

## Soaphead Church's hypocrisy in Toni Morrison's *The Bluest Eye*

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### Abstrak

Karya sastra seperti novel adalah cerminan dari masalah sosial. Salah satu permasalahan sosial yang terdapat dalam novel adalah tentang kemunafikan. Melalui karakter Soaphead Church, Toni Morrison menampilkan kemunafikan dalam novelnya berjudul *The Bluest Eye*. Penelitian ini memfokuskan analisisnya pada karakter Soaphead Church serta penyebab mengapa ia menjadi seorang munafik yang akan dihubungkan dengan factor factor sosial. Sumber data dari penelitian ini adalah novel karya Toni Morrison yang berjudul *The Bluest Eye*. Data dari penelitian ini adalah kutipan yang diambil dari novel yakni berupa dialog, monolog, dan narasi yang berhubungan dengan topic diskusi. Penelitian ini menggunakan pendekatan sosiologi untuk menemukan hubungan antara aspek sosial dan kemunafikan Soaphead Church. Dari penelitian ini, dapat disimpulkan jika Soaphead Church menjadi seorang munafik sejak dia dijuluki sebagai seorang pendeta oleh masyarakat. Soaphead Church mengalami beberapa jenis kemunafikan yakni kemunafikan dalam penampilan, Kemunafikan dalam konsistensi. Dia juga bisa disebut sebagai seorang munafik yang tidak jujur secara internal, dan munafik yang tidak jujur secara eksternal. Julukan yang diberikan oleh masyarakat kepada Soaphead Church memberikan dia tanggung jawab yang lebih besar untuk menjaga harapan masyarakat kepadanya. Dia tidak diharapkan untuk melakukan kesalahan kesalahan karena itu akan menghancurkan reputasinya di masyarakat.

**Kata Kunci:** Soaphead Church, Kemunafikan, Masyarakat, *The Bluest Eye*, Toni Morrison

### Abstract

Literary works such as novel is a reflection of social problems. One of the social problems in the novel is hypocrisy. Through the Soaphead Church's character, Toni Morrison put the hypocrisy in her novel entitled *The Bluest Eye*. This study is focused on the Soaphead Church's character and the cause that leads him to be hypocrite related to sociological factors. The data source is Toni Morrison is novel entitled *The Bluest Eye*. The data are quotations taken from the novel which are in the form of dialogue, monologue, and narration that related with the topic. This study is using sociological approach to find the relation between social aspect and the hypocrisy of Soaphead Church. From this study, it is found that Soaphead Church has become hypocrite since he was considered as a clergyman by society. Soaphead Church is experienced some kinds of Hypocrisy such as hypocrisy of Pretense, Hypocrisy of Inconsistency. He also may call as Dishonest Internal Hypocrites and Dishonest External Hypocrites. The society consideration towards him leads him to be hypocrites because the consideration as a Soaphead Church gives him bigger responsibility to hold people's expectation towards him. He may not allow to does any mistakes because it will ruin his reputation in society.

**Keywords:** Soaphead Church, Hypocrisy, Society, *The Bluest Eye*, Toni Morrison

### INTRODUCTION

Literature is a product of imagination that usually inspired by the social life. There are many topics that applied in literary works. One of them is the social problem that happened in society. The example of social problem is hypocrisy. Similar to the topic, this study is also put the topic of hypocrisy that will be discussed. *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison also has that topic. Hypocritical

character in the story is played by Soaphead Church; a man who is known as religious character but the reality he is the most immoral character. Soaphead Church plays his hypocrisy since he was considered as a clergyman in Lorain, Ohio. He has a sexual disorder. He was a homosexual but lost his courage to admit it, and then he became a pedophile. He is also a misanthrope. But since he moves to Lorain, Ohio people consider him as a clergyman. Getting that consideration, Soaphead

Church starts to play his hypocrisy by appearing well in every situation. He is always producing a good words, actions and gestures. Even though he is known as a clergyman, he is still could not stop his bad characteristics. Playing the role as a clergyman when in public, Soaphead Church is even dares to blaming God in his privacy area. Soaphead Church thinks that he is better than God that is why people come to him to counsel and ask solution of their problem. Since he was regarded as a Soaphead Church, he always watches his words and attitudes. He does not want everyone in society know his mistakes and his bad characteristics. Since he was considered as a clergyman, Soaphead Church is expected to be a good person that can be role model for the society; he is also expected to help them in a God way. Since he was considered as a clergyman and holds the high expectation by the society, Soaphead Church is living the hypocrisy.

From the paragraph above, there will be two research questions that can be risen as the topics for this study. The first one is the kinds of hypocrisy that experienced by Soaphead Church, How is Soaphead Church's hypocrisy depicted in Toni Morrison's *The Bluest Eye*? This first question will be analyzed using the concept of hypocrisy by James Spiegel and the kinds of hypocrites by Lonnie Lee best. The second question is what is the cause that leads Soaphead Church to be hypocrite? To answer that second question, this study is using the sociological theory by some theories.

Hypocrisy is the social problem that exists in society. Hypocrisy is also known as a false behavior that shows to other. A hypocrite is always has two different character in himself. This condition is related to the theory of dramaturgy by Erving Goffman. The explanation of dramaturgy will be explained in this following part.

### **Dramaturgy**

Dramaturgy is a social theory that founded by Erving Goffman. Sociology as the one aspect of literature is could not be separated from the theory of Dramaturgy. Dramaturgy is mainly talks about people's interaction in their social life. Dramaturgical theory explains that people's interaction in their daily life is like a drama show or theater. Theater in this case means that everyone in the society is playing their own drama. It means that people in society always be another person in order to fulfill the expectation from the society. Almost all of people in society could not be themselves when they are facing other people because they are tightened with the roles, rules and social expectation that given by the society. Sibutha (2011) were quoted Robert statement that there are

three main metaphors in dramaturgy those are the drama itself, ritual that consist of morality, and games that consist of advantages and manipulation. Those three elements are used by all of people when they try to manipulate other people in society.

Dramaturgical action is an action by person that playing a drama to be another person that usually is better than the real one. That action is done in order improve the self-images based on social expectation, norms, and cultural values. Erving Goffman stated that dramaturgical action is dependent on three things those are place, time and the audience which means the society where they belong to. The main goal of doing dramaturgical action is to be accepted by the society through the manipulation. Theory of dramaturgy explains that the people's identity is always change based on their interaction with the people. That is why in dramaturgical theory, stated that people's identity is never stable because it is adapt with the society where they belong. The works of dramaturgical theory is analyze how people interact with other people and how their characteristic when they are in their private area.

In dramaturgical theory, there are three principal terms those are actor, audience and impression management. Actor is a person who plays the 'drama'. A person who is tries to build people's impression trough his manipulations. The audience is the society they belong to. Audience in this case means that people who watch the drama that played by the actor. The audience would not realize what are the drama by the actor hidden meaning and who is actually the actor because they are only the audience who enjoy the drama plays and expected the good things to the actor based on what they want to see. The last term is impression management. Impression management is the way that done by the actor to grabs people's impression in order to reach the goal. Alike drama plays, the actor is also has to prepare the attributes to support the action in the society. The attribute that need is such as costume. They also need to prepare the dialogue and gesture in order to convince the society about their role that they want built on people' point of view.

There are two stages in dramaturgy that are front stage and back stage. Stage in this case is a term for the areas where everyone has the information and roles that can be found. First stage is a stage where an actor plays the drama. In this stage, people will tries to build others' impression trough their drama. They will set up themselves based on social expectation and what people want to be seen in themselves. In front stage, people will set up themselves based on where they belong to.

Goffman (1959) stated that people's will perform their performance in the society based on they define the situation, condition and the audience who watch their 'performance'. Front stage is exists because people is living in the society that has the standard that expected to be followed by everyone who living on it. That is why people have the front stage. The second one is the back stage. Back stage is a privacy area where let the people take off their attributes that they always use in their front stage. Back stage is a stage that only known by the owner. In a back stage people can just to be their real one, without tightened with the social expectation that given to them. A back stage let people express their anxiety, anger, disappointment, etc. The theory of dramaturgy that talks about manipulation in order to get people's attention and impression and having two faces that very different while they are in public and their in private area is related to the concept of hypocrisy. The following part will talks about the concept of hypocrisy.

### **Hypocrisy**

Hypocrisy is known as an action that doing something because there is hidden motive behind it. The words hypocrisy is comes from the ancient Greek, The word hypocrisy comes from two original words that are (*hupo-*) and (*krinein*). (*hupo-*) means speak under and (*krinein*) means separate (Szabados and Soifer, 2004: 19). So, the word *hupikrineshai* means the act a part or replay and *hupocrisia* means "to speak in a dialogue" or "an action in the stage". In the general meaning, hypocrisy means the behavior that they show to other which is false trough virtual goodness and religious while the real characteristic is the opposite one such as shame, dissimulation and immoral. Szabados and Soifer (2005) stated that hypocrites nowadays usually perform themselves morally and physically better in a religious way. Szabados and Soifer called this kind of hypocrisy as the new form of hypocrisy. That is people who are perform themselves as a people who have good character trough performing beautiful actions in a public as a religious person, having good loyalty to God, while the truly characteristic is that people having selfish hidden motive and everyone does not know about it.

Hypocrites always perform as a good and religious person in order to reach their own goal that no one knows about it. A hypocrite who is playing the drama as a religious and good person is usually a person who breaks the rules. The example is a hypocrite who is openly follows the rules and the norms well, but they neglect those norms standard privately (Lammers, 2010). Gilbert Ryle stated that being a hypocrite means that tries to look

like actuated that runs by the hidden motive (Spiegel, 1999: 23). The performance that they show to others leads other people accept their goal which is not their real motive. Their true motive is covered well by their beautiful actions and words. Hypocrites never think that what they have done is a big mistake. Even though they spent their live by cheating, manipulating and betraying, they think its only small mistake that can be forgiven by others.

Hegel in Dudley Knowles (2002) stated that there are three elements in hypocrisy. The first one is a hypocrite has a knowledge about moral law very well. They got the knowledge is from god understanding of what are the main point that consist in moral law and also from the feeling of duty. The second one there is a conflict with the universal that can be chosen. The third one is the hypocrites know the conflict very well. Hypocrites is known as a person who has characteristic that opposite each other. One is morally and the other one is very immoral.

According to James Spiegel (1999), hypocrisy is divided into four kinds; those are hypocrisy of pretense, hypocrisy of blame, hypocrisy of complacency and hypocrisy of inconsistency.

### **Hypocrisy of Pretense**

Hypocrisy of Pretense is a kind of hypocrisy that exists to hypocrites who set up themselves better than their real characteristic either from morally or physically side. People who are experienced hypocrisy of pretense usually motivated of two things, those are to reach their own desire about something and also they are too ashamed to confess their fault in front of other people. By having physically and morally appearance better than their real one, people who are experienced hypocrisy of pretense are also motivated to looks as a praiseworthy people. Behind their beautiful appearance, they have ability to hide the motive behind the real fact. Through their beautiful appearance, they successfully manipulate others and experiencing Hypocrisy of Pretense.

### **Hypocrisy of Blame**

Hypocrisy of blame is a kind of hypocrisy that exists to people who are blaming other people in order to cover up their own mistakes. People who experienced hypocrisy of blame have an error in themselves then they prefer to put the mistakes on other people. The reason why people have this kind of hypocrisy is because they are too ashamed to admit their own mistakes. As the hypocrites, they will try to look good in front of other people, so, they do not want other people know their mistakes, because it will ruin their reputation in society.



People who are experienced hypocrisy of blame are the worst people because the fault that they made is worse than the fault that made by a person they critics (Spiegel, 1999: 31). People who are experienced hypocrisy of blame in order to hide the real mistakes does not realize that their action is the worst one if compare with other because they only cowards who lack of courage to admit their real one.

### **Hypocrisy of Complacency**

This last part is hypocrisy of complacency. Hypocrisy of complacency occurs people who feel too shy of this is to neglect the moral requirement when they are become costly, related to one's moral status, refusing to develop or reflect upon it, while they carrying on a pretense of virtue blaming other people for their immorality, or failing to practice what one preaches. Crisp and Cowton (1994) said that complacent hypocrites protect "their complacency from criticism on the grounds of the first three kinds of hypocrisy".

### **Hypocrisy of Inconsistency**

Hypocrisy of Inconsistency means hypocrisy that experienced by people who could not hold the consistency between the action, statement and even in the internal belief. People who are experienced this kind of hypocrisy always could not keep the consistency between what are they said and what are they do. The inconsistency also comes from another side, that is people who overriding moral requirement that have to follow by others but they themselves do not want to follow that requirement (Spiegel, 1999: 345). Hypocrites are known as people who have two faces that very contradicting each other. They always perform themselves as a good and religious person, follow the rules loving God, but their characteristics are the opposite one. They are immoral, dissimulation and ashamed.

Related to hypocrisy of inconsistency, Lonnie Lee Best also has the concept of hypocrites that always inconsistent either in their words or their action. According to her, all of people have the two beliefs in themselves. Those are internal actual belief and stated belief. Internal actual belief is a belief that only knows by the owner. This internal actual belief can be said as the truly characteristic because only them who know this belief and they would not tell the internal actual belief to other people. The second one is stated belief. Stated belief is a spoken belief that always declares to other. This stated belief is not totally true because it may

contradict the internal actual belief. According to Lonnie Lee Best, hypocrites divided into four kinds those are honest internal hypocrites, honest external hypocrites, dishonest internal hypocrites and dishonest external hypocrites.

### **Honest Internal Hypocrites**

Honest Internal Hypocrites is term for a hypocrite whose their internal belief is contradict the action. Their contradicting action is remained constant despite by the internal actual beliefs. People who are honest internal hypocrites are actually honest to themselves, they also do not strive to conform their internal actual belief behind their action, desire and imperfection.

### **Honest External Hypocrites**

Honest external hypocrite is a person whose the stated belief is not consistent with the actions. His stated belief is always consistent with the internal belief. Thus, they also may called as an honest internal hypocrite. It can happened because his or her internal actual belief is not consistent with the action. The honest external hypocrites' people have the strong conviction even though they are not always follow trough.

### **Dishonest Internal Hypocrites**

Dishonest internal hypocrite is a person who has contradictory between his stated belief and his internal actual belief. His stated belief is consistent with the action. People who are called as a dishonest internal hypocrite is a person who is satisfied with the weak conviction.

### **Dishonest External Hypocrites**

People can be categorized as the dishonest external hypocrites when their stated belief is not consistent with their action. Their stated belief is also not consistent with the internal actual belief. Because of their conviction is so weak, an internal level may leads them to be non-hypocritical.

### **METHOD**

This study is discussing about the hypocritical character related to sociological factors. It will focus on the hypocrisy of Soaphead Church in Toni Morrison's *The Bluest Eye*. The data is taken from the information that related with the topic in the novel including words, monologue, phrases, dialogues, sentences, and the narration in the novel that is the hypocrisy of Soaphead Church. To analyze the problem, this study begin with deep reading and classifying the data based on the relevance, then learning that classification data and find the appropriate approach. After that, The data were explicated trough the definition based on the subject of research; the hypocrisy of Soaphead Church. The

last step is making the conclusion and offering critics and suggestion of the result of the study.

## DISCUSSION

### Soaphead Church's hypocrisy in Toni Morrison's *The Bluest Eye*

Soaphead Church is being a hypocrite since he was considered as a clergyman. With the immoral character in himself, he set up himself physically and morally better than the real one. Status as a clergyman and his sexual disorder as a homosexual and pedophile leads him to be hypocrite. Based on dramaturgical theory, Soaphead Church is also has the front stage and back stage. Front stage is when he is facing other people and stand as a clergyman. In his front stage, Soaphead Church stands as a good person who is always produces beautiful words and action. He stand in the front stage is when he plays his drama as a religious person and spread the good vibes that represent a clergyman. His back stage is when he in his privacy area and no one see him. In the story, the backstage of Soaphead Church is showed when he writes the letter to God. In that situation, Soaphead Church express his disappointed to God, he is even blaming God because he thinks that God is only creates people's suffer. He even think that he is better than God, that is why people come to him to asks solution to their problem because God's could not help those people. As a man who is known as a clergyman, Soaphead Church would not shows his bad behavior to other people because it will ruin his reputation in society. Soaphead Church also has the impression management to support his drama in frnt of other people. His impression management is when he perfectly set up himself as a clergyman with beautiful action, producing a good words and gesture that represent a clergyman.

Applying in theory of hypocrisy by James Spiegel, Soaphead Church is experienced two kinds of hypocrisy those are hypocrisy of pretense and hypocrisy of inconsistency. While, using the concept of hypocrites by Lonnie Lee Best, Soaphead Church may call as a dishonest internal hypocrites and dishonest external hypocrites.

#### Soaphead Church's Hypocrisy of Pretense

Soaphead Church is experienced hypocrisy of pretense when he always tries to set up himself much better either in morally and physically better than his real characteristics. Since he was considered as a clergyman, Soaphead Church is always tries to get people's impression trough his appearance as a man to God. He is always producing a good words and action while his real characteristic is very immoral. As a hypocrite,

Soaphead Church has ability to hides his real characteristic by pretending himself as good and religious person. Labeling himself as a clergyman who is known have a good reputation in society, Soaphead Church prefer to hides his mistakes, sexual disorder and his past from other people. Since the society trusts him as a clergyman, Soaphead Church is successfully living his hypocrisy.

Since regarded as a clergyman, Soaphead church set himself as a religious person. He is always spreads positive energy, gives solution to other people and leads them to follows God's demand. Because of his manipulation, the society trusts him as the 'truly' clergyman. A man that can help them to ought the solution of their problem. One of that people is Pecola Breedlove, a pity girl who is being the victim of discrimination, bullying and othering by the society. Pecola comes to him to ask his help of his problem, she hopes that Soaphead Church can grants his wish.

*... "If you are overcome with trouble and condition that are not natural, I can remove them; Overcome Spells, Bad Luck, and Evil Influences. Remember, I am a true spiritualist and Psychic Reader, born with power, and I will help you" (Morrison, 1970: 173)*

The statement from Soaphead Church shows his way to convince Pecola that he is the right person that Pecola needs. This is how Soaphead Church sets himself morally better than his real characteristic. By saying that he is true spiritualist, he hopes that Pecola trust him as a real clergyman. With his many immoral characters, he would not be spiritualist because he himself does not belief in God. In the novel told that Soaphead Church's characteristic is far from God's demands. He set up himself better than his real one by producing beautiful words and polite actions. Through his beautiful appearance as a religious person, people would not realize that he has sexual disorder and not religious at all. Spiegel (1999) was explained that hypocrisy as the term of fake appearance of virtue goodness, with dissimulation of the truly characteristics especially in respect of religious life; while in general sense, dissimulation pretense, immoral, sham. Since Soaphead Church was considered as a clergyman, he deals with fake appearance. He always stands as a good and religious person in front of other people. Bringing God's figure, saying that he is true spiritualist who is can grants people's wish is his way to manipulates others and covers up his immoral characters. By doing so, the society will trust him as a religious person, then, no one would notice who actually Soaphead Church is. Everyone is also



would not notices that Soaphead Church is a sinful person; a man who dares to doing shameful action that should not be done by a clergyman such as blaming God, thinks that he is better than God. A man who has prestigious position in society because of his status as a clergyman, would not does the actions like that.

### **Hypocrisy of Inconsistency**

As a hypocrite, it was not difficult to found the inconsistency of Soaphead Church. That is way it was not difficult to proves that Soaphead Church is experienced hypocrisy of inconsistency. His biggest inconsistency is how he sets himself when he is facing others while his characteristic is very immoral. He always gives the solutions to others people to follow God's demands while he himself dares to blame God. What he said in front of other people is not consistent with his attitudes what he is alone. That two faces of Soaphead Church is successfully leads him to experienced hypocrisy of inconsistency.

*As in the case of many misanthropes, his disdain for people led him into a profession designed to serve them. He was engaged in a line of work that was dependent solely on his ability to win the trust of others, and one in which the most intimate relationships were necessary (Morrison, 1970: 165).*

This is how the inconsistency of Soaphead Church is showed in the novel. The contradiction between his misanthropic soul and his job successfully leads him experienced the hypocrisy of inconsistency. Misanthrope is defines as a person who does not like other people. This is how the inconsistency of Soaphead Church's works. His misanthropic soul even leads him into being reader, adviser, and dream interpreter; a job that related to people's problem. In the narration told that he has ability to win the trust of others. It means that he can build people impression that he is a people helper while his real characteristic is a people hater. His inconsistency comes from the way how he can be a good people helper while his actual characteristic is a people hater.

Elihue always stands as a good man, a clergyman. People trust him because they think that they trust the right person. A person who has close relation to God would never lies, would not disappointed them. The inconsistency of Soaphead Church perfectly manipulates them. "....But I did not go into the church. At least, I did not do that. As to what I did do was not complete lies, It was complete lies"(Morrison, 1970: 179). That quotation shows the inconsistency of Soaphead Church that represents

his truly characteristic behind his holly appearance. Known as a clergyman trough his holly appearance, he is actually never does the God's demands such as visiting church. Contradict his truly characteristic, when he is stand in front of other people he always bringing God's figure in order to grabs people's impression as a good person. There is a huge differentiation between his action when he is faces other people and his truly characteristic when he is in his private area. James Spiegel quoted Judith Sklar's statement that said in hypocrites always there is a distance between assertion and performance. This statement also can be applied in Soaphead Church who has a totally differentiation between his outer performance that he shows to others and his truly characteristics that he hides from them.

Soaphead Church is experienced hypocrisy of inconsistency since he cannot keep the consistency between his action and his words and vice versa. The inconsistency also comes from the way he sets himself when he faces other people and when he is in his privacy area when no one sees him. Since he always tries to looks so good in front of other people while his truly characteristic is the immoral one Soaphead Church is successfully experienced the hypocrisy of Inconsistency.

### **Dishonest External Hypocrites**

Soaphead Church may call as a dishonest external hypocrite who means people's stated beliefs contradict their action and their internal actual beliefs. Even though Soaphead Church is always produces beautiful words and actions to others, he still could not keep his bad attitude once a while. The example is when he could not keep his sexual disorder. He still could not keep his sexual desires towards little girls. He did impolite action towards young little girl. His victims are Frieda, Sugar Babe and Doreen.

*"I can do nothing for you, my child. I am not a magician. I work only through the Lord. He sometimes uses me to help people. All I can do is offer my self to Him as the instrument through which he works. If He wants your wish granted, He will do it (Morrison,1994:174)*

This is the example of Soaphead Church's stated belief that he always tells to others. In his stated belief he is always produces good words and bringing God's figure that represent a religious person. He repeatedly bringing God's figure in order to convince people around him. Soaphead Church, through his beautiful words tries to sets up himself better in front of other people by saying that he only works through the Lord; works in a God's

way. By doing so, people will consider him as a good person who can leads them to better place; in a God's way.

*He. . . picked at me"*

*"Picked at you? You mean like Soaphead Church?"*

*"Sort of"*

*.....*

*"Where"*

*"Here and here." She pointed to the tiny breast that, like the fallen acorns, scattered a few faded rose leaves on her dress (Morrison,1970: 99) – conversation between Claudia and Frieda.*

*...The little girls are the only things I'll miss. Do you know that when I touched their sturdy little tits and bit them – just a little – I felt I was being friendly? .....Two of them, Doreen and Sugar Babe, they'd come together. I gave them mints, money, and they'd eat ice cream with their legs open while I played with them. (Morrison, 1970:181)*

Status as a Soaphead Church does not mean that he can stop his sexual desire towards young little girl. What does Frieda did when he pointed her breast shows how Soaphead Church treats her. Picks the breast of young little girl is an impolite action that very contradict with his words that he always shows to others. Picking young little girl's breast is an impolite action that should not be done by a man who is called as a clergyman. An action that is not represents a pure man like Soaphead Church.

His letter to God also explains how he treats Sugar Babe and Doreen in impolite way. Playing with those two little girls with their legs is open is an immoral action that should not be done by a pure man such as clergyman. His action towards those three young little girls is very contradicts with his words that he always showed to others. He always declares himself as a spiritualist, but his action towards Frieda, Sugar Babe and Doreen shows the opposite one. He is an active pedophile even when he was regarded as a Soaphead Church. His action towards those three young little girls is the representation of his internal actual beliefs which is not religious at all. Someone who is religious would not do an impolite action towards girl like what just Soaphead Church done to Frieda, Sugar Babe and Doreen. What he did when he alone is the representation of his internal actual beliefs that he could not shows in front of others.

Soaphead church is may call as a dishonest external hypocrites since his stated belief that always produces good words is not consistent with his impolite and immoral actions towards the little girls. His action that is not represent a good person

is the reflection of his internal actual belief that not religious at all. Because of that, Soaphead Church is properly called as Dishonest External Hypocrites.

### 3.1.2.2 Dishonest Internal Hypocrites

Since he moved to Lorain, Ohio and considered as a Soaphead Church, he is properly called as a dishonest internal hypocrites. Soaphead Church is always produces beautiful a word by bringing God figure and plays the action that represents a good and pure man while his internal actual belief is not religious at all.

*"I can do nothing for you, my child. I am not a magician. I work only through the Lord. He sometimes uses me to help people. All I can do is offer my self to Him as the instrument through which he works. If He wants your wish granted, He will do it (Morrison,1994:174)*

The statement from Soaphead Church is the example of his stated belief that always produces a beautiful words trough God's figure. To all his patients he always said *"All I can do is offer my self to Him as the instrument through which he works"*. That statement is his way to convince his patient that they came to the right person. Soaphead Church is always bringing God's figure to build people's impression towards him that he is a religious person. A person who is can help other people trough the God's power. Besides saying good words, Soaphead Church is also always produces good gestures to complete his drama in order to build people's impression that he is a good clergyman. By producing gentleman figure, he set his self image in front of people's point of view.

*God has done a poor job, and Soaphead suspected that he himself could have done better. It was in fact a pity that the Maker had no sought his counsel (Morrison, 1970: 173).*

Soaphead Church is always states and acts that he loves and believes in God, while actually his internal actual belief is said the opposite one. The narration above is the example of Soaphead Church's internal actual belief. Besides his holly appearance, Soaphead Church thinks that he is better than God in the case of solving people's problem. This action is not represents a clergyman who highly respected by others.

Soaphead Church's way to stands as a good man through his words and action while his truly belief is the immoral one successfully leads him to being dishonest internal hypocrite

### The Cause of Soaphead Church's Hypocrisy

Soaphead Church is known as a clergyman who is sinless and pure person. He is also known as



a man who can help others to solve their problem who needs his solution. Behind his beauty appearance, he is a sinful person who doing many immoral sins that should not be done by a clergyman. Soaphead Church is living his hypocrisy since he was considered as a clergyman by the society. Focusing his social position, there must be a reason that leads him to be hypocrite.

Social theorist stated that social behavior is ruled by the roles and status which accepts (Lamm and Schaefer, 1998: 137). Elihue Micah Whitcomb or Soaphead Church is a clergyman who was pedophile and sinful person. Since he was considered as clergyman, he deals with norms, rules, and standards as a clergyman. As a member of society, he cannot live individually without tied with social's rules and norms. Moreover, he has good reputation that makes him highly appreciated by others and leads him has an honorable position in society. He holds important roles since he was being the source of people who are need his advices. Consequently, Soaphead Church's attitudes are closely related to social aspect dealing with his social status as a clergyman.

Soaphead church is known as a clergyman, so, he is obligated to belief in God and applying the religious demands in his daily life. Because of that, Soaphead Church is not expected to does any mistakes because it will make him get disrespectful treat from society. *Once he understood their decision, he quickly followed through, accepting the name (Soaphead Church) and the role they had given him (Morrison, 1970: 171).* Since Eliheu Micah Whitcomb was considered as a clergyman, he had to follow the rules that given to him. A prestigious role that is given by the society to him makes give him 'homework' to play a role that expected to him. Sociologist stated that each of social status is tied with roles and norms. A social role consist of many expectations from a society where he/she belongs who given social status or position (Lamm and Schaefer, 1998: 129). It means that everyone who has prestigious status in society is tied with roles that are given by the society. In a simple meaning, as a person who has social status or social position, has to follows the rules and plays the role well in order to fulfill the expectation that given by society.

Unfortunately, Soaphead Church who is known as a religious person has many immoral sins that not represent a clergyman. What he did and what he does is out of people's expectation towards him. Moreover, his sins are intolerable and had a chance to leads him into getting social punishment. No one seems to accept the sins of homosexual, pedophile and his other sins. His biggest sin is lying

other people that he is a clergyman that caused other people trust him in much and put highly appreciation toward him. He is also not religious people at all. He only puts advantages by his holly appearance in order to fulfill the society expectation to him. He did many unrespectable mistakes. He was homosexual, he is pedophile, he is even cannot apply the religious action in his daily life. He blames God people suffers and thinks that he is better than God. A clergyman would not do acting like that and no one would accept those all his sins. So, it seems impossible for him to admire his truly character towards others. It will ruin people's respect towards him.

Soaphead Church is a man with prestigious status in society. He never seems to do wrong or unacceptable actions in front of people's view. The society put highly trusts and expectations toward him to help them solve their problem and lead them into better place in God's way. His sins, truly attitudes and his thirsts of praise lead him into the thought how wins people's trust and keep their expectations towards him. He decides to keep his sins by himself and perform an image that expected by society. Since his position as a Soaphead Church tightened with people expectation, he decides to lives in hypocrisy.

## CONCLUSION

Having analyzed Soaphead Church as the hypocrite character of *The Bluest Eyes* by Toni Morrison from sociological point of view, this study finds the relation between individuals and the society he or she belongs to. There are some social factors related to his hypocrisy.

Soaphead Church is a hypocrite since the society considered him as a clergyman. His hypocrisy is described in the manifestation, the kinds and the cause of his hypocrisy. Soaphead Church's hypocrisy is manifested in his life as a clergyman in Lorain, Ohio. He manipulates others by standing as a good person in order to fulfill the social expectation towards him. He maintains his hypocrisy by continuing acts and speaks like a clergyman while his real character is very immoral.

Based on the hypocrisy concept by James Spiegel, Soaphead Church is experienced the two kinds of hypocrisy which are hypocrisy of pretense and hypocrisy of inconsistency. While applying the concept of hypocrites by Lonnie Lee Best, Soaphead Church may call as a dishonest internal hypocrites and dishonest external hypocrites.

Soaphead Church becomes a hypocrite due to a reason. He is a person with high social status that highly respected by others. Soaphead Church cannot break the rules by admitting his faults



because it will ruin his reputation in society. He cannot avoid the social expectation towards him as a reader, adviser, interpreter of dreams and also a clergyman since the society considered him as a clergyman and put highly respect towards him. In other words, Soaphead Church is tied by his social status and people's expectation toward him.

He was hypocrites other not only to get people's attention, but also to cover up his mistake. As a hypocrite, he is not only inconsistent with his action and his words, but he also inconsistent with his internal actual beliefs. Sometimes his words is contradict his action and his internal actual beliefs, but in other time his action are consistent his words, but it not consistent with his internal actual beliefs. As a hypocrite, he cannot hold the consistency between those three parts of himself which are his words, his acts and his internal actual belief.

This study is about Soaphead Church's hypocrisy in Toni Morrison's *The Bluest Eye* was conducted based on sociological approach. Regarding that there are many approaches which can be applied to analyze this novel; this novel can be explored deeper. Moreover, *The Bluest Eye* is a great novel that consists of many aspects that can be analyzed from various points of view. In other hand, this study only uses the two concepts of hypocrisy by James Spiegel and the other two concepts of hypocrites by Lonnie Lee Best. So, it will be great if the other study can use the concept of hypocrisy by James Spiegel and Lonnie Lee Best in this novel with deeper analysis.

This research can be uses as a reference either from the concept of hypocrisy, one of the topics in Toni Morrison's *The Bluest Eye* to give basic understanding that related to literary research.

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