

## CHAPTER V

### CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTIONS

#### 5.1 Conclusion

The issue of sexual deviance has become a bad thing and not accepted in society for centuries, even called if this is an aberration that crossed the ages. The issue has been called LGBT since the 1990s. In fact, the issue does not only appear in reality, but it is also made into literary works. In this thesis, the researcher chose *The Sea Change* by Ernest Hemingway to study how the issue of bisexuality represented in the story. One of the most striking things about the story is that Hemingway appears to be showing a subject that would have been taboo at the time the story was written (1930s) which is bisexuality.

When compared to the situation nowadays; after almost 100 years, the researcher sees that the issue of LGBT has become familiar in society, especially in Indonesia. Although there are some people who still reject this issue, on the other hand, there are so many people who accept and become part of the LGBT community. The perpetrators of LGBT even proudly show that they are lesbians, gays, bisexuals, and transgenders. This has been a controversial issue in Indonesia for a long time. In Indonesia, people tend to reject with bad attitudes and perspectives towards LGBT. Indeed, because this is against the ideology, values, and norms in this country. It is even worse because people tend to offend, despise, throw bad words and blaspheme because they see that the perpetrators of LGBT are people who act completely wrong. According to the researcher, what is wrong with this kind of response is that it hurts other people's feelings.

Therefore, as the next step after knowing how the issue of bisexuality is represented in the literary work, the researcher also gives how her attitudes as an Indonesian are towards the issue of bisexuality. So that the thesis readers, that are mostly Indonesians can relate and find new perspectives on the issue. As an addition, the researcher also discussed about how

the discussion of bisexuality affects the researcher's attitudes, to provide additional information related to the story and the researcher's responses. To get a valid data for the findings, the researcher also has reviewed some of the related literature for this study.

Regarding the first statement of the problems, the researcher describes how the issue of bisexuality represented in the story. In this problem, the researcher using theory of representation in literary works. The story is almost entirely self-contained within the context of this single conversation and introduces the plot to the readers largely via dialogue. The issue of bisexuality can be the researcher figure out through a conversation between Phil and his girlfriend (the bisexual one). Using theory of representation by Young (1999), the researcher can find how the issue of bisexuality represented in the story by verbal depiction, descriptive depiction, and formal depiction. Although Hemingway in the story does not give a direct explanation if there is an issue of bisexuality in it, but finally the researcher was able to find many hints, explained and concluded that the woman in *The Sea Change* is bisexual.

After getting to know how the issue of bisexuality represented in the story, next is the attitude of the researcher towards the issue as the second statement of the problem. Here it can be concluded that the researcher is in a neutral point, because even though she thinks that LGBT is wrong, at the same time she will think that it is the right of all human beings to make decisions. So, the researcher gives two different perspectives, which are from a religious and moral perspective, as well as her own opinion. The researcher tends not to interfere with someone else's business, as long as it does not have a negative effect on her. Also, everyone is free to do whatever they want. If they choose to be part of the LGBT community, at least they will still have a good and commendable attitude towards society. Here the researcher knows that the influence of ideology plays a major role in people's behavior, especially in Indonesia. No exception, the researcher also has thoughts that are in

line with this ideology. However, in this context, the researcher only wants that all humans can respect each other no matter what behavior is considered wrong by the stigma of society.

Next, the third statement of the problem is how does the discussion of bisexuality in the story affect the researcher's attitude. In this case, the discussion of bisexuality does not really change any perspectives and attitudes on the researcher. From the beginning, the researcher herself was not a person who completely has a bad perspective of LGBT things nor rejected it outright, she has the opinion that all humans must still have good things in themselves. So, the researcher has already both negative and positive attitudes towards the issue of bisexuality. In addition, here the researcher also discusses several parts in *The Sea Change* which provide continuity from the discussion of the first and second statement of the problem. Since previously the researcher discussed ideology, so in this third statement of the problem she uses deconstruction of ideology in order for the readers of this thesis (who are mostly Indonesian) to have a better understanding and flexible attitude towards accepting the diversity that exist in society, moreover, related to the issue of LGBT. The point is so that everyone can respect anyone regardless of anything.

After discussing the issue of bisexuality in this thesis, hopefully it can provide a better understanding for all readers. Especially for everyone's attitude towards LGBT in daily life, whether it is in society or social media. LGBT is like a virus that has spread everywhere, anyone cannot stop it because it will cause long-term problems that will never end. At least in response to this, whatever we do in a situation related to LGBT, try to always respect everyone. As a closing of this conclusion, the researcher quotes from Margaret Mead, "*The time has come, I think, when we must recognize bisexuality as a normal form of human behavior.*"

## 5.2 Suggestions

Through this thesis, the researcher would like to give suggestions for several parties which are the future researchers related to study in literary works, the perpetrators of LGBT, as well as readers and Indonesian people.

For future researchers who will also study LGBT issues in literary works, especially *The Sea Change*, I hope this thesis is useful as a reference on the same topic. You can even add another and more detailed discussion because not only LGBT issues can be discussed from this story. For example, the issue of masculinity and patriarchy is also quite interesting to discuss in *The Sea Change*. Since the researcher saw the lack of Indonesian researchers studying about this story, hopefully in the future there will be more studies for *The Sea Change*. Although this is a short story, it can be attempted for future researchers to learn new problems from the story.

For the perpetrators of LGBT, according to the researcher, it does not matter if anyone becomes a part of LGBT because it is the right of all human beings to make decisions. But if the response from your surroundings is not good because you chose to be LGBT, then try to change it in an appropriate way. Be a kind and polite person, respect everyone (who is good or even bad to you), respect your parents and family, keep the right words and attitudes, etc. Even if you do something that is bad in the eyes of others, it does not reduce your value to keep that goodness living in you. For anyone 'who will' be the perpetrators of LGBT, reconsider your decision whether it will have a positive or negative impact on yourself and those closest to you.

For the readers and Indonesian people, LGBT is an inseparable part of society and has even become a color in the diversity of life. Therefore, we must be wise in responding to this issue whether it comes from family, friends, colleagues, etc. Do not look with only one eye but open your eyes to keep seeing the good things about the perpetrator of LGBT.

Keep respecting anyone regardless of what is bad about them because decisions are the rights of all humans. At least what we can control is how our attitude responds to them, for example keeping our words from saying bad or blasphemous words. If you want to reprimand, say it in kind words and deserve to be heard so you do not have to hurt anyone's feelings. The point is to be wise in responding to LGBT issues, whether in reality or on social media.