

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

Chapter one discusses the introduction which is divided into six points. They are background of the study, problem formulation, limitation of the study, objectives of the study, significance of the study, and organization of the study.

A. Background of the Study

Not all humans in this world are born perfectly and are not the same with others. Whether it is the characteristics or abilities, it certainly must be different for each individual. Since being born, humans also have strengths and weaknesses. The weaknesses meant can be either physically, like physical disability or because of illnesses that has a major impact on the life of someone who suffers from what happens during life. Therefore, people will try to strive for themselves when they realize their weaknesses, then they set the purpose for success or superiority with motivation. In fact, achieving success or superiority must go through long and tiring work and there is usually a problem as a trial from the process to success or superior.

Personal strivings are consciously accessible and personally meaningful objectives that people pursue in their daily lives. Personal strivings refer to the typical goals that a person characteristically is trying to accomplish (Emmons 732). Based on personal strivings to achieve success, meaningful goals are considered important for well-being.

The possession of and progression toward important life goals are essential for long-term well-being. Several investigators have found that individuals who are involved in the pursuit of personally meaningful goals possess greater emotional well-being and better physical health than do persons who lack goal direction (Emmons 734).

From the statement above, it can be seen that meaningful life goals are important for achieving well-being, producing better personal and emotional health than those who have no purpose in life.

Alfred Adler explains that individuals in this world was born differently, in both physical and abilities. Feelings of inferiority or weakness arise due to differences from other individuals which then trigger their feelings to strive for success or superiority with various sacrifices. The striving force is an innate. However, the nature and direction of the striving force happen because there are inferiority feelings and goal of success or superiority. They as humans will be faced with two choices when they have problems in their lives. That is trying to solve or avoid the problem. When they avoid the problem, then they will not find the solution. “Adler called the single dynamic force striving for superiority. In his final theory, however, he limited striving for superiority to those people who strive for personal superiority over others and introduced the term striving for success to describe actions of people who are motivated by highly developed social interest” (qtd. in Feist 70). Based on the explanation above, there is one figure whose life story relates to the theory, named Stephen Hawking.

Stephen Hawking is a legendary physicist like Albert Einstein. He is one of the inspirators who has strived for superiority through the journey of his life. At the age of 22 years, he struggled with rare motor neuron disease. At that moment, he was preparing for his marriage with his first wife, Jane. Their marriage was up to 26 years old and they had three children. Every day, he did his activities using a wheelchair and communicated with a sound synthesizer. During his life, he also contributed through his perception in the whole field of physics, which even normal people might not necessarily be able to do. From the 1988 book "A Brief History of Time" which was sold more than 10 million copies, Hawking became famous. In 1995, Hawking married one of his nurses. Before divorce, they had been married for 11 years. Hawking, in the BBC TV film, played by Benedict Cumberbatch in 2004, was praised. He did not care about his physical shortcomings (Jones 1).

In 2014, Hawking also had an opportunity to meet world-famous figures in Johannesburg, they are Nelson Mandela and Queen Elizabeth during a charity event at St James' Palace. From his persistence, he won several awards in the field of science and mathematics in 2009 given by US President Barack Obama. It was an inspiring story of his life, later made into a 2014 film, played by Eddie Redmayne. He died at the age of 76 (Jones 1). Thus, people who have physical disorders can still achieve success or superiority with all the ideals. Because of these weaknesses, it becomes a challenge for them how to remain successful or superior.

Miracles from Heaven (2016) is a true story movie telling about the strive of someone who suffers from a rare disease. The movie tells about the strive that revolves around the main character named Annabel, and she is often called Anna. The main character, Anna, who suffers from Pseudo-Obstruction Motility disorder. The doctor said that the rare disease suffered by Anna had no cure, and if it was not immediately treated she would die. After that time she had given up on her life, she then tried to success and realize her dream of recovery. In the time she tried to get up, of course there were family, friends, and doctor who were loyal to support in the process of healing that made her excited. Based on the object of the study, the psychological approach called Individual Psychology from Alfred Adler became the right theory to analyze the main character in *Miracles from Heaven (2016)* movie.

There are two reasons why the movie is interesting to be analyzed. The first reason is that the main character, Anna, who is struggling to recover from the rare illness she suffered. The desire to try from Anna was based on the feeling of inferiority she had experienced before. The second reason is the feeling of inferiority that gives rise to the desire to strive for superiority (recovery) which has a correlation between the main character of Anna in the movie and the theory to be discusses in this study. Therefore, based on the background above, the title of this study is: “*Striving For Superiority Happened to Anna’s Character Represented in Christy Beam’s Movie: Miracles from Heaven (2016)*”.

B. Problem Formulation

By developing the previous explanation, this study formulates the statement of the problems as follows:

1. How is Anna's feeling of inferiority as reflected in *Miracles from Heaven (2016)* movie?
2. How is Anna's striving for superiority as reflected in *Miracles from Heaven (2016)* movie?

C. Limitation of the Study

This study focuses on the striving for superiority triggered by feelings of inferiority to the main character, Anna, described in *Miracles from Heaven (2016)* movie, using Individual Psychology theory by Alfred Adler. In the term of data, this study would only limit into textual source by analyzing through movie script.

D. Objectives of the Study

Based on the case above, this final project is focused to find out of following objectives:

1. To identify Anna's feeling of inferiority as reflected in *Miracles from Heaven (2016)* movie.
2. To analyze Anna's striving for superiority as reflected in *Miracles from Heaven (2016)* movie.

E. Significance of the Study

There are some following expectations from the writer as the result of the study below:

1. This study can give some advantages to the readers, especially, for the students of Faculty of Languages and Communication Science, Sultan Agung Islamic University who contend in Literature Study Program.
2. This study becomes one of the references to the upcoming researchers using Individual Psychology theory by Alfred Adler of literary work.
3. This study can give positive effects to the readers who wants to strive for success or superiority because of the feelings that affect themselves to the realization of dreams in their lives by reading this research that is correlated with the movie.

F. Organization of the Study

This study is divided into five chapters. Chapter one discusses the introduction which consists of six points; background of the study, problem formulation, limitation of the study, objectives of the study, significance of the study, and organization of the study. Chapter two discusses the synopsis of *Miracles from Heaven (2016)*, and reviews of related literature such as; Individual Psychology, feeling of inferiority, and striving for success or superiority on the analyzed object. Chapter three discusses the research method which consists of three points; types of research, data organizing, and analyzing the data. Chapter

four discusses the analysis of *Miracles from Heaven* (2016) movie which is divided into two sub-chapters. Chapter five discusses the conclusion and the suggestion.