

## **ABSTRACT**

In the history of literature, Ford Madox Ford has crafted his name to be one of the most outstanding American writers. Through his major novel *The Good Soldier*, he reveals such an astonishing story of life in the early decade of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. By taking the life in Edwardian era, Ford successfully accomplished the complex relationships between two middle-aged couple, The American John Dowell and Florence Hurlbird and the English Edward Ashburnham and Lenora. Passion is the main stream of the story that leads the readers to a world of mystery through its deceitful language told by John Dowell, the main character that seemed passionless in the story.

The study focuses on the main character in the novel in relation with his self-experience discrepancy phenomenon and his reflect toward his sense of life. The intrinsic approach is used to analyze the intrinsic elements of the novel, namely character, as the starting point, in order to give a deeper understanding of the story. Carl Roger's theory on personality is applied as well, as the approaches to analyze psychological phenomenon of the main character.

John Dowell's self-experience discrepancy phenomenon is reflected on his behaviour in life. On the other hand, he naively neglects what he himself is going through. His self-experience discrepancy phenomenon then influences so much his sense toward life.

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION