

ABSTRACT

The two problems which become the basis of writing of this thesis are the influence of a foreign priest on the changes of the protagonist, and the value of the novel to the reader. Thus the objectives of this study are, firstly, to discuss the change of personality of the protagonist, and secondly, to find some great values which are very useful for the reader.

This thesis employs a desk research or library research to get the data, such as the biography of the novelist, the summary of the novel, and the novelist's works. While in analyzing and criticizing the novel, I use the pragmatic approach.

From the study of the protagonist's changes which are influenced by a foreign priest, it is found that man cannot live happily without love. It is not true if a man thinks that he will live happily if he can reach his ambition without thinking of anyone else. What is considered good for him does not mean that it will be good for somebody else. Love is the most important thing in this life, and with love a man forgets his own self and loves everybody.

Having criticized this novel, I come to the conclusion that this novel has a great value for the reader, especially its moral value, that is about selfless love and wisdom. The other value is that in this novel, Pearl S. Buck describes the Chinese life and customs so clearly that the reader can gain a clear description on the Chinese culture.

This thesis also suggests the implementation of literature in teaching and learning activities. These suggestions are supposed to raise students' motivation in learning English through literature, especially through reading novels or short stories.