

## CHAPTER THREE

### CONCLUSION

After analyzing the characteristics of Adam and Eve in Mark Twain's The Diary of Adam and Eve, I would like to conclude what the characteristics of Adam and Eve are and what the author's purpose is in creating such characteristics.

Thus, Adam has these following characteristics: loner, rational, and ignorant. Besides, I also have the conclusion that Eve has these following characteristics: curious, active, and loving. I notice the characteristics of Adam and Eve in this novel from what they think, what they do, and what one another says.

I come to a conclusion that Adam is a loner since he enjoys his own company. I can see this when he himself states that he is not used to be companied and the presence of Eve means nothing but a disturbance to him. Adam escapes from Eve to show his discomfort of her presence.

Adam is a rational man as he tends to use his logic rather than his feeling. When Eve tells him that she is made from his rib, Adam thinks that it is impossible for he does not miss any rib. Also when his son, Cain, is born, at first he only considers his son as an animal. He treats his son as an experiment to answer what kind of animal his son is.

I am of the opinion that Adam is an ignorant man owing to the fact that he is ignorant toward his surrounding. He has no attention to Eve, his son, and also nature. He ignores Eve's feeling. When Eve introduces herself, Adam has no interest in her. Being ignorant, he is also not touched by the presence of his son. Adam is ignorant of the nature, as he cares for nothing except building shacks to coop himself.

On the other hand, Eve is portrayed as a curious, active and loving woman. I conclude Eve as a curious woman for she always questions something that is new to her. She is eager to know about everything because she herself considers that she is just an experiment. Eve's curiosity is also shown when God commands Adam and Eve not to eat the fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. She keeps questioning Adam about what those two words means that it leads them to eat the fruit.

Eve is an active woman for she is the one who has the initiative to act. Eve takes the first initiative to introduce herself to Adam and name the things. Her being an active woman is also shown when she is portrayed as a talkative woman and when she constructs experiments. This characteristic of Eve also presents Eve as a sociable woman.

I also believe that Eve is a loving woman on the grounds that she presents her love to everything she knows. Her love to Adam is shown when she remains to love Adam even though Adam is ignorant of her. Her love to her son can be seen when she simply develops her love to her son even at the first time she does not know what her son is and protects him. Her love to animals can be seen when she adores and treats them as pets.

After analyzing the characteristics of Adam and Eve above, I understand the purpose of the author of creating such characteristics. I think the author tries to say that even though people have different characteristics, they can be united by understanding that their lives could be completed by the companion of others. Even though there are many differences to live with, differences are not the reasons to create a gap; on the other hand, it can be a complementary part.

The purpose of the author can be seen from the point of view of the author's portrayal of the characteristics of Adam is in contrast with the characteristics of Eve. Adam completes Eve for things that have to be determined not only by feeling but also by logic. The author shows it when Eve desires to pet a mighty brontosaurus. Eve, on the other hand, completes Adam for things that do not have to be determined by reasoning but by simply feeling it. Eve shows this when Adam is perplexed by the presence of their first son, Cain. As an ignorant man, Adam is ignorant toward his surrounding, while Eve is able to show love to others. The portrayal of Adam as an individualist is also completed by the presenting Eve as a sociable woman, and vice versa. Therefore, in reality men and women can complete the presence of the others with all their strengths and weaknesses.

I found this book is interesting simply because it is funny and also teaches the readers a lesson. It is funny as Mark Twain describes the portrayal of the first two human beings on earth in contrary toward each other. As a result, they have to deal with a lot of misunderstandings before they can understand and complete each other. I also have the perception that the author describes Adam and Eve as representation of men and women in general, such as men are rational and women are emotional.

I think this book successfully represents Twain as a humorous author since he presents Adam and Eve's misunderstandings toward each other as something which can tickles the readers. I am also of the opinion that Twain is an observant and skillful author owing to the fact that he is able to capture the characteristics of men and women in general and skillfully teaches the readers that beyond the differences between men and women in characteristics, they can complete each other.