

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

This chapter presents the conclusions that are drawn from the data analysis and discussion. In addition, the suggestions are also presented to give insights for further studies in analyzing the issue of power, particularly in literary works.

5.1 Conclusion

The present study aims to investigate the way power is exercised in the novel by employing bases of power proposed by Raven (2008), particularly coercive and informational power. In addition, the analysis is limited to the conflicts between characters in the novel, particularly between the Martians and the Earthlings, as well as the conflicts among the Earthlings. The exercise of power, particularly coercive and informational power, is the distinctive way in exercising power in the conflicts that results in several reactions. The identified reactions then confirm the nature of power, which is the pervasiveness of power and the necessity for power to be exercised.

The pervasiveness of power and the necessity of it to be exercised are reflected in the conflicts between the Martians and the Earthlings, as well as the conflicts among the Earthlings. By looking through the conflicts, the winner is claimed to be the one who exercises power towards others, as the winner successfully fulfills the objectives. In this novel, the winner is depicted as the side which excels in technology and weaponry (Martians), and the side with the possession of empirical information (Main Character). However, the way to achieve victory in the conflicts has to be done especially by forcing and persistently convincing others, as these two ways are proven to be effective to keep situation under control.

The advantage of keeping situation under control by the winners reveals something about the way power is exercised in this novel. The winner in the conflict between the Martians and the Earthlings is the Martians since they excel

in technology and weaponry. Since the Earthlings cannot match the Martians' technology and weaponry, they are defeated by the Martians. Furthermore, the winner in the conflicts among the Earthlings is the Main Character since he states his opinion based on his empirical information and logical way of thinking. The reason is due to his solid information that is obtained through facts, compared to the Curate who states his opinion based on transcendental opinion. By linking the preferences in terms of conflicts, choice of words, the winner and the loser in the conflicts, these aspects imply the adoration of empirical way of thinking and the presence of the textual power.

In conclusion, the textual power shows its bias towards the logical and empirical-based actions and thinking by choosing the Martians and the Main Character as the winner in the conflict. The logical and empirical way of thinking then emerges as the result of the power exercise to encourage and convince the readers. Through thinking logically and empirically based on facts and evidence, the text shows the readers the way to face their problems and doubts especially in facing the situation as depicted in the novel. In addition, this way of thinking may also be interpreted as the way the author states his opinion. Since the novel is written around 1898, when most people questioned about the possibility of future events, this work serves as the medium for the author to convey his opinion about possible future events and the significance of empirical thinking. Through this work, people may begin to consider about being logic, especially when it comes to make decision and face the problems.

5.2 Suggestion

In conducting the study about the issue of power, it is expected that the future research investigates the way information works in this novel. Since the information becomes the crucial asset in this novel, it has a potential to be analyzed further by employing informational power. Additionally, the information also successfully guides the Main Character through the dire situation in surviving the Martians' invasion. For this reason, the study of informational power may be linked with the way the Main Character utilizes it throughout the story. By conducting this study, it is also expected that it will contribute to the analysis of

the novel since this novel is one of notable works written by H. G. Wells, the father of Science Fiction Literature. Hence, the issue of power, especially informational power, has a potential to be applied to analyze this novel so that some issues in power and information can be derived.