

## ANALYSIS OF LITERARY SOCIOLOGY APPROACH TO MORAL VALUES CONTAINED IN THE NOVEL "*LIMITLESS PRESENCE*" BY HYPTIN

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### Abstract

The novel "*Limitless Presence*" by Hyptin illustrates the existence of humans in facing the problems that arise in the life that surrounds them. This research is focused on knowing the moral values contained in the novel "*Limitless Presence*" by Hyptin. The type of research used is *library research*, with a qualitative research approach. In this research, the data collection technique used is documentation research (literature study). While the data analysis technique is qualitative data analysis using an interactive framework. The results of the research are divided into two, namely: (1) The Relationship Between Humans With Themselves such as the value of Honesty, Hard Work, Firm, Firm, Open, Visionary, Independent, Strong, Brave, Responsibility, (2) The Relationship Between Humans with Fellow Humans and Nature such as Happy to Help, Smile, Generous, Cooperative / Able to Work Together, Communicative, Caring (Humans and Nature). There are four roles of moral values, namely: (1) As a Self-Control Tool to Always Do Good, (2) As an Educational Media Moral Learning Tool for Children, (3) As a Unifying Tool for Good Relationships Between Humans, (4) As a Container of Awareness to Preserve Nature. There are six implications such as: (1) strengthening the application of religion in everyday life, (2) making moral values as a means of self-control to always do good in social life, (3) making moral values as a means of communication between people, (4) carrying out activities to instill moral values in the community, (5) obeying every value or norm in society, (6) making moral values as a place of awareness to protect fellow humans and preserve nature.

**Keywords:** *Sociology of Literature Approach, Moral Value, Novel*

### ABSTRACT

*The novel "Limitless Presence" by Hyptin describes the existence of humans in dealing with the problems that arise in the life that surrounds them. The data sources of this research are primary and secondary data sources. In this study, the data collection technique used was documentation research (library study). The results are divided into two that is (1) relationships between humans and Self, such as the value honesty. Hard Work, firm, firm, open, visionary, independent ..., tough, courageous, responsible, (2) relationships between humans and humans and nature such as happy to help, smiles, generous, cooperative / able to work together, communicative, caring (humans and nature). It was also found that there are four roles of moral values, namely: (a) as a self-control tool to always do good, (b) as an educational media, a moral learning tool for children, (c) as a unifying tool for good relations between humans, (d) as a vehicle for awareness to preserve nature have a six implication such as (1) strengthening the application of religion in everyday in community life is one of the right ways in building the moral values of a society, (2) making moral values as a means of self-control in (3) making moral values as a means of communication between humans, (4) carrying out activities to inculcate moral values in society through the application of moral values in society starting from the way of speaking to the attitude taken when talking to other people, (5) obeying any values or norms that exist in the community society, (6) making moral values as a forum for awareness that as humans who live side by side and certainly need each other.*

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## **A. Introduction**

Literature is a picture of human life and a fabrication of a person. Where the author uses imagination that exists and comes from the social life of society. In addition, an author also conveys a lot of criticism in a literary work, for example, events that exist in society, be it politics, religion, ethnicity, gender equality and many more events around society.

Literary works can be studied through various approaches. Where in literary works there are many approaches, one of which is in the form of a literary sociology approach. The literary sociology approach is an approach related to the social life of society. The life described in literary sociology concerns the relationship between society and the family. In addition, the stories in literary works contain many moral values that can be used as examples in social life.

Moral values are norms contained in a literary work that are considered good and contain meaningful messages. Moral values are not only forever good morals related to customs and culture, but there are also very good religious moral values contained in a literary work. Moral values also have a very close relationship and are related to human life in society. Of course, these good values are very worthy of emulation, but it must be remembered that these moral values are not always in the form of material goodness, they can also be non-material. It can be said that in a novel or other literary work there will be these moral values.

Novels are fictional stories whose stories can come from the author's real life experiences. Therefore, novels can be used as a reference in this life, because the story in the novel is a picture that exists in society and can be an example in real life. In today's modern era, there is less interaction between fellow humans because of the presence of gadgets in an increasingly sophisticated era. Today's sophisticated gadgets replace all human interaction.

One type of novel that can be studied in the field of literature is "*Limitless Presence*" by Hyptin. The novel "*Limitless Presence*" by Hyptin is generally seen to contain moral values, which can actually be applied to real life in society and family. Therefore, this novel can be studied in depth by using the sociology of literature approach. Through this approach, the author can generally understand and interpret literary works as a whole because this approach is closely related to social life in society. The literary sociology approach is suitable for this study because the story described in the novel "*Limitles Presence*" contains many events that exist in the real world or in society.

The moral values in the novel "*Limitless Presence*" by Hyptin deserve to be used as an object of research, because this novel is generally included in the best and latest books in 2020 that must be read. This novel tells the story of a family life that is full of life values and interesting to read, so this novel is full of moral values that can be implemented in social life.

## **B. Research Methods**

### **1. Type of Research**

The type of research used by the author is qualitative research. Qualitative research is a research procedure that produces descriptive data in the form of written or spoken words from people and behaviors that can be observed. This research uses a natural setting with the intention of interpreting phenomena that occur and are experienced by research subjects, for example behavior, perceptions, motivations, actions, and others. Qualitative research aims to understand the phenomenon of what is experienced by the research subject, holistically by means of descriptions in the form of words and language in a special natural context and utilizing various natural methods.

Creswell suggests qualitative research is a research process to understand human or social problems by creating a comprehensive and complex picture presented in words, reporting detailed views obtained from sources of information, and conducted in a natural *setting* or *setting*. Meanwhile, according to Saryono, qualitative research is research used to investigate, find, describe, and explain the quality or features of social influences that cannot be explained, measured or described through a qualitative approach.

The author can conclude that qualitative research is research that intends to interpret phenomena that occur using existing methods so that it can produce data in the form of words, and can be described.

### **2. Research Methods**

The method used in this research is the *content analysis* method. The *content analysis method*, which is a method aimed at collecting and analyzing documents. After the researcher collects a number of data related to the themes and discussions in this study, the researcher immediately begins to analyze the data. In this process, the first thing to do is to categorize the data and read repeatedly about the contents of the novel.

Brelson argues that content analysis is a research technique that is carried out objectively, systematically, and qualitative description of the visible communication content. Meanwhile, according to Holsti, content analysis is a research technique for making inferences that are carried out objectively and systematic identification of message

characteristics. The author concludes that *content analysis* is a method aimed at collecting and analyzing documents that have been obtained.

## C. Results and Discussion

### 1. Results

The results of the research on the Analysis of Moral Values in the Novel "*Limitless Presence*" by Hyptin studied using the literary sociology approach are in the form of moral values in the novel, the role of moral values in society and the relationship between moral values and existing community life. The results of the research and discussion will be presented as follows:

#### 1) Forms of Moral Values Contained in the Novel "*Limitless Presence*" by Hyptin

The data obtained after the author conducted research, namely in the form of moral values in the novel "*Limitless Presence*"

##### a. Moral Values Found in the Relationship Between Man and Himself

###### 1) Honest

At this stage, there are initial events that create several conflicts. In the story of the novel "*Limitless Presence*" the initial event begins when Noona Ah Jira recognizes the sins she has committed during her life. This can be seen in the following data:

Data 1 and 2 showing honest moral values can be seen on pages 2 and 159.

*".... to confess the sins he had committed during his life, imagining a hell that was ten or perhaps a hundred times hotter than this, then making him realize that his biggest sin of always peeping into his neighbor's house would put him in danger of staying in one of the chambers of hell."*

###### 2) Hard Work

Data 3 and 4, 5 showing the moral value of hard work can be seen on pages 19, 31, and 129.

*"Seojin will leave Kookie with Jira if her patient appointments require her to stay at the hospital for a long time. Even at night, he may still be at the hospital to treat his patients."*

###### 3) Firm

Data 6, 7, 8 show firm moral values can be seen on pages 129, 339 and 159.

*"I won't see you again as long as you don't return as Park Jimi."*

###### 4) Stand firm

Data 10, 11, 12 show steadfast moral values on pages 106, 133 and 135.

*"seojin, kookie is not that weak. She'll be fine as long as we keep looking for her. If we just stop like this and suggest the worst in our heads, we're just pushing him to that point. So now calm down, trust me everything will be fine."*

5) Open

Data 13, 14, 15, 16 showing open moral values can be seen on pages 214, 88, 128 and 140.

*"s-seojin...sorry, really, I'm sorry. I've been negligent here, m-forgive me."*

6) Visionary

Data 17 showing visionary moral values can be seen on page 120

*"Playing a dili like a fool, Hyung? I don't know how much fun it can be when you play with the excitement created by dili alone."*

7) Independent

Data 18 shows the moral value of Mandiri can be seen on page 123

*"No need, Hyung. I can walk."*

8) Brave

Data 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 showing brave moral values can be seen on pages 123, 131, 139, 190 and 141.

*"I won't hear anything for tomorrow or beyond if you go and leave me to swallow my curiosity whole right now" he threatened.*

11) Responsibility

Data 24 showing the moral value of responsibility can be seen on page 87.

*"Alright, I'll talk to him. Actually, auntie has already contacted that man, but she asked seojin not to be too harsh on you and jimi. After all this was just an accident even if it was true you two are still responsible for your negligence."*

b. Moral Values Found in Relationships Between Humans and Other Humans

1) Happy to Help

Data 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 showing the moral value of being happy to help can be seen on pages 11, 22, 24, 34, 85, 139 and 278.

*"Noona, please treat me first, dear."*

2) Cheap Smile

Data 32 that shows the moral value of a cheap smile can be seen on page 10

*"the man smiled and then bowed, after he had completely straightened his back."*

3) Gracious

Data 33 showing the moral value of generosity can be seen on page 3

*"oh, kookie. Want some cold watermelon?"*

4) Communicative

Data 1 and 2 showing communicative moral values can be seen on pages 2, 32, 120, 159 and 197.

*"noona, the cooler is broken."*

5) Caring (Human, Nature)

Data 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, and 67 showing honest moral values can be seen on pages 2, 13, 16, 17, 27, 42, 80, 91, 101, 91, 116, 122, 131, 146, 147, 148, 165, 168, 168, 169, 199, 200, 204, 241, 267, 283, 124, and 214.

*"kookie don't jump up and down and his stomach will sakt"*

**2) The Role of Moral Values Contained in Hyptin's "Limitless Presence" Novel for Society**

- 1) As a Platform for Awareness to Preserve Nature
- 2) As a Unifying Tool for Good Relationships Between People
- 3) As an Educational Media Moral Learning Tool for Children
- 4) As a Self-Control Tool to Always Do Good

**3) Implications of Moral Values in Literary Sociology Behavior in Society.**

There are several implications of moral values in society, as follows:

- 1) Strengthen the application of religion in daily life
- 2) Carry out activities to instill moral values in the community, from how to speak to how to behave towards others.
- 3) Comply with any values or norms that exist in society.
- 4) Making moral values a means of communication between people.
- 5) Making moral values a place of awareness to take care of fellow humans and preserve nature.

**2. Discussion**

According to Faruk (1999), Sociology is a discipline about society that is based on three social paradigms: (1) a social paradigm in the form of institutions and social structures that are considered as something real, which is beyond the individual, (2) a social definition paradigm that focuses on individual ways of defining social situations and the aspects of this definition of the actions that follow, in this paradigm it is considered the subject matter of sociology is not objective social facts, but the subjective perspective of individuals in living these social facts, and (3) the paradigm of human behavior as a real subject.

According to Faruk (1999), literary sociology is a discipline that appears to be ill-defined, consisting of a number of empirical studies and various attempts at somewhat more general theories, each of which only has in common that they all deal with the relationship of literature to society. It also offers an advertisement for a more phenomenological sociological study that targets the "meaning" level of literary works.

According to Weren (2016), literary sociology is a research study of the broad area of literary sociology. Dividing sociology into three classifications. First, the sociology of the author. The author's sociology deals with social status, political ideology, which concerns the author. Second, the sociology of literary works. The sociology of literary works is concerned with a literary work that is the subject of study is about what is implied in the literary work and what the purpose and mandate to be conveyed. Third, the sociology of the reader. The sociology of readers deals with readers and their social influence on society.

From the understanding according to the experts above, it can be concluded that what is meant by literary sociology is an understanding of literary works by considering their societal aspects. The sociology of literature approach is an approach related to the social life of society. The life described in literary sociology concerns the relationship between society and the family. In addition, the stories in literary works contain many moral values that can be used as examples in social life.

Value comes from the Latin *vale're* which means useful, capable, powerful, applicable, so that value is defined as something that is considered good, useful and most correct according to the beliefs of a person or group of people. Moral comes from the Latin *mores*, the plural of *mos*, which means custom.

Morals are in accordance with generally accepted ideas about human actions, what is good and what is reasonable. The term morals refers to the good and bad of human

actions. Morals are used as a benchmark to determine the rightness and wrongness of human actions, whether they are good or bad as human beings.

According to Nurgiyantoro (2013), moral values are basically values that concern matters of decency, matters of ethics, which are closely related between humans and other creatures created by God. Here humans are formed to be able to distinguish between bad and good deeds. Moral teachings are those related to human actions or behavior are essentially rules or notions that determine things that are considered good and bad.

The author can conclude from all the explanations above that moral value is a norm contained in a literary work that is considered good and contains a meaningful message. Moral values are not only forever good morals related to customs and culture, but there are also very good religious moral values contained in a literary work. Moral values also have a very close relationship and are related to human life in society. Of course, these good values are very worthy of emulation, but it must be remembered that these moral values are not always in the form of material goodness, they can also be non-material. It can be said that in a novel or other literary work there will be these moral values.

The word novel comes from the Latin word *novellus* which is also derived from the word *novies* which means "new". Thus, the word novel means new. In "The American Leaner's Dictionary of Current English" a novel is a story with a plot, long enough to fill one or more books. In essence, novels have two elements called intrinsic and extrinsic elements.

The term novel comes from the Latin *novellas* which was later reduced to *novies*, meaning new. This word was later adapted in English to become the term novel. This new word is associated with the fact that novels are a type of *fiction*. Novels originally came from the Latin *novellas* and then turned into the word *novies*, which means new, then the word *novies* was adapted into English to become the term novel.

According to (Semi, 2018): A novel is an emphatic concentration that reveals the deeper aspects of humanity and is presented with subtlety. That is, a novel does not tell characters or events that are too great and amazing, but in accordance with existing life. The word novel comes from the Italian *novella* (in German: *novelle*). Novels can present more and more characters with both static and developing characters.

From some of the above opinions, it can be concluded that novels are fictional stories. Novels are fictional stories whose stories can come from the author's real life

experiences. Therefore, novels can be used as a reference in this life, because the story in the novel is a picture that exists in society and can be an example in real life. The presentation of novels is more numerous, detailed, and more detailed so that it can cover the elements of building literary works.

Honest moral value can be said to be a behavior that makes himself a person who can always be trusted in his words, actions, and work. In the novel "*Limitless Presence*" by Hyptin, there is honest moral value found in the main character. Jira has the value of the sins she has committed. Honesty can actually be seen when Jira confesses his sins because if someone consciously admits all his sins it is a very honest act contained in a person. An honest attitude is very good to be exemplified by the reader because by acting and being honest one will be trusted by others in all their affairs in the world.

Hard work is working earnestly, with all your strength and energy, never giving up to achieve the best results, and being so focused on work that you don't have time to do anything else that is not useful. In the novel "*Limitless Presence*" by Hyptin, there is a moral value of hard work that can be a reflection of the reader. Hard work that can be emulated by readers, namely the value of hard work can be seen when Seojin entrusts Kookie to Jira because there are so many patients in the hospital that he must handle. This means that hard work is very important to achieve something that someone wants and can help.

Responsibility is the attitude of a person in carrying out their duties and obligations in accordance with their responsibilities, this can be seen in the novel "*Limitless Presence*" by Hyptin when Jira is responsible for what happened to Kookie and for some reason Seojin who seemed so calm Jira watched her with concern that warmed up in the midst of her fear.

#### **D. Conclusion**

Based on the results of research and discussion, the conclusion is that the moral values contained in the novel are divided into two, namely: (1) the relationship between humans and themselves such as the value of honesty, hard work, firm, firm, open, visionary, independent, tough, brave, responsibility. (2) the relationship between humans and fellow humans and nature such as happy to help, smiling, generous, cooperative / able to work together, communicative, caring (humans, nature).

The role of moral values in novels for society, moral values play a role in limiting one's behavior and socializing in society to remain in accordance with the prevailing culture

in a particular society. In addition, moral values also have roles such as protection for those who are weak, as a means of self-control to always do good, as an educational medium for moral learning tools for children, as a unifying tool for good relations between humans, as a forum for awareness to preserve nature.

The implications of moral values in the novel include applying moral values by strengthening the application of religion in everyday life, making moral values a means of communication between people, obeying every value or norm in society, making moral values a place of awareness to protect fellow humans and preserve nature.

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