

**The Wise Old Man In “The Kite Runner” By Khaled Hosseini ;
Archetypal Approach**

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Abstract

This research emphasizes on the analysis archetypal image of wise old man that found in Kite Runner novel by Khaled Hosseini in 2003. The novel is flashback story that told about Amir and Hassan as best friend who always play together when they child in Kabul, Afghanistan. The object of the research is archetypal image of wise old man in Kite Runner novel by Hosseini viewed from Carl Gustav Jung theory. The researcher employs qualitative descriptive method to analyze wise old man in Kite Runner novel by Hosseini. Data result founded from primary data and secondary data that stated by Creswell. In doing qualitative research, the researcher employs archetypal image theory purposed by Jung that categorized in book of Guerin (2005) as basic concept and framework thinking. The researcher found Hassan as symbol of wise old man and the realization wise old man of Hassan are as mentor, helpful man and guardian. All those realization wise old man of Hassan in this novel is very impact to support major character reach his goal. From the analysis, it can be concluded the wise old man is compatible to be found in Kite Runner novel by Hosseini..

Keywords : Archetypal image, wise old man, kite runner.

INTRODUCTION.

The wise old man is figure that common in our life. The figure of sage, prophet, or all godly and wisely men and give positive aspects usually called as the wise old man. Traditionally, the wise old man symbolize as a man has high level like king or powerful god. At simply, one phenomenon that symbolism of the wise old man is father. It had explained in a book by Jung(1980) that father give knowledge, insight, cleverness, intuition, wisdom, and good reflection in one hand. Therefore, father is symbol of the wise old man that can found in real life.

The wise old man that explained above is one kind of archetypal image that purposed by Carl Gustav Jung. The archetypal image is theory that formed by collective unconscious which related to aspect of life. In this case, one of the fiction that has issued about archetypal image of wise old man is “Kite Runner” novel. It was novel made by Khaled Hosseini in 2003. Kite Runner novel is the first novel by Hosseini, an Afghan-American author and it became the bestseller novel for two years, then popular in book clubs. This novel is history novel that explained about occurrence in Kabul at 1975, many violence occurred at that place. The violence also befell the main character in this novel but the main character still save because his brother, Hassan. One form of the wise old man in this novel is when Hassan defend Amir, main character,

from bad boys that bothered them. Moreover, Hassan always be kite runner for Amir when they played kite at Kabul. Therefore, the wise old man symbolized by Hassan in this novel. Eventually, the researcher interest to deeper examine and explore about the wise old man that exist in this novel.

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Th previous research is thesis by Anis(2009). The thesis under tittle social and moral responsibility in khaled hosseini's the kite runner: sociological approach. She analyzed Kite Runner by Hosseini with sociological approach. This research analyzed about ethnical discrimination and Taliban issue that occurred in this novel. Thus, the aim of this research is to show social and moral responsibility from Kite Runner novel by Hosseini in 2003. The similarity from this journal is use same

novel but it analyzed with different approach. This novel analyzed by uses sociological approach while the researcher uses archetypal approach. It seems at Jung(1980), he said that the wise old man is often to find in fiction. Finally, the researcher found the symbolism and form of realization of wise old man in Kite Runner novel by Khaled Hosseini.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Archetypal image is terminology that purpose by Carl Gustav Jung. In his book entitled Archetypes and Collective Unconscious, Jung(1980) formulated archetype into some categorized. One of them is archetypal image. Archetypal image expressed as symbol and it increase by the time by develop of human mind and culture environment. So archetypal image contains of many kinds. After that, Guerin et al(2005) had formulated more specific and detail about archetypal image by Jung into fourteen images in their book entitle A handbook of critical literatures. One of those fourteen archetypal image is the wise old man. Therefore, the review of Guerin et al(2005) would be theory review in this research.

The wise old man appears when the main character or hero is in hopeless and desperate situation from which only profound reflection. The symbol of wise old man usually give new knowledge to hero, direction until advice to complete the responsibilities. It sometimes the main character or hero need to accompany by wise old man to finish the story because internal or external reasons. On other hand, archetypal image of

wise old man exist in the shape of sagacious, wizard, master, guardian, coach, bodyguard and helpful man.

There is example about archetypal image of wise old man in a fiction. One of the idea embodiments of the wise old man is presented in the Harry Potter written by J.K Rowling. When the author wanted to outline of revenge bad guy with name Voldemort toward good boy who do not know anything. The author thereby distinguishes the ideas about archetypal image of wise old man and their approach to wisdom. There symbol of wise old man appears to execute the job as mentor and guardian.

RESEARCH METHOD

The research design that use in this journal certainly qualitative research. Ratna(2012) explained that qualitative research is focus in producing descriptive data in the form of words written or spoken of character in the story. The object of this journal is archetypal image of wise old man in Kite Runner novel By Khaled Hosseini in 2003. Then, the data are all collection of symbol wise old man, act or situation that related in this archetypal image. to collect the data, the researcher use primary data and secondary data. Primary data is method collecting from Kite Runner novel By Khaled Hosseini in 2003, and secondary data is method collecting data from journal, other article that be review in this journal.

The researcher uses two elements in analyze this novel. The first element is intrinsic element that analyze all element of novel such as character, plot of story, setting, point of view, etc. The second is extrinsic element that analyze all content in the story of novel through words and sentences. Finally, the researcher presenting the result of analysis with qualitative

descriptive method. It was presented by describing with words and sentences and to make the readers easily to understand.

FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

In this chapter the researcher would be describe the result of analysis archetypal image of wise old man in *Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini in 2003. This novel is history drama genre from Afghan-American author that phenomenal because it is the original experience by own author. This novel told about friendship story between Amir and Hassan. They separated because conflict between Afghanistan and Russia and their personal matter when they child. Although, it showed powerful of each character in this novel.

1. Mentor

One of realization Hassan as wise old man in this novel is mentor. The researcher found it at chapter four page thirty-one and sixth paragraph

“Mashaallah, Amir agha bravo! He was beaming.

You liked it? I said, getting my second taste and how sweet it was of positive review”(Hosseini, 2003:31).

From the quotation above, it found the keyword taught. Taught is word in positive aspect that give good impact to main character, Amir. Amir is fiction author, he has dream it from childhood and Hassan is the person who always support him. Many people who bully Amir because of his dream but Hassan always calm his down, give advice and give support in anything. One of his support is teach Amir about plot hole in writing that describe at the quotation above. Therefore, sometimes Hassan

might be a mentor for Amir and it is one realization of wise old man in this novel.

Another quotation related with wise old man symbolize mentor found in this novel at chapter four page thirty-two and second paragraph.

“Someday, InshaAllah, you will be great writer, Hassan said. and people all over the world will read your stories”(hosseini, 2003:32).

Based on quotation above, it found that Hassan very support Amir to be a writer. That quotation occurred when Amir adult remembered utterance of Hassan who give him spirit in write. There is keyword at the quotation, it is phrase of great writer. Great writer is words that usually said by a mentor. Because he gives spirit to Amir who pessimist about his dream because many people defy him. Therefore, Hassan is symbolize of wise old man as a mentor.

2. Helpful

The researcher also found another realization Hassan as wise old man in this novel. Hassan symbolized as helpful man. It found that Hassan might be guardian for Amir. It proof at chapter two page four first paragraph.

“I talked Hassan into firing walnuts with his slingshot at the neighbour’s eyed German shepherd. Hassan never wanted to but if I asked, really_asked, he wouldn’t deny me. Hassan never denied me anything”(Hosseini, 2003:4).

In this quotation, it occurred when the narrator told about Hassan who never deny him. It found at the keywords never and deny. Based on those keywords, it explained that Hassan in

loyal friend and it is one form of helpful man. Because in this novel, sometimes that dog scared them so they need to protect their self, it is the mindset of Hassan.

The researcher also found another quotation relate with helpful man. It found at chapter nine page ninety seven till and seventh paragraph.

“Did you steal that money? Did you steal Amir’s watch, Hassan?”

Hassan’s replay was a single word, delivered in a thin, raspy voice: “yes.”

I flinched. Like I’d been slapped. My heart sank and I almost blurted out the truth. Then I understood: This was Hassan’s final sacrifice for me. If he’s said no, Baba would have believed him because we all knew Hassan never lied. And if Baba believed him, then I’d be the accused; I would have to explain and I would be revealed for what I really was”(Hosseini, 2003:97-98)

Based on the quotation above, the researcher knew that Hassan is really helpful man. Because he still protect Amir even from his father. This quotation occurred when Amir accused Hassan steal his money. Actually, it is Amir’s manner to put Hassan away. There is keyword at that quotation, it is sacrifice. Sacrifice is an act that very help main character in his life. Therefore, it proof that Hassan is real helpful man for Amir in Kite Runner novel by Hosseini.

3. Guardian

There are some quotation proof that realization of wise old man in this novel. One of quotation found at chapter seventeen page two hundred seventy five and second paragraph.

ordered him to get his family out of the house by sundown. Hassan protested. But my neighbor said the Talibs were looking at the big house like –how did he say it?- yes, like ‘wolves looking at a flock of sheep.’ They told Hassan they would be moving in to supposedly keep it safe until I return. Hassan protested again”

(Hosseini, 2003:202).

The quotation above occurred when Hassan was shot by Taliban people. That is why he dead. He would die for the sake of guardian the house of Amir. Here, Taliban people tried to seize his property. It is one realization of Hassan as guardian for Amir. As said by Guerin et al(2005) one symbolize of wise old man is a guardian. Therefore, the act of Hassan as quotation above is realization of wise old man.

IMPLICATIONS AND CONCLUSION

after analyzing the Kite Runner by using archetypal image of wise old man, the researcher found the symbol of wise old man that purpose by Jung in Kite runner novel by Khaled Hosseini in 2003. The symbol of wise old man in this novel based on Jung theory is Hassan. Then, the researcher also explained about realization of Hassan that made him as symbol of wise old man in this novel. In this novel, Hassan is kind and wise person who be an advisor, helpfulman and guardian of

Amir. Therefore, Hassan is the symbolism of wise old man in Kite runner novel by Khaled Hosseini in 2003.

The wise old man is important in this novel. The figure of wise old man in this novel makes the story continuing until the reader understand how important wise figure in this life. From childhood Hassan had been a wise old man for Amir and it made Amir remembered about it and he attempted to found Hassan. But his hope already gone because Hassan is dead. Even though Hassan is dead, Amir kept return to Kabul for found son of Hassan. Amir had changed, he became a brave person for save the son of Hassan. That is way to repay all kindness of Hassan toward him. The figure of wise old man made Amir changed, he capable to finish his conflict and the story continuing with good plot. In conclusion, the wise old man give good impact to continuing the story in this novel. Then, Kite Runner novel by Hosseini is applicable to analyze with archetypal image of wise old man by Carl Gustav Jung.

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