

CHAPTER IV

CONCLUSION

Basically in every human being there are two personality which are in contrast one to another. The good and bad personalities, as symbols of virtue and evil. Which one is more dominant depends on every person himself. John Loving's background of life, that is the death of his parents, has destroyed his life. The loneliness, pain, sadness, disappointment, and anger make him disbelief in God. Because he does not have a guide of life, he has a problem with his personality, which is called split personality. As the result John has two contrastive personalities, as John and Loving. In one side, John is loving, gentle, nice, but he is a doubter, pessimistic, and weak person. While in another side, Loving is scornful, hateful, cruel, and strong.

The conflict between John and Loving makes the chaosity in John's life. He becomes a person who is unstable. He follows many ideologies and ended becomes an atheist, as the way to look for his self and his life's guide. John lives under Loving's compulsion and



influence. He lives in fear about the death and losing someone whom he loves.

The thing that can bring John's back as he used to be are his love to Elsa and feeling afraid to lose her. According to Thouless factors that can bring someone's back to the God are: the need of safety, the need of love, the need of self-esteem, and the need that arise because of death (31). Two of those factors that make John back to his God are the need of love and the need that arise because of death. His fear to be left alone makes John gets his strength to compete with Loving. He realizes that the only way for him to end his problem is back to the God. Finally he can get his faith in God back and destroy Loving from his life.

O'Neill also clarifies about how importance religion is in shaping man's personality. John Loving lives in a religious family and he grows up as a religious child. But when he puts God in doubt he becomes unstable. He does not have a life guide. His life is in disorder and miserable. It shows that if someone has a strong faith in God, this person will have a strong guide of life. On the contrary people who do not have faith in God, he does not have a guide of

life. Without a strong guide of life people won't have a strong personality, and without a strong personality it will be hard for him to survive in facing the problems of life. So with the faith in God, people will reach their life's goal.

The last thing that O'Neill wants to say is never too late to make something better. If there is a will there will be a way to solve the problem. There is nothing that can be reached easily in this life. For reaching the life's goal someone has to try hard. He has to fight and never give up in overcoming the problems. Finally the evil and the bad things will lose and the good things will win. And this can only happen through faith in God and a strong personality.

Thus, for having a strong personality there are many things that can influence and shape it. The most important thing is every person has to have a life guide. By having a strong life guide they can be able to survive in facing their problems. Moreover they can manage their life well and it will make them determine their life's direction. With a strong personality they can avoid every bad things that can happen and they will have a stable life.