

CHAPTER THREE

CONCLUSION

Having analysed the novel Agnes Grey, I arrive at the conclusion that Agnes's portrayal of being a persistent woman who upholds her principles of life is on the whole reflected in five aspects of her life.

In the first place, Agnes constantly persists in being patient when dealing with her students, most of whom are naughty and rebellious. Secondly, Agnes persists in being independent by working as a governess in order to help her family. Thirdly, Agnes insists on not being hypocritical and not prioritizing money over more important things in her life. Fourthly, Agnes persists in maintaining her Christian belief, in which she constantly endeavours controlling her emotions and anger when dealing with her difficulties in life. Lastly, Agnes always persists in caring about other people, especially Rosalie, a close friend of hers who tends to be flirtitious. Agnes tries very hard to make her become aware that it is wrong for her to flirt. Furthermore, I find out that each aspect of her life, she gains life full of happiness due to her persistency eventually.

In particular, Agnes's persistence in being patient makes her survive through bad situation while being a governess. Not giving up when teaching the Bloomfield family gives rise eventually to the children's good progress in their studies. Her patience is due to her hope of being able to maintain a peaceful life with other people, especially her students and their family. She has made her best effort and does whatever she can to make the children become better learners and she is successful in accomplishing this target.

Agnes's persistence in caring about other people is shown vividly when she leaves her family for the benefit of her sick father and the rest of the family. Her job as a governess is not easy for her but she keeps steadily working there for the sake of her family. Her desire to work as a governess and her effort to survive in an unwelcome family show her persistence for her family's sake. Besides, she makes her friend, Rosalie, aware that Rosalie is not supposed to be flirtatious, because she cares about her.

Agnes's persistence in her Christian belief guides her to be a loyal Christian. Her faith strengthens her to endure the difficulties determined by God. She becomes a mature woman who manages to control her emotions and anger well.

Another principle which Agnes upholds is about her priority of life. She does not regard materialism as the most important thing. Agnes gains true happiness, based on love, together with her husband.

I am of the opinion that Brontë succeeds in revealing the theme vividly through the portrayal and actions of Agnes. I find the connection between the novel and the Victorian period, in that Bronte succeeds in representing an ideal governess in

that period. Brontë portrays the difficulties that a governess may have in the past by presenting a character like Agnes, representing a woman of low economy who lives and who struggles in the midst of high society people. This makes the novel interesting to analyse and also gives lessons to apply in my daily life.

If Agnes's character is applied to my daily life, as a woman, I realize that fighting for what I believe is necessary; therefore, I will not be easily influenced by the negative aspect of society. Having read the novel, I also learn that sometimes things not happen as I wish, but I should be prepared for them by persisting in my right principles that I believe in, like Agnes who succeeds in upholding her principles of life, which she had learned from her family and which is suggested by the theme of this novel, that is, by being persistent in one's principles, one will eventually lead a life full of happiness.