

## MEANING OF LIFE *THREE AMAZING THINGS ABOUT YOU* AND *728 HARI*

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### Abstract

This thesis entitled "**Meaning of Life on the Leading Character in Mansell's *Three Amazing Things about You* and Oesman's *728 Hari* : A Comparative Literature Analysis**". This thesis discusses about meaning of life that can be seen by three areas of activity. There are two problems that focused in this thesis; meaning of life portrayed in the novel *Three Amazing Things about You* by Jill Mansell and *728 Hari* by Djono W. Oesman and the similarities and the differences of meaning of life portrayed in the both of the novels. The method of research that is used in this thesis is qualitative method. Both of the novels are the primary source of data by using theory logotherapy by Viktor Emil Frankl and theory comparative literature which is will be compare in this study. The purpose of this thesis is to find out how meaning of life and how the similarities and the differences of meaning of life are portrayed in the both of the novels. From this research it is found that meaning of life can be prove from three areas of activity that potentially contain values, they are, creative values, experiential values and attitudinal values that portrayed in both of novels.

**Keywords: meaning of life, comparative, literature**

### Abstrak

Tesis ini berjudul "**Meaning of Life on the Leading Character in Mansell's *Three Amazing Things about You* and Oesman's *728 Hari* : A Comparative Literature Analysis**". Tesis ini membahas tentang makna hidup yang dapat dilihat dari tiga bidang kegiatan. Ada dua masalah yang difokuskan dalam tesis ini; makna hidup digambarkan dalam novel *Three Amazing Things about You* oleh Jill Mansell dan *728 Hari* oleh Djono W. Oesman dan persamaan dan perbedaan makna hidup yang digambarkan dalam kedua novel. Metode

penelitian yang digunakan dalam tesis ini adalah metode kualitatif. Kedua novel tersebut adalah sumber utama data dengan menggunakan nilai-nilai teori makna hidup oleh Viktor Emil Frankl dan teori perbandingan literatur yang akan dibandingkan dalam penelitian ini. Tujuan dari tesis ini adalah untuk mengetahui bagaimana makna hidup dan bagaimana persamaan dan perbedaan makna hidup digambarkan dalam kedua novel. Dari penelitian ini ditemukan bahwa makna hidup hitam dapat dibuktikan dari tiga bidang kegiatan yang secara potensial mengandung nilai, yaitu nilai-nilai kreatif, nilai-nilai penghayatan, dan nilai-nilai bersikap yang digambarkan dalam kedua novel.

**Kata kunci: makna hidup, komparatif, sastra**

## **INTRODUCTION**

A motif is a literary term that is an idea, object, or concept that repeats itself throughout a text. In the literary works, many of motifs that can be described, for example love, supernatural, black magic, revenge, betrayal, emancipation, meaning of life, etc. But in this thesis, the writer will focus to meaning of life of the leading character in two literary works. The meaning of life is special things that are important and believed to be something that is right and worthy of being used as a life goal that must be achieved. The meaning of life if successfully fulfilled will cause a person's life to be important and valuable which in turn will lead to a happy feeling.

Human search for the meaning of life is the main force in life, the meaning is unique and specific that can only be filled by himself, because only in these ways someone will get something important that will satisfy the human desire to interpret life. Therefore, it can be said that happiness is a reward or a side effect of one's success in fulfilling the meaning of life. In the world we can see there are some people who show that they have meaning of life even though they are in a state of deprivation and disease. Even though their lives are not as perfect as normal people, they prove that they can also work, work, and have high education.

They are Nick Vujicic, Christina Applegate, and Prof. Stephen Hawking. All of them are supported by their family and the environment in which they live. Because no matter how strong the meaning of someone's life will not be able to survive without others, therefore the meaning of life will continue to exist in someone when the people around him support him in all fields.

Meaning of life that is existed in someone's life can be seen from how he can interpret his life. A human being is meaningful, when a person experiences imperfect conditions on the

other hand can give meaning to human life. Life does not always go as we want. There must be many trials that come. For people who don't have the meaning of life. Trials are considered a disaster for him, he saw life as narrow. Despair always haunts him, when the problem is not able to solve it then other people and even God made the cause of failure. Unlike people who live spiritually. A sense of optimism is a handle in his life. Because he believes that every problem that comes is a challenge that must be faced. No matter how big the problem is. Confidence will arise that every problem must have a solution. There are some literary works that describe how the spirit of a man which means his life becomes more meaningful even though he is in a very painful condition which is suffering from a chronic disease.

This thesis performs a comparative literature analysis of two novels entitled *Three Amazing Things about You* by Jill Mansell who is a British writer and *728 Hari* by Djono W. Oesman who is an Indonesian writer. The writer finds the similarities of motifs that exist in these two different novels. The motifs found in the novels are about the meaning of life of the leading character. The writer will see the motif that found in the novels by using Viktor Emil Frank's personality theory is known as Logotherapy.

According to Viktor E. Frankl (in Bastaman 2007: 36-37) logotherapy in general can be described as a psychology / psychiatric pattern that recognizes the spiritual dimension in humans in addition to physical and psychological dimensions, and assumes that the meaning of life and the desire for meaningful life are the main motivation of human to achieve the meaningful standard of living they desire.

The term "logotherapy" refers to the freedom of will, the will to meaning, and the meaning of life. However, in this research the writer only focuses on the meaning of life which has three fields of activity that potentially contain values that allow one to find the meaning of life, because the meaning of life is considered very important and valuable and gives special value to someone, so that it is worthy of being made purpose in life. These three values are creative values, experiential values, and attitudinal values.

The writer will analyze novels *Three Amazing Things about You* and *728 Hari* because the novels have common about the same motif that is meaning of life by using theory of logotherapy on the main character, because by using that theory the writer can see how the meaning of life of the leading character to himself and to the people around them so that they are able to apply the values in the theory of logotherapy.

*Three Amazing Things about You* by Jill Mansell who is a British writer tells about a woman named Hallie who suffers from a chronic disease of cystic fibrosis she suffered. Cystic fibrosis (CF) is a genetic disorder that affects mostly the lungs, but also the pancreas, liver, kidneys, and intestine. Long-term issues include difficulty breathing and coughing up mucus as a result of frequent lung infections. Other signs and symptoms may include sinus infections, poor growth, fatty stool, clubbing of the fingers and toes, and infertility in most males. Different people may have different degrees of symptoms. She lives with her mother, she has a friend named Bea, she loves the doctor who handles her illness but she does not dare say his feelings. The cystic fibrosis she suffers made her not free to undergo activities like other normal humans. She has to carry oxygen gas cylinders everywhere. Even though she is experiencing a chronic illness that could threaten her life she tries to keep her spirit going through her life, she creates a website for people who had life problems that they could not face on their own and needed solutions from others.

Novel *728 Hari* by Djono W. Oesman who is an Indonesian writer also has similarities motif, because the author also tells about a girl named Eva who has a passion for life when she is sentenced to a doctor suffering from Lupus when she is 12 years old and only has time to live around 728 days which means two years. Hearing the doctor's verdict, she does not show her sadness to everyone, especially for her parents. Affection from her parents, especially her mother, kept her strong against her illness. Lupus is a systemic autoimmune disease that occurs when your body's immune system attacks your own tissues and organs. Inflammation caused by lupus can affect many different body systems - including your joints, skins, kidneys, blood cells, brain, heart and lungs. Lupus can be difficult to diagnose because of its often signs and symptoms, mimic those of other ailments. The most distinctive sign of lupus - a facial rash that resembles the wings of a butterfly unfolding across both cheeks - but not all cases of lupus. Some people are born with developing lupus, which may be triggered by infections, certain drugs or even sunlight. While there is no cure for lupus, can help control symptoms. She tries to forget that she is suffering from a disease that could one day take her life. She is a clever student in school besides that she is very reliable in basketball, Eva really likes the extracurricular lessons, but since she is convicted of suffering from lupus she is forbidden by doctors to be exposed to direct sunlight so she can't be as active as basketball. But she is not discouraged she continued to practice as best she could so she could win against the opposing team while at school is holding a basketball match with another school.

Looking at the facts and statistical data above, the writer finds there are differences in the meaning of life cases in Indonesia and in Britain. The writer sees these differences influenced by culture. Therefore, the writer hopes by comparing two novels that discuss about meaning of life as motif, but came from different countries can describe from the three values stated by Victor E. Frankl.

This research will discuss about meaning of life, because both of main characters Hallie and Eva are trying to show their meaning of life. They are trying the best way to be able to apply the three values of logotherapy in their life and in their environment. Even though the main characters in both novels have chronic diseases, they do not give up trying to have meaning of life. Both novels come from different writers and different countries, each writer tells the main character in the novel that they have written in different ways, certainly in accordance with their respective cultures in the social life of their country.

## **METHODS**

This research entitled “Meaning of Life on the Leading Character in Mansell’s *Three Amazing Things about You* and Oesman’s *728 Hari* : A Comparative Literature Analysis”. The material object of this research is a British novel entitled *Three Amazing Things about You* and an Indonesian novel entitled *728 Hari* by Djono W. Oesman. In conducting a research, the methods of the study is an important thing to consider. A right and appropriate method will give a right and appropriate result. A method of study will also determine the successful process of a research.

The research design which used in this analysis is library research and the primary source of the analysis is the novel itself. This type of research also uses qualitative research method because all data are analyzed in the form of words and sentences. Descriptive qualitative method is a method to reveal the facts, phenomena, variables and circumstances that occurred while running the research and presenting what it is. With descriptive research, the writer will aim to carry out an exploration of the certain phenomena, which in this case the meaning of life and other related issues to *Three Amazing Things about You* and *728 Hari*.

The data of this thesis is primarily from the novel *Three Amazing Things about You* by Jill Mansell and *728 Hari* by Djono W. Oesman. Both of the novels consists 216 and 336 pages. The data in the novel can be in the form of words, phrases, or sentences. However, the writer only focuses on data that indicates the meaning of life and conflict that major

characters face. To supporting the primary data, the writer also uses some related books, the articles of journals or other source of materials that related to the topic of comparative literature study, and the meaning of life.

The data taken in this study is from the two novels, and some steps which are made in analyzing the problems of the research. To determine the meaning of life on the leading character in two novels, first step is read the whole story of the novel, *Three Amazing Things about You* by Jill Mansell and *728 Hari* by Djono W. Oesman as the data source in this thesis to get the comprehension deeply. Then, the writer chooses and find the problems in two novels to discuss in the analysis as the research. After that, the writer select and pick the data which is the quotations of the words, phrases, sentences, and paragraphs in the novel that relate to the problem. The last, the writer finds some information in books, journals, electronic book, and articles that related to comparative literature and meaning of life.

This analysis applied qualitative descriptive method as the technique to analyze this novel. Qualitative descriptive method is a method of analysis by describing and analyzing the data then giving some interpretation and explanation. Analyzing data is applied when all the primary data from both of literary works are collected and selected, data from literary works are in a form of written text, which concern about motif meaning of life of whole text, from the whole text that has been selected will be found the most significant data which support this topic and then data will be interpreted. After that, the writer would make interpretation base on the data which already taken before. Then, the writer will compare and analyze the two literary works *Three Amazing Things about You* by Jill Mansell and *728 Hari* by Djono W. Oesman. The last step is the writer would make further analysis about similarities and differences of meaning of life in both of the novels, and at last the writer makes the conclusion and the suggestion about this thesis.

## **FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION**

### **Finding**

#### **Meaning of Life in Both Novels**

In both cases there is a portrayal of meaning of life.

- Creative Values

The first novel creative values show that the main character named Hallie wants to keep the meaning of life by creating a website for people who have a dilemma in their lives and provide solutions to people who cannot solve their problems. While in the second novel the creative values on the main character named Eva shows her persistence in working responsibly and humbly worked in a foundation that does not get a salary because she feels she has the same fate as people who have the same chronic disease with her.

- Experiential values

The experiential values of the two novels come from different people. In the first novel through experiential values the main character shows the meaning of her life through feeling loved by her mother while in the second novel the experiential values are mother, father, and husband. They are all very influential people for her to find the meaning of life.

- Attitudinal values

The attitudinal of the two novels are accepting with sincerity and enduring tragic things that cannot be avoided, in the first novel the main character has a steadfast attitude arising from within herself while in the second novel stoicism arises from herself and value the religion she plants in his life.

1. The similarities and differences based on values of meaning of life in both novels into a table.

<b>Similarities</b>	<b><i>Three Amazing Things about You</i></b>	<b><i>728 Hari</i></b>
<b>Creative Values :</b> creating and work	The leading character creates a website.	The leading character has some works and active in social activities.
<b>Experiential Values :</b> feeling of loving and being loved	The leading character loves and to be loved	The leading character loves and to be loved

	her mother.	her family.
<b>Attitudinal Values:</b> the attitude of accepting courageously, patiently	The attitudes come from herself.	The attitudes come from herself and her religion.

<b>Differences</b>	<i>Three Amazing Things about You</i>	<i>728 Hari</i>
<b>Creative Values</b>	Independently	Socialize
<b>Experiential Values</b>	Individualistic	Cooperative
<b>Attitudinal Values</b>	Discreet	Religious

<b>The Similarities and Differences of the Novels based on Elements of the Novels</b>		
<b>Elements of the Novel</b>	<i>THREE AMAZING THINGS ABOUT YOU</i>	<i>728 HARI</i>
Setting of Place	London	Jakarta
Setting of Time	2015	2015
Plot	Linear	Linear
Characters of the Avenger	Hallie: wise, independently, smart, and patient.	Eva: smart, educated, socialize, and patient.



Point of View	Third person	Third person
Theme	Meaningfulness of life in chronic disease condition, Hallie struggles against chronic disease.	Meaningfulness of life in chronic disease condition, Eva struggles against lupus.
Motif	Meaning of Life	Meaning of Life

## Discussion

### Analysis Meaning of Life on the Leading Character in Mansell's *Three Amazing Things about You* and Oesman's *728 Hari*

Meaning of life is things that are considered very important and valuable and give special value to someone, so that it is worthy of being a goal in life. Meaning of life turns out in life itself, and can be found in a state of joy or sorrow. To find the meaning of life there are three areas of activity that potentially contain values that enable someone finds meaning of life in his life if those values are applied and fulfilled, the values are creative values, experiential values, and attitudinal values.

- *Creative Values*

*“Hallie had set up the website during a prolonged and particularly tedious hospital stay. Didn’t everyone enjoy reading advice columns? She always had. She loved them, and loved coming up with solutions to problems too.*

(Jill Mansell, 2015:12)

In the novel *Three Amazing Things about You*, the writer can see the meaning of life is how someone creates something for other people through a website. According to the writer, someone who has the meaning of life or someone who realizes that he is meaningful through a work that can be useful to others. Even though in any situation everyone has the meaning of life, perfect or not physical condition is not a reason for someone to mourn his life. In this novel the main character has a chronic disease of cystic fibrosis, but she still gives advice to

people who experience dilemmas in his life. The website that she creates, has a positive impact on the person concerned even everyone who reads the writing on the website.

The second novel is *728 Hari*, the meaning of life through creative values are pursue work and carry out the duties and obligations as well as possible. The writer sees that the meaning of life does not necessarily create a work that is beneficial to others, but also through energy to work that can add to life experiences. Perseverance in work will add enthusiasm to undergo each duties and responsibility and will increasingly realize that life will be more meaningful. Doing a job in a state of severe illness is not an easy thing, a person who is physically healthy will experience fatigue in work especially people who are suffering from lupus which is also a chronic disease, besides working she is also involved in social actions related to diseases that she suffered. Percentage of life for someone who is affected by chronic disease is indeed less than healthy people, even doctors will sentence how long they can survive. However, God determines the age of man.

*“Dia kuliah bukan saja melawan malu, juga mengabaikan sakit. Pusing, mual, nyeri sendi. Tidak seluruh sesi tatap muka kuliah bisa dia serap. Daya konsentrasi tidak tahan lama. Tidak bisa konstan. Setiap ganti mata kuliah dia butuh interval istirahat setengah jam. Sudah dua semester dia jalani. IPK (Indeks Prestasi Kumulatif) 2,76 atau C plus. Hasil maksimal perjuangan dia.”*

(Djono W. Oesman, 2015:215)

*"She went to college not only against shame, but also ignoring pain. Dizziness, nausea, joint pain. She could not absorb all of the lecture face-to-face sessions. Concentration is not long lasting. Can't be constant. Every time she changes courses she needs a half-hour break interval. She has lived for two semesters. GPA (Grade Point Average) 2.76 or C plus. The maximum results of his struggle. "*

- ***Experiential Values***

Love and respect from the closest people can also make someone live a meaningful feeling in his life. By loving and feeling loved, someone will feel his life full of happy life experiences. Besides love, the value of virtue, faith and religion can also make someone mean in his life. In the *Three Amazing Things about You* novel the main character is more likely to feel loving and being loved by her mother, which makes her find her life meaningful and also struggles with her mother to face every life problem, because in the British culture the value of faith or religion does not dominate too much.

*“Hallie’s heart went out to her mum, who had worried about her her whole life. As any parent would, obviously, under their particular circumstances. But when it was just the two of them, Fay and Hallie Kingsley against the world, maybe the worry was that much more intense. Luke was right: she couldn’t let her mother cancel her own plans for a weekend away from Carranford. More than anyone, she deserved a break.”*

(Jill Mansell, 2015:61)

Same with the first novel, the main character has a meaning of life because she is loved by her family, especially her mother. Her mother's services are so great in her life starting from doctors begins to reveal that Eva has Lupus until she died. Her mother keeps her at the hospital at any time, before and after she married when her illness recurred, her mother always took care of her.

*“Aku ingin sehat, supaya aku bisa merawat Mama di hari tua Mama nanti,” ujar Eva.”*

(Djono W. Oesman, 2015:218)

*"I want to be healthy, so I can take care of Mama on Mom's old age later," said Eva."*

Love and virtue are illustrated in the two novels which affect the two main characters have a meaning of life from family attention, especially mother. Family and friends support really influences a person's spirit to get life's meaning and can also motivate someone who has chronic disease like them to recover.

- *Attitudinal Values*

An accident, chronic disease and bad things are things that no one in the world wants. If it can be avoided, everyone will look for ways to avoid it, but bad events that occur in life cannot be avoided and changed the situation by anyone. In attitudinal values that are seen is the attitude taken by someone in facing that situation. The attitude of accepting sincerely and steadfastly the tragic things that can inevitably can change our view from which was since tinged with suffering is merely a view that is able to see the meaning and wisdom of suffering.

Someone who is affected by cystic fibrosis has a very difficult time going through her days, she has to use an oxygen machine wherever she goes. This disease can indeed be cured through a lung transplant but to get people who want to donate their lungs is very difficult, it is tantamount to giving lives to others. In the novel *Three Amazing Things about You* the main character is almost desperate when waiting for someone who wants to donate his lungs for her.

*“Don’t be a whiner, she told herself. Concentrate on the good things in life, even if there don’t seem to be too many of them left.”*

(Jill Mansell, 2015:89)

Novel *728 Hari* also has the main character who suffers from lupus which requires her to take medicine for the rest of her life but she also continues to move like everyone else. Her attitude of being grateful for whatever happened in her life made her able to pass day after day even though she knows the disease will take her life in one day. Be grateful is one of the attitudes that can make everyone accepts whatever happens in their life, including bad things.

*“Ya Allah... aku bersyukur ke hadirat-Mu yang maha suci. Hidupku bahagia. Mama-Papa, adik semua, menyayangiku... teman-temanku sayang padaku. Kesadarannya pada keterbatasana waktu, tidak mengubah kegiatannya. Dia tetap menjalankan ibadah, sekolah, dan bergembira.”*

(Djono W. Oesman, 2015:136, 137)

*"O God ... I give thanks to Your most holy presence. My life is happy. Mom and Dad, all sister, loves me ... my friends love me. Her awareness of the inequality of time, does not change her activities. She still runs worship, school, and to be happy."*

### ***The Similarities and Differences Novel Three Amazing Things about You and 728 Hari***

There are the similarities and differences of meaning of life in the both novels using three values of meaning of life: creative values, experiential values, and attitudinal values through the leading characters in the both novels.

- ***The Similarities Novel Three Amazing Things about You and 728 Hari***

Based on the analysis above, there are similarities find in the two novels.

1. Both novels, *Three Amazing Things about You* and *728 Hari* have creative values to find meaning of life. The leading character in both novels want to show that even in conditions chronic pain, someone has the right to create a work and work responsibly just like people who have health conditions.
2. Both novels, *Three Amazing Things about You* and *728 Hari* have experiential values to find the meaning of life. The leading character in both novels have the feeling of loving and being loved by the closest people who encourage them to be able to show that they still have meaning of life even in conditions of chronic disease.
3. Both novels, *Three Amazing Things about You* and *728 Hari* have attitudinal values to find the meaning of life. In this value, the leading character in both novels also have similarities. They have the attitude of accepting courageously, patiently, and sincerely the chronic disease they suffer from. They realize that the suffering they experience is inevitable.

- ***The Differences Novel Three Amazing Things about You and 728 Hari***

Based on the analysis above, there are differences find in the two novels.

1. In the novel *Three Amazing Things about You* the main character named Hallie creates a website to provide solutions to people who are experiencing a dilemma in their lives. Although herself in a big problem with the illness, she suffers and it does not make her to be weak, she wants the rest of her life to be remembered by others

through the website she created. She wants to prove to herself and others that humans live not only for themselves but also can be useful to others. Whereas in the novel *728 Hari* the main character shows the meaning of life through pursuing work and carrying out duties and obligations as well as possible. She spends the rest of her life working responsibly to meet her needs and her family. In addition, she also devotes herself to people who have the same disease with her without having to pay. She wants to encourage and give strength to the same people to continue to live and work like everyone else. Although it was not easy for her to work in a condition that is seriously ill, she still shows that even in a state of severe illness she is fit to work and share experiences with people with lupus like herself.

2. In the novel *Three Amazing Things about You* the main character shows that she has the meaning of life through feeling loved and loving her mother. Hallie lives alone with her mother so her mother gives her full attention to her only child. Likewise Hallie, she loved her mother very much and try her best not to make her mother worry when her illness recurred. The feeling of being loved and loving that she felt, make her not give up on the situation. Besides that the virtue is also inside her, it can be seen from the solution she gives to people who experience dilemma in their lives in her website. Even though she never meet the people on the website that she is created, she does not make a distance between them. Hallie gives answers in a wise way and thought they were close friends with her so that everyone who read the website feel comfortable with all the writing on the website. In the second novel *728 Hari* Eva as the main character also believes that she still has the meaning of life through the love given by her family and environment to her every day. The support that she gets from everyone around her makes her enthusiasm more and more healed. She wants to one day repay the kindness of those who give her enthusiasm, especially her parents. Her mother who faithfully cared for her from the first time the doctor said Eva has Lupus since she was 12 years old until she died, her father who worked hard to find funds for medical expenses and her faithful husband accompanied her alternately with her mother when she was hospitalized and worked hard to help her father seeking treatment funds. Besides Eva's obedience in a religion she believes also adds to her strength, she surrenders fully to God whom she worships because she believes human age only God knows even though doctors have sentenced her to only survive for two years but she can survive until she is 36 years old.

3. The two novels tell about someone who fights against her chronic illness but still wants to find the meaning of her life both for herself and for others. In the novel *Three Amazing Things about You* the main character has cystic fibrosis but still accepts the situation steadfastly. She does not want to look down so she continues to carry out her activities and accepted the situation while waiting for the person who will give her a lung donor. The second novel *728 Hari* the main character also accepts her life with courage even though in the end her life cannot survive due to lupus which she suffers from she was 12 years old. But throughout her life she also carries out the same activities with healthy people and continue to worship, she also does not want to look worse and look weak so she still encourage herself to stay enthusiastic and continue to find meaning in life to be useful for her family and people who has the same disease as herself.

In both cases there is a portrayal of meaning of life. The first novel creative values show that the main character named Hallie wants to keep the meaning of life by creating a website for people who have a dilemma in their lives and provide solutions to people who cannot solve their problems. While in the second novel the creative values on the main character named Eva shows her persistence in working responsibly and humbly worked in a foundation that does not get a salary because she feels she has the same fate as people who have the same chronic disease with her. The experiential values of the two novels come from different people. In the first novel through experiential values the main character shows the meaning of her life through feeling loved by her mother while in the second novel the experiential values are mother, father, and husband. They are all very influential people for her to find the meaning of life. The attitudinal values of the two novels are accepting with sincerity and enduring tragic things that cannot be avoided, in the first novel the main character has a steadfast attitude arising from within herself while in the second novel stoicism arises from herself and value the religion she plants in his life.

4. The similarities and differences based on values of meaning of life in both novels into a table.

## **CONCLUSION**

### **1. The Portrayal of Meaning of Life**

The Meaning of life that can be portrayed from two novels are applying three values, namely creative values, experiential values, and attitudinal values. Creative values are the

first value that shows someone has the meaning of life by creating a work and working responsibly that is useful for themselves and others. The second value is experiential values, this value describes the feeling of love and being loved which can lead to the meaning of life in a person. The last value is attitudinal values, this value explains the steadfast attitude and sincerely accepts the inevitable situation in life. Between creative and experimental values, they have attitudinal values which are the basis for someone to have the meaning of life. Experimental values of the two novels are stoicism and faith.

Novel *Three Amazing Things about You* steadfastness possessed by the main character makes it able to deal with her chronic diseases. She shows that her attitude does not continue to deteriorate despite having a disease that could one day take her life. Whereas the second novel *728 Hari*, the main character has the stoicism and faith she has towards her beliefs, making her remain strong in living her life even though the chronic illnesses that she has eventually claimed her life.

## 2. The Similarities and Differences of the Novels

Based on the analysis in the novel *Three Amazing Things about You* and *728 Hari*, there are the similarities and difference in both of the novels. Both novels have creative values to find meaning of life through creating a work and work responsibly just like people who have health conditions. Both novels have experiential values to find the meaning of life through showing that they still have meaning of life even in conditions of chronic disease. Both novels, have attitudinal values to find the meaning of life through the attitude of the leading character accepting courageously, patiently, and sincerely the chronic disease they suffer from. They realize that the suffering they experience is inevitable.

The difference in the novels come from creative values, the main character in the novel *Three Amazing Things about You* shows the meaning of her life through creating a website for people who have a dilemma in facing problems. Even though she has chronic disease, suffering from cystic fibrosis, she does not want to look weak and mourn her life so she creates something that could help others in the rest of her life. Whereas in the second novel *728 Hari* the main character shows the meaning of her life through working responsibly and actively in social activities at a foundation whose members consist of people who have the same disease as themselves, namely lupus.

The point is that they still have the meaning of life even though they are sick. The three values that they apply in their lives show that they are strong and not discouraged. Their



attitude is very worthy of being imitated by anyone because every event that is in life has been determined by God. The most important thing is how we still seek the meaning of life through these three values.

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