

Moral Values In Move To Heaven Drama

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Abstract

This research analyzes about the moral values in Korean drama “Move to Heaven”. The researchers used a qualitative descriptive method, because it helps the writer to explain the data in sentence form and the data is analyzed in several ways such as identify, analyze, and conclude. Researchers describe and analyze the utterance which contains moral values from the dialogue or conversation in the drama. This research found three types of moral values, namely honesty, discipline, and responsibility. Researchers also find some good impacts of these moral values. In addition, moral values can increase one's self-confidence, can train one's maturity, and make one have patience

I. INTRODUCTION

Nowadays, almost everyone knows and have watched Korean dramas. Korean drama or commonly known as K-drama is a television drama in Korea with a miniseries format and produced in Korean. In literature, drama is a fictional or non-fiction depiction of events using dialogue based on events, drama can be performed on stage or made into a film. K-drama as one of miniseries drama which doesn't finish in one time but usually has episodes and airs per week. Most people engage in the clear message of the drama, but some people find it difficult to engage. Usually viewers watch K-drama due to the actors, chemistry between the actor and the actress, fashion, food or the scenery. However, K-drama is one of the media that used by the writer or director to give motivation or message for the viewers. One of the messages that researchers catch in most of K-drama is about moral values.

According to Hurlock (1977), moral is an ethical norm, a concept of life upheld by most certain societies. Moral is primarily concerned with the understanding of good and bad. Goodness is regarded as moral, while the badness is considered as immoral behavior. Barcalow (1994) says that moral can be evaluated with the actions and potential actions of others, and may be evaluated as good or bad; right or wrong; and acceptable or unacceptable; required, prohibited, or permitted; praiseworthy or blameworthy.

Move to Heaven is a drama that has a lot of moral values contained in it. Move to Heaven is a Korean drama produced by netflix which has been aired on May 14, 2021, this drama was

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inspired by the essay titled 'Things Left Behind' by Kim Sae-byul, starring Lee Je-hoon, Tang Joon-sang, Hong Seung-hee, and Ji Jin-hee. The drama *Move to Heaven* tells the story of Han Geu-ru, a young man with Asperger's syndrome who has difficulty understanding emotions and social interactions, but can remember in detail what he saw and heard. People with Asperger's syndrome, now diagnosed as a high-functioning form of autism spectrum disorder, are considered to have good cognitive and language skills. However, they still experience difficulties with communication and social interaction, and show repetitive behaviours (Health direct, 2020).

II. METHODS

This research used descriptive qualitative method. This is a research method where the data explained in the form of words rather than numbers. The goal of descriptive research is to describe a phenomenon and its characteristics. This research is more concerned with what rather than how or why something has happened. Therefore, observation and survey tools are often used to gather data (Gall, Gall, & Borg, 2007). Furthermore, Sukmadinata (2017) also expressed his opinion regarding descriptive qualitative research as seen below: "Descriptive research is a form of research aimed at describing existing phenomena, both natural phenomena and man-made phenomena which can include activities, characteristics, changes, relationships, similarities, and differences between phenomena. one phenomenon to another".

The source of the data is K-drama titled "Move to Heaven" produced by Netflix. The primary data was dialogues or conversation with English subtitle. In collecting the data, researchers used some steps, they are:

- 1) The writer watched the drama from Netflix.
- 2) The writer watches *Move to Heaven* drama in several times.
- 3) The writer tries to understand the whole story in *Move to Heaven* drama until the writer finds the moral values and their good impacts in this movie.
- 4) The writer collects and writes the conversations and monologues from characters in *Move to Heaven* drama that contain moral values and their good impacts in this movie.
- 5) The writer finds out some review from internet articles which appropriates to this research.

Meanwhile, to analyze the data, researchers used some ways which is identifying, analyzing and conclude. Researchers identified the data that has been collected previously to make a final decision whether the data contains moral values or not. Then, researchers analyze and interpret the conversations form *Move to Heaven* drama that deals with moral values. The last step, researchers make a conclusion to find the result.

III. RESULTS

Honesty is an aspect of virtuous human character and morals where someone who has that character must have integrity, honesty, fairness, sincerity, loyalty, and can be trusted by others. According to Kesuma et al (2012), Honesty is a decision that a person has in expressing his feelings, words, and actions, that the reality is really happening and is not manipulated by imitating or lying in order to get an advantage for himself.

Scene Episode 1

Company Manager : Ma'am, this is not a workplace accident, a workplace accident is being injured at work. But for Seon-u's case, he was at his dorm. I mean he died while sleeping in his room. And he even skipped work without notice.

(Seon-u's mother looked at her son's cellphone and found out the truth that his son was injured at work after seeing the conversation between her son and the manager)

(00:22:25-00:25:57)

From the dialogue above, tells the story of Kim Seon-u, one of Move to Heaven's clients who was found dead in his rented apartment. He is a young intern in a factory who started working right after high school and just started studying for college, his dream is to become a permanent employee. The manager of the factory where Seon-u works lied that the incident was not a workplace accident, when in fact it was a workplace accident, the manager told Seon-u to fix the machine at night.

Another dialogue contains honesty also can be seen in Han Geu-ru and Cho Sang-gu below,

Scene Episode 2

Han Geu-ru: You violated speed limit 9 times, lane change 35 times, stop line 8 times, traffic light 7 times. Breaking traffic laws is a criminal offense. You broke the law 59 times i total for 40 minutes.

Cho Sang-gu: Did you count them all?

(00:24:56-00:25:09)

From the dialogue above, It was Han Geu-ru's honesty when her uncle was driving the car incorrectly and breaking a lot of traffic. Besides the honesty, the attitude of obedience to the rules (rules and so on) or dicipline is also one aspects that someone has a good moral. According to James Drever from the psychological side, discipline is the ability to control behavior that comes from within a person in accordance with things that have been regulated from outside or existing norms. In other words, psychological discipline is the behavior of a person who appears and is able to adapt to the rules that have been set.

Scene Episode 1

Han Jung-woo : Mr. Kim Seon-u, you passed away on April 11th, 2020. We're from Move to Heaven, I'm Han Jeong-u.

Han Geu-re : I'm Han Geu-ru.

Han Jung-woo : We'll now begin to help you with your final move. (they both bow)

(00:11:56-00:12:15)

From this scene, viewers can see that there is a habit to give a last tribute to the person who died. Here Han Geu-ru and her father gave tribute by bowing themselves before they did their job as a trauma cleaners.

Scene Episode 2

Han Geu-ru: Put your garbage in the bin, wash the dishes when you're done using them. Put dirty shocks and clothes in the basket. Don't touch other people's stuff. Take out recyclables on Mondays and Thursdays.

(00:22:01-00:22:11)

The dialogue above is when Han Geu-ru gives rules to his uncle Cho Sang-gu according to Han Geu-ru's habit with his father. Han Geu-ru can't take changes in his familiar surroundings or rules. This means that if his uncle want to stay in Han Geu-ru house he must do things Han Geu-ru's way. Therefore, it can be said that he is a disciplined child at home by implementing his father's good habits.

Responsibility is an act that is carried out by each individual based on one's obligation or calling, an attitude that shows that a person has a very high caring and honesty nature. Responsibility is behavior that can determine how to react to everyday situations and requires moral decisions (Schiller and Bryan, 2002).

Scene Episode 2

Han Geu-ru : The scene is contaminated as she was found 3 weeks after death.

Cho Sang-gu : Hey, how can you be calm over this? You were such a neat freak back at home.

Han Geu-ru : That's my home, but the scene are homes of the deceased. They request us to clean theirs because they can't do it. So, I'm okay with it. I can make them clean for them.

(00:27:50-00:28:12)

The dialogue above is a form of Han Geu-ru's responsibility towards his job as a trauma cleaner, even though the scene has been contaminated, he is still responsible for doing his job.

Scene Episode 8

Yoon Na-mu : You're his guardian. How can you go MIA for days? What kind of guardian are you? You know what a guardian means? You're supposed to protect and take care of Geu-ru. Get it?

Cho Sang-gu : Gosh. Everyone is responsible for their own life. Looking out for someone? There's no such thing.

Yoon Na-mu : Because you're all he's got. For Geu-ru, you are the only family he has.

(00:10:54-00:11:29)

The dialogue above tells how Na-mu Geu-ru's little friend told Cho Sang-gu about the responsibilities that Cho Sang-gu had to take as Han Geu-ru's guardian.

Scene Episode 8

Cho Sang-gu : Why couldn't you make it? Why didn't you come? I waited and waited, I was really scared. Why? (he talks to his late brother)

Han Geu-ru : Dad said he felt guilty toward someone because he couldn't keep his promise.

(00:34:53-00:35:10)

The dialogue above explains how Han Jung-woo has an attitude of responsibility towards his brother, he feels guilty for not being able to keep his promise. Han Jung-woo could not keep his promise because he had a big accident on June 29, 1995, at Sampoong Department Store in

Seocho-dong, Seoul. The incident is based on a true story, the place suddenly collapsed due to structural failure, which resulted in over 1,000 casualties.

They were employee or guests, the fifth floor showed signs of collapse in the morning of the disaster but they decided to stay open while fixing the problems. At 5:52 p.m, the entire building collapsed in 20 seconds, making a pillar of dust. The damage estimates were 270 billion won, a total of casualties included 501 deaths, 6 disappearances, and 937 injured. It was the biggest casualties since the Korean War. After that incident, Han Jung-woo always tried to find his missing brother.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

After analyzing *Move to Heaven* as discussed in results, the reserachers conclude that *Move to Heaven* drama has three moral values such as honesty, dicipline and responsibility. Han Geu-ru, with Asperger's syndrome, is still able to show that she is a strong and independent child. From this K-drama we know that working as a trauma cleaner is not an easy job and required thoroughness and mental strenght. The cases of death in *Move to Heaven* that often occur are those who are not cared for. Finally they died alone and were not known to others for quite a long time. It is important to always say honesty or truth as it seen in episode 1, the manager tell lies about his staff's death. Another scene teaches us that cleaning and collecting valuables belonging to the deceased person, then handing it over to family members or loved ones is a hard job. That is why it is important to be dicipline and applied good habits in their job. Moreover, whatever other people's work and services, we must value them properly. Han Geu-ru and his father always appreciate the death body (corpse) by bowing. Here we can get a moral message, if caring for others is really needed and be responsible of their job.

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