

THE PSYCHOANALYSIS ON THE MAIN CHARACTER  
OF ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON'S THE STRANGE  
DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE



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## ABSTRAK

Dalam skripsi ini dibahas tentang keberadaan konflik psikologi yang terjadi pada karakter utama pada novel karya Robert Louis Stevenson yang berjudul *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, yang menceritakan tentang konflik pribadi dari karakter utama yang percaya bahwa ada dua kepribadian di tiap manusia. Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengetahui bagaimana Id, Superego, dan Ego berpengaruh pada setiap perilakunya, alasan-alasan dia melakukan hal tersebut, dan efeknya kepada dirinya serta lingkungannya.

Metode yang digunakan dalam penulisan skripsi ini adalah metode penelitian kualitatif dan metode deskripsi. Dengan adanya konflik-konflik yang berhubungan dengan proses psikologi pada tokoh Henry Jekyll atau Edward Hyde (yang merupakan satu orang dengan kepribadian yang berbeda), penulis mengaplikasikan teori Sigmund Freud kepada tokoh-tokoh utama dalam novel ini. Dalam teori Sigmund Freud dikemukakan bahwa ada tiga sistem dari proses psikologi manusia yang bekerja sama dalam membentuk tingkah laku manusia yang kompleks, yaitu Id, Superego, dan Ego.

Dengan mengaplikasikan teori ini, penulis menemukan bahwa setiap perilaku tokoh utama dalam novel ini merupakan perpaduan dari Id, Superego, dan Ego dalam merefleksikan karakternya. Serta penulis bisa mengetahui alasan-alasan serta efek dari apa yang telah karakter utama ini lakukan.

## CHAPTER I

### INTRODUCTION

#### I.1 The Background of the Research

Based on Edgar V. Robert in his book Writing About Literature, prose fiction, or narrative fiction, includes myths, parables, romances, novels, and short stories. Originally, fiction meant anything made up, crafted, or shaped, but today the word refers to prose stories based on imaginations of authors. Fictional works usually focus on one or a few main characters who change and grow as a result of how they deal with other characters and how they attempt to solve their problems. Its main purpose is to interest, stimulate, instruct, and divert, not create a precise historical record. Novels, as one of the examples of the prose fiction, offer longer and more imaginative affection than other short prose fiction.

The character(s) in fiction usually shows a psychological movement. Including in the novel of Robert Louis Stevenson entitled The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde that the writer chooses to be analyzed. This novel is about a famous doctor, Henry Jekyll, that believes there are two men in every man and wants to separate them. So, he made a potion to separate the good and evil side of human. The potion changes him into somebody that is fully evil, Edward Hyde. Even though he finally realized that what he did is wrong, he could not stop the changing personality of himself. After reading this novel, the writer finds there is a

psychological phenomenon beneath Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, also to the environment.

Being interested in the application of the psychological study in analyzing a literary work and finding that there is a psychological movement in the chosen novel, the writer would like to conduct her research by using psychological approach.

There are some reasons of the writer of applying psychological approach in analyzing Robert Louis Stevenson's The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. First, the writer finds that there is a psychological conflict within the main character of the novel that is really interesting to analyze. Second, the writer finds that the conflict gives impacts to the main character's society that also creates another conflict within his society. Last, the writer finds that this novel has never been analyzed by using psychological approach in Faculty of Letter Universitas Andalas. Having found the conflicts in the novel which can be analyzed using the psychological approach, the writer entitles her **The Psychoanalysis on the Main Character of Robert Louis Stevenson's The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde**.

## **1.2 The Identification of the Problem**

The main problem in the novel The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde is the double personalities of the main character, Dr. Jekyll or Mr. Hyde, of the novel poses that give him major and minor impacts through the entire novel and the psychological problems of himself found in the novel that can be explained by the Psychological Approach using the Freudian theory.

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