

## ABSTRACT

Someone can experience something bad. He or she can also has negative feeling like hate, anger, jealousy, et cetera that is caused by rejection, overprotection, or parental indifference. Sometimes, this feeling can lead someone to neurosis described as a psychic disturbance brought by fears, and defenses against these fears, and by attempts to find compromise solutions for conflicting tendencies. Sometime he or she tries to cope this feeling by doing such strategy.

There are three kinds of trends or strategies that are used by neurotic to cope their feeling. One of them is called aggressive coping strategy or moving toward people. Basically, this kind of people believes that everyone is hostile and determines to fight. This aggressive people moves against others by appearing tough or ruthlessness.

In accordance with the statement of the problems, this thesis analyzes the causes and the manifestations of Josephine's neurosis. Josephine's neuroses are caused by her unattractive face, her parents' attitude, her grandfather's domination, and her precocious mental development. Then, she manifest his neurosis in her future life by fulfilling her needs that seems unrealistic such as: her need for power, need for personal admiration, need to exploit other, and need for achievement. She takes revenge to all people that have been hostile to her and even kills them if needed. She kills her grandfather because he has restricted her activities. She also kills her Nannie because she always criticizes her. She also

tries to attract people's attention and tries to be superior to them. However, her vanity has become her weaknesses and makes her killed at the end.

This study emphasizes on the causes and the manifestation of Josephine's neurosis. In collecting the data, the method is library research. The analysis uses descriptive analysis. The writer uses psychological approach, combined with psychoanalytic theory of neurosis by Karen Horney. The approach and theory are applied to analyze the causes and the manifestation of Josephine Leonide's neurosis in Agatha Christie's *Crooked House*.