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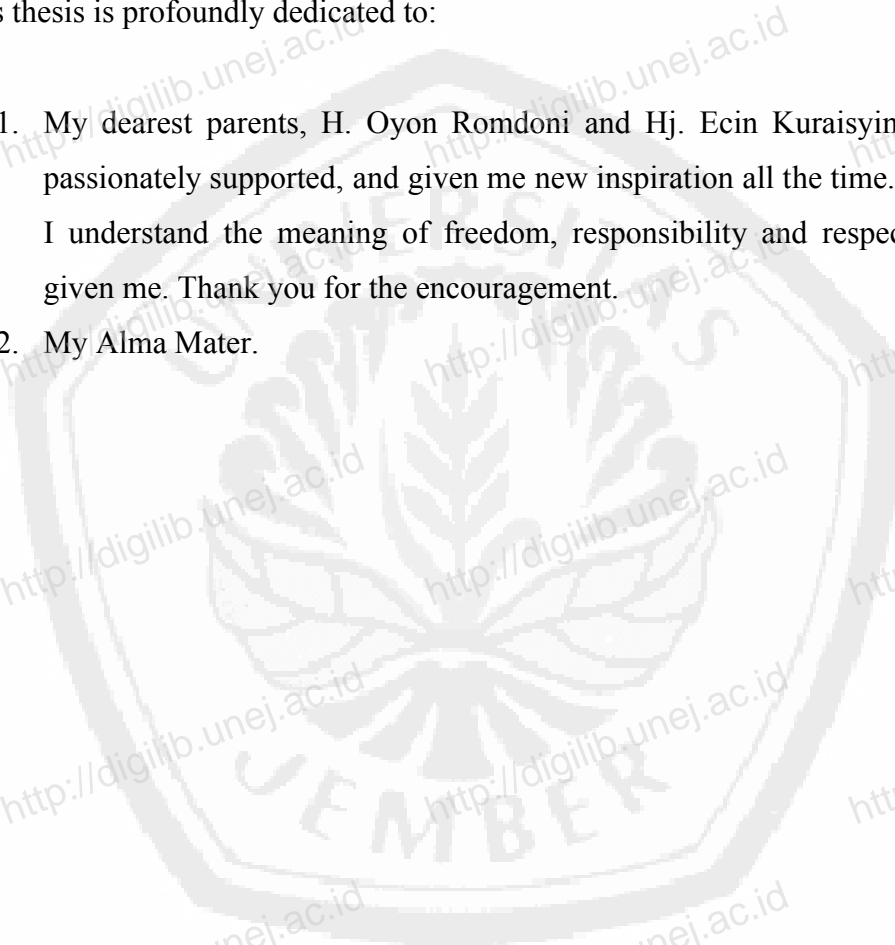
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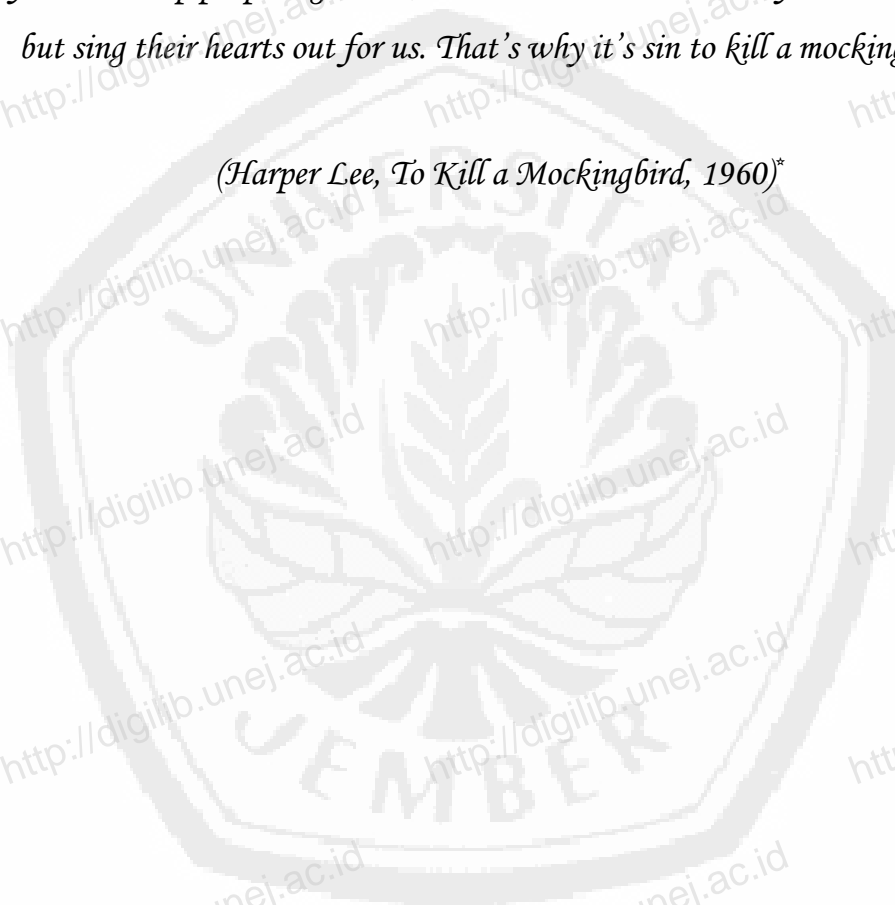


MOTTO

“Mockingbirds don’t do one thing but make music for us to enjoy.

They don’t eat up people’s gardens, don’t nest in corncribs, they don’t do one thing but sing their hearts out for us. That’s why it’s sin to kill a mockingbird”.

*(Harper Lee, To Kill a Mockingbird, 1960)**



* Harper Lee (*To Kill A Mockingbird*, 1960: 98).

DECLARATION PAGE

I hereby state that the thesis entitled “An analysis of Atticus’ Moral Values in Harper Lee’s *To Kill A Mockingbird*” is an original piece of writing. I declare that the analysis and the result described in this thesis have never been submitted for any degree or any publications.

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SUMMARY

An Analysis of Atticus' Moral Values in Harper Lee's *To Kill A Mockingbird*, English Department, Faculty of Letters, Jember University. Dede Nugraha, 080110101061, 2012, 67 pages.

This thesis concerns with one characterization in literary work. "To Kill A Mockingbird", novel written by Harper Lee's telling about an exploration of human morality, and presents a constant conversation regarding the inherent goodness or evilness of people. This thesis studies about Atticus' moral values. He is a lawyer and a father of children, Scout and Jem. He plays the role as a teacher, for his children and his town. Atticus believes that people usually contain aspects of both goodness and evilness, but that good will usually prevail. Atticus teaches this not only to his children, but also to the town, as he works to defend Tom Robinson, an innocent black man who is accused of false crime of raping a white woman. Therefore, it is interesting that to analyze what Atticus' moral values are, how he renders his moral values to people, and what motivates him to gain his moral values as well as his moral values affect his life and Maycomb society. Moreover, this novel is interesting to analyze because the story of the novel teaches us many things in life.

for what he believes in to doing justice. Fourth, friendship makes him become a friend to someone else. Without this friendly feeling he becomes an unsocial person. Fifth, care is something useful in his life because he needs to care and to be cared for more secured life. Lastly, love is a deep emotion that Atticus has because without love his life is so empty.

In the end of this criticism work, we can know the moral values regarding to the human behavior through the main character of Atticus which is clearly defined in the novel "To kill A Mockingbird". Goodness or badness of someone behavior is related into moral values. Without evaluation toward behavioral orders, human live freely and have no direction. It is important guidance for the life which teaches us to be a responsive human to humanity and society condition.