AN ANALYSIS OF dr. JOHN CRISTOW'S LOVE AFFAIR AS REFLECTED IN AGATHA CHRISTIE'S NOVEL "THE HOLLOW"

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ABSTRACT

Literature is the expression of art that uses a beautiful language. It deals with feeling, ideas, ambition, imagination, and some problems that happen in our life. Therefore, reading a novel means reading the life of society. It opens up our mind into deep image of human life. Because of this reason, the writer takes the novel as the object of the study. In this study, the problem is focused on dr. John Christow’s love affair as the main character in Agatha Christie’s novel “The Hollow”. The purpose of the study is to find out the answer of the problems: why dr. John Christow has love affair with Henrietta, what the effects of dr. John Christow’s love affair on himself are, what the effects of dr. John Christow’s love affair on his family are.

This study applied the descriptive qualitative method by collecting the data and reviewing literature which were relevant to the topic of research. In this study the approach used to analyze the novel was the objective approach. It was used because this study only focused on the novel itself without relating to the author’s life, background of society or other aspects. The object of this study was focused on love affair of the main character.

The research finding showed that the reasons and the causes of dr. John Christow’s love affair in Agatha Christie’s novel “The Hollow” were as follows. The first reason of dr. John Christow’s love affair was a need. He needed someone to share and discuss his problems together about everything, especially about the problems in his work. Sweet memory also became the reason of Christow’s love affair. The other reason of Christow’s love affair was that there was a gap in his relation that made him unable to enjoy his life with his wife. Furthermore, Christow’s love affair brought some effects on himself. First, he was easy to get angry. Second, his productivity decreased. The last, and the most important effect of his love affair, he was killed by his wife because of his love affair. In addition the effect of Christow’s love affair on his family was that his children became inattentive to him and his wife was depressed because she was very jealous. Finally, she killed her husband because she felt that John Christow had betrayed her.