

CHAPTER 5

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

This Chapter is devoted to draw conclusions and suggestion based on the previous chapter 4 findings and discussion presented.

5.1 Conclusion

Misogyny was certainly happened in the novel *The Good Earth*. From eight types of misogyny deducted, only four types were mainly found. They were cultural misogyny, internalized misogyny, lateral misogyny, and sexual misogyny. Each types at very least had been found one act with the highest was the lateral misogyny with four acts deducted and the rest, two for cultural misogyny, and the rest one act of misogyny found in internalized and sexual misogyny. From that, the writer could conclude that the type of misogyny mostly apparent is the lateral misogyny, a form of misogyny where women would act hostile towards other women derived from sexism beliefs adopted to eliminate or at the very least oppress competition. Even though that, culture misogyny was still become a foundation to other types of misogyny found where child trafficking and mistreatments of servants were the norms at that time. This lead towards women who had suffered from the culture norms being left thinking they were inferior and later adopt misogynistic behavior themselves and spread it among other women. As for sexual one, women which also often mentioned as slaves were only viewed either as laborers or sexual objects and this what allowed such individual like the cousin to keep on his harassment against women.

As for the reactions, a lot of the characters especially the one who did not involve directly were most likely just not care or simply ignored it. Wang Lung was one of the offender of this. After all of O-Lan had done to him for making him to be a successful rich man, he did not realize her efforts. That did include his ignorance of O-Lan being mistreated by other including himself thinking that she was just a fool who did not know her position. At the very least, he cared about his daughter and came to save her when she was harassed. As for the culprit of the act of misogyny, Wang Lung had certainly not realized a lot when he had done such. Such when he repossessed the pearls for Lotus' gift. The cousin sexually harassing his own niece was also not feeling any remorse towards his action and dubbed as some sort of mischief against relative. Cuckoo who had berated and insulted O-Lan most likely had done that to flaunt her authority even though it was not as high as he thought it had been. Then those young lords definitely did not think they had done anything wrong in committing adultery against those beautiful underage maids. From that we could see that the culprit of the act were most likely not feeling any remorse whether they were ignorant of the consequences or they were proud of doing it as a form of power management. As for the victims, they really could not do anything else apart from taking it and bear which soon turned to think that they were an inferior and unworthy being that should not be loved.

5.2 Suggestion

As you may have seen from the finding and conclusion, the writer had concluded that misogyny truly existed in the novel *The Good Earth* by Pearl S. Buck. Four kinds were found from the deducted eight types of misogyny which are Cultural, internalized, lateral, and sexual. The other not found might be not enough evidence provided or the writer simply have chosen to put it in a much appropriate misogyny type. As for the characters reaction, a lot could be deduced from the active participants of the act. Much more difficult to acknowledge other characters who did not involve or directly not involved because not much evidence had been provided to strongly implied on how they might had reacted towards the act. From this study, the writer could suggest would suggest these statements:

For another researcher who might be asking the same question as the writer, they may use this study to further improve the accuracy of organizing the types of misogyny or simply able use the theories provided for their personal studies' usage. For college students or future scholars who are interested in reading literature, this research is hoped to spread awareness and expand their horizon.

For the reader of the novel, this study would give you much better vision on what had happened in the actual history. Additionally the reader could use the knowledge of knowing what are misogyny along with their types to actually provide much better living conditions for everyone. This lead into actually learning the misogyny happened throughout in our life not only happening within the place of the novel happened. Misogyny nowadays happens very subtle such as one in such countries such as Saudi Arabia where women are not allowed to drive or even more

extreme such as Mexico where murder of women happened every day and the culprit usually went unpunished. This study hoped that the reader would be aware of such misogyny happening and could create spark to fight against injustice against women..

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