thus, the title of the thesis is *The Analysis of The Main Character's Morality in Graham Greene's The End of the Affair*

1.2. Statement of the Problem

There are some problems to discuss in this thesis, especially Sarah's Morality in *The End of the Affair* by Graham Greene. To get the clear discussion of this thesis, the writer takes some problems of the analysis as follows:

1. What are the main character's moral values?
2. What are the causes of the main character's moral deviation?
3. What are the moral teachings of the main character's moral value?

1.3. Limitation of the Study

In analyzing this thesis, the writer would like to choose novel as the subject of discussion. The title of the novel is *The End of the Affair*. According to the novel, this thesis only focuses on the main character, namely, Sarah Miles. The scope of the study has some aspects in this thesis. The writer limits the study on morality. The limitation in order to get clear understanding and to avoid complicated discussion. Therefore, she has some problems in analyzing the novel. The problems of discussion are about the main character's moral value, the causes of main character's moral deviation, and the moral teachings of the main character's moral value.

1.4. The Objectives of the Study

In this thesis, she would like to limits. The objectives of the study. It is suitable the statement of the problems. It cannot be more complete to discuss. Then, the objectives of the study are as follows:

1. To describe the main character's moral value.
2. To analyze the causes of the main character's moral deviation.
3. To elaborate the moral teachings of the main character's moral value.

1.5. Significant of the Study

This study is a significant reference for other researchers doing further research on the same subject about morality. Of course, the reader must take the goodness. Therefore, the study can give the input for the reader. Besides, the reader may take the advantage of the result of this study to get many experience and knowledge about morality and learns the person's personality.