

## CHAPTER THREE

### CONCLUSION

Having studied Herman Melville's *Typee*, I would like to draw a conclusion of what I have discussed. First, I have analyzed Tom's observation then I also have analyzed Tom's prejudice that reveal the theme, that is "One's prejudice may defeat the all goodness one gets from a certain society that is different from him".

*Typee* is a story about a white man who has stayed with Typee. In late nineteenth century, white society have a rumor about Typee which say that they are well known as primitive, savage and cannibal. Tom, as the protagonist, stays with Typee because he is lost and his leg is injured. So, there is no option to leave Typee. During Tom's stay with them, he finds an interesting life in Typee.

Based on this novel, the stereotype of Typee is cannibal. But Herman Melville, through Tom, has shown a different version. During Tom's stay, he has observed that he gets good treatments and how Typee's ways of life is.

Tom has observed the good treatments of Typee which he gets and it reflects their good characteristics. The first characteristic is hospitability, which shows in the way of the chief Mehevi when he welcomes Tom friendly. The second is the kindness like they prepare a room and blanket for him. And another character is attentiveness. This action

shows when Typee take care of Tom and prepare plenty of food daily as well as they invite Tom to take a walk.

Tom also shares about Typee's ways of life. In Typee's society, they are simple minded so there is no jealousy, rivalries or dispute. Besides that, there is no money which make the people becomes cruel, no wicked person. In their family, they are taught to keep good relationship with each other. The tie of kinship in Typee is shown when they work together in building a house. They directly help each other and they bring some materials. They also keep the harmony in the way of keeping the spirits of unanimity so they have the same opinion, thought and action. It proves that Typee's society is saturated by love.

Tom has seen their good characteristics and their society. Tom feels comfortable to live with them. Typee also like him to stay. Their fondness is pointed out by asking him to be tattooed. It should have been no problem for him to accept their request; on the contrary, Tom refuses. The reason why Tom refuses it because he is afraid to be driven as cannibal, savage and primitive just like them. The refusal to be tattooed is Tom's first prejudice. The second prejudice, we can see it when Tom sees the head of a white man and runs away from Typee. The last, Tom kills one of the native when he runs away. He does it because he is afraid that he may become a victim of their mutilation or perhaps even cannibalism. Tom's prejudice is created by the rumor which says that Typee is cannibal.

So it proves that the analysis reveals the theme. Tom has seen and received all Typee's goodness but it seems to be forgotten because of his prejudice. Typee's goodness is defeated by Tom's prejudice. Therefore I can conclude that One's prejudice may defeat all goodness one gets from a certain society that is different from him.

Finally, the story of Typee which contains adventure, tension events, sympathy and also surprising facts make it interesting to read. Through Tom's observation in good treatment Tom gets and Typee's ways of life, at least we know their good sides.