

CHAPTER IV

CONCLUSION

What has been described in Seven is the reflection of the modern society nowadays. It shows how modernity brings people not only to the progress of life, a better life as has been hoped, but also disasters that cannot be avoided as the consequence. It cannot be denied that modernity has taken part in creating violence happened everywhere. People starts to lose their humanity, values that used to be considered as sacred no longer has meanings now. It's a situation, which is depicted in the screenplay where spiritual dimension of life has been replaced by physical necessities. Human civilization may not survive and start to decline into devastation.

John Doe, as the main adversary in Seven, views the society from his existentialism philosophy. He believes that the people should find their meaning of life through their devotion to God. Therefore, he uses the seven deadly sins doctrine in order to remind people, how they have lived separated from God. In doing his actions, he shows his consistency of being an existentialist. He bears the consequences of his actions through his willingness in sacrificing his own life.

Moreover, when rationalism has failed in creating a better life for mankind, there is another offering in facing the declining of moral values in life. Postmodernism gives the alternative answer to face the destructions happened. It gives people pleasure in deciding what is good in their lives. They may have the freedom in choosing what is right or wrong based on they themselves since it is

believed that there is no longer absolute truth. This way of thinking ends with the same result as modernism. It is depicted in John Doe's attitude in his way of reminding people to think of what they have become. He is imposing what he considers as truth on others. If every person holds on with one's own concept of truth, then there will be chaos happened since there are many concept of truths revealed. This phenomenon is reckoned as the negative result of postmodern relativity. Thus, postmodernism does not make human's morality in modern era any better.

John Doe may have a great plan for changing the world into a better place (based on his own concept of truth though). But, he should realized that no matter how hard he had tried he cannot change the whole world by he himself. He should remember that the society in which he lives in, of course, has a strong system. Thus, he, as an individual, cannot fight against the system by himself. He cannot create his own ideal society, the modern people that he dreams of.

However, people have to be modern since it is the way in achieving the world's wealth. But, they must not lose their spirituality based on their own identities for human as a whole consists of rational and spiritual aspects. What causes violence in human's life is because people hold only on one of those aspects. Merely hold on rationalism makes mankind unable to define the meaning of life. Whereas, to hold on spirituality only make mankind unable to view the reality wisely. Then, people should be able to combine the two of them so that solid interdependency can be obtained. Through that way, people is hoped to realize their limit of capabilities so that they

will not regard themselves as the always-right people. And, it will make people to have dialogue sincerely with others, nature, and God.

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