

GENEROSITY OF PHILEAS FOGG IN JULES VERNE'S AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS.

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Abstract : The purpose of this study aimed to reveal the generosity in Jules Verne's *Around the World in 80 Days*. The research is categorized as qualitative research since the data were in the form of words and all data in this research gathered from library book and internet. There are two main sources here. In this case, the primary source is from Jules Verne's *Around the World in 80 Days*. The secondary sources are all references that support the analysis that could support this research. The result of this research shows that the generosity of the main character Phileas Fogg. Fogg is a truly gentleman. Being victorious leads people to be more known, gained reputation and respect, also money, but those things are not his priority because he already have enough. Phileas Fogg dare to around the world in 80 days. In his journey, he met Aouda who fell in love with Phileas Fogg because of his generosity, not by his money. Then, Phileas Fogg won his bet to around the world in 80 days and married Aouda.

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INTRODUCTION

"Literature is a uniquely human activity, born of a man's timeless desire to understand, express, and finally share experiences" (Pickering, James and Hoeper, Jeffrey D, 307). Besides, literature is called the work of written expression. Literature is a work of art that tells the elements of the story by displaying

emotions, expressions, and language-related to human life (Nanohy, Rorintulus & Kamagi, 2021). The novel is one of literary works, the novel can bring readers in various situations. Through various conflicts, events, and situations the readers seem the characters in the novel. Character is one of the important elements in the novel, it always becomes the agent of message that would like to send by the author to the reader so the reader can get so many lessons to appreciate the character. In this research the writer analyzed the main character.

Phileas Fogg is a mysteriously wealthy Englishmen with a knack for gambling, and is generally seen as a confident, inspiring sort of man. His willingness to attempt the feat of going around the world in 80 days shows that he is a risk-taking sort of man with boundless confidence.

Based on the novel, the writer found that Jules Verne's life experience becomes the inspiration in writing his books. In this novel, Verne introduces Fogg as the main character who serves the primary protagonist in *Around the World in 80 Days*.

RESEARCH METHOD

Research Design

In doing this research, the writer used Qualitative Research, because the data acquired in words. Qualitative research is descriptive. The data collected are in the form of words or pictures rather than numbers". In other words, the writer used qualitative research in analyzing the data, because the data collected from books, movie and internet.

Data Collection

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Data Analysis

"Analysis means breaking something down into its component and discovering the relationship among them that give unity and coherence to the whole" (Griffith, 30). It means that the data must be analyzed to answer the problem of the research.

"Objective orientation, which on principle regards the work of art in isolation from all these external points of reference, analyzes it as a self-sufficient entity constituted by its parts in their internal relations and sets out to judge it solely by criteria intrinsic to its own mode of being" (Abrams, 26). In analyzing this research, the writer used Objective approach. It means that objective approach only focuses on the element of literary work itself such as theme, characters and setting.

FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

General Description of Generosity

Generosity is the quality or fact of being kind and generous in anything and anytime, even though there would be any consequences from that. In the novel *Around the World in 80 Days*, Phileas Fogg, a London gentleman was faced with challenge. He hired Jean Passepartout as his valet and he was challenged by the club to travel around the world in 80 days. Phileas Fogg accepted it and started the journey. In addition, Fogg saved Aouda from being killed by Sutee in the middle of his journey. Based on the conclusion above, generosity in the novel *Around the World in 80 Days* consists of, Generous person, Saviour, Humble Person, Proud Gentleman.

Generous Person

The reason of Phileas Fogg is a generous person that shown in the novel *Around the World in 80 Days*, because he saved Aouda from death by the Sutee ceremony in India. Sutee or Sati is the act of immolating a woman after her husband's death. It happened during Fogg's travel to around the world in 80 days.

Phileas Fogg or Mr. Fogg introduced as a wealth Englishman, an eccentric human who had less intention with attractions. He is the member of Reform Club and knows the 'world' better.

Then one of Fogg friend dares him to a challenge that to around the world in 80 days. Fogg insists that he can do it and declares that as shown on quotation below:

"A true Englishman doesn't joke when he is talking about so serious thing as a wager', replied Fogg, solemnly."(20)

After that conversation, Fogg decides to start it with his servant and finish it on 21st december with the agreement from the six men as the proof for the challenge.

They took themselves the first class seatson train and their journey just begin. Then, they arrived at Suez via the steamer Mongolia on Wednesday, 9th of October. They got a catch up with Fix, one of the detectives from Reform Club. Fix follow up Fogg and Passepartout because they look suspicious for him. He tries to separate Passepartout from Fogg and make them lose the steamer.

When arrived to Kholby, the train stops because the railway isn't finished. The conductor suggests the passengers to fins any other transportation to go on, but Fogg still think positively as quoted below:

"Mr. Fogg, this is a delay greatly to your disadvantage.'

'No, Sir Francis; it was foreseen.'

'What! You knew that the way-'

'Not at all; but I knew that some obstacle or other would sooner or later arise on my route.'"(67)

Fogg sacrifices two days to reach the steamer, he sure that they will be on time. Then, they found the solution, a war-like elephant named Kiouni. Fogg wants to hire the elephant but the owner declined it. To make it fast, he buys that elephant with a great amount of money. The guide Parsee offers shortcut way.

On his journey, surely difficulties would appears. Fogg risks his money even his life. He suggests to wait until night to do the rescue.

"Her name was Aouda. Left an orphan, she was married against her will to the old Rajah of Bundelcund, and knowing the fate that awaited her, she escaped, was retaken and devoted by Rajah's relatives, who had an interest in her death, to sacrifice from which it seemed she could not escape."(82)

They make a plan for escaping the woman and it is a great success. After a great counters with the fellow, they got the woman who still remain unconscious because the effect of Opium. Sir Francis said that Aouda will fall again to their hand if still remains in India and the same procession can be held again. She would be safe by quitting India.

Aouda say thanks to all of the things that happened on her, the people who rescue her life. She thanked Fogg, because without him the plan won't be happen. Fogg offers her to join them in their journey and escort her to Hong Kong, where she might be remain safely from her pursuers. Not for a long time, the caught by the police, looking for Aouda. She told to Fogg to leave her facing her fate, and won't let bad things happen on them just because of her.

Fix saw them and followed them again, still thinks that Fogg is the robber that held sum of money and able to pay for the bail just for his servant. Fogg has spent more than five thousand pounds on the way.

"After all, she owed Phileas Fogg her life, and she always regarded him through the exalting medium of her gratitude." (68)

The weather go bad continues to put the Rangoon behind schedule and the passengers became impatient. The steamer go slower, the captain estimates Hong Kong would be reach twenty hours behind the estimated time. Fogg act as though he already foreseen the delay. Passepartout panics by the arrival will be held. The steamer which crossed the Pacific from Yokohama to San Francisco make a direct connection with that from Hong Kong, and if Fogg's group late, the will miss it.

On landing, after Aouda looking for what she needed, she looks for her cousin, Jeejeeh but they get a news that her cousin had left China for two years ago and

retired from being Parsee merchant. Aouda got silenced for a moment and ask Fogg:

"What I ought to do, Mr. Fogg?"

'It is very simple, responded the gentleman. 'Go to Europe'

'But I can not intrude-'

'You do not intrude, nor do you in the least embarrass my project. Passepartout!'"(128)

Passepartout manages to board the carnatic although he still in opium's effect. He goes looking for his master but can't find him or even Aouda. He starts to feel angry because Fix makes him like this. Passepartout then reach Yokohama and talk to himself as shown on below quotation:

"It is evident,' said him to himself, that I have been abominably drunk! What will Mr. Fogg say? At least I have not missed the steamer, which is the most important thing.'"(156)

When he saw his mater in the audiences, he moves away and the pyramid collapses. Honorable Batulcar gets furious but silenced by Fogg who throws a handful of banknotes to him. Fogg, Aouda, and Passepartout got reunited again. Aouda tells Passepartout about everything that happen when he is away. Fogg hears all Passepartout story and start the sailing from Yokohama to San Francisco.

The weather and snow begin irritating Passepartout as he grows impatient for the part of their journey to be over. Aouda just recognized that Colonel Proctor is on their train, she worries that Phileas will do his promise. Fogg is becoming dearer to Aouda as shown on following quotation:

"She was attached to the man who, however coldly gave her daily evidences of the most absolute devotion. She did not comprehend, perhaps, the depth of the sentiment with which her protector inspired her, which he called gratitude, but which, through she was unconscious of it, was really more than that. Her heart sank

within her when she recognized the man whom Mr. Fogg desired, sooner or later, to call to account for his conduct.”(207)

Aouda tells Fix and Passepartout about Proctor’s presence in train and agrees to not let Fogg sees him. Eventually the train slowed down because of the old suspension and the driver not going to proceed ahead (Moonik, Mogeia & Sabudu, 2020). There is a debate between the personnel and passengers about what should to do. They agrees to put the train at full speed to get over the bridge. Luckily, nothing happens to the train and everybody able to cross the bridge. After that, the bridge collapses and crashes into the rapids of Medicine Bow.

Passepartout feels guilty because all of this happens because of his fault, but detective Fix suggests a new plan as shown on quotation below:

“You must regain eight hours. Do you wish to try to do so?”

‘On foot? Asked Mr. Fogg’

‘No; on a sledge,’ replied Fix. ‘On a sledge with sails. A man has proposed such a method to me.’(235)

Fix agrees with it, but Aouda should stay with Passepartout, then blocked by Aouda because she wants to be brave girl and stay with Fogg. Fogg and the group grab a train to Chicago, then to New York only to find that the ship bound for Liverpool has already left.

Now, Fogg and his group are broke, the deadline for the bet has passed and there is nothing to do but to go home. Fogg locks himself in his room in seriously depressed. Aouda and Passepartout are worried for him too. Passepartout stand by himself outside the door to take actions if his master decides to do suicide. Aouda sits down and talk with Fogg. He tells that can’t provide anything more because he’s broke now but Aouda tells him that she don’t need any money, she wants Fogg and marry her as shown on below quotation:

"I pity you, then, Mr Fogg, for solitude is a sad thing, with no heart to which to confide your griefs. They say, though, that misery itself, shared by two sympathetic souls, may be borne with patience.'

'They say so, madam.'

'Mr. Fogg,' said Aouda, rising and seizing his hand, 'do you wish at once a kinswoman and friend? Will you have me for your wife?'"(268)

By travelling eastward around the world, Fogg has forgotten the time he arrived is two days earlier. Passepartout races home, grab Fogg and go to the club and win the bet. He is rich once more, but more important of that, he has won the heart of a 'charming woman' as quoted below:

"But if I had not crossed India, I should not have saved Aouda; she would not have been my wife, and-"(279)

From the statement above, if Phileas Fogg not join the Reform Club and accept the challenge, he won't be able to around the world and find his biggest happiness, to marry Aouda and make her to be his wife.

Phileas Fogg is rich enough, he could buy anything he wanted to. In his journey, he willingly to do everything just because he is in hurry to finish it in 80 days. From the beginning of his journey he spare his money to a woman beggar as quoted below:

"Mr. Fogg took out the twenty guineas he had and handed them to the beggar, saying 'Here my good woman. I'm glad that I met you; and passed on.'"(25)

Also before saving Aouda, he buys an elephant named Kiouni. He doesn't think everything, he thinks that it would help him to make things goes well in his journey as quoted below:

"Parsee,' said he to the guide, 'you have been serviceable and devoted. I have paid for your service, but not for your devotion. Would you like to have this elephant? He is yours.'"(94)

In the court of Judge Obadiah, Fogg encountered with the problem that they judged in violating a religion. Again, to make things goes well, Fogg offer bail as quoted below:

"After the punishment explained by Obadiah, Fogg asks the Judge:"

"I offer to bail, for everything" (101)

From the quotations above, it shown that Fogg is a generous person. He do everything with his willing to make his journey runs better and to avoid any problems. He make his own solution based on the current situations. Even though he is an eccentric man, he is generous.

Saviour

Phileas Fogg is a great behaviour man, a kindful man. He tries to around the world and he meet many things, one of it is Aouda, the woman who he saves from death. It is not the plan of their journey, until they got encounter with the procession of Sutee and Fogg decides to save that woman from death as shown on quotation below:

"I have yet twelve hours to spare; I can devote them to that."

"Why, you are a man of heart!"

"Sometimes," replied Phileas Fogg quietly; "when I have the time." (80)

After saving that woman then their journey continues. Aouda thank to Fogg that without him maybe she won't be alive, he is her saviour and day by day she falls in love and marry Fogg:

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Humble Person

When the journey is about to start, in the train station Phileas Fogg met a beggar-woman that asked for alms as shown on quotation below:

"Mr. Fogg took out the twenty guineas he had and handed them to the beggar, saying 'Here my good woman. I'm glad that I met you; and passed on.'"(25)

Besides giving a lot of money to the beggar-woman, he also thank to her and feel happy to meet her before he starts his journey.

Proud Gentleman

In life people need money, because money can buy us everything that we need, such as food, shirts, vehicle, home, etc. Phileas Fogg is a person who has everything, money is not his target as shown on quotation below:

"His object was, however, to be victorious, not to win money"(278)

Fogg is a truly gentleman. Being victorious leads people to be more known, gained reputation and respect, also money, but those things are not his priority because he already have enough.

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