

Chapter I

Introduction

A. Background of the Study

Literary works is a medium to express the thoughts of the author. Literary works are imaginative, aesthetic and pleasing to the reader. This is in line with Damon's (1984: 1) opinion, that literary works are created by authors or writers to be enjoyed, understood, and utilized by society in life.

Literary works have benefits for readers. According to Horace (via Welles & Warren, 1990: 25), the function of literature is *dulce et utile*, which means beautiful and useful. The beauty that exists in the literature can be pleasing to its readers, pleasant in the sense of providing comfort to its connoisseurs in terms of its language, the way it is presented, the storyline or problem solving. Beneficial in the sense of literary works can be taken advantage of knowledge and cannot be separated from moral teachings.

Literary works must contain certain values that will be conveyed to readers, such as moral values. The reader is expected to discover and retrieve that value. Kenny (via Nurgiyantoro 2009: 320) states that the moral of the story is usually intended as a suggestion related to certain practical moral teachings. It is a clue which the author deliberates on various matters relating to behavior and social manners.

As we know that Indonesia is a nation of high virtue, friendly also understated. In the past, Indonesia was known as a friendly country full of ethics

and courtesy. People still uphold the manners in the association as children behave to parents, parents to the younger, as well as to relationships between friends. However, as the rate of development of the times, and the rapid growth of information technology, the behavior of teenagers is declining, especially the manners towards older people.

Moral is conveyed to the reader through the work of fiction is considerably useful. Likewise the morals contained in the novel *The Mata Kedua*. Morals displayed in this novel relate a lot to the issue of human, such as the value of affection between parents and children. This novel can be an example for everyone to behave, mingle and behave in everyday life.

Today, there is an author who is famous for his inspirational works and is full of moral values. *Mata Kedua*, is a novel born from the womb of an extraordinary writer, Ramaditya Adikara. A blind man who never loses his zeal to continue working. The man born in Semarang, February 3, 1981 is the founder of the first visually impaired blog in Indonesia. www.ramaditya.com

The story in this novel begins with the persistence of a blind boy named Ramaditya Adikara. He suffered from birth blindness. While others seem to be hunting for the SLB, he struggles to go to a public school, where the students have a better physical state than him. But, he wants to prove that not all blinds are weak. Although they are blind, it does not mean they cannot see. With his determination, he finally got into one of the schools, SMA 67. When he entered there, few children mock, tease, and scolded him, including Cindy. Cindy was one of the new students who did not like his presence. So is a teacher. There

is one teacher, his name is Pak Soemanto. He also has the same view as Cindy. But it cannot vanish Rama's wishes. He strives to prove that a blind person seems to have the same rights as a perfectly physical person. Although the learning must be helped by tools such as tape recorder and braille printing device, but he never complained. It is all not apart from Rara's help. She is a quiet girl and thinker, yet smart and beautiful. Besides, she is also happy to help Rama. When she first met Rama, her heart was always moved to help him. From there, their love story begins.

Rara always helps Rama. Rara who first gave her a handkerchief when Rama's nose was bleeding from a school fence. Rara who put food under the table when Rama forget to get breakfast. Rara who recorded a sack of lessons tapes for Rama. Rara who helped Rama to learn karate. And Rara also who persuaded Rama to participate in the English speech contest.

In addition, they also have in common. They are both video game enthusiasts. They also do not forget about the lesson. They agree to form the Happy Army study group. They always study together at Rara's house. However, among the excitement of the Happy Army study group, nobody knows a single secret about Rara. Rara has a benign tumor disease since junior high. The other children just found out when Rama joined the speech contest in Bulungan building. When Rama received his winning prize for the 1st champion, Rara's disease relapsed. But Rara begged the other children not to tell her about Rama. But then, Rara's disease worsened and died. At first, Rama cannot accept the fact that Rara is dead. But then after one incident,

Ram a began to change. He began to accept the situation.

Thus, the election of The Mata Kedula novel as a research material is because this story presents many interesting life and life issues, and there are many moral values that are very useful for the reader, an uplifting story.

B. Research Problem

Based on the description above, the problem to be studied can be formulated as:

What is the moral values found in the Novel of the *Mata Kedula*?

C. Research Objective

In accordance with the formulation of the above problem, the purpose of this study is to find out the moral values contained in the *Mata Kedula* novel.

D. Research Benefits

Theoretically, the results of this study are expected to be used as a review to understand the teachings of moral values in the Mata Kedula novel. Moreover, this research is expected to contribute to the development of literary works, especially works of literature that contains many teachings of moral values.

Practically, from the results of this study is expected to help the reader understand thoroughly what is contained in the novel and can take the moral values in it.

E. Definition of Key Terms

1. Analysis

Analysis is an event to find out the causes, how to sit the case etc (Purwodarminto, 1976: 39). So analysis is the decomposition of a subject for sharing its parts and relationships between parts to get the right understanding and understanding the overall meaning.

2. Value

Value or value comes from the Latin, '*valere*' is literally meaning good / bad which then means expanded into everything that is liked, desired, aspired and agreed upon. Value is in the conscience and mind as a belief or belief (Hamidy, 2007: 50).

3. Moral

In terms of etymology the word moral comes from the Latin word '*mores*', derived from the syllable '*mos*'. It means customs, behavior, character, which then means as a habit in behaving well (Hamid 2007: 50).

4. Novel

Novel is a long prose essay that describes a series of stories of one's life with the people around him dealing with the character and traits of the it (Sudjiman, 1986:53)