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# Awareness of the character Nania in the short story Asma Nadia Entitled "Love of an Ordinary Man" Psychoanalysis by Carl Gustav Jung

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**Abstract:** The ego is the center of all consciousness consisting of thoughts, memories and feelings. This research is motivated by Carl Gustav Jung's Psychoanalysis on the short story by Asma Nadia. This study uses a qualitative descriptive method and the object of this study is a short story entitled "Cinta Lelaki Biasa" by Asma Nadia. Research data obtained from the results of reading and note-taking techniques. The results of this study show the awareness of the character Nania in the short story which consists of aspects of the soul's function and also the attitude of the soul.

**Keywords:** psychoanalysis, asma nadia

Abstrak: Ego adalah pusat dari seluruh kesadaran yang terdiri atas pikiran, ingatan, dan perasaan. Penelitian ini dilatar belakangi oleh Psikoanalisis Carl Gustav Jung pada cerpen karya Asma Nadia. Penelitian ini menggunakan metode deskriptif kualitatif dan Objek dalam penelitian ini adalah cerpen yang berjudul "Cinta Lelaki Biasa" karya Asma Nadia. Data penelitian diperoleh dari hasil membaca dan Teknik mencatat. Hasil penelitian ini menunjukan kesadaran tokoh Nania dalam cerpen yang terdiri atas aspek fungsi jiwa dan juga sikap jiwa.

Kata Kunci: psikoanalisis, asma nadia

# INTRODUCTION

### **Carl Gustav Jung's Theory of Consciousness**

Literature is a form of imagination that is poured by the author into a work in the form of an idea that describes a life. Short stories are an example of literary works which usually contain imitation stories from life that contain moral messages. (Rohman, n.d.) Personality in a person can be stored in the area of consciousness and unconsciousness which is influenced by experience. Experiences that are not netted will later become unconscious and will appear without the individual's awareness. Awareness itself consists of two main components, namely the function of the soul and the attitude of the soul. (Arnianti, 2021)

The ego is the center of all consciousness which consists of thoughts, memories, and feelings. (Setiawan, 2016) According to Jung, the ego appeared early in life even before humans were born (Kamil, 2021). The ego is also referred to as personal awareness or "The Conscious Self-what you usually mean you say 'I'" which is awareness of what it means to say "I" or "me" (Annisa Wilma, 2019). The function of the ego is to filter experience based on personal awareness. These experiences must be pre-approved by the ego to be stored and used.

#### METHOD

This study used descriptive qualitative method. Descriptive research is a method aimed at describing existing and past phenomena (Mahanani, 2019). The object of this

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research is the short story entitled "Ordinary Man's Love" by Asma Nadia. Research data obtained from the results of reading and note-taking techniques.

#### RESULT AND DISCUSSION

## **Soul Functions**

Mental function is a mental activity that does not change in different environments. (Oktavia, 2014) This psychological activity is divided into four types, namely thoughts, feelings, convictions, and intuition. Thoughts and feelings belong to irrational thinking which determines the right and wrong of something, while convictions and intuition belong to rational thinking which is solely a conscious observation. (Analytic, n.d.).

The character Nania in the short story is told as a woman from a prominent family. She is beautiful, intelligent, has a good career, and of course rich. In the short story, Nania is proposed to by an ordinary man named Rafly. Nania's family, namely Mama, Papa and her three older siblings were against Nania's wish to marry Rafly because they come from an ordinary family, with an ordinary education and appearance and have a very ordinary paying job.

The opposition that came from Nania's family apparently did not hinder her intention to marry Rafly. After a year of marriage, Nania's family and environment were still whispering about their marriage. Thanks to Nania's love for Rafly, they never paid attention to bad talk about her husband.

Nania's persistence in achieving her determination is one of the characteristics of the function of a thinking type soul. Nania has faced a lot of opposition regarding her marriage. Not to mention, she had to face whispers from people around her who looked down on her and her husband. If Nania is a sensitive person, she may not be able to bear the burden because her feelings are hurt. Nania actually remains optimistic and thinks positively because she loves Rafly. Nania never once doubted her choice. For him, the choice is the best.

Nania has a critical mentality and thinks based on reason. He dismissed subjective reasons that cornered Rafly because he believed in his stance. At the end of the short story, this thought seems to have paid off and they managed to prove to people that Rafly is the best for Nania. The following quotes are some of the explanations that form the basis for Nania thinking based on reason.

#### Attitude of the Soul

Mental attitude is the energy or libido that becomes humans' orientation towards their environment. This energy is divided into two categories, namely outward energy (extrovert) and inward energy (introvert) (Kurnia, 2012). Extroverted energy is a personality type that is more concerned with the outside world and outside activities. The environment becomes a place for extroverts to recharge their energy. Introverted energy is a personality type that prioritizes thoughts, feelings and fantasies. This personality type obtains energy from within themselves (Ulwiyah, 2020).

Nania doesn't have enough dialogue from this short story. Nania's social life is not discussed in detail. Therefore, observing the mental attitude of the character Nania is based on several characteristics and relationships of the figure Nania.

Several parts of the short story tell about Nania having difficulty answering several questions.

He had to keep the arguments he had prepared to refute because he didn't know how to defend himself. Nania's communication pattern can be classified as an introverted personality. Nania considers many things for herself to do something. The energy that she has is also obtained from within Nania, namely determination and belief. The following is the quote in question.

Nania is also someone who prioritizes her feelings and thoughts. This is clearly seen in the first paragraphs when Nania determines herself to stay with Rafly.

No matter what other people say, Nania continues to be loyal to Rafly. He didn't care about the whispers he received, the ridicule from his siblings, even his parents. Nania can even be indifferent to the behavior of her environment, even though at first she was sensitive. This indicates that Nania is an introvert who gets energy from within herself. He is self-motivated, holding on to the feelings and thoughts in question.

#### CONCLUSION

The short story entitled "Cinta Men Ordinary" by Asma Nadia has a personal awareness by the character Nania in the form of Soul Functions and Soul Attitudes. This is evidenced by the several short story quotations above. The function of the soul of the character Nania is a thinker based on reason. Then the attitude of the soul is seen from the association of the figure of Nania in the short story. Nania is a character who is introverted and has a strong energy of determination and perseverance from herself.

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