

**DR.JEKYLL'S INDIVIDUALISM AND ITS BAD IMPACTS ON SELF AND OTHERS IN ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON'S *STRANGE CASE OF DR.JEKYLL AND MR.HYDE***

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**Abstract**

Individualism has been understanding and has been already applied by people in particular countries their habit and personality. Individualism centers on "self-concept" to persist on life. This study aims to represent Dr.Jekyll's individualistic personality and bad impacts on self and others because of his personality. This study adapts individualism approaches by Thomas Hobbes "Leviatan" and John Stuart Mill "On Liberty" and others thinkers to support the study. This study will analyze on how individualism is represented through Dr.Jekyll and how the bad impacts on himself and others because of his individualist personality. The writer uses three components for defining individualism in Dr.Jekyll, which are independent, loner, and uniqueness. Then the bad impact is alienated into two parts (Self and other) in order to clarify how individualism brings bad situation for the characters. The result performs that Dr.Jekyll is truly acknowledged as individualist through his habit, acts, talk, etc and his personality actually bring him and other into danger position. Dr.Jekyll falls into stress and depression while the other (Mr.Utterson and Dr.Layon) are placed them into misunderstanding which build miscommunication because of low-level social communication from Dr.Jekyll to his friends.

**Keywords:** individualism, independent, loner , uniqueness, bad impacts of being individualist.

**Abstrak**

Individualism telah menjadi trend dan telah diaplikasikan oleh penduduk di Negara-negara tertentu untuk menjadi kebiasaan dan kepribadian mereka. Individualisme berfokus pada konsep diri sendiri untuk bertahan hidup. Skripsi ini bertujuan untuk merepresentasikan kepribadian individualistis dalam diri Dr.Jekyll dan pengaruh buruk terhadap dirinya dan orang lain karena kepribadian itu. Kajian ini menggunakan pendekatan individualisme dari Thomas Hobbes "Leviathan" dan John Stuart Mill "On Liberty" dan juga pemikiran-pemikiran lain untuk mendukung kajian ini. Kajian ini akan menganalisis tentang bagaimana individualisme di representasikan melalui Dr.Jekyll and bagaimana pengaruh buruknya terhadap dirinya dan orang lain. Penulis menggunakan tiga komponen untuk menunjukkan individualisme, antara lain kemandirian, penyendiri, dan keunikan. Lalu untuk pengaruh buruknya dibagi menjadi dua bagian ( diri sendiri dan orang lain) untuk menjelaskan bagaimana individualisme membawa situasi yang buruk untuk karakter. Hasilnya menunjukkan bahwa Dr.Jekyll adalah seorang individualist sebenarnya yang terlihat dari kelakuan, aksi, perkataannya dan kepribadianya ini membawanya dan yang lain ke dalam posisi yang berbahaya. Dr.Jekyll jatuh dalam tekanan mental dan depresi sementara yang lain di letaknya dalam kesalahpahaman yang membentuk komunikasi yang berantakan karena keredahan level dari sebuah komunikasi kepada teman-temannya

**Kata Kunci:** individualisme, kemandirian, penyendiri, keunikan, dampak buruk dari seorang individualist

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## BACKGROUND

Individualism is being trend issue in particular countries which is applied to become their actual habit. This understanding is in line with the human right aspect where the actor can express his self-reliant and choosing his personal wills. Individualism centers in how a person reflects himself as "self" (Hobbes:1651)The root of individualism is about 2,500 years ago where Plato lived. His idea concerns in dualism that dominances Christianity's understanding. This philosophy brings to shadowing of a reality. Living together is less important and people begins considering about utopia world where it has a doctrine if personal goals is more important than community life. While individualism in England has begun in 16<sup>th</sup> century because of religion transition. In the UK, individualism covers religious discrepancies (ie non-conformity with the Church of England). This era is called as Renaissance era where "humanism" takes important role at that time to uplifting a person to higher level as sacred one. Contrast of the Church which can only consider as God's institution for all people (Wallace :1982, pg-20) . However the result is so unpredictable where makes an individual separates himself from community. It would become a seed of the Enlightenment era in 17<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> century. Then it makes the Enlightenment thinkers considers to the reality of freedom, privacy, self-sufficient, dignity, and self-determination (Wallace :1982, pg-22).

This understanding inspires the writer to apply individualism in a work *Strange Case of Dr.Jekyll and Mr.Hyde* by Robert Louise Stevenson.. Even though Stevenson's work, *Strange Case of Dr.Jekyll and Mr.Hyde*, closely relates to be a source of psychological matter especially in understanding split personality. Dr.Jekyll experiences dual nature of man where one body has two opposite souls and where known as Good Vs Devil (McDonnald, 2008; Sorensen, 2012; Hedlund, 2015). Dr.Jekyll represents of good and Mr.Hyde reveals to Devil. Those representation perform about physical and personality each of an individual. Dr.Jekyll is suffered a lot because the result of his experiment which changes his personality too. While Stevenson also tries to cover the social status of individual and group. In the Victorian era has problems with social relation, credibility, and social ill. All of the incident comes from Dr.Jekyll's belief that '*that man is not truly one, but truly two*'. So Dr.jekyll

does an experiment which separates his soul into two parts (bad and good side) (McDonnald:2008).

It will create a new thing where this work is really well known has a theme about double personality but the writer try to apply something new into this novella especially in individualism matter. This study concerns to reveal some facts if Dr.Jekyll is identified as individualist and this kind of personality can bring bad impacts toward himself or others. The author uses individualism approach from Thommas Hobbes and John Stuart Mill. Because these two theorist fulfills the characterization of Dr.Jekyll as independent. Beside, the author will uses Dr.Jekyll as object of this study. Even though Dr.Jekyll and Mr.Hyde can not be separated because they are in one body and soul but in different personality. Dr.Jekyll also contributes into formation of Mr.Hyde's personality where it can be said if unconsciously Mr.Hyde includes as individualist too. Probably the study that view Mr.Hyde as individualist will be shown in the future research.

From the paragraphs above, the author finds two questions that related to the topic and analysis in Robert Louis Stevenson's *Strange Case of Dr.Jekyll and Mr.Hyde* : (1) How is individualism represented through Dr.Jekyll in Robert Louis Stevenson? (2) what are the bad impacts of being individualism on self and others in Robert Louis Stevenson *Strange Case of Dr.Jekyll and Mr.Hyde*?. This study will discuss mostly about the main character (Dr.Jekyll) in *Strange Case of Dr.Jekyll and Mr.Hyde* by Robert Louis Stevenson to show the role and meaning about individualism in three components (independent, loneliness, and uniqueness) and the impact of being individualist on self and others. The indication that shows Dr.Jekyll as individualist can be described on his talks, his letter and document , and among characters' dialogues, etc. The theory uses some considerations among philosophers such as John Stuart Mill " On Liberty" and Thomas Hobbes "Leviatan" as the major sources and other thoughts as additional reference to accomplish the study

## METHOD

The author will do close reading about the novella by Robert Louis Stevenson *Strange Case of Dr.Jekyll and Mr.Hyde* as the source of the study. In this study uses library research where the data take through direct quotation, dialogues, and narrative, and paraphrasing in

the novel that points of Dr.Jekyll as individualist and shows some proofs if being individualist also can bring bad impacts on self and others. This study uses some theories of individualism by Thommas Hobbes in "Leviathan" and John Stuart Mill in "On Liberty", which both are depicted individualist pattern, are used as the main theories to underline the ideas about individualism understanding in novella and some additional theory which can be considered to support the study such as Hebert Spencer, Triandis et al, Nancy Amstrong, and Peter caller which divide some characteristic of individualism through three components ( independent, loneliness, and uniqueness).

## **DISCUSSION**

*Strange case of Dr.jekyll and Mr.Hyde* is a novella which represents individualistic personality especially for the main characters. Dr.Jekyll as main cast who plays up duality toward himself unconsciously expresses individualism toward his personality. This assumption reflected on the way he acts toward several characters and based on his letter or document which left intentionally. For individualistic characterization divides into three components such as be independent, be a loner and be unique.

### **1. Dr.Jekyll's individualism**

Individualist emphasizes the importance of independent thinking, and encourages us to focus on our own goals and aspirations. Individualist thinkers pursue their own desires without the interference of others. In the case of scientists, individualism means achieving personal satisfaction through the understanding of nature. The goal sows the seeds of scientific seed needed for a lifelong commitment to research. A passionate scientist is someone who believes that the study, reflection, and understanding of nature is a joy in and of themselves (Constantine et al, 2003). Scientist implies independent life in developing a research. Independent of Dr.Jekyll consists of some points which are about his independent thinking, his satisfied feeling toward new invention, and his commitment to his experiment

Dr.Jekyll's independent thinking comes up when he starts his experiment by an understanding "*that man is not truly one, but truly two*" (74). It created by himself who believe if human has two opposite sides which are bad and good. It can be identified as his assumption toward human personality which is kind of

new thing to be explored more. His independent thinking influences him to do more about his experiment. The way Dr.Jekyll thinks about his invention already shows up how he lives on independent characteristic where he has own authority and autonomy of choice without taking other (Constantine et al., 2003)). "*I must here speak by theory alone, saying not that which I know, but that which I suppose to be most probable*" (76) shows that Dr.Jekyll do the experiment alone and the consideration treat him to do much critical thinking and analyses in purpose to complete the invention. "*I say two, because the state of my own knowledge does not pass beyond that point*" (75) being his motivation to continue his invention where he want to complete his hypotheses. Dr.Jekyll is tempted to across the knowledge about human nature and also break his limit thought about human nature. To reach his goal, Dr.Jekyll combines his "*intelligence, the moral and the intellectual,*" (74) to reveal the truth about his invention. So it can be inferred if Dr.Jekyll love to think anything critically especially for thought which come from himself as his duty being a scientist.

An individualist prefers to do anything by self in term of getting a comfortable feeling toward his business. In the context of "*Comfortable feeling*" describes the actor's way to make sure if everything goes in the right path even it forces the actor checks all the details so it can minimize the mistakes during doing the process which can be known as a commitment for a business (Lukes, 2012). Dr.Jekyll as scientist surely has tied up himself to his experiment in purpose to fulfill his commitment which looked in "*I purchased at once, from a firm of wholesale chemists, a large quantity of a particular salt*" (77) which exhibits how Dr.Jekyll do his experiment seriously. He does not want to put a material mistakenly. He even uses ingredient which is ordered in well-known chemist to perform his seriousness to stay away from any small mistake. While Dr.Jekyll's commitment also can be looked at his braveness to take all the consequences which probably create a bad situation for himself "*I knew well that I risked death;..... But the temptation of a discovery so singular and profound, at last overcame the suggestions of alarm*" (76) as his alibi to keep going with his experiment. Even though he knows the bad thing will occurs because his invention is dangerous to do. It proofs his commitment as scientist that combine his passion to upgrade his invention over and over.



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Dr.Jekyll's independent characteristic also represent on his satisfied feeling toward his research that depicted on *There was something strange in my sensations, something indescribably new and, from its very novelty, incredibly sweet. I felt younger, lighter, happier in body* (78) as his first impression toward his experiment. Dr.Jekyll presents his experiment as his new life which means he enjoys with the changes and transformations which he has. The impact on his feeling is very incredible even he is exulted "*in the freshness of these sensations*" (78) as his freedom feeling for being a new one as the result of his experiment. All those explanations have already shown up if Dr.Jekyll is truly categorized as independent guy which divides on his critical thinking, commitment, and his feeling toward the result on his experiment

Individualist tends to shape their own social relationship, environment, and also condition that fit into his or her personality as individualist including loves live apart from crowd (Trandis,1995, pg 920). Dr.Jekyll or Mr.Hyde indicates as an individualist character who love to be alone. The statement from Poole "*.....and how he shuts himself up. Well, he's shut up again in the cabinet*" (47) proofs if this action points to he like to be alone in close room, lock himself and think in calm atmosphere. It seems like Dr.Jekyll likes to draw his own environment and circle of social communication. The word "*how*" explains his condition that falls into seriousness and "*again*" exhibits that Dr.Jekyll lock himself in his private room frequently which means it can be his habit who love being a loner. Individualism also teach the actor the understanding of being loner. This realization comes because every communication which the actor does and "*other*" are sometimes unstable (Paul & Mullins, 1987). Then when a loner is in his or her unstable communication with other probably he or she has unfamiliar way to communicate with other such as when Dr.Jekyll asks an order to Poole (his butler) "*It was sometimes his way — the master's, that is — to write his orders on a sheet of paper and throw it on the stair*"(50) depicts Dr.Jekyll's willingness to limit his interaction for people around even to the person who live with him in years. Then statement above shows that a communication can be through letter or written text which is efficient for certain people who have introvert characteristic like Dr.Jekyll. In this case, Dr.Jekyll probably uses a letter to protect his privacy life to anyone whom he does not really trust at all.

A loner can be identified by someone who attempts to live apart in order to protect his privacy by organizing his favorite place (Paul & Mullins, 1987).

Room philosophically has meaning as comforting zone for anyone to express what he or she feels and being most favorite place to spend time all day long. For a loner, having a favorite place to do self-reflection is natural (Trandis:1995). So Dr.Jekyll as a loner and as a part of individualist character shows his personality through how he decorates his room "*The door was very strong, the lock excellent*" (66) which indicates Dr.Jekyll does not let anyone enter his room without his permission. "*door*" and "*lock*" are like a couple which can determine someone's destiny. It is possible when someone build up a room with special door and key means the owner want to keep his private life and secret inside. It happens to Dr.Jekyll who want to safe his privacy through his room. It means Dr.Jekyll obsesses with his loneliness which reflected on how difficult to open up the room "*after two hours' work, the door stood open.*" (66) as a proofs if he is serious to take care his private life well. Dr.Jekyll looks indisposed for someone who want to enter his room except he give an authority to enter it. Then it can be indicated if Dr.Jekyll keeps much secrets behind the laboratory door since he spends almost the entire time there, in which can reveal his behavior through what is inside of his room.

The personality of Dr.jekyll as a loner also can be shown by the conditions and atmospheres in his most favorite place such as "*his laboratory room*". So Dr.Jekyll seems to waste his time in his private cabinet (laboratory) and this place is like a party-wall which separates him with people around. The condition of the laboratory also support Dr.Jekyll get a comfortable feeling by his loneliness. This place is full of gloomy and dark atmosphere "*.....and the light falling dimly through the foggy cupola.*" (32) which describe Dr.Jekyll as a mysterious guy too. "*he eyed the dingy, windowless structure with curiosity*"(32) exhibits Dr.Jekyll closes all his relation and put all his secret in his private cabinet. The term "*windowless*" probably means Dr.Jekyll did not want anyone to cast in lost with his business. Dr.Jekyll's loneliness forces him to do his experiment seriously. His occupation as scientist demands him to always put attention toward his new invention and need a private room where no one never can distract him in any way. So it can be said if the laboratory room fits being his loveable room as a loner which represents himself in real. He can do anything what he likes including to fend and fight for himself toward his invention there.

"I have to ask you to be alone in your consulting-room, to admit with your own hand into the house a man who will present himself in my name, and to

place in his hands the drawer that you will have brought with you from my cabinet." (64)"

A loner will always perform his or her personality who loves to live apart even in complicated situation (Paul & Mullins, 1987). Even though Dr.Jekyll is in dangerous position where he really needs help and decides to ask Dr.Layon for solving but his command still contains a concept to avoid much attentions around such as *"to be alone in your consulting-room"* (64) which means Dr.Jekyll makes his own scenario in order to minimize any possibilities for people who wants to dismantle his secret. It seems Dr.Jekyll also believes Dr.Layon much to bring his potion to him and trusts if Dr.Layon will never slip away his secret to anyone. Another indication appears if individualist has small inner circle in which the actor feel freely to do interaction. Like Dr.Jekyll did to Dr.Layon that he prepares and asks any order toward his best friend and makes sure if Dr.Layon will do his command alone. This order is very private because it deals with his huge secret. While Dr.Jekyll also emphasize on several times for Dr.Layon to do his order by himself without knowing others. Based on some proofs above shows if Dr.Jekyll is truly a loner.

Uniqueness emphasizes on how people realize to be unique which has connection or relation in term of individualism that focus on being *"only one of its kind"*. Individualism looks the actor differently by other people. They have a right to perform their uniqueness which fits into self-concept such as self-interest, self-reliant, etc (Kelley, 1952). Dr.Jekyll in *Strange Case of Dr.Jekyll and Mr.Hyde* performs his uniqueness through his thought and acts.

According to Kelley (1952) said the uniqueness of individual appears because he wants to contribute in society in different way. The existences of someone is reflected how he or she lives differently that makes them being *"one of a kind toward society"*. Therefore Dr.Jekyll has outstanding thought beside the reason of being scientist and his responsibility to create something new emerges a hypotheses toward personality. The uniqueness of Dr.Jekyll reflects on the way he thought about personality in each human. He believes if *"that man is not truly one, but truly two"* which shows uncommon consideration of personality. This thought brings him into the complicated research which make him looking different from other. His irrational thought drags on too long road of curiosity. This feeling forces

him to complete his mission toward his experiment. Dr.Jekyll believes on his hypotheses.

The uniqueness thought of Dr.Jekyll by *"doing the good things in which he found his pleasure"* (75) shows how he want to get pleasure through his consciousness which probably not all human can realize it. It is very clear if he attempts to create something new about psychological matter. This plan about *"learned to recognize the thorough and primitive duality of man"* (75) shows the differences between him and others. While other probably never think about this kind of matter especially for human psychology identities. *"life would be relieved of all that was unbearable"* (75) represents the willingness of Dr.Jekyll to be unique by feel free to express a feeling. In this case, Dr.Jekyll will release his feeling through his experiment and be different with it. *"separate identities"* (75) is the main point of his uniqueness thought that makes him get temporary glory on himself. This phrase refers to how Dr.Jekyll believe if man nature consist of two opposite part or another term says *"binary opposition"* which is good vs bad. The cause why Dr.Jekyll do this except he is a scientist, because he lives in a period *"I WAS born in the year 18"* (73) that everything concern in morality which forces him to be perfect and mannered. However he rebels the rule on his research and practice himself as the object and showing that freedom of soul is needed. Dr.Jekyll convince himself if his hypothesis will bring him into new world. Factually Dr.Jekyll is good person who want to show his uniqueness and different desire in psychology matter but unfortunately the impacts carries him into death. *"with a strong glow of courage"* (76) shows the uniqueness of Dr.Jekyll that he will go toward his invention whatever the consequences. *"courage"* has a meaning to convince himself if the decision that he take, is the best one and it is possible to the actor will face any impact that come to him. Individualism and uniqueness has almost same definition which concern in self-concept (Powers, 2013). Then Dr.Jekyll also has adapted that concept to himself by defining his experiment as self-achievement. Dr.Jekyll's self-achievement is looked by his transformation from Dr.Jekyll to his alter-ego Mr.Hyde that makes him be the first one who can do that change and his braveness to face the consequences even threats his life. So it can be inferred if Dr.Jekyll is an unique person through his thought that makes him be *"one of a kind"* at the time and his choices in being brave to face all effects because of his invention.

## **2. Individualism's Bad Impacts On Self and Others**

Individualism creates disadvantage effects toward self and society. For self, individualistic personality affects the actor feels in bad situation especially for his psychological matter. For society, individualist will lose social interaction which is easier for getting miscommunication among the individuals (Lukes, 2012). In this case, individualism can trigger some complicated situation because Dr.Jekyll never discusses and shares to anyone about his experiment and the result carries much ironies toward himself and society

Individualism lets someone decides what kind of interaction that the actor want to do. Actually individualist will have low level of communication toward society. People in individualistic culture tend to activate their social tendencies to create a gap- to separate self toward other where they also do same thing. This condition will affect individualist's psychology which can appear some uncomfortable feeling such as heightened anxiety, stress, depression, and the worst is committing suicide (Brewer:2017). Dr.Jekyll as individualist character has experiences the bad impact on his personality. It depicted on how he suffers much ironies toward his experiment which actually he does not want to share or discuss first with his friend.

"God knows; I am careless; this is my true hour of death, and what is to follow concerns another than myself. Here then, as I lay down the pen and proceed to seal up my confession, I bring the life of that unhappy Henry Jekyll to an end. (96)"

Dr.Jekyll as individualist character feels depressed toward himself who decides to do his invention without having any discussion with others. When he confesses his fault, it seems like he absolutely performs in death instinct dominance. Some words like "careless","death","end", "follow concerns", and "unhappy" indicate Dr.Jekyll truly want to give up on his life because of his big mistake and his sins. While it performs how Dr.Jekyll falls into depression condition. Even he defenselessly let God punish him because of his mistake. "*this is my true hour of death*" reflects how Dr.Jekyll feel nauseated toward his experiment and "Death" is being the last choice for leaving all his problem behind. Dr.Jekyll confesses that he is wrong in doing his invention and believe his hypothesis about human personality. Next "careless" becomes a sign for him to realize his mistake that he needs someone else to share his plan. He forget about others consideration that

can help him complete his mission. His personality as individualist drags him into "egoistic" person which push away any comment and critic in his experiment. Dr.Jekyll also confesses that his life is unhappy and full of regret feeling which is depicted in "*I bring the life of that unhappy Henry Jekyll to an end*" which is told us that his problem is kind of serious and difficult to solve. "unhappy" also described that he has not a purpose of life anymore and decide to cut off his experiment as soon as possible because the effect is very dangerous. He loses himself included body, mind, feeling, personality. So being individualist can be dangerous for the actor if he can not control and disport him when he must be in group or when he live as individualistic one.

Mr.Hyde is failed product from Dr.Jekyll's experiment who creates a big deal toward Dr.Jekyll's destiny. As the result, Dr.Jekyll is not capable to solve the bad effect from his transformation "*..... I am quite done with him*" (33) reflects he really wants to stop his experiment but it seems he does not know how to handle it and it also represent that he really feel hopeless for future. Then Dr.Jekyll finally gives up in term of "done" and rethinking about himself in purpose to "*thinking of my own character*" (33) as realization of his wrong experiment. So individualist character in the first outlook is someone who is full of confident toward himself but if they had experienced something bad, he will decrease his confident ()

"I was driven to reflect deeply and inveterately on that hard law of life, which lies at the root of religion and is one of the most plentiful springs of distress".(74)

As the result of his experiment factually he experienced dilemma between his belief and his laws about personality. It indicates actually Dr.Jekyl realizes if his hypothesis had broken the law even religion in which the consequences will create much sufferings. His individualistic character brings him into two different road which makes him into peace or darkness. However he still decides to continue his experiment which means he prefers to uncared with the rule, law and norms. So it is no wonder if Dr.Jekyll will face and receive all bad impact on self which deal with his experiment. "*reflect deeply and inveterately*" (74) actually can be his turning point to stop all that nightmare but he refuses it.

An individualist character will put all his efforts in his work and it happens to Dr.Jekyll. "*I laboured, in the eye of day, at the furtherance of knowledge*" (74) is the evidence how Dr.Jekyll shows the seriousness in his



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invention for a new knowledge. However the impact is so pathetic where a darkness come into his life which is full of “*sorrow*” and “*suffering*” incidents. Those words describe how deep he feels much ironies toward his life and he realize if the death will come to him. Loneliness makes Dr.Jekyll in a sorrow and bad situation. He is not accustomed to open with people around. Then usually loneliness is a part of individualist personality (). Dr.Jekyll also said “.....; *I was no more myself*” (74) performs reliance crisis and “plunged in shame” describes how he feels regretful of what he did on his experiment.

‘I am painfully situated, Utterson; my position is a very strange — a very strange one. It is one of those affairs that cannot be mended by talking.’()

Everything will go wrong when individualist character has fallen into depressed and suffered feeling. Dr.Jekyll as individualist character experienced the deepest sorrow in his life which create a “strange” feeling. The word “strange” and the phrase “painfully situated” reveals that Dr.Jekyll feel in different place and his road seems like very steep. Dr.Jekyll implicitly confesses if he had done something bad toward himself and people around and he realizes if he was in dangerous place which threat his life even can make him give up toward his life. He feels very desperate toward his problem even to talk and share it is very hard to do. It is one of consequences that Dr.Jekyll must to do because he create something dangerous for himself. If he considers about the norm, law, and his religion and also ask recommendation for other, probably it would not be happened.

“Many a man would have even blazoned such irregularities as I was guilty of; but from the high views that I had set before me, I regarded and hid them with an almost morbid sense of shame.” (73)

It seems Dr.Jekyll hold the understanding of being individualist person which choose to hide his secret in his mind but it makes him lives in fear and anxiety feeling in his along life. Individualist will fight for himself to get their own glory(Hobbes,1651). It makes the actor increases his confident toward his work. It happens to Dr.Jekyll who prefers to keep his research even though it has very much risks and bad consequences toward him and his society. In purpose to continue his research Dr.Jekyll seems like doing self-imposed which depicted in “*morbid sense of shame*” where occurs particular pressure for himself. The psychology of

Dr.Jekyll experiences a crisis where he feels in guilty toward his acts and this condition falls him into stress and complicated condition. It drives him into the darkness of life. In his revealing letter also emphasizes on “*irregularities*” which reflects on error manner, bad, darkness, and all negative stuffs.

So it can be inferred if the action and personality of Dr.Jekyll makes him in danger position where he is formed as stubborn person who loves to keep his research well. Beside this action is based on to maintain his professionalism as scientist who want to make new invention toward his society. However his hypothesis and research is irrational to do and agreed by his best friend Dr.Layon but he prefers to continue his work. The others reason is Dr.Jekyll avoids to share and discuss his research first to others so it performs his credibility person as individualist who concern in being independent. Actually Dr.Jekyll realizes and recognized what will happen to his experiment. As the consequences he has to take all the negative effects such as he has to experience much ironies in his life and lives in darkness

One of bad side of being individualist is about decreasing interpersonal relationship to each other. It means individualist really bounds their contribution toward society goals in which the actor always concern to their self-interest. This condition factually will be easier to occur miscommunication among the actors since they love to minimize social interaction each other (Bramwell, 2015; Lukes, 2012; Nelson, 2002). Dr.Jekyll as individualist character puts Mr.Utterson in confusing situation deals with his new invention

“poor Harry, what a waking! And the danger of it; for if this Hyde suspects the existence of the will, he may grow impatient to inherit. Ay, I must put my shoulder to the wheel if Jekyll will but let me,’ he added, ‘if Jekyll will only let me.’ For once more he saw before his mind’s eye, as clear as a transparency, the strange clauses of the will” .(22)

It happened to Mr.Utterson who is best friend of Dr.Jekyll. In this case Dr.Jekyll creates many unanswered questions. Even he makes Mr.Utterson got in confusing situation because of Dr.Jekyll’s experiment. His actions unconsciously drags Mr.Utterson to a misunderstanding situation. Mr.Utterson is a lawyer who is very care toward his friend and curious toward something new. Dr.Jekyll personality as individualist which can hide his secret well successfully deceives Mr.Utterson’s

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assumption. It is caused by Dr.Jekyll who also does not really like to open and shares any discussion especially toward his invention. So it makes Mr.Utterson thinks the victim is Dr.Jekyll but the fact says if Dr.Jekyll is the main suspect in this problem. Mr.Utterson said "*poor Jekyll*" describes misunderstanding on Jekyll's problem. Dr.Jekyll seems very clever to make a good scenario for himself and his surrounding until some people believe him as a victim of his alter-ego. It seems like Mr.Utterson will help Dr.Jekyll to get out from this situation which brings many chaos and problems. It depicted on "*if Jekyll will only let me.*" (22) exhibits his dedication as trusted friend to help Dr.Jekyll that actually he gets in trap.

Individualist can make other getting shocked with any decision that individualist take. It is caused by individualist rarely to open up any communication toward environment which can spread some hatreds for this type of personal characteristic (Powers, 2013). It happens to Dr.Jekyll who is identified as individualist that put someone into complicated situation and make him lost his trust toward Dr.Jekyll as his best friend.

"What he told me in the next hour, I cannot bring my mind to set on paper. I saw what I saw, I heard what I heard, and my soul sickened at it; and yet now when that sight has faded from my eyes, I ask myself if I believe it, and I cannot answer. My life is shaken to its roots; sleep has left me; the deadliest terror sits by me at all hours of the day and night; I feel that my days are numbered, and that I must die; and yet I shall die incredulous (72)

Dr.Jekyll as individualist character unconsciously has made someone else in danger position. An individualist usually does something by himself and rarely to tell or share the discussion about his problem to another. This indication probably can be assumed as a cause to put someone in bad position. Dr.Jekyll never told about his experiment to another even to his best friend. Therefore it can be a problem for someone else who finally know about Jekyll's secret which has uncommon impact at the time. The impact is very serious, in this context views Dr.Layon as Jekyll's college friend which is very surprised knowing his invention. In Layon's perspective probably thinks that Dr.Jekyll is betrayer because his invention clearly breaks the rule. Therefore the reaction is very unpredictable, he even falls into the deepest guilty feeling toward his friend. Then likely or not, it will intrude on Layon's psychological health. Because he has emotional feeling toward Dr.Jekyll who is his best friend and always together in the past. Like what he wrote in his letter to

Mr.Utterson which reflects on how he got mad toward Dr.jekyll. "*my soul sickened*" describes how Dr.Layon falls into depression because knowing the bad reality. Psychological disorder also approaches him like a dark storm. When someone has very intimate relationship with other which put all of his trust to a person and one time he feels betrayed, the effect will go crazier.

'But it is more than ten years since Henry Jekyll became too fanciful for me. He began to go wrong, wrong in mind; and though of course I continue to take an interest in him for old sake's sake, as they say, I see and I have seen devilish little of the man. Such unscientific balderdash,' added the doctor, flushing suddenly purple, 'would have estranged Damon and Pythias.'(40)

Dr.Layon shows drastic alteration when he has talk about Dr.Jekyll. He performs his anger buoyantly. The gesture and talk that Dr.Layon do, occurs some indications if Dr.Layon feels in threatened because of Dr.Jekyll who makes him falls into incredulity feeling. "*he held up a trembling hand*" (40) assumes as pressuring condition if he is serious to stay away from his nightmare (Dr.Jekyll) and "trembling" exhibits that Dr.Layon is in panic, shocked, unconvinced, and fear situation. "*I am quite done with that person*" (40) signs if Dr.Layon cut all his relationship to Dr.Jekyll because he feels betrayed and disappointed toward Dr.Jekyll. Even Dr.Layon says "*Death to Dr.Jekyll*" performs that Dr.Layon really does not want to know about him anymore. "*devilish*" becomes the reason for Dr.Layon's reaction toward the truth. It is no wonder if Dr.Layon falls into shocked and hates him so bad. That word refers to darkness, criminals, all negative acts so it can be inferred if Dr.Jekyll had been done something bad for him and society. Dr.Layon's mimic changes to purple which predicts as frightened feeling because he feels if something bad will happen to him, his friend, and society.

It is such an ironic part where Dr.Layon has to flirt to death because of his curious toward Dr.Jekyll. He can not accept the truth which says Dr.Jekyll's transformation as monstrous. Even Dr.Layon get blurred definition between right and wrong. It means Dr.Jekyll's attitude and action put Dr.Layon in confused condition which brings him into a danger. The danger position here means Dr.Layon has two choices in order to revealing the truth. He talk the secret to public and makes his best friend got in guilty feeling or He must keep the secret and find the right time to revealing the truth and drag him into regretful and uncomfortable feeling. Dr.Layon seems like



being an insane because of his friend's case. However Dr.Layon is such a good friend who acquiesces himself to keep the truth until the right time and kill himself because he cannot face the consequences from the case that he knew.

So it infers that Dr.Jekyll with his personality as individualist has placed himself and other in dangerous situation. He can get stress, depression, and huge anxiety because of his stubborn to not share his invention to other. While other have damaged by misunderstanding because of low-level of Dr.Jekyll communication.

## CONCLUSION

*Strange case of Dr.Jekyll and Mr.Hyde* by Robert Louis Stevenson has another theme to be explored more about individualism. It can reflects on Dr.Jekyll and Mr.Hyde personality as individualist. However this study only discuss about Dr.Jekyll which is depicted in his acts, talks, and habits as individualist. Individualistic characteristic of Dr.Jekyll fits into three components that indicate someone has individualistic personality or not which are independent, loneliness, and uniqueness. Independent thinking of him reflects on the way his develops his invention and he also contributes 100% efforts toward his experiment by preparing the best quality of ingredients that he needs. Then he has full confident if this invention will bring him into glorious. On the other hand, factually someone who has individualistic character can has bad impacts on himself and others. it is caused by individualist people are very risky has psychology disorder such as depression, huge anxiety, stress, even committed to suicide. Individualist love to shape their environment and comforts being loners which creates low-level social communication which other. Dr.Jekyll did this symptom. During doing his invention, he never had asked other help or suggestion. It makes him falls into depression because he cannot share this to other. While individualist can trace someone into danger because it is very risky to have miscommunication and misunderstanding. Because the individualist love the keep the business in his mind. Dr.Jekyll traps Mr.Utterson in purpose to hide the truth. Mr.Utterson has misunderstanding about the case that Dr.Jekyll makes. So, it concludes if Dr.Jekyll positively acts like individualist because he fits with some components of being individualist through his talk, act, and habit. Besides having good impact, factually being individualist also has some disadvantages for himself and

others which place them into dangerous situation even drive them to end their life soon.

Moreover, the author hopes that will be next research about this novella with other topic or object. For instance, exploring Mr.Hyde's individualistic character or look this work in other ideas.

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