

## CHAPTER V

### CONCLUSIONS AND SUGESSTION

This final chapter presents the conclusions of the study from the discussion given in the previous chapter. Furthermore, suggestions for further studies are also presented in this chapter.

#### 5.1 Conclusion

The study aims to answer two research questions. First is ‘What roles are expected from men identified in *Kite Runner*?’ and the second is ‘What are masculine attributes that identified in *Kite Runner*?’. From the findings, it concluded that there are two expectation roles of men identified in the novel. First is man as the *nafaqah* providers.

The analysis found out that men in the novel were expected to be the *nafaqah* providers. Being a *nafaqah* provider, according to Echafez (2016) could be interpreted that a man as the husband and father is obliged to provide for all needs of the wife and the children and other family members. Therefore, financial support, education, health, and other things needed by family members are includes so he can be proudly called a man. In addition, to be a *nafaqah* provider, they also have to responsible of family security and fulfilling family needs at any cost. Character of Baba much likely fulfills this expectation role of men in the novel. Similar to Beynon (2002) who states that man also can be a nurturer. Being a nurturer is not necessarily considered as less masculine demeanor, but more to being responsible especially to the family.

The other identified role of men is that a man should takes a stand and become the example, at least, for their son, to conduct his pride and honor as an Afghani. In the novel, Baba character as a father hopes that his son, Amir, to look up on him as example of good Afghan man. This role of man is also being push over by General Taheri one of male characters in the novel that saying being a man means to appreciate their father and to not embarrass him.

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For the second question, the masculine archetypes attributes of Afghan man also found out in the textual evidences. The analysis found out that there are three archetypes of masculine attributes in the novel are shown. For afghan man, there is important to takes a stand for themselves as the code of honour and pride. First is to hold no Sissy Stuff (Brannon, 1976), become the Big Wheel (Brannon, 1976) and to be aggressive, tough, and capable to lead. This roles is not yet fully achieved by the character of Amir, and this is makes Baba as the father worry. In the novel, the Afghans men are supposed to be dominant, powerful, and manly person with a nurture side.

In conclusion, being masculine in Afghan society, is not all about being manly, competitive and showing power as they hold the authority, but also about fully responsible to his family. This research is attempts to seek masculinity perspectives especially in an Afghan father and son relationship in regards of masculinity expectations in the novel Kite Runner. This type of novel also could raise awareness that there are issues happening in the relationship between father and son in relation to their cultural demands.

## **5.2 Suggestions**

Since the study is limited that use masculinity as the main subject in analysis of the book, the writer suggest that more studies on masculinity in further research. So that, the research can helps the readers understand more about masculinity from the other studies. This study is also to increase the readers' understanding and awareness of the masculinity issues in Afghanistan setting

There are many issues that are not discussed yet in the book since the limitation of the writers' discussion. For the further studies, the book can also be analyzed by other theories for example from irony perspective or the power relation of the characters. In terms of object and subject, this kind of research is still far away from perfect, therefore, it can opens up possibilities for this kind of research to be undertaken upon other potential materials.

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