

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION

Forrest Gump is a mentally retarded man who has some magnificent talents that can be included as savant idiot. However extraordinary person he is, society often considers him an idiot or a moron. People tend to see him as a person who is unable to do anything worth in his life. In a society which emphasizes on work and achievement, Gump is considered worthless. They underestimate him since they think Gump will never achieve any material reward. However, Gump's attitudes have shown them that he is emotionally stable. IQ test may considers him idiot, but his EQ shows that he is more normal than any normal people in his society.

Forrest Gump, an innocent man, lives among the cynical society, which has its roots in the sixties. His character is the opposite of a cynic who sees life in the lens of gritty realism. Gump's value of life is in the ideal form and he is successful in maintaining his attitude. His mother taught him to do the right thing throughout his life. He does what is morally right, such as, saving Mao Zedong from drowning. He does not even know the political conflict that happened between the United States and China because his main concern is humankind. He experiences many hard times in his life; even so, Gump never loses his spirit. He treats those who have hurt him with love and kindness. For Gump, life is always beautiful because his life is full of kindness, goodwill, and warm friendship; a condition that should be built in order to create a better world. Another expression

which puts a central stress optimism in Gump's life is "life is like a box of chocolates, you will never know what you're gonna get". Life is as delicious as chocolates, when it is put on the box one never knows what kind of chocolate he or she will get. Even so, we are supposed to be optimist since we never know what tomorrow may brings.

Gump learns the philosophy of life from Dan, his best friend. He believes that he should find his place in this world and maintain his existence. In order to achieve this purpose, Gump decided not to give up for any obstacle in his life. However, as an innocent man, he often does not understand happenings surrounding him which causes hurt to human kind. He realizes that man should acts and follows his own heart and tries to better himself in a matter of feeling. To create a better world must be started from the person himself; he has to achieve peace in his heart. Wealth, fame and material comfort mean nothing for Gump. He finds out that happiness in life can be achieved by having a peaceful heart. Forrest Gump's character shows another interpretation of success. He manages to maintain his existence in this world only by being a decent, honest, kindhearted and innocent person. Forrest Gump's success is concerned with the matter of feelings. He defeats those who have hurt him with love and forgiveness.

Gump's existence among the cynical society is merely like a light of realization. His life is emphasized on friendliness, ease, simplicity and unhurried life. He has his own dreams like every body else in this world. The difference is that he never loses faith and spirit whenever he can not fulfil his dreams. Through this character, the author, Winston Groom, wants to show us "the right kind of

person” in the cynical society. A person who always thinks in an optimistic way, decent, honest, humble, and who adores the value of friendliness. This person is considered “healthy” since his heart is far from cynicism and hatred.

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