

## **CHAPTER FOUR**

### **CONCLUSION**

A society is likely to state its environment moral codes and values. It influences its individuals to follow its moral codes. People believe that the moral codes of their society are correct. It is moral norms which control them so that they do what the society believes they should. All men shall act in term of how their social environment have determined they shall act.

The moral norms are not always fulfilled. Conflict may occur because someone's desire for something is stronger than his respect to the norms which forbid it. Society with its moral values refuse such social behaviors which deviates from the adopted values. Such behaviors are considered disapproval. What Maggie does is wrong in the eyes of her society. Her actions are disapproved by her environment.

People in Rum Alley lives in poverty but the destruction of Maggie is not mostly by the poverty. It is caused by the pressure of her social environment. That is the environment forces her to perform the expected action. She is unable to avoid that pressure. She suffers from her poverty, but

she suffers more from the demands and forces of her social environment which cause her to live in pressure.

Depression influences one's behavior. One may become have bad habits such as easily to get angry, drunk, jealous, and so on. Mr. Johnson and Mary are drowned into drinking habit. When they get drunk they have big fights and often beat their children. It makes the children afraid and feel depressed. Depression also causes Jimmie has an unfriendly attitude. He considers the others as his rivals. It is also depression that brings Maggie to kill herself. Feeling hopeless of having no one to help her, she chooses to be a prostitute and finally decides to end her life.

The Rum Alley people are trapped in their conventional values that they have to adopt and to follow in order to be accepted in the society. In fact, they fail to possess the codes of worth nobility and human kindness. Maggie is destroyed not by the physical reality of slum life. It is the morality which allows its user both to judge and to avoid themselves from the responsibility from those they judge.

The falsity morality of moral Rum Alley is revealed through the reaction of the priest whom Maggie happens to meet in the street. He feels disgusted and prefers to save his respectability as a church man than to save Maggie. Even the priest who has the responsibility to save sinners does no do

his duty. Maggie then becomes really immoral. Her weakness shows out the fact that her environment has failed to arm her with the moral strength. She would have been better if she knows how to behave with the guidance of her society's moral norms. But once more, no one would help her. In fact, they easily judge her as an immoral girl. The main function of morality is to govern all men's actions. It controls the people to behave well when he lives in a society, especially when he associates with the others.

At last, the theme of this is more complex than an innocent and good girl turns to be a bad one. It is not only to show influence of an environment, but also to point out the falsity of moral vision. Through this analysis, it is discovered that Maggie is the victim of the falsity of certain moral codes.

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