

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

This chapter consists of two parts. The first part is the conclusion of the thesis and the second part are the suggestions.

5.1. Conclusion

Through the discussions in the previous chapters, the writer finally finds out that every human being has passions in his life. However, the portions of passions are different from person to person. Besides, everyone has his own way to control his passions, such as thinking rationally or having such an annoying attitude to hurt others in order to release the emotions like what the main characters in *Desire under the elms* do.

The main characters, which have such attitudes, actually have conflict against themselves and their environments. All the main characters are treated unfriendly by each other, even they are a family. Cabot's families have become desolated in their life because everybody in the home hates each other and always tries to ruin one another.

Ephraim has been driven by his own ego. So, he abandons his family and his sons. Ephraim is arrogant and possessive to his sons. All three sons hate and wish their father dead. Ephraim dedicates his entire life to God and the farm. He explains how the importance of both the farm and hard work tie into his conception of a hard and demanding God. Even though Ephraim marries Abbie the woman he loves, as his attempts to get love in his old age.

Eben, the youngest son who believes the farm is his alone. Eben blames his father for working his mother to death and desires to take back the farm from Ephraim.

Abbie marries Ephraim to get his property. She wants to possess the farm for hers. She wants to kick Eben off from the farm and asks him to leave. Until both of them have an affair. Eben and Abbie have falling in love and sleep together. Finally Abbie becomes pregnant and then she decides to kill the baby to prove her love to Eben. After knowing that the baby is not his son, Ephraim becomes angry and feels lonely. Ephraim abandons the farm and decides to go to California. But Ephraim discovers that his two oldest sons stole his savings. Worse, he has nobody, no children and no wife's love in his old age. He feels lonely and betrays to the land.

The atmosphere over the home and the farm cannot bear their family to live happily and peacefully. Even though they live sufficiently, Ephraim, Eben and Abbie cannot live peacefully. They always struggle to possess the farm. The families fail to find peace in their family because they are too greedy and selfish. Furthermore, each person struggles to do everything alone. They use their own way to reach their goal including hurting others and opposing others. They do not care about each other, even though all of them are a family.

Looking through the entire life of Cabot's family and Abbie, the writer concludes that their life is painful. The conditions of being lonely and desolated by others influence their attitude. Ephraim, Eben and Abbie and other characters in *Desire under the Elms* can be seen as moral reflectors. Ephraim, Eben and

Abbie's desire have forced them to do harmful things to other people as well as their selves. In here, the reader can see how basic passions control each main character in this play.

At the end of the discussion, the writer shows the characteristics of each central character who struggle to get love, care and attention as well are inseparable part of every human life. Studying characters in drama is always important and useful. It is important since characters play major roles in conveying the messages from the author. It is useful since the audience can learn more about various kinds of people concerning with their personality and their behavior. Here, the writer concludes that the characteristic of each main character are influenced by their life background and their environment.

5.2. Suggestion

The writer hopes that her analysis can give contribution to the other reader who wants to analyze literature from someone's life background. By viewing the life background in analyzing literature which relates to the events happening at the past, the writer can give the clear explanation about the background of the story in which this case made the reader understand deeply about someone's behavior.

By conducting this study, the writer expects that this study will give some important illustrations about human kind, family conflict with the problematic experiences in facing life realities. People cannot escape from realities even though it is painful and requiring much exertion but they can learn from realities to decide what is the best part for their life.

The writer realizes that family role is very important in affecting someone's personality. The family background will affect someone's behavior and also his characteristic. In the process of identification, the child may identify with the dominant figure in the family or with the person who controls the important resources in his or her life. Finally greedy and passionate has made Cabot's family suffered. At last they do not get anything in their lives. That is why as a human being each person should control their passions, so it will not make other people suffered. The writer hopes this family drama will give reflection to the reader that how the importance of a family in someone's life. There is needed a good figure in a family as an example to the children. Children need a good figure that they can follow. That is why every family should have a good relationship with all the member of the family in order to find peacefully in the family.

Hopefully, this study will encourage other reader to dig the literary world deeper because it presents a wide dimension of live, love, passion, hate, desire, suspicion and realities of human life. Moreover, this thesis will give a lesson for the readers about how they can face and handle the basic passions which always appear in someone's life in a better way than what the main characters do.

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