

Exploring Moral Value And The Main Character's Characterization That Convey Moral Value In Breathe Movie (2017)

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ABSTRACT

Moral value is a moral concept that reflects the social value to govern the human capacities towards a successful activity within society. This study defines what moral value that we can take from Breathe movie. Breathe movie is a biographical movie that tends to inspire the audiences from the story of a British advocate for disabled people. This study used qualitative content analysis. This study used Linda and Eyre (1993) theory for analyzing what types of moral value, meanwhile, to analyze the main character's characterization, the writer used Florman's theory (2017). The researcher found 17 moral values according to theory of Linda and Eyre (1993). They are 1 honesty, 2 courage, 1 peaceability, 2 self-reliance and potential, 2 self-discipline and moderation, 1 loyalty and dependability, 1 respect, 3 love, 2 unselfishness and sensitivity, 2 kindness and friendliness. The important aspect of moral value that we can learn from Breathe movie is the value of love. Furthermore, there is a similar characteristic between the main characters of Breathe movie. Both Robin Cavendish and Diana Cavendish, their characteristics are presented by their indirect characterization that they are a faithful and caring person towards each other. It can be seen how much they devote love from their actions in the Breathe movie.

Keywords: *Moral Value, Breathe Movie, Characterization.*

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INTRODUCTION

Literature broadens our perspectives on the world. That said, literature for many broadens our notions of what it means to be human, and how we could live better as a human being (Hall, 2005). An effective literary work may appeal human emotions as well as how the reader and the author create a real sense of a story, poem, or play that helps to determine the literature value. However, to impersonate the characters, perform the action and recite the dialogue into senses is part of the literature that is called drama. As many people considered drama as the play that performed in theatre, introducing drama forms is the same either television programs or films that they are classified as visual arts of literary work.

Harrison (2017) posits some of the recent years' most popular films were biopics. The biopic or biographical movie shows an actual person's life history. Spirou (2011) stated that biopics are often marketed as being inspired by or based on the lives of famous people including entertainers, royalty, scientists, and even criminals. This relates to the same genre that depicting the inspirational life of ordinary people that overcomes the difficulties to become extraordinary. It is portrayed in the Breathe movie that was released on September 2017.

As *tvrijih* in the IMDB website commented that the story of Breathe movie can teach how to value life moments and he also mentioned that Robin's life will teach about true love to the last breathe. Breathe movie aimed to deliver messages that contained the advice or education moral form as how the movie can teach how to value life that is presented by the character. It means that moral value is not only able to be obtained by doing formal discussion or reading books or joining education at school, people also can get moral value from watching a movie.

Breathe movie is about how the love of a good woman can go a long way in making life worth living for his husband, Robin Cavendish (bettycjung in IMDB Breathe movie reviews). The loyalty of the main character's wife is one of the reasons why the researcher will discuss about the main character's characterization. Therefore, in this study the writer stated two research problems

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that are what the moral values are found in Breathe movie and how the main character's characterization of Breathe movie convey moral values.

METHOD

The researcher used the qualitative content analysis. Qualitative researchers use content analysis to understand the meaning that circulates in texts (Leavy, 2017: 146). There are many different kinds of text that can be studied using content analysis which are visual data, audiovisual data, audio data, newspaper, and so on. Coincidentally the researcher investigates the audiovisual data that is Breathe movie which reliable of what is being studied.

The data are in the form of written dialogue and monologue which defines characterization and moral value. The primary data is taken from the Breathe movie. However, the researcher needs other references such as Breathe movie script, books, articles, and any material that can support the primary data.

In collecting the data, the researcher followed some steps which the first step is downloading the movie, and watching it several times. The following step is the researcher browsing the movie script and reading it from page one to end by skimming to understand the content. In addition, the researcher used the flows activity in analyzing the data by followed Saldana's theory (2014).

There are data condensation that described how the data are taken and classified. The following procedures is called data display which the data are being categorized in the table as its types and making indicators for each aspects of the theory of moral value and the charactercterizations of the main character. The last procedures is drawing and verifying conclusions that the researcher elaborated the data that is already organized and the theory to interpret what things are necessary based on the problem statement depicted.

FINDINGS

The writer reveals the research findings according to the research problem that has been depicted. The data are presented in the form of descriptive data as follow:

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1. Moral Value Found in Breathe Movie

a) Honesty

VB1-HN1 (Value of Being 1 – Honesty 1): Honesty was found in the dialogue between Colin Campbell and Robin when they play cricket and that time they saw the gorgeous woman who became the main character, Diana for the first time. While Robin is mesmerized by Diana's beauty, Colin said that Diana is a famous heartbreaker. But Robin doubted him why so. Then Colin told him that there was a person who got rejected twice after proposing to Diana. That means by saying that Diana is a famous heartbreaker means honesty toward Collin's utterances because it can be seen by the fact that there is a person who proposed twice.

b) Courage

VB2-CR1 (Value of Being 2 – Courage 1): Diana feels bad about how Robin keeps saying that he wants to die. Instead of leaving her husband alone, Diana wants to courageous his husband to make him feel better by getting out her husband of the hospital. It shows how helpless the main character's wife was to make Robin stop giving up.

VB7-CR2 (Value of Being 7 – Courage 2): Robin delivered the speech on the conference that was being held in Germany about managing the lives of the severely disabled. The speech that he delivered to the audience of the event is showing that he wants to tell people that he had a courage to survive from life because of her wife.

c) Peaceability

VB8-PB1 (Value of Being 8 – Peaceability 1): Robin tells his wife and his son that it's time for him to let himself go. Nevertheless, his wife refused the decision that Robin made and try to calm herself by leaving them (Robin and Jonathan). Instead of stopping her from leaving, Robin tells Jonathan that he should let his mom be.

d) Self-reliance and Potential

VB3-SP1 (Value of Being 3 – Self-reliance and Potential 1): Diana asks Dr. Khan that she and her husband demand for leaving the hospital. Although Dr. Khan seems surprised by Diana's requests, she was answering Dr. Khan's question confidently that she is aware with the risk of her idea.

VB5-SP2 (Value of Being 5 – Self-reliance and Potential 2): Diana and Dr. Khan drive Robin out to an ambulance waiting outside the hospital. Meanwhile, Dr. Entwistle as the hospital director didn't allow them to take Robin home. Therefore, Dr. Khan explained that the deeds was Robin's wish and he also apprised of the risk.

e) Self-Discipline and Moderation

VB4-SM1 (Value of Being 4 – Self discipline and Moderation 1): Robin says that he wants to go although Dr. Khan remains him that he can still change his mind about leaving the hospital. What Robin says is showing that the decisions that he made to leave the hospital is something that he thinks right.

VB6-SM2 (Value of Being 6 – Self discipline and Moderation 2): Dr. Entwistle doesn't permit Robin about leaving the hospital and Robin choose to fight againts Dr. Entwistle. Leaving the hospital is an unavoidable decision made by Robin.

f) Loyalty and Dependability

VG5-LD1 (Value of Giving 5 – Loyalty and Dependability 1): It shows how Robin described his wife that she likes to follow his husband wherever he goes. This proves that Diana devotes loyalty towards her husband and it is part of the wife's duty.

g) Respect

VG3-RP1 (Value of Giving 3 – Respect 1): Diana consults to Dr. Entwistle if the respirator that helps his husband breathe could have

worked at home. Dr. Entwistle seems not to agree with Diana's statement and tries to explain things by ended to apologize to Diana.

h) Love

VG2-LV1 (Value of Giving 2 – Love 1): It shows a love confession of the main character's wife to his husband. The loyalty and caring that Diana gave by saying "I love you" to Robin is showing the value of love although Robin didn't allow Diana to love him.

VG8-LV2 (Value of Giving 8 – Love 2): Robin devotes a love to his mates. How Robin confesses his feelings to his wife that the love of his life is only Diana. No one could have ever loved his wife as much as he does.

VG9-LV3 (Value of Giving 9 – Love 3): It shows the main character's dedication of love for his life partner. What Robin said to her wife shows that he loved her so much as he compliments her with sweet words such as "my beautiful wife, my darling."

i) Unselfishness and Sensitivity

VG1-US1 (Value of Giving 1 – Unselfishness and Sensitivity 1): David and Bloggs said that Diana should stop going around and around and it's time for her to choose the man to be her future happiness life. The utterances contain the unselfishness and sensitivity towards their sister. They want Diana to be happy without forcing the situation.

VG6-US2 (Value of Giving 6 – Unselfishness and Sensitivity 2): The sensitivity of Diana towards his husband's feeling when Jonathan talks that his parents were lucky that they can go to Africa to see the elephants. Diana initiate to walk to Robin and mouthing sorry for making the situation happened rather than ignore the feeling of Robin and immediately leaving.

h) Kindness and Friendliness

VG4-KF1 (Value of Giving 4 – Kindness and Friendliness 1): Tid as Diana's mother offered the kindness that she willingly helps her own daughter to take care Diana's husband.

VG7-KF2 (Value of Giving 7 – Kindness and Friendliness 2): Colin as Robin's friend tries to be cheerful to Robin as Colin expresses how much Robin has made a difference into his life.

2. The Main Character's Characterization that conveys Moral Value

There are two main characters that come up in the Breathe movie which are Robin Cavendish and his wife, Diana Cavendish.

- a) Robin Cavendish is a character that fully devotes his love for his family, including his wife, his son and his friend. It is portrayed when Jonathan explicitly characterizes his father that Robin had provided personal care and actions toward his son. On the other hand, the indirect characterization also brought by Robin when he is showing how much he loves his wife as the love of his life.
- b) Diana Cavendish is the wife of the main character that derive to develop the plot as well as Robin Cavendish. She dedicates her life to accompany her husband by all the years that she had done. Diana's characterization is shown in explicit way by his husband. Robin describes the characterizations of Diana that she cannot make a decision herself. Robin's utterances show that Diana has the value of giving in which she trusts Robin for making the decision. This dialogue shows that Diana reflects Robin's trustworthiness and responsibility to take all the decisions of Diana

DISCUSSION

Based on the findings that has been depicting both the types of moral value and the main character's characterization that convey moral value, the important aspect of moral value that we can learn from Breathe movie that using Linda and Eyre theory is the value of love. It is shown by the dialogue among the main characters that how Robin and Diana frequently showing their love by

couraging something such as Diana still wants to accompany his husband when Robin is paralyzed until the last breathe of his husband. Further, how Robin's family and his friends keep supporting him such as Tid, Diana's mother give the value of kindness to help Diana and Robin to manage the house and Collin Campbell as the friend of Robin cheers Robin up before Robin ends his life.

On the other hand, Breathe movie has two main characters, Robin Cavendish and Diana Cavendish which the researcher focuses on the main character's characterization as it is based on the objective of the research that has been depicted. The researcher has described the characterizations of both the main characters. It concludes that Robin is a caring father that he cared for his family include his son and his wife, also he loves his wife so much as he dedicated his life to continue living because of her and in order to see his son grow. However, Diana Cavendish is a faithful person to his lovely husband. How she still cares for his husband although he is paralyzing because polio strikes.

Moreover, the result of this study is different from one of the previous studies conducted by Nasir, et al (2019), they found nine types of moral value in the "Coco" movie. Nevertheless, they also used the same theory as this research. Meanwhile, the similarity of this research and Nasir's is the result of the study that not all the types of Linda and Eyre suggested can be found in the object of the research. The researcher found the same moral value aspect as Nasir's findings which are honesty, dependability, courage, unselfishness, and sensitivity, love, kindness, and friendliness.

Another previous study that has conducted by Karim also used Linda and Eyre's theory but the aspects of moral value were different because he used the theory that was published in 1997. Nevertheless, There have some aspects found in Karim's research that is the same as the result of this research such as he found the moral value of love. It is about the love of parents to their kids is the purest love of all that acted by the main character in The Swamp novel. It reflects the result of this study as how the main character, Robin devotes his love for his family.

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

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There are 17 moral value that found in Breathe movie. They are 1 honesty, 2 courage, 1 peaceability, 2 self-reliance and potential, 2 self-discipline and moderation, 1 loyalty and dependability, 1 respect, 3 love, 2 unselfishness and sensitivity, 2 kindness and friendliness. However, the types of moral value that has been proposed by Linda and Eyre (1993) can not all be found in Breathe movie. The important aspect of moral value that we can learn from Breathe movie that based on Linda and Eyre theory is the value of love. It is shown by the dialogue among the main characters, how Robin and Diana frequently showing their love by couraging something such as Diana still wants to accompany his husband when Robin is paralyzed until the last breathe of his husband.

Furthermore, after finding the types of moral value, the researcher also interprets the characteristics of the main characters, Robin Cavendish and Diana Cavendish that convey moral value. The researcher used Florman's theory to indicates their characterization, either they are described in a direct or indirect way. Therefore, it concludes that there is a similar characteristic between Robin Cavendish and Diana Cavendish. Their characterics are presented by their indirect characterization that they are a faithful and caring person towards each other. It can be seen how much they devote love from their actions in the Breathe movie.

The writer hopes that Breathe movie could educate the students through the main's character characterizations that convey moral values because students should not only learn the moral values that be taught by teacher or parents but also they should learn from books, novels, movies, or other media that they consume in order to manage their behaviour into a good way.

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