



AN ANALYSIS OF MORAL VALUE IN THE MOVIE “AQUAMAN” DIRECTED BY JAMES WAN (2018)

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Abstract: This study aims to know the moral values and the types of moral values in Aquaman film. with moral approach. There are two research problems proposed from this “AQUAMAN” analyzing film. Based on the research problems, the researcher uses descriptive qualitative method in collecting the data. To analyze this film, the researcher applies moral value approach. There are two sources of data used to analyze the related issues, namely primary and secondary data sources. Primary data sources from the film Aquaman (2018) and other sources such as journals, websites, previous research, and other articles. In conclusion, the findings of this research shows there are many moral values found in the movie “AQUAMAN”, such as: love and affection, care, bravery, and sincerity. Then, Love, affection, care, bravery, and sincerity are very important parts of human life

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INTRODUCTION

There are many kinds of movies, including action, adventure, animation, family, comedy, science fiction, etc. In selecting a film, the writer chooses to pick a family film with a fresh and rational plot, but it can still convey precious live values that can help the audience develop their personalities. In this scenario, the film with positive themes is the strongest of all to be seen by the writer as being investigated.

Based on the above factors, the author is interested in examining inspiring film entitled “AQUAMAN,” which is rich in moral values such as optimism, compassion, self-control, courtesy, the persistence of acceptance, responsibility, steadfastness, and many others, which can inspire the audience not to give up in the face of any situation in their lives. No wonder, this film has also

received many positive reviews and reliable references from the audience on some websites.

The Aquaman movie tells about the Seven Seas King namely Aquaman and the nature of the laws that exist in Atlantis. Aquaman or known by the name of Arthur Curry is the successor of the Atlantis underwater empire, who is responsible for leading his people and being a hero to the entire world. In reality, Arthur Curry is the son of both Tom Curry and Atlanna. A small family who lives in the region of Amnesty Bay because a lighthouse keeper is the occupation of his father. Arthur started to show special skills when he was a child. He can swim quickly and breathe underwater, up to the point of communicating with all aquatic species.

Aquaman's story is also decorated with a revolt by the inhabitants of Atlantis due to the actions of King Aquaman, who resided between land and sea,

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causing the ocean to begin to break down along with the inhabitants inside gradually.

Previous research on the moral value expressed by the lead character in the movie "The First Grader" (2019). According to Arista Melati, this research focuses on the intrinsic worth of the main character. This research was structured as a descriptive qualitative analysis. The findings of this study found that the lead role in the film expressed individual moral values and forms of moral values.(Melati, 2019)

The other previous research finding regarding a positive value study in the film "Shawshank Redemption" (2018). According to Rizal Kurniawan, the author used film and film script to examine the moral meaning of the main character in the film as the method to gather the data. The researcher found five kinds of ethical principles expressed by the main character.(Kurniawan, 2018)

The writer wants to explore the same subject for now, but with a bit of something special. The writer wants to discuss in "AQUAMAN" film about the critical moral value contained in the movie: 1) love and affection, 2) care 3) bravery, 4) sincerity. The research approach used in this study is a qualitative descriptive approach, along with an interpretation of the material.

The objectives of this study are (1) to know the moral values conveyed in Aquaman film and (2) to find out the types of moral values in Aquaman film.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Moral

According to Steinberg, Morality refers to a concern for what is right or good in the relationships between individuals. To be clear about the concept of good (or bad) and right (or wrong) is a key to knowing moral meaning. (Steinberg, 1992).

A person who has no morality is called immoral. Term of confidence linked to the individual's socialization process; the socialization process cannot be carried out without moral men. Morality means traditions, unique do-s and non-do-s that are common and generally accepted as a norm in a culture or group of people accepted as a basis of existence that must not be challenged

rationally.(Darwall, 2018) From the definition above, the writer argues that, by universal agreement, the moral is a conviction (either in practice or thoughts) about right and wrong, good and bad.

Therefore, morality is closely linked to mostly right or wrong, good or evil, religion, self, and social environments. Every society has value in organizing their lives, which includes specific values, beliefs, or standards. Moral values are criteria that allow people to determine which acts are acceptable and useful and which are not.

Values are commonly seen as playing a crucial role in inspiring and directing human action and as constituent elements in constructing personal and collective identities; they serve as a powerful source of social cohesion, but also of conflict and division. (Thome, 2015)

The value represents a thing's worth. In a narrower to cover only those to which are correctly applied, such terms as "good" desirable or "worthwhile" and in the broader sense to include, also, all kinds of rightness, duty, goodness, elegance, honesty, and holiness.

While according to Earle, Value is the positive quality of whatever makes it attractive, useful, interesting, helpful, and significant. Just a few of the words for expressing positive values are available. It is controversial whether benefits are part of the inherent essence of things or merely a matter of how humans react to things.(Earle, 1992)

A moral value is, according to Hazlitt, the compromise of little good to great goodness.(Hazlitt, 1988) Meanwhile, according to Bentham, moral value is the art of maximizing happiness; it can be seen by achieving all people's happy and joyful lives.(Bentham, 2010)

The concept of moral value can be concluded based on the above elaborations that moral value is the most precious thing in the character and social life of man, and it is how people decide whether it is wrong or right.

In his book '*The Power of Spiritual Intelligence*' Buzan clarified that there are many kinds of moral value, such as:(Buzan, 2012)



Responsibility

Responsibility is being held responsible for who you are and what you are doing. Trust is to be trustworthy and dependable. Someone in charge does his / her best and doesn't blame anyone for his / her mistake. A conscientious person ensures a job is completed professionally and on time. An individual responsible has a moral duty to carry out the assigned tasks and shows that everyone is guilty.

Steadfastness

Steadfastness can also be called commitment, kinds of religious attitudes that don't change over time, and can also be described as a healthy heart to face life's trials and hardships. All the problems and obstacles ought to have returned to Heaven, for Nature indeed ruled all things.

Sympathetic To Others

Sympathetic is the emotion of being sorry for others, which shows people knowing and caring for the issue of others. Sympathy is a mechanism where a person feels drawn to others so that they understand what is endured has happened and that others have suffered. In the relationship of friendship, neighbourliness, or work, sympathetic is far more evident.

Cooperativeness

Cooperation means doing it together or working together to attain the goal. Examples of tasks that can be carried out along are: working together to create public buildings and clean the atmosphere.

Thankfulness

Thankfulness is a word or gesture that indicates someone is grateful for something. Citizens are still saying thanks if someone helps them. Giving thanks or appreciation is a good feeling or appreciating the rewards or favours that have been or will be earned. For other sects, it is also taught.

Trustworthiness

Trustworthiness is the conduct we can count on to be exceptional, honest, genuine, etc. Most people can trust what people are doing and don't have to worry about betraying them. That is when someone can rely on her or him to come in for them.

Sincerity

Sincerity reveals the way we think or experience desire, conviction, or behaviour. It can be a willingness to accept anything like when people

donate to the orphanage, they're not expecting something for return, except God's blessing.

Love And Affection

Love is a warm feeling or a deep affection for someone or something, in particular a family member or friend. Affection is the mental state that likes or loves someone or something very much, and that cares for them.

Diligence

Diligence has the reputation of being a rigorous and diligent work effort. Those who are conscientious should be very cautious of what they are doing, and always loyal.

Never Give Up

Give up means that we stop trying to do it. Never give up ways we can't quit doing it, it won't be easily discouraged, positive, and happy in what we're doing.

Bravery

Bravery is a willingness to do something fierce. It is the courage, in severe circumstances, to stand up for what is right. It may also be the ability to face terror, pain, threat, confusion, or bullying.

Humbleness

Humbleness means showing that if we are as important as others, we don't care. It means someone's positive disposition, which never respected himself more than someone else, more talented, wiser, or nobler.

Honesty

Honesty is what makes you trustworthy. It also reveals the truth and does not hide the accuracy and guiltiness. An honest person tells the truth, and lies, cheats, or steals not. A reasonable person, frank and truthful, does not hide anything. Truthfulness is critical and never cheat or steal.

Care

Care is a concern or expectation that people can do something well when they give something or everything, they do to prevent errors or losses. Caring for others, including supporting other people in need, is open and reactive to the situation around us.

Such values described by Buzan are useful to live guidelines for people as social human beings who cannot survive with their strength but need to socialize with other people. For instance, a baby

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needs the love of his parents in a family to grow him up, and the parents need a job to help their family. The work they need would, of course, include other people. It's quite tricky in social life, a baby will grow up without his caring parents, and it's also unlikely for parents to work alone and don't need support from other people.

METHOD

This research uses qualitative research. A qualitative study requires a thorough analysis of the source and the sample. Aquaman film is the source in this review, while the examples are summaries, monologs, and dialogues. All the data are collected to be sorted to make the classification of the data more accessible. Instead, they need to be that before the story itself is summed up.

Aquaman (2018), this study is a qualitative study in the basics of literary criticism. The researcher employs a qualitative research methodology by employing the content analysis method. Qualitative research is distinguished by its aims of understanding certain aspects of social life and its method of producing words rather than numbers as analytical data. (McCusker & Gunaydin, 2014) The data collection is taken from the movie and analyze it in relation to the topic that the researcher would like to explain in this research.

For this thesis writing process, the techniques employed by the writer in the data collection are watching the movie, searching for the transcript of dialogues, and the documents that support to be analyzed. Then writer also takes notes from the film's dialog to complete the interpretation of the personalities of the principal characters of this film and explain the fundamental ideas that will be analyzed.

FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

The writer presents the findings and discussions in this chapter. In this chapter, the writer provides the answer to the problem statements that the first chapter gave. The problem statements are: (1) What are the moral values conveyed in Aquaman movie? (2) What types of moral value that can be found in Aquaman movie?

The moral values of Aquaman movie.

True love won't know the difference.



Picture 1 (00:03:18)



Picture 2 (00:03:44)

For the first time they meet.



Picture 3 (00:05:37)

Do not litter



Picture 4 (00:27:20) When King Orm and King Nereus meet



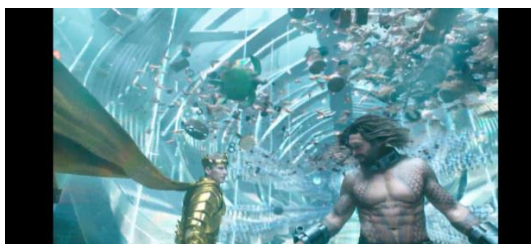
Picture 5 (00:30:52 – 00:32:15) Mera tries to meet Arthur



Picture 6 & Picture 4.8 (00:34:12-00:35:25)
Orm decades of pollution has been thrown back
onto land.

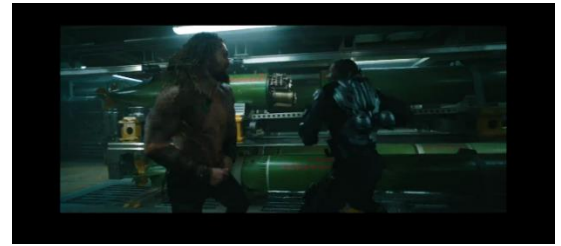


Picture 7 (00:36:57) When Mera tells Arthur
that Orm's doing this.



Picture 8 (00:52:06) When Orm tells to Arthur
about what happened at sea because of the
actions of humans who throw trash into the sea.

Combat for the good causes



Picture 9 (00:18:08)



Picture 10 (00:19:40)



Picture 11 (00:20:30)



Picture 12 (00:22:01)

Pardon your enemy



Picture 13 (02:06:27)



Picture 14 (02:06:42)

The moral values of AQUAMAN movie.

According to Joseph Fletcher, Hazlitt, and Bentham in their own book discussed by the writer in chapter II, the concept of moral value can be concluded based on the above elaborations that moral value is the most precious thing in the character and social life of man, and it is how people decide whether it is wrong or right. Based on the definition above, the writer found out 4 moral values in **AQUAMAN** movie. There are true love won't know the difference, do not litter, combat for the good causes, pardon your enemy.

True love won't know the difference.

At the beginning of the film, the writer sees that true love will not see the difference. Tom Curry, Arthur Curry's father was a human, while Atlanna, his mother was the Queen of Atlantis.

The first moral value in the movie is when Thomas Curry, a lighthouse keeper, saves Atlanna, the queen of the Atlantis, stranded among the rocks during a storm. They eventually fell in love and had a son named Arthur, who was born with the power to communicate with sea creatures. Atlanna believes that Arthur is more than a king; he's living proof their people can coexist. Arthur could unite Atlanna and Tom's world one day.

Do not litter

When King Orm and King Nereus meet, but unexpectedly there was a loud grunt and a huge submarine in the middle of the meeting.

The second moral value in the movie is when Orm, King of Atlantis, determined to battle the surface world that is deemed responsible for polluting the sea with garbage. Besides, an attack by a human-made submarine helped Orm to persuade King Nereus. Orm is now overcome by emotion because humans have never stopped polluting the ocean with garbage.

Combat for the good causes

Arthur is met by a gang of pirates who threaten to hijack the Akula class submarine of the Russian Navy. Their leader, Jesse Kane, died while his son, David, vowed revenge during the confrontation.

The third moral value in the movie is when Arthur comes across a group of pirates attempting to hijack a Russian nuclear submarine. Arthur succeeds in paralyzing the pirates and their leader, Jesse Kane, and Arthur succeeds in saving the sailors. Jesse has asked his son, David Kane, to avenge Arthur in a helpless state.

Pardon your enemy

When Orm proclaimed himself Ocean Master, Arthur and Mera intervened and led an army of sea creatures in the war against him, with the aid of Karathen and Trench. Having discovered that he holds the trident, Orm's followers renounce their allegiance to him and accept Arthur as the true King. Arthur defeated Orm in battle but chose to set aside his life, and after learning that Arthur had found and saved Atlanna, Orm accepted his destiny.

The last moral value that the writer found out in the movie is when Arthur confronts Karathen and expresses his resolve to defend Atlantis and the earth, proving his worth and reclaiming the trident that gives the seven seas power. In the war against Orm and his army, Arthur, Atlanna, and Mera led an army of sea creatures who abandoned their loyalty to Orm and named Arthur as the true king after realizing that he had used the trident. Arthur defeats Orm but wants to save his life and forgives his stepbrother. Orm embraced his fate after finding out that Arthur had found their mother rescuing.

The types of moral values that can be found in AQUAMAN movie.

To complete the discussion in the **AQUAMAN** movie, it is not yet complete unless. The writer discusses the types of moral value within. The writer would then examine the types of moral value in the movie. In "*true love won't know the difference*", the writer finds the type of moral value is love and affection. In "*do not litter*", the type of moral value is care. In "*combat for the good causes*", the type of moral value is bravery. And in "*pardon your enemy*", the type of moral value is sincerity.



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Moral Value of Love and Affection.

Moral value "*True love won't know the difference*" it shows the writer of love and affection. By the power of love, they do hard things to do to prove their affection to each other. Often, passion will drive a lover crazy. Love can necessarily make a person feel happy, enthusiastic, and passionate. Love has profound and universal significance. Love belongs not only to lovers but also to near people like a parent, brother/sister, best friend, and God as the maker of this universe around us. It is important to remember that love is entrusted to us, so we must keep it reasonable, and love never causes problems in our lives. Romance does not always come with joy, but it often brings vengeance and pain. Parents believe one day, their children will glorify themselves, bringing together things that are not good enough.

Do not litter

When King Orm and King Nereus meet, but unexpectedly there was a loud grunt and a huge submarine in the middle of the meeting.

Moral value of Care.

Moral value "*do not litter*" it shows that there are still many people who make the sea a giant waste of land. The sea does also have a far more dynamic ecology and life. Plastic waste can also harm the marine environment, in addition to polluting the water. People will get plastic waste turned into something of worth. Cleanliness is a growing debate in our lives as well. You cannot distinguish everyday life from cleansing. Cleanliness is, as we know, a part of faith. Much has to be remembered in preserving purity. Physical hygiene and cleanliness of the environment both. And there's a lot that needs to be done to keep yourself and the world safe. Some people even lack the proper location for throwing garbage. As we know, if items are still considered insignificant, they can also have a significant impact. The significant effect can be life-threatening to humans as well as to other living things. The issues are also happening as a result of the many people throwing litter are environmental

degradation and flooding. Currently, floods sometimes occur while rainfall is not substantial.

The clogging of rivers due to garbage that accumulates and blocks the water flow is one of the causes of the flooding. The consequence of this accumulated garbage is people who continue to dispose of litter, especially in waterways and rivers. Even some residents make the river their final landfill. When asked why they wanted to dispose of their river garbage, they just replied because they didn't know where to go. It's sad, but the truth is that. Littering may also cause harm to the natural area. This impaired atmosphere can make things difficult for other people around him due to filthy and unpleasant odors. We can provide a simple example of the littering act which harms the environment. For example, many drivers throw litter while they are on the road or the highway. They're not pondering the effect on others. There are even people who also worry about the garbage when it's okay to throw trash there.

Combat for the good causes

Arthur is met by a gang of pirates who threaten to hijack the Akula class submarine of the Russian Navy. Their leader, Jesse Kane, died while his son, David, vowed revenge during the confrontation.

Moral Value of Bravery.

Moral value "*combat for the good causes*" it shows that a deep desire to do something. According to the dialog which the author has read, the author believes that Arthur (AQUAMAN) is a courageous person against everyone and dares to take risks. He dared to fight for things right. In extreme situations, it is the bravery to stand up for what is right. It may also be the ability to deal with fear, discomfort, danger, uncertainty, or abuse. Bravery is required to stand up for honesty and justice. It is not covering up an offense. Bravery is essential to uphold reality, to uphold a sense of justice, and to return to the basis of human nature which has high mortality-courage to keep innovating from the abilities that it possesses. Courage is crucial to overcoming problems.

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allegiance to him and accept Arthur as the true King. Arthur defeated Orm in battle but chose to set aside his life, and after learning that Arthur had found and saved Atlanna, Orm accepted his destiny.

Moral Value of Sincerity.

Moral value "pardon your enemy" it shows such a forgiveness can be a case that is so heavy and hard to do if it isn't coming from the heart. Especially if the issue is connected to someone who made us a huge mistake, it seems hard to be able to forgive his/her mistakes. In this part, Arthur as the youngest son has the angel heart to forgive his brother. He does not kill his brother ,Orm.(2: 06:51)

CONCLUSIONS

In the *Aquaman* movie, there are moral values expressed by the writers, where the values expressly communicated are the most important, readers can easily see. Here, four moral values are found and can be learned in the film *Aquaman* Based on the writer analysis, moral values in this movie are 1) true love won't know the difference, 2) do not litter, 3) combat for the good causes, 4) pardon your enemy. And also, the writer finds out the type of moral value in the movie. They are love and affection, care, bravery, and sincerity. In fact, people should take a lesson of love and care because careless love is an empty spot. Therefore, these are essential elements in the life of humans. It would be a beautiful relationship if love synonymous with caring is.

Bravery and sincerity are an important fusion in this world. Sincerity without bravery only creates a sense of guilt. Bravery when paired with honesty can be an effective solution to the issues that often occur in this country. And each of us must be courageous and honest about these two things. By the power of love, Atlanna and Tom do hard things to do to prove their affection to each other. Often, passion will drive a lover crazy. Love can necessarily make a person feel happy, enthusiastic, and passionate. Littering may also cause harm to the natural area. This impaired atmosphere can make things difficult for other people around him due to filthy and unpleasant odors. The writer can provide a simple example of the littering act which harms the environment.

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