

## CHAPTER V

### CONCLUSIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

This chapter presents the conclusions of this study based on the findings and discussion in the previous chapter. This chapter also presents suggestions for further investigation in future studies based on this present study.

#### 1.1 Conclusions

This study aims to see what kinds of journeys which are presented in *Aleph* novel and how the journeys shape the main character's life purpose in *Aleph* novel. The findings show that there are two journeys that are presented in *Aleph* novel; they are literal and metaphorical journeys. Both literal and metaphorical journeys affect the main character's life purpose. The main character achieves his meaning of life about religion from his literal meaning and self-transcendence from his metaphorical journey. The meaning of life of the main character also leads him to find his life purpose.

Mostly, the literal journey was experienced by the main character before his travel to Trans-Siberian Railway. This literal journey shapes the religion or spirituality of the main character. Religion or spirituality helps people to have personal relationship with God, believing in the afterlife and contributing to a faith community. Furthermore, the meaning of life leads the main character's life purpose since it is marked by people who must live with God. Thus, the main character succeeded to find his life purpose.

Meanwhile, the metaphorical journey which was mostly experienced by the main character after his travel to Trans-Siberian Railway shapes his self-transcendence or generativity. Self-transcendence or generativity includes contribution to the society, self-interests and leaving a lesson for legacy. This meaning of life about self-

transcendence or generativity triggers the main character to have his life purpose on a belief of leaving his offspring a life lesson in the future. It is rather different from the main character's reason in the beginning of his traveling to Trans-Siberian Railway. At the end, the main character also succeeded to find self-transcendence as his life purpose after his trip by Trans-Siberian Railway.

As a conclusion, the main character achieves the purpose of life through his literal and metaphorical journey. Although the results of the life purpose from the journeys are different, both are the life purposes that the main character has achieved through his literal and metaphorical journeys.

## **5.2. Suggestions**

There are many suggestions for future direction of study in this area. In conducting this study, there are some difficulties encountered, especially when finding other studies which are related to this issue. This is because there are only several studies that are concerned with *Aleph* novel. To deal with this, further studies which also talk about life purpose of the main character in the novel are used as the tool to compare this study with others. Those studies can also be used to see how journey affects the life purpose of the main character in the novel.

Furthermore, *Aleph* can also be analyzed by other tools such as post-modernism or realism approach. Those approaches can be used since there are many issues on the topic that can be found in the novel. Finally, if journey is used again as a tool, another journey proposed by other experts like existentialism of human being can be used so that the study will also reveal other findings which do not relate to the main character.