

CHAPTER I
INTRODUCTION

This chapter discusses about background, problem, objective and significance of the study.

1.1 Background Of The Study

Along the journey of human life, freedom always becomes an interesting idea to discuss. Human right is deliberately set in order to facilitate people in their opinion, gender equality, and so on. However, another side of the freedom itself often blinds people as their fate. In religion, the essence of human life is journey to God, by recognizing the existence of God. However, with the existence of God, philosophers of atheis existentialist consider it only as an absurdity that the view is impossible to find answers about the transcendent.

Generally, existentialism is the existing of something. God is exist and all of things in this world is exist. As Muzairi (2002, p. 28) state Existentialism language rooted from word existence that taken from Latin language *Existo*. "Ex" means out and "Sisto" means to stand, in general, existentialism stands alone as itself and out of it. Then the writter think completely, existentialism is more than those words. This is about existence, process, believe about something and human action as reflection what they think.

Existentialism is really close with spiritual belief in which the theory separates it into Theistic and Atheistic. Theistic fundamentally still consider if there is another substation that out of human capacity as God's creature, on the

other side atheistic did not believe at all. Theistic consider human existence is not just because they are exist, but they believe that there is Creator on the world that create everything including men. God is the final destination of life. On the other hand atheistic point of view that all of men in the world is a subjective creature. They take control of their self and their life and for them just men who know everything about what they choose based on free and full understanding of all possibilities that will happen.

An Atheistic Jean Paul Sartre in Muzairi (2002, p. 5) states that “man is freedom, while freedom is the characteristic of human being, Sartre states the existence is precedes the essence, it is free and it is not determined by any fates”. Men determine their essence with the freedom itself, the extreme thing is if he is free then, God does not exist, and if man recognizes a God, then he is not free. So, the philosophy of existence here focuses on freedom, responsibility and self-alienation. Human behaves as a subject whose right over what they has chosen, decided and undertaken.

Different from Jean Paul Sartre, a philosopher of Theistic existentialism Soren Kiekergaard ever argues in T.Z. Lavine (1984, p. 4) “Only believe in God could remove all the meaningless of human existentialism. He assumes that only religion which can stop any anxiety and weaknesses of individual in modern era.”

The universal condition one is when they discomfort and surrender. Both of them are not objective because feeling of discomfort and surrender are different among each human being, and finally, the only power for those unsolved problems is just by believing in God to relieve the human discomfort.

Rene Descartes who is famous because of his statement about *I think there for I am*, or in *Latin Cogito, ergo sum*. It is stated on TZ. Lavine (1984, p.61) that Descartes still confess the existence of another power beyond human capacity. He argues that the absolute truth is that someone like Descartes, there is as a body of thinking has an idea, which is an idea is something that was recognized by human being, and they can feel something, They can catch anything by their sensory perception, remember those memories, using their intellectuality, etc. Those statement refer to human being and one reflected by his Idea, Moreover the idea it self is part of human characterizing so, it means that both of them unseparated.

In moslem, man is created only to worship for God and also devoted his life to God. This concept is related to the religious values like what have already stated in Qur'an. This means that humans are created only to recognize the existence and greatness of God. This is to be the intersection from the theory of atheistic existentialism which firmly says no to the existence of God which is not believe that God is the creator for everything happened in life and believing a Holly book something like believing a literary works which a Man can create.

In this case the movie entitled *The invention of Lying* clearly shows theistic and atheistic insight but in this thesis, the writer will focus on the theistic side. Mark Bellison character on his journey as a starring role in the movie, recognizes the power of human strength beyond his ability like what Descartes and Kiekergaard think before.

Mark Bellison is the main character in this movie. He lives in a world where human never know a lie or something unreal such as heaven and hell.

People there said everything in truth without considering feeling of others. They do not think that what they say will hurt other people, they just say what they know and feel.

However, Mark is the opposite one in his world. He become a very famous person in the world because of his statements. Mark Bellison's statement is related to the divinity. Everyone believes in him as a person who translates a lot of message from the man in above. Mark emphasizes how to be a good person, happy each other and fell wisdom every time. Unfortunately, however, with Mark declaration about how to live in the world, and life after death. People became lazy to work and to do other activities, they think that death is fun and they hope to die soon. They want to come in their beautiful home as what promise by the man in above. Gradually this make Mark felt so tired. The phenomenon is not what he was expected. He wants everyone to be happy, but it is not like what happen today.

Boredom is already come in Mark's days, especially when his lovely woman will marry other man which is more perfect than Mark. Moreover, he is Mark's ex office-mate. On the other side, people begin to doubt the concept of the man in above. It makes Mark condition's getting worse. However Mark comes to the girl's wedding in the end. The only one person who disagree to the marriage is Mark. When the woman asks the reason of Mark disagreement, He does not want to answer and left the place of marriage, not long before the woman follow him, then she ask again why he does not answer the question. Mark reply that he is

lying about the beautiful place after death and the existence of the man in above, the man do not actually exist.

This means that at the end of the story, Mark does not recognize the existence of God, he does not understand what he think. The woman who eventually follows Mark to go out from the wedding hall is a reflection of human liberty to decide everything about their choice. Actually there so many sides from Mark's story in the movie entitled *The Invention of Lying* movie that can be seen from Existentialism point of view in Theistic or Atheistic. Atheistic aspect can be seen when Mark give a statement that the man in above is nothing, but because of the main character here shows his process to identify the devinity, so as the writter says before this thesis will to focus on the Theistic side of Soren Kierkegaard and Rene Descartes point of view and also another related data depend on the main character process.

The writer finds so many data that can be analyzed from Mark stories to show if there is an Theistic aspect, like when Mark realizes that there is God outside himself as a man and religion rules as solver for human that can become happy in the world or when they are. This is an interesting movie to watch and also to discuss since there are many data about theistic existentialism. Since basically, every human being experiences a process of searching identity by basic questions of life: who i am, what i did, what is life, how life began, etc.

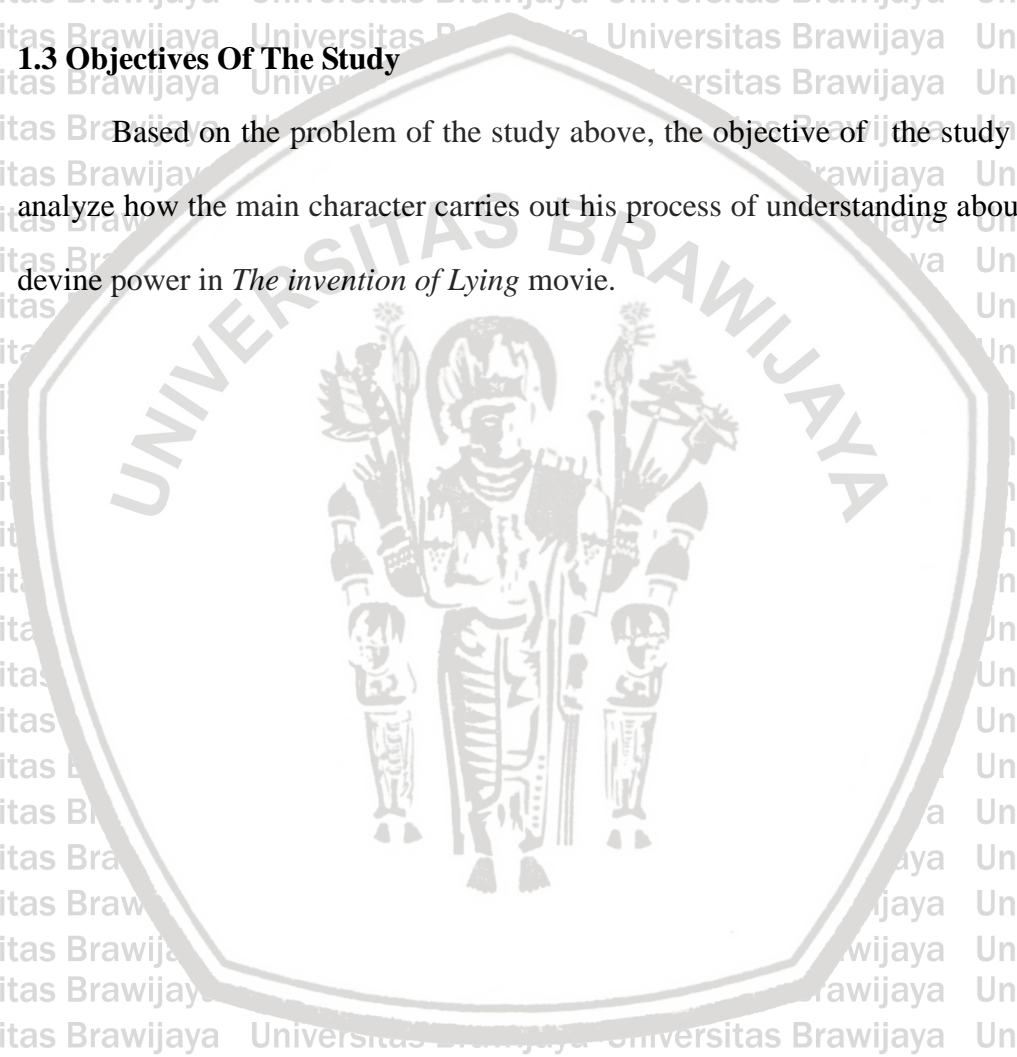
Therefore, the writer uses theistic theory of existentialism to explore the process of identity searching which is also found in the movie.

1.2 Problem of The Study

According to the background of the study, the problem of the study is how the main character carries out his process of understanding about the devine power in *The invention of Lying* movie.

1.3 Objectives Of The Study

Based on the problem of the study above, the objective of the study is to analyze how the main character carries out his process of understanding about the devine power in *The invention of Lying* movie.



CHAPTER II

REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE AND RESEARCH METHODS

This chapter consists theoretical foundations that support analysis and discussions in the next chapter. This chapter is divided into five sub-chapters.

Those are existentialism, Part of Theistic Existentialism; Proof that God Exists, Existentialism as Part of Human Identity – Searching, Previous Studies and Research Methods.

2.1 Existentialism

There are many opinions about the meaning of existentialism; existentialism is a philosophical school that centered human being as an individual who is responsible for their free decision without knowing what is right and what is wrong. According to Wiramihardja, Sutardjo (2009, p.15), existentialism is a school of philosophy that sees all things as originated from its existence which is perspective of a human being to exist and this existence is only applied to humans. Another opinion said that Existentialism is a 20th century philosophy concerned with human existence, finding self, and the meaning of life through free will, choice, and personal responsibility. They believe that people are searching to find out who and what they are throughout life as they make choices based on their experiences, beliefs, and outlook without the help of laws, ethnic rules, or traditions, as stated on All about Philosophy.org (2002, para 2).

By the opinions above existentialism generally is defined as a science that focuses on human beings by which he was seen as a being to exist. This science

examines insights of human being to live in the world with their full consciousness, human being is considered as special being and its existence is determined by himself, since only human being who is able to exist and knows how to play his roles, so that human being is creature whose rights of freedom.

The emergence of existentialism idea is put forward by two German philosophers, Soren Kierkegaard and Friedrich Neitzche. Kierkegaard aims to answer the philosophical crisis happened to the value of common human condition. In Temorubun, Koko Istya (2004, para.15) write Soren Kierkegaard philosophy which addresses the question of How to be an individual? "According to Kierkegaard, there are three stages of existing. The three stages are: (1) Stages of aesthetic, this stage is characterized by human effort to gain pleasure and sensual enjoyment. (2) The ethical stage, this stage is characterized by the acceptance of universal moral principles. Ethical human manages life based on conformity with the norms of living together. (3) Religious stage, at this stage people receive the presence of God and action the basis of faith in God." Humans will achieve the true meaning of its existence when he is in a close relationship to God. By Three stages on the above, Kierkegaard put religious stage as the third level and means a highest classification, it seems like he want to persuade people to rise of human quality to close God for getting the true answers of their questions and problems.

Soren Kiergaard's Philosophy in T.Z. Lavine (1884, p. 6) state "it tends to direct humans to relationships among themselves and God to realize that human being is sinful creature before God. He also invites people drowning in despair so

that it can create a leap of faith in God". By this statement it shows how Soren Kiergaard wants to people join him to treat as a servant for God.

Philosophy of existentialism is growing very rapidly because it is driven by the world situation, in general, especially by western Europe after World War II around the year 1945-1955. At that time the general condition was uncertain due to the war, crisis of values happened everywhere. The psychological atmosphere of that time with the occupation of France by Germany, thus raising concerns about the existential themes of freedom, responsibility and death. The people became restless, felt threatened by their own behavior, people also forget their individuality. At this point, existentialism is considered as a solution to the value crisis happening though actually, the view of Existensialisme has existed long before the First World War.

Rene Descartes also explained some views on Existentialism. Descartes logics think that the human has been given senses as a tool of realization on what he sees, but it has limitations. For example when a spoon is put into a glass of water then the spoon looks bent. Then when looking at a statue from a long distance, the object height appears smaller than its original size. This represents what captured by the human senses as reality is not always right, the senses also has its limits.

Departing from the logics, Descartes thinks that there are limits beyond the reach of men to solve. Then he comes to his thinking that *Cogito Ergo Sum* or well known as *I think there for I am*. Human thinks because he is alive, if they die then the man does not exist.

He also has to find out what makes the faith is sure, Descartes does not guarantee any truth unless she really understand it. This is also supported by Temorubun, Koko Istya (2004, para.8). He quotes Rene Descartes thought “at the moment Idoubt that my existence is not perfect and because I see clearly that knowing is a greater perfection than doubting, so I decided to find out from where I have learned to think of more perfect thing than myself. So I know that there must be something more perfect in nature.” This means that in the view of Rene Descartes, head mits that there is a perfect power beyond his capabilities as a human being. By Rene Descartes Point of view there is clearly shows that Descartes support to the theistic side. It depicts to a confession process of the existence and perfection of God.

However at the writing of this thesis, the writer prefer focus on the Soren Kierkegaard and Rene Descartes point of views as the basic approach to analysis than Fredericht Nitzhe and Jean Paul Sartre who both of them support on the atheistic existentialism aspect. The writer interested on the theistic existentialism theory to see some problem on the object of the study that is the movie entitled *The Invention of Lying*. While the writer think that Soren Kierkegaard and Rene Descartes' insights can be used as an approach to this thesis .

2.2 Part of Theistic Existentialism; Proof that God Exists

Rene Descartes, began with his philosophy “Cogito Ergo Sum” means I think therefore I am, which also can be refered every time I think, I was as conscious beings, as a thinking substance. On the Descartes’s argues on T.Z. Lavaline (1984, p.64-70), Descartes thinks to examine the truth of existence of

God through his thinking stages until he find the answer to his question by giving three proofs of God. They are Ideas and Causes, Descartes's question, and Descartes has determined the existence of God from his idea that clearly do exist.

2.2.1 Ideas and Causes

Descartes said that people have clear and real idea of the God head, but the idea is the result of a cause. Then the following is the conclusion of self-evident about the cause:

1. There is definitely a lot of reality in the cause as well as in the effect.
2. Something cannot be continued from something which is not exist.
3. What's even more perfect is impossible to continue from the less perfect one.

The first evidence of Descartes is the emphasizes of the causal relationship over things. Impossible for ending if there is no beginning. Universe will not exist if there is no God who created it, even for a man's work will not exist without the men who created it.

2.2.2 Descartes's Question

Descartes ask for him self.. "Do I, whose an idea about an infinite and perfect substances, could be exist if these substances do not exist?" Descartes then answered his own question by using the process of elimination; (1) Not him.

He could not lead him self there because if he was the creator of the presence of himself and be free from everything else, there would be no shortage on him, he will have no doubt and desire on something. If he could, he would give himself every perfection, but he do not have that power. Therefore, he could not be the

cause of himself. (2) It was not his parents or any other cause but God, because if his parents are the reason beyond his existence then it should be asked too, who is the cause of his parent existence and so on. (3) Therefore, God exists as the sole cause of his existence as a thinking thing.

At this second proof, Descartes tries to show that humans are not meant to be perfect, it has many shortages as a creature. According to the writer, there are at least two human short comings, namely: it exists only as a creature, and therefore there must be someone who creates it although it has a chain of ancestors. Finally, in the end of human development, all being will see the point in which they are no longer a thinking creature since death surely meet them. Once again just perfect God almighty is above all. No one can be a creator as the truth of creator.

2.2.3 Descartes Has Determined The Existence of God From His Idea That Clearly Do Exist

“One of the Descartes analogy is like a triangle characterize by total number of 180-degree angle so he found the corner of the triangle as similar to the idea, the idea of a clear and real perfect substance including perfection of existence. Exist is a part of natures of God as a perfect substance.” T.Z. Lavaline (1984, p.62). By simple language, in the third proof of God by Descartes, angles of the triangle is analogous to the existence of God, it cannot be seen by the senses of vision, but angles of the triage was clear and real which is equal to 180 degrees.

So it is similar to the truth of God's existence. He is not reachable by the human senses, but proofs of God existence really exist.

2.3 Existentialism as Part of Human Identity - Searching

Essentially human being has an immense curiosity, they wants to know what is not yet known, he would seek answers to what he was questioned, he will also seek assurance from the things which he doubted, he also will undergo everything he cosidered correct and that he believed. In this case the process is called finding him/herself as a man. It is connected to existentialism because the theory is about existence which is purpose of human identity searching either about himself or other things.

In the holy Qur'an there is a story about the journey of a human being, a Prophet, who is God's messenger seeking truth and belief in God; Allah SWT as the only God Almighty. His name is Ibrahim A.S. He was sent by God as a messenger of God's truth. He was born in a place called "Faddam A'am" in the Babylonian empire led by a mighty and vile king in the years around 2295 BC.

The king also himself as a God, the king named Namrudz bin Kan'aan. Once when the king has a dream that someday there will be a boy that would over throw his rule, the King become very anxious therefore he order that every boy baby who born must be kill. Father of Ibrahim, Azhar do not have the heart to kill his own son, then Azhar and his wife bring the prophet Ibrahim in a cave. It is a miracle that the baby is not deathand since that time, his parents use to visit Ibrahim. After one year in the cave, he bring back home by his parents and grows like any other teenager.

Azhar, Ibrahim's father is a sculptor of statue even the king Namrudz is very fond of his work. The whole society at that time worship on the statues. In

his insight, he is not agree with beliefs of people at that time, the none day Ibrahim says to his father “O my father and my mother, who has mademe?” his parents answer that they are those who made Ibrahim exists, while his grandparent are those who make his parents exist, and so on. Ibrahim come onto ask “if so who was the first to make all of this?” both parents are not able to answer, as well as everyone he question.

He then look for who true God is, So when the night covered him [with darkness], he saw a star. He said, “This is my lord.” But when it set, he said, “I like not those that disappear. And when he saw the moon rising, he said, this is my lord.” But when it set, he said, “Unless my Lord guides me, I will surely be among the people gone astray”. And when he saw the sun rising, he said, “This is my lord; this is greater.” But when it set, he said, “O my people, indeed I am free from what you associate with Allah. Indeed, I have turned my face toward He who created the heavens and the earth, inclining toward truth, and I am not of those who associate others with Allah”. *The Holy Qur'an*, Al-An'am 6.76-79.

Firstly, he finds that Allah is the only God, and Ibrahim was trying to persuade people to change their belief on idols. But it did not work because everyone stays in their belief, even he was reviled and driven out by his father for asking his father to follow the religion of Ibrahim. Opposition by opposition hepassed, until finally when all the people out of town to celebrate their holy day, Ibrahim destroye all the idols and only left one. When all the people return, they are very angry and accused Ibrahim as the culprit. Then Ibrahim was sentenced to

be burned alive, but the miracle of Allah SWT come. Ibrahim make no burn at all, so this incident makes most people become doubtful on their faith in God of idols.

From the story of the Prophet Ibrahim AS., if it is seen from the views of existentialism Ibrahim has arrived at a point where the process of finding himself as a creature. Who has no origin, he asked about his origins, his parents to lead to the question who is the creator of everything. He also think about an existence in which the figure of the Creat or namely God in worship should be perfect. The story is the same as Descartes said in the previous section that God would not have a short age because His perfect. In addition Ibrahim also get through his faith by trying to invite people around to give an understanding the true of God. Although he was opposed by many people but here maintained firm on his belief in a single God.

Besed on *The Holy Hebrew Bible*, Jer.20.9 “The prophets of God often faced opposition when they were instructed to deliver messages of warning, but they were not permitted to shy away. The prophet Jeremiah expressed how it felt to deliver messages from God warning the sinful leaders of Judah to repent of their sins. He was not allowed to keep God’s words to himself, saying, But His word was in my heart like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I was weary of holding it back, and I could not.” It is shows how a prophet is someone who God belived has a revelation to convey His messege to people whatever anything happend.

According to the writer, both of the religion basic shows that one of parts of existence is to see and know God by himself. It will explored by the writter in

the study object of *The Invention of Lying* movie on the next chapter in which the main character is also carry out a process of understanding hisself and God existence which he described as the Man on the above.

2.4 Previous Studies

There is one previous study that have been found by the researcher. The research was conducted by Romadhon, Dimas Iqbal (UB, 2011), entitled *The Searching of Existence under Inexistence in Eugene Ionesco's The Blade Soprano*. In that study there are differences and similarities with the study is *The Invention of Lying* movie. Both of this researchs use the theory existentialism as basic the approach and also for mapping the studies itself. Both of them agree about existence of God on the main character's live on those stories. But the differences here are both of this research use different object so it means that both of the story, plot, characters, and setting is totally different. On the research *The Searching of Existence under Inexistence in Eugene Ionesco's The Blade Soprano*, Romadhon, Dimas Iqbal rise the issue of absurdity as the main theme, but on the research *The Invention of Lying* movie writer rise the theistic existentialism in general as the theme, it is about how the main character on the movie *The Invention of Lying* to make sure if in the out side there is something that has the biggest power to enrole anything and It calls as Man on the above.

2.5 Research Methods

In conducting this research, there are four steps taken:

A. Deciding Material Object

The writer chooses a movie entitled *The Invention of Lying* as her material object. It include side as, attitude, the way soft thinking, and dialogues among the characters in the movie *The Invention of Lying*. This movie tells about a man named Mark Bellison with his self conflict; concerning findings that there is a power beyond men capacity he called people above, and a few things about his finding on how to have a good living.

The reason of the writer chooses this movie is because there are not researchers in the Faculty of Cultural Studies of University of Brawijaya who discuss about how the main character's understanding process about devine power in the movie *The Invention of Lying*.

B. Deciding The Approach

In this step, the writer decides the theory which relates to this research.

This theory consist of many ideas which focus on the existence of God and human being. Therefore, the theory of theistic existentialism will be used in analyzing the movie which focus on the main character's undstanding process based on the movie itself, Al-Qur'an, Bible and the data source as like books, blogs, and website.

C. Collecting The Data

In this step, the writer will collect the data for the analysis. The data source are the movie *The invention of lying*'s scenes by the dialogues and also the script.

D. Analyzing and Interpreting Data

In this step, the writer watches *The Invention of Lying* movie scene by scene thoroughly and carefully to observe this movie. This movie shows perception about the truth of God's existence which is a lie and vice versa. The writer uses the theory of theistic existentialism as an outline for analyzing the main character journey in finding an understanding of power divine.

About the application of theistic existentialism theory, the writer will look for the similarity between the theorist's arguments and parts of the movie entitled *The Invention of Lying*. The writer find one resemblance between the main character and the concept of theistic existentialism which shows by Soren Kierkegaard, Rene Descartes and another related data. Based on the the resemblance the author use the basic point to write analysis about the main character gaining the faith in next chapter.

CHAPTER III

FINDING AND DISCUSSION

This chapter consists of discussions on the findings and contains four sub chapters about the analysis on how Mark Bellison as the main character in *The Invention of Lying* movie gains his process of understanding omit devinity. They are being a good man and devote in God as a form of exploration to know the existence of God, Mark Bellison's sights of God of the universe, Mark Bellison's journey in delivering the divine values, and the unpredictable stages of Mark Bellison's journey in *The Invention of Lying* movie.

3.1 Being a Good Man and Devout in God as a Form of Exploration to Know

The Existence of God

Human being knows God through awareness of its nature. Yazdi, et al., (1994, p.42) interpret the nature as ... "An innate human desire throughout history, without considering differences in ethnicity, geography, and education, the human being is in his quest for the Almighty God." At this point, the human seek to know about himself, what he needs, who he is, and also about the meaning of life.

Indirectly, through the quest above, the final goal is to get peace and happiness.

Based on the above ideas, the man will undergo a process to identify himself. In this process some people find the answers of the questions on the basis of deity so that it makes them getting closer to God and find the answer without

referring to divinity and event end to neglect it. Character of Mark Bellison in *The Invention of Lying* movie represents a familiar process of recognizing his Lord through the nature of Lord.

AlFawaid (2013, para. 6), said: "God invites His servants to know Him in the Qur'an in two ways: first, seeing all the works of God and the second, see and contemplate and explore the signs of God as in his words: Indeed, in the creation of the heavens and the earth and the alternation of the night and the day are signs for those of understanding *The Holy Qur'an*, Ali Imran 3.190." The first step of getting to know about God is by looking at all of God's creation. While the second step is much deeper because it explores all of God's creation.

Based on *The Holy Qur'an*, Ali Imran 3.190 shows the first way to know God is to see all of His creation. One of the examples is see human beings as God's creatures. While the second step is explained further to know God is how to more explore the God's creation itself. For example is exploring the human as God's creature. Human created by God as intelligent beings, thoughts, emotions and they can desire to do what they want and think. These things that makes people a special creature. Human can distinguish between good or bad according to their sense and thoughts. Humans also can decide for himself whether They will be happy or no accordance with their feelings.

In *The Holy New Testament*, Rev.4.11 "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created." This is one of verse in Chatolic's Bible which shows

also about God is the only one who create every things in this world and God is the greatest one for human life. It is clear that wheter in religions or Soren Kierkegaard, Rene Descartes, and Mark Bellison point of view among them are see the same perfection of God.

By another side human being can truly recognize themself by recognizing who his God is, why he should have God, and why God created them as human being. After all humans should have a purpose in their life. And if he begins with values of divinity, it will result indivine values too. The values that the author means is divinity that contains elements of goodness summarized in the religious order. In the end, the theistic existentialist will realize that humans being is God's creatures and accept it as a disposition.

At the writing of this thesis, the authors take this movie as the object to analyse which the main character here undergo an exploration process to know God with the basic concepts of divinity values is a good person and recognize the life here after. There is a life after death and is associated with heaven and hell. *In The Invention of Lying* movie the people doesn't know about devinity before so it is be interesting when Mark Bellison is the one who invite people understand about God and His existence. It is seems like God wants people know Him by Mark Bellison. Then, in another part we can see the exploration process to know God by Mark Bellison by the process of Recognizing values of deity forms of good personality of Mark Bellison and also in Mark's thoughts about Death and Heaven.

3.1.1 Mark Bellison's Being Better in Personality

As mentioned above in the previous chapter, Soren Kierkegaard argues that there are 3 stages to be an individual. The third is religious stage which is the highest level. It means that human at this level will find happiness and peace with the spiritual values of divinity.

Mark Bellison in *The Invention of Lying* movie plays as the main character. In the beginning of this movie, He looks a person without motivation. He is 40 years old without great career, girl, and house. He just rent a small apartment. He often give up same like his friend. His friend names is Frank. Both of them ever fill hopeless together and as usually Frank tells about suicide. But once upon a time this condition changes, after he get a revelation even he is the one try to stop Frank by suicide plans. Here Mark Bellison undergo a process of change personality for being better where it is an implementation of the increasing level of his religious process.

Mark becomes very wise as he sets to know God and he calls Him The Man in above. One of examples of Mark's wisdom is his action of people in despair around him. One of them is his friend, Frank who feels hopeless and wants to end his life.



Figure 3.1.1.1 Frank, Mark's friend in despair (00:31:41)

No matter how difficult life is, a man is not supposed to think of suicide.

In *The Invention of Lying* Movie Frank is in despair that he wants to commit suicide. In *The Holly Quran*, Annisa 4.29 "... And do not kill yourselves [or one another]. Indeed, Allah is to you ever Merciful." It is clear, that divine values consider suicide as something that is prohibited by God because of His mercy and compassion.



Figure 3.1.1.2 Mark is preventing Frank from committing suicide (00:31:35)

Mark Bellison who used to be assumed as a loser has changed to be a wise figure, with positive insight, calm, and very friendly. As shown in the Figure above, Mark is preventing Frank from committing suicide just because the misery of his life. He motivates and assures Frank that there will be a lot of good things in the future.

Indeed, in reality people often experience difficult times. At that time, people need a positive perspective to motivate their self to continue their life. To further clarify, the following is a dialogue among them.

Frank : Awful. I am doing some internet research last night about suffocation suicide. I'm probably going to give that a try tonight.

Mark gets in the elevator, Frank walks away. A short beat. Mark exits the elevator and yells after Frank.

Mark : Frank! Don't do it.

Frank : Why not? I'm miserable. And no one will care.

Mark : I'll care.

Frank : You're a loser, though.

Mark : Don't do it, Frank. Things are going to be all right.

Frank : They are?

Mark : Yes. You're going to meet someone soon. You won't be so lonely. Things are going to turn around at your job.

Frank : My job's actually fine.

Mark : Well, things are going to get better. Better than they are.

Frank : What about the depression?

Mark : It will go away very soon. You're going to be happy soon, Frank. You just need to wait for it. Listen to me: you don't need to kill yourself.

Something changes in Frank. A slight smile comes over him

The scene reflected in the dialogue above shows Mark's concern to others.

He wants to show that Frank's intention is something wrong by motivating Frank

with his wisdom. Mark tries to be a true friend. It is obvious that Mark is experiencing a process of spiritual understanding of God and His goodness so that Mark became a wise person. As stated by Soren Kierkegaard (1936,Para.2) “if the learner is to acquire the Truth, the Teacher must bring it to him; and not only so, but he must also give him the necessary condition for understanding it.” Context of teacher here is someone who provide supporting argument before commanding or prohibiting his students when he found an incident. Similarly, if it happened to a friend, then it is better to have enough motivation skill. And this is what Mark Bellison did, he prevents Frank from committing suicide because there are many reasons for Frank to stay alive.

Juwayni, Ahmad states (2013, Para.3) “caring attitude is the attitude of awareness to help those who are weak, poor, helping to overcome the suffering and the difficulties of others. They can not do nothing witnessing other people's suffering.” In *The Invention of Lying* movie, departing from this awareness, Mark Bellison help to solve the problem of people around him. He is happy when someone else is happy, his days are beautiful when people around him smile. Generally, people who learn about values of the goodness of God in his life think more of others than to himself. For example is the Prophet Muhammad who always think of his people, to be safely survive in the world to the Hereafter and better know the God of the universe.

Doing goodness is mentioned in *The Holy Qur'an*, Al-Baqarah 2.195

“And spend in the way of Allah and do not throw [yourselves] with your [own] hands into destruction [by refraining]. And do good; indeed, Allah loves the doers

of good.” That is, people who are liked by the Lord, are those who love to do good to others and always help people in distress. In reference to the verse above, and is applied to the main character, Mark Bellison shows that he tries to apply the values of the goodness of God and to learn to be loved by the Lord. Unconsciously in this process, Mark becomes a good person and it is reflection of his divine spirituality.



Figure 3.1.1.3 Mark is motivating a woman (00:33:33)

Eventually, there are many goodness shown by Mark, one of them is as shown in the picture above. Initially there is a woman who looks like troubled standing in front of an office and Mark comes to her. Not long after whispers to the woman. After being whispered by Mark that the woman's face shows a smile and she walks happily. It looks like Mark has motivated her.



Figure 3.1.1.4 Mark reconcile two arguing people (00:33:49)

When he walked, Mark see two people sitting together and it seems like they are dating. Both are arguing, then Mark came and reconcile them. Mark's effort is successful, the couple is reconciled and kissing.



Figure 3.1.1.5 Mark is addressing a grandmother in a nursing home (00:34:11)

Mark makes people around him feel happy. In a nursing home, one of the occupants is Mark Bellison's grandmother who lives with people of his age. Since Mark thinks in different ways, with happier mood, then everything he does is

useful for the people around him. For instance, when Mark comes to see her grandmother in a nursing home, he addresses the people with smile. With Mark's hospitality, they become happy too.

3.1.2 Mark's Thoughts About Death and Heaven

When Mark Bellison undergo his process in gaining devine power, He is being better in personality. It is reflected by his actions in his daily which the author tells in the previous sub chapter. Here, he also has new sight to see man's life in this world. He thinks a lot about many things that may be happened. He also believes that there is a great force and unlimited energy out there. The "thing" cannot be opposed by anything. The "thing" is the owner of love and give so much blessing to human being. The strength and power come from one source, called God. In this movie he calls Him as "Man in above."

One example that shows that God has so much affection for the human is the heaven's promise to the good people. Even death is not the most terrible thing. Because if the man is good then after he dies he will meet the best thing ever. In a quote of Søren Kierkegaard which cited by Fuad, Hassan (1985, p.19) "God creatures out of nothing ; wonderful, you say ; yes, to be sure, but what does is still more wonderful ; he makes saints out of sinners." God created something more beautiful than what is imaginable, through forgiveness of sins, mankind will be saved from the evils and go to heaven.

On *The Invention of Lying* movie there are some parts that show dialogues about life after death or we call it as heaven. One of them is when Mark met his grandmother named Martha. She is dying, she is very terrified of death that always haunt her mind. Then Mark tries to calm his grandmother by telling her about a peace that will be encountered after she dies.



Figure 3.1.2.1 Mark tells his grandmother about heaven (00:46:03)

The figure above shows Mark Bellison is calming her grandmother shortly before she died. Death is a gate of a new life. If during her life on earth she is a good person, then after the death, the person will live in happiness in heaven.

Mark convey this concept to his grandmother to reduce her worry, because he will live in happiness in the hereafter.

Indeed life in the world is only temporary as reviewed by Adzikir, Dani (2012, para. 1). From Abdullah bin Mas'ud z, he reported that "prophet Muhammad slept on a mat". The mat also made an impression on his stomach glorious. The Companions said, 'O Messenger of Allah, what if we build the bed

for you?" He replied: "What is my problem with the world? I'm not in this world but just like a traveler who take shelter under a tree and then walked away." [HR At-Tirmidhi].” This Hadith confirms how short life on earth is and will continue after death. Indirectly human is invited to think and contemplate that life is not forever. Thus, they should be more focus on the actual journey of life after death.

Then here is following of those figures between Mark and his grandmother in the hospital which talking about death and life after death

Martha : I'm so scared, Mark. I don't want to die. You know, people don't talk about it much, but death is a horrible thing. One minute you're alive, there's a whole world around you, humming and jumping, people coming in and out, doors opening and closing, love and anger and the whole mess of it all, and then lik that, it's all gone. This is it Mark, only a few hours left of this until an eternity of nothingness. I'm scared. (crying)

Mark : Listen closely to me, Grandma. I have a surprise for you. You're wrong about what happens when you die. It's not an eternity of nothingness. When you die you're going to go your favorite place in the whole world. And you're going to be with all of the people you've ever loved and who have ever loved you. And you're going to be young again, and you'll be able to run through the fields and dance and jump, and there will be no sadness, no pain, just love and laughing and happiness. There will be ponies made of gold, and everyone will live in giant mansions, and everything will smell like cookies. And it will last for an eternity. Mom. An eternity.

Tears are rolling down Martha's face as a glimmering smile overtakes her face.

Mark looks up to see the nurses, paramedics and doctors staring at Mark in total shock.

Nurse : Go on

Mark : You're going to be happy forever, Grandma. I promise you. Say hello to my mom for me. Tell her I love her.

Details of events in this dialogue enough show that Martha, Mark Bellison's grandmother is facing her death. She was very afraid of all the things will happen after she dies. It inspires Mark, and Mark tries to calm down his grandmother about death, he explains that live life after death is not as bad as she has imagined. After the death she will live in happiness in a place that is very good in which most of things she love will be there, she will meet the people she loved and loved her, she will stay in the most beautiful place etc. Until finally, Mark win the heart of his grandmother, and Martha dies with a smile face.

Every human being will return to its creator, no matter when and where. Inevitably, one day every body will surely experience a death, and only God knows the time. As in *The Holy Quran*, Az-Zumar 39.30 "indeed, you are to die, and indeed, they are to die". All creatures existing in the universe will die without exception in a certain time. Death will come to everyone regardless of gender, ethnicity, race, age, ancestry or the other. Death will surely come and no one can prevent or delay it.

As written by Soren Kierkegaard (1936. Para:14) "And now the moment... It is brief and temporal indeed, like every moment; it is transient as all moments are; it is past, like every moment in the next moment. And yet it is decisive, and filled with the Eternal. Such a moment ought to have a distinctive name; let us call it the *Fullness of Time*". In other words Swenson uses the term of time as something temporal or inter-related to other time. Similarly, the life time of the world is related to the life after death. This is what so called as fullness of time an endless time, limitless, and everything will be perfect.

3.1.3 Supervicial Thought of Mark Bellison

Mankind is born with his/her subjectivity side. Everyone has desires, aspirations, and expectations of each. That is why each person also has different problems to deal with. The problem coming to them is highly subjective and is not objective. As quoted by Fuad, Hassan (1985, p.24) "... for Soren Kierkegaard, the concrete and the real are what the individual and the subjective one, not what is general and objective". It is an analogy of problems subjectivity that is faced by every person. As individual beings, whenever and wherever human beings will encounter a variety of problems. A proper perspective is required to solve the problem. Perspective towards the problems will generate a person's mindset, words and actions.

Coming from this perspective, then the problem becomes very subjective. Similarly, the spirituality of each person is different. They know and understand their Lord in different ways but no matter how much the differences, the same purpose is to learn, recognize, and comprehend the Lord as well as running rules in each of the religion.

If it is connected to *The Invention of Lying* movie, some parts showed that indeed the problem is subjective depending on the way people perceive. Most of people deal with problem generally, only small numbers of people perceive it in specific or rare perspectives.

There is still in the new Mark's thought. In the previous sub chapter tells about Mark's thought about death and heaven. Here, by Mark's perspective as his

subjectivity he changes the way to see an occurrence. He see in deeply more based on the value not only the cover. By the story on *The Invention of Lying* movie shows people never see as he does till Mark spreading out his ideas.

In this discussion we will see one of the events shown in this movie in which there is a conversation between Mark Bellison and Anna, a girl who loved by Mark. Both look at the same incident, subject, place and time but both have different perspective and view toward the incident. The following conversations show different views between Mark and Anna.



Figure 3.1.3.1 A couple with hat in the park who are falling in love (00:30:37)

The couple above are described as a lovers. The incident occurs in a park where Mark and Anna are there too. Mark who looks at them from perspective of love, see the two people deeply in love to each other, on the other hand, Anna who look at them superficially assumes that they are just two low class people being together. Here is the dialogue that occurs between Mark and Anna which represents the description above.

Mark : What do you see when you see those guys?

Anna : Mmm...Two nerdy losers in hats?

Mark : Yeah. Good. Good observational skills. But what I mean is, look beyond just their appearance and look at them. They're holding hands. They're in love.

Anna : Hey, do me. I mean, just what do you see? What do you see in me?

Mark : You're pretty. You've got a wonderful smile.

Anna : Well, that's what everyone sees. I am n't finished. You're the sweetest, most caring person I know. And you've got a freckle there I've never told you about how much I love. You usually smile, but sometimes you spend your day in be deating and crying. You'll hold someone's hand after their mum...You're the most wonderful person I've ever met.

Through the dialogue above Mark leads Anna not to see something only from the outside, but deeper. Most people look at things from general point of view which tend to look from the outside or physical.

In connection to these values, Mark Bellison tells Anna to view the incidence or something from its hidden values, not visible in naked eyes.

Furthermore, the somebody looking at certain things are also associated with mindset, experience and insight of the person. From the above dialogue about perspectives, indirectly Mark seeks to influence Anna.

As Murdi write in this book (2012. Para. 1) "Human being cannot be separated from the time and place where they are, therefore values they believe in ideational, aesthetic and ethical structure will be one of important factors in their lives either in action, socialized, even in expressing what they feel". Similarly, to the goal of Allah in delegating prophet Muhammad in guiding the mankind in that era of ignorance to brighter era which has correct rules. The people of that time think in a wrong way so that lead them to wrong behavior too.

3.1.4 The Period Before Mark Bellison Understand The Basic Concept of The Virtues of God

The following is one of example Mark's world before he get the understanding about divinity. What happened in this movie is similar to the foolishness era. People in this movie adopt values that are contrary to the values of God. So, many bad habits are found in their moral ethics and aesthetic. One example is in courtesy of speaking, which one is telling the truth and which one is impolite whereas in religious values, we should be honest but we also should avoid to hurt the heart of others. It does not mean that the rule is used in all contexts since everything is depended on the context of occurrence.

Below, there is a dialogue in *The Invention of Lying* movie which is telling the truth but in fact it can be considered to be impolite. The following picture is dialogue between Anna and her mother about Mark and her date.



Figure 3.1.4.1 The expression of Mark when he hears the conversation between Anna and her mother about Mark (00:07:13)

In this movie, the period before the change of life value brought by Mark Bellison, everything is said to be too vulgar. Vulgar here means every sentence spoken is without filtering whether or not rude or impolite. Here is a part when Mark and Anna having dinner in a restaurant where impolite conversation between Anna and her mother by phone about Mark occurs.

(CELLPHONE RINGING)

Anna :Sorry. It's my mom. I think she's probably checking on the date. It won't take long.

Hello.. Yes, I'm with him right now. No, not very attractive. No, doesn't make much money. It's all right, though. Seems nice. Kind of funny. A bit fat. Has a funny little snub nose. (EXCLAIMS) Kind of like a frog in the facial area... Yeah, but... No, I won't be sleeping with him tonight. No. Probably not even a kiss. Okay. You, too. Bye. Sorry about that.

The conversation above shows the absence of filtering process in the current social order. First, the language Anna used is too impolite in condition of not joking. Secondly, Anna talked with his mother while being dinner with someone who she talks about. The talk is about the lack of the person. It can be assumed as an honesty, but if it is seen from the value of goodness, surely this is not good.

As presented above, the movie tells a story of a world with their own values, which may be less suitable with the values of kindness, moral and deity.

And Mark Bellison as the main character is told to bring a change in the order of society with better values from divinity. Mark's basic concepts will be discussed at sub chapter of Mark's speech of values of life.

3.1.5 The Admission Process of People Toward New Values Brought By Mark

Bellison

As the author tell before, Mark bring a change in the order of society. The following are example of the change itself. Here is an adaptation process in the public acceptance of new values presented by Mark Bellison.



Figure. 3.1.5.1 The people are gathering to listen to Mark delivering new values (00:01:36)

In a process of finding truth of God, people will often be critical. Even, it could raise various questions suchas what God is, why there a God is, why man must have God and what religion is. In *The Invention of Lying* movie people around Mark also asked the same questions in different ways. This is because there are many things related to God values which is yet completely understood. It may have been conceived but not yet implemented, so its till raises contradictions to achieve religious level.

The dialogue between Mark Bellison and the audience is as follows:

Mark : Oh. What the... No. There is no hairstyle that can put you in the bad place. We've been through this. The main ones are things like hurting people physically, on purpose, okay? Taking their stuff, doing things to people they don't want done, murdering people on purpose. Okay. "Number nine, "the man in the sky who controls everything "decides if you go to the good place or the bad place. "He also decides who lives and who dies."

Audience : Does he cause natural disasters?

Mark : Yes.

Audience : Did he cause my mom to get cancer?

Mark : Yes.

Audience : Did he cause that tree to land on my car last week?

Mark : Yeah.

Audience : Did he kill my dad with that heart attack?

Mark : Yeah.

(CROWD EXCLAIMING IN DISAPPOINTMENT)

Audience : I say fuck the man that lives in the sky! Yeah, that guy's evil!

Audience : That guy's a coward, hiding up there doing bad things to us. Why doesn't he do it to our faces?

Audience : We have to stop that evil bastard before he kills us all!

Mark : Wait, wait, listen. The man who lives in the sky and controls everything is also responsible for all the good stuff that happens.

(CROWD EXCLAIMING APPROVINGLY)

Audience : He's the guy that saved my life on that fishing trip when the boat capsized?

Mark : Yeah.

Audience : Did he capsize the boat?

Mark : Yeah.

Audience : He killed my grand mother and left me those millions of dollars? You bet yeah.

Audience : So, he's the one who cured my mom's cancer?

Mark : Yeah.

Audience : So, he's kind of a good guy, but he's also kind of a prick, too.

Mark : Yeah. Right, but check this out, okay? "Number ten, even if the man in the sky does bad stuff to you, he makes up for it by giving you an eternity of good stuff after you die. " As long as you don't do any of that

Audience : Bad stuff that you mentioned, right? Yeah, of course. So it's kind of a test.

Mark : Yeah. Well, that's everything I know.

From the dialogue above, it can be inferred that it is not easy for us to accept something new. Processes are necessary to understand. Along with the script of the movie in which people in that community do not have any understanding or background on values of divinity. Thus, people consider taboo what Mark Bellison told. So it is common thing that the audience ask many trivial things. But Mark Bellison continue to try announce them.

In *The Holy Hebrew Bible*, Jer.20.9 shows “The prophets of God often faced opposition when they were instructed to deliver messages of warning, but they were not permitted to be away. The prophet Jeremiah expressed how it felt to deliver messages from God warning the sinful leaders of Judah to repent of their sins. He was not allowed to keep God’s words to himself, saying, “But His word was in my heart like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I was weary of holding it back, and I could not”. As the writer analyse, It is show that a prophet also undergo a contradictive condition to tell the truth by God. But he can not save alone the messages, he has a responsibility to announce the people whatever will happend.

3.2 Mark Bellison’s Sights on Perfection of God of The Universe

As Rene Descartes in TZ.Lavaline (1984, p.68) has discovered his own spiritual process in realizing God existence. The discovery process came from a

question “Do He, whose an idea about an infinite and perfect substances, can be exist if these substances do not exist?”. This question concludes that everything is led to belief in God. So Mark Bellison in *The Invention of Lying* movie experience it too. It is found in the basic concepts of the man in above he describe to the entire of the world through the mass media.

Rene Descartes in T.Z.Lavaline (1984, p.34) also state “... and that consequently my existence is not quite ... I resolved to inquire whence I had learned to think of anything more perfect than I myself is; and I recognized very Clear that this conception must proceed from some nature which is really more perfect.” This statement shows how Rene Descartes thinks that he is not perfect and make sure that it means to establish itself and all things are not perfect all come something much more perfect. This statement lead to the perfection of God.

Obviously this leads to the perfection of God. In *The Invention of Lying* movie Mark Bellison also thinks of the same thing admitting about perfection of God. Here, he is the only person who realizes the concept. Here is picture supporting the ideas.



Figure 3.2.1 Mark bellison speeches of confessing God perfection (00:55:51)

As shown above by the excerpt of *The Invention of Lying* movie in which Mark is making a speech or lecturing about the Man in the above. Mark's acknowledge that God is regulator of every thing that later called as the man in the above. It means that it is in accordance with Rene Descartes concept who realizes that he is not perfect, and there is a much more perfect substance from him. Then Mark on the figure above also find the perfection of God.

By another side to support Mark Bellison and Rene Descartes sight, the writer quote *The Holy New Testament*, Jas.1.17 "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." This verse show how God has His own perfection.

3.3 Mark Bellison's Journey In Spreaing Out of The Divine Values

Retalking about the process of the invention of belief in God Almighty in the object of this thesis, the author finds the similarities in the process of getting faith between Mark Bellison and Ibrahim A.S story which has been described previously. Such beliefs are divided into two; Faith as a divine inspiration and prophetic tasks.

3.3.1 Faith As an Revelation Mark Bellison

Faith of Mark Bellison in *The Invention of Lying* movie on the Almighty God happens as it is. He suddenly gets an inspiration from The Almighty God about a great thing he has not been realized so far that God is always loving, affectionate and helping. In fact there always intervention of God in every things he does. Since it is the first time of his awareness on the existence of God, Mark considers this awareness as the greatest thing ever. The belief of the prophets came as a revelation given by Allah Ta'ala. According to Hamdi (2010, para. 1) "The transfer of knowledge to the minds of the target people quickly and confidentially so that it is hidden and invisible to everyone". Mark Bellison's awareness in this movie is something that is hidden and can not be realized by everyone.

In his faith, Ibrahim has the belief in the solely of God Almighty. It is clear in *The Holy Qur'an*, Al-An'am 6.68-69, which states "And when he saw the sun rising, he said," This is my lord; this is greater. "And when he saw the sun rising,

he said, "This is my lord; this is greater." But when it's set, he said, "O my people, indeed I am free from what you associate with Allah. Indeed, I have turned my face toward He who created the heavens and the earth, inclining toward truth, and I am not of those who associate others with Allah". The prophet Ibrahim's belief in God without any other incident. He get the inspiration and enlightenment as the largest gift of God, his belief in God and His Oneness become a faith. He acknowledge he existence of the Great Creator. So, based on the above story whether Mark Bellison or prophet Ibrahim in the process of finding God, both of them are getting the fith as a revelation by God directly based on their own process.

Lecturer team of PAI-UB, (2005, p.72) define faith as "Conviction of heart, spoken orally and manifested in actions ... faith is the unity and harmony of the heart, between the heart, speech and behavior." As mentioned above, the faith discovery of Ibrahim and Mark Bellison in this movie has similarities based on the terminology of faith. It is because of Mark Bellison also reflect his heart, speech and manifested in actions conect with the divinity after he get the revelation.

Both Mark Bellison and prophet Ibrahim are in tune with what they believe. Since Ibrahim has belief in god also, his hearts, words and actions are in tune then. He pronounced his belief as in *The Holy Qur'an*, Al-An'am 6.68-69. He also corrects the faith of community at that time by preaching.

God announced to the Israelites how He would speak through prophets saying in *The Holy Hebrew Bible*, Num.12.6 “Hear now My words: If there is a prophet among you, I, the LORD, make My self known to him in a vision; I speak to him in a dream.” There is shows that God tell human to believe prophet about Him and also all the prophet says. It is because of God told the prophet by a revelation which not every human get it. In deeply more that a prophet has the responsibility to share what he knows about devinity.

Mark Bellison as the main character undergo his process to understand the devine power in *The Invention of Lying* movie which begins when he firstly trapped in financial difficulties, unpredictable, sudden system failure occurs at the bank and the amount he expected is fulfilled. So, finally he can finished his financial difficulties. At the time, he realizes that in fact there is something powerful out there that has not been known and realized. Here is Mark Bellison expression for the first time of his awareness to “Something Great” referred to God.



Figure 3.3.1.1 Mark's expression when he first realizes the new great thing he find
(00:22:35)

In this scene, Mark expressions look very enthusiastic since he find something new and very admirable for the first time. For him this is a huge discovery, which he believes, it will be one of the greatest discoveries in the history of the world. This is Mark's expression toward the discovery.



Figure 3.3.1.2 Mark feels what he found will be a great record in the history of
human being (00:22:11)

As we know, there are sections in the religious books which tell us life stories of the Prophets. These stories serve as a guide and inspiration for mankind.

While in this movie, Mark Bellison assumes that he will be very famous in the world because of his thoughts on the existence of the Man in above and he will be noted in the history of human thought. At least that's what he is thinking.

Unpredictably, what he says has inspired many people and changes their paradigm.

3.3.2 Mark Bellison's Resemblance to Messenger of God

After Ibrahim believes in the oneness of God, then he regrets the faith of people at that era. It is mentioned in *The Holy Qur'an*, Al-An'am 6.68-69 above.

One of Ibrahim ways to show his faith is by means of preaching. Ibrahim invited people to be faithful to God and destroyed the statues that are used to be considered as God by the people.

This is similar to what happens to Mark Bellison in *The Invention of Lying* Movie, he often gets sudden revelation to believe in the existence of power beyond human capacity, which is later referred to as the Man above. He also makes a speech about his faith and values and a lot of publications on his thoughts. He destroys values and the divine order of society that is used to be common in the wider community. He also spreads the kindness to people around him as a proof. Many of the media involves too in making publication of Mark's thought.

In *The Invention of Lying* Movie Mark Bellison is indirectly playing role as a messenger of God or the Prophet which one of his duties is to convey the message to human being, similarly done by prophet Ibrahim and other prophet of God. The messages is the reference of good order in human life as well as to be identity of virtuous human.

3.3.3 Mark Bellison's Speech of Values of Life

Mark Bellison is a figure of trusted person. He also announces what values should be implemented. On one occasion, he delivers a speech on the truly rules of life. The following are the contents of Mark Bellison speech in *The Invention of Lying* movie:

1. There is a man who lives in the sky who controls everything.
2. When you die you are not disappear into an eternity of nothingness. Instead, you go to a really great place.
3. In that place every person will get a mansion.
4. When you die, all the people you love will be there too.
5. When you die there will be free ice cream. All day. All night. Whatever flavour you can think of.
6. If you do bad things you won't get to go to this great place when you die.
7. The man in the sky who controls everything decides if you go to the good place or the bad place. He also decides who lives and who dies
8. Even if the man in the sky does bad shit to you, he makes it up to you by giving you an eternity of good stuff after you die.

Mark's thought is a new idea that has never been heard by anyone in that world. Mark tells about life after death and the existence of the Man in above governing all things that happen in the live of people. The Man Above is the one who set everything that is going on in the world and the universe.

From the text of speech Mark delivers, one point which is clearly visible is about the Man in above and His power. The first point clearly shows that the Man is perfect in terms of everything, the Man is referred to God Almighty. Nothing can be greater than the Man above. As written by Rene Descartes (1636, para. 40) "I judged, however, that if there are any bodies in the world, or even any intelligences or other natures which are not wholly perfect, their existence must depend on His power in I such a way that they cannot subsist without Him for a single moment." His power here is referred to God.

In the second point, Mark talks about death, life after death, preparation to die, as a way to be a good person. He also explains the consequences of not being a good person. Through his speech in front of many people, he hopes his message can be conveyed directly to them. Media as a company can see this opportunities. As written by Neumann, Elisabeth Noelle (1993, p.326) "In a controversial issue, people form impressions about distribution of opinions." Opinion distributions mean distributing news continually and repeatedly from a public source intended to form the desired public opinion.



Figure 3.3.3.1 Mark delivers speech (00:55:08)

Figure above is an excerpt from the movie as Mark Bellison convey about the life after death. For the audience, it is very interesting idea because what Mark Bellison deliver is something they never heard before.

Hassan, Fuad (1985, p.25) write "The last stage of mankind to be achieved is religious stage. At this stage, human do not hope for understanding and testimony of human beings, on the religious level, human encounter with the Lord as a genuine dialogue." Religious stage here can be said as the highest stage of human existence because as stated above when a man is in this phase, he will appreciate the meeting with the Lord. The meeting is certainly not through the five senses but of the heart. The closer a man to God, he tends to be sensitive to the values of God. In *The Invention of Lying* Mark Bellison also do the similar.

Things presented in the his speech is good values that lead the society to be a better civilization.

3.3.4 The Influence of Mass Media in Disseminating New Values of Mark Bellison to The Society

Mass media is considered as one of media used in publishing something. It gives positive or negative effect. Positive and negative impacts are also very subjective depending on what point of view. Both effects can be seen through the assumption of mass media as a company or public. Neumann, Elisabeth Noelle (1993, p.200) states that “The mass media played an important role when people tries to determine the majority opinion.” So, mass media is crucial in shaping public opinion about something.

There is an article telling the story of Soren Kierkegaard who ever become a victim of the mass media. In 1840 when there is a weekly magazine named Corsair frequently publish scandal news. The prominent people in Denmark are often being subject of the news. Surely if it is viewed in terms of the magazine industry. It is positive because it produced more profit. But for the reported person, it will be an adverse situation. At first Soren Kierkegaard often get compliments instead of bad news. But on one occasion, in one letter Soren Kierkegaard stated that he will rather be attacked than praised. The magazine eventually turned to attack him and added with mocking caricatures, further, another publishing company followed the idea. This treatment had formed an image of Soren Kierkegaard in the public assumption such as in the news. This is painful that it made him loses his hope to be taken seriously by his own people.

This is one of media's roles in creating public assumption.

In the story of Mark Bellison, the media also makes a *Priming* which “Priming is a process in the which the mass media focuses on some of the issues and not on other issues and change, thus the evaluation standard is also used to assess the social reality audiences faces.” Severin (2005, p.271). More over this theory that the media also Explain Encourage the formation of thoughts connected to what is shown mediated itself. In *The Invention of Lying* movie media spreads various news about Mark ideas. There are news showing good side of the man in the above but there also the opposite. In fact, however, the media has succeed to make people pay more attention to Mark Bellison concept.

But mostly in *The Invention of Lying* movie, mass media is very instrumental in raising the name of Mark Bellison and spreading his ideas. It manages to spread the news about Mark Bellison very quickly. All around the world hears the news of life after death through the mass media at the time. The media conveys values that Mark introduced to the general public. As in *The Greatest American Values Test* by Ball-Rokeach S., Rokeach, M., and Grube J.W. (1984, p.316), “Researchers developed a model to change the value of people and it is not easy, because our value is deeply and generally believes to be a basic part of our personality.” Mark Bellison also to face this problem because not everyone can easily understand what Mark said.

Here is an example of role of mass media in spreading news about Mark Bellison all over the world to shape public opinion. This is a picture of media mass which publish Mark’s the point of view.



Figure 3.3.4.1 One of the mass media containing Mark Bellison's thought (00:22:35)

The printed media in this movie is very active in spreading out Mark Bellison thoughts. Some news support and some others reject it. Neumann, Elisabeth Noelle (1993, p.315) "in certain circumstances, the mass media can impact significantly on a large number of people." Similarly, *The Invention of Lying* movie quite clearly shows that the mass media have spread out Mark Bellison oration, and delivered it to the general public. Many people who previously did not understand, eventually understand it as the mass media played its role bridging the gap. But unfortunately there are some news which made contradictory opinion in the public.

3.4 The Unpredictable Stages of Mark Bellison's Journey In *The Invention of Lying* Movie

People believe in Mark's concept of new norms and values because human life in this story is characterized by honesty. At the end of the story, Mark Bellison

deal with a severe circumstance. People begin to doubt what he delivers. Some parts showing Mark Bellison despair are conversation of Mark Bellison and his two friends and confession on the grave of Mark Bellison Mother.

3.4.1 Conversation of Mark Bellison and His Two Friends

On an occasion when Mark has become a successful person, he is very famous and his ideas also spreads throughout the world through the mass media.

Unpredictably, what happens then is not like what he has expected. He states the rule in order that human being can be happy and have beautiful life without suffering. However, many people are increasingly misinterpreted including his friend, Frank. Here is a picture and conversation between Mark Bellison and his two friends about their misunderstanding on his ideas.



Figure 3.4.1.1 Mark is talking with his friends in front of a swimming pool at his luxurious house (00:16:56)

At this step, saturation appears in Mark Bellison's minds. What he preached is not understood thoroughly by all people around him. The figure above

shows that Mark is talking with his two friends. Their conversation is about life after death which Marks Bellison preach. Actually, Mark's intention is to motivate people to behave positively, active and productive before their death, not to be the opposite by being lazy while waiting for death.

The following is the dialogue among the three of them about things described above.

Frank : What's going on?

Mark : What, I can't be depressed 'cause I've got a big house and loads of money? What about you guys? Are you happier, at least? Since the man in the sky?

Frank : Yeah, definitely.

Jim : Very happy.

Mark : Are you still lonely? Have you found someone yet?

Frank : Uh, no, I kind of gave up on that.

Mark : Why?

Frank : Well, because I am thinking that if I get eternal happiness when I die, that'll be really great because it's eternal, you know, so you can't really beat that. So I'm just really happy that that's gonna happen. So until then I think I'm just gonna stick with the alcohol and my little apartment and just kind of hang out by myself and drink and watch TV.

Mark : That doesn't sound like a happy life. That sounds like a long, miserable one.

Frank : Well, no, it won't be that long, because the more I drink, the faster I'll die. And I'm just waiting for that mansion, you know?

Jim : That's what I'm talking about.

The above conversation indicates a misunderstanding about Mark's ideas.

People tend to be lazy and do not want to work hard. It becomes opposite with what his intended by God's values. As in *The Holy Qur'an*, Al-Qasas 28.77 "But seek, through that which Allah has given you, the home of the Hereafter; and [yet], do not forget your share of the world. And do good as Allah has done good to you. And desire not corruption in the land. Indeed, Allah does not like

corrupters.” Based on the above verse, it is very different from what Mark's friends think. In moslem point of view, God commanded to pursue their after life but should not leave his world. The world here and the world after life should be balance. Misinterpretation about the beauty of a placeto live after death (heaven) in *The Invention of Lying* movie is clearly misleading from the divine values.

3.4.2 Confession on The Grave of Mark Bellison Mother

In the end of Mark bellison process he can not handle many problems which comes then make an instability on Mark Bellison faith. He assumes that what he said is a lie. Here are pictures and confessions of Mark in front of his grandmother's grave.



Figure. 3.4.2.1 Mark is visiting his Grandma's grave. (00:19:15)

Mark : I miss you, Mum. I know you can't hear me. I know you're not up there in a mansion. You're right here in the ground. And I'm the only person in the world who knows that. And I'm not happy. I did all this, but... I'm not happy because no one listens

to what they really want. That's why I'll always be a loser. That's why I'll always be alone.

A very sad ending. Mark reveals that all he said so far is a lie, about heaven and the Man above. The Man above is actually do not exist. Everything happened is begun when Mark tries to calm his dying grand mother. He can not bear to see her fear so he told his grandma the story about happiness after death.

Actually there is the devirification between the prophet and Mark Bellison. In *The Holy Hebrew Bible*, Jer.20.9 shows that the Prophet has responsibility to convey deny anything happend. But here this movie shows that the main character give up and in the end he can not fight what he belives and the way to safe himself. He says for himself if his invention about man in above is a lie. People still can accept the devinity concept by Mark Bellison because Mark does not publish that the Man above is a lie.

That is the process of gaining the divine power. As stated in the middle of discussion in this thesis, someone's process on searching values of divinity is ended with improved faith in God Almighty, but some others experience the opposite. What happens to Mark Bellison is possibly on the second, but at least he had experienced a process of discovering values of divinity.

CHAPTER IV

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

This chapter comprises two parts. The first is conclusions of the study. The second is the suggestion concerning further application of the research findings and things required to be investigated in the future research.

4.1 Conclusion

Based on the analysis conducted in chapter three, the writer concludes that Mark Bellison, the main character in *The Invention of Lying* Movie encounters a series of spiritual processes in believing in God. There are three series outlining Mark Bellison stages in the process: finding new faith, test of the faith, and the final result. Mark has passed three stages.

On the first stages, Mark finds something that has not been realized then he believes in it to be a truth. Mark then conveys the truth to the people. Just as human task is to spread out kindness. In this movie, Mark also does it. Moreover, mass media also plays a crucial role in disseminating his thoughts.

The second stages is about test of the faith. Sometimes it is necessary to change old values that have become increasingly a common paradigm with the new one as that is introduced by Mark. He tries to make a new and better paradigm; surely it is a difficult process. There are many protests occurs in the

process of understanding. Similarly, when we change our mindset and old habits into the new one, there will be contradiction within those values. It is just about how we understand these new findings and whether we can apply it or not.

Furthermore after Mark Bellison publishes his new ideas and many people accepts the value as a truth, apparently, in certain periods there is a mistake understanding values in Mark's speech. In this condition, Mark Bellison is tested by the circumstance.

The last stages is about the final result. Unfortunately when hard times happens, according to the writer, Mark here is not consistent with the invention.

At the end of the story he states for himself that what he has conveyed all about the Man above, heaven and hell are lies.

When Mark can not finish those problems, he says that he lies about the existence of Man in above. This movie conclude that based on some occurances shows people uncompletely understand about Mark Belison's says there are about hereafter, heaven and hell. What Mark dissapoint is when people are lazy and only want to die early without workhard any more.

If it is *The Invention of Lying* Movie viewed in term of spiritual process, Mark Bellison as the main character in the movie has undergone a theistic process in terms of excistentialism theory. The movie looks like an atheistic side at the end. Regadless of the ending of the story, Mark Belison has found the concept to deity to prove the existence of God and people around the main character also received the concept of God conveyed by Mark Bellison

4.2 Suggestion

In writing this thesis, the writer refers to theistic existentialism theory by exploring the main character processes in realizing existence of God. However, actually the author also found that there are so many elements in this movie that can be explored through other theories. This movie is very rich in values to be discussed depending on the viewpoint to see and then to explore it. There are so many possible things on the theistic side that the author might not realize in this study.

Therefore, the author hopes for further studies to raise existentialism issues in this movie both in terms of theistic and atheistic viewpoints. When studying existentialism, especially theistic theory, people can increase their knowledge and it can become a logical reference to believe in the oneness of God. Similarly, there are possibilities for other approaches such as psychological approach, sociological approach, etc, to explore *The Invention of Lying* movie. The writer hopes this thesis can inspire to the future study.

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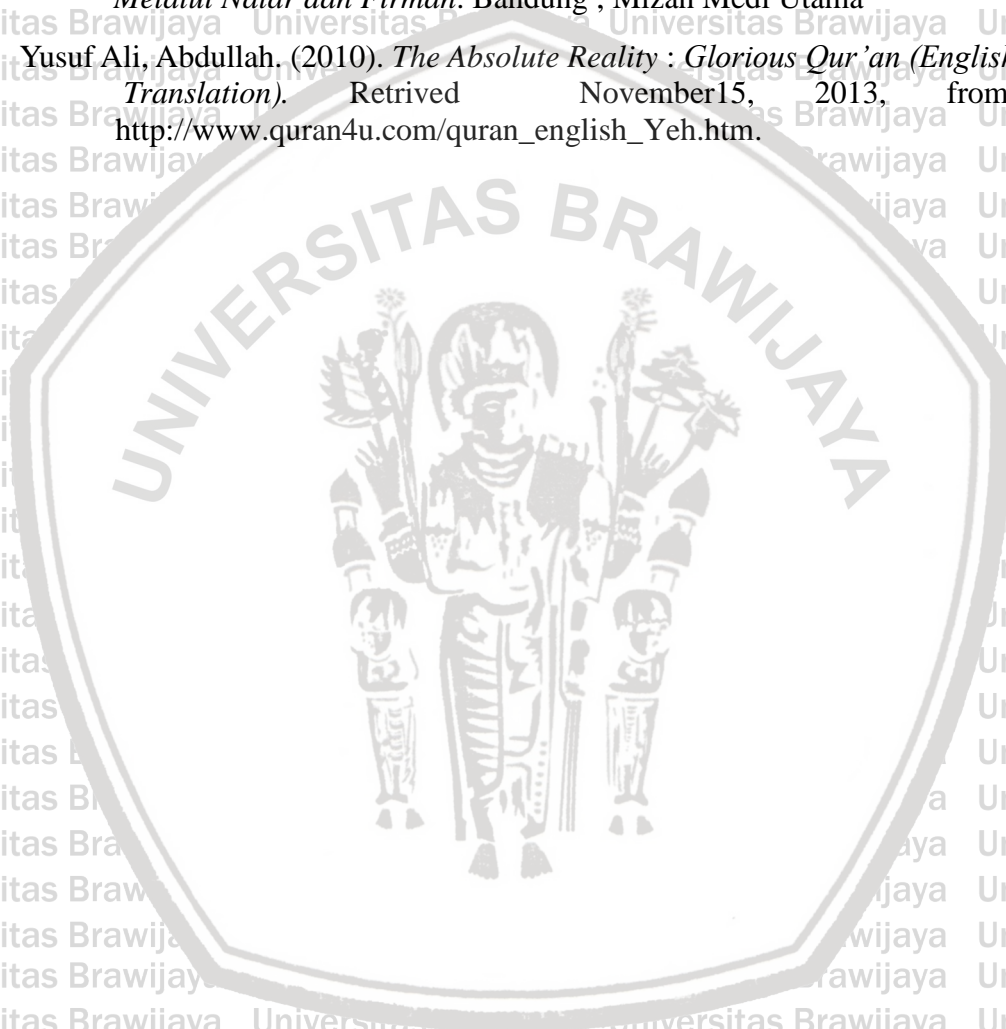
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APPENDICES

Appendix 1

Scene 52

Mark : Hey there, Frank.

Frank : Mark. How's it going?

Mark : Pretty good, thanks.

Frank : Really?

Mark : Yeah. You?

Frank : Awful. I was doing some internet research last night about suffocation suicide. I'm probably going to give that a try tonight.

Mark : Oh.

Frank : All right. Bye, Frank.

Scene 53

Mark : Bye, Frank!

Frank : Yeah?

Mark : Don't do it.

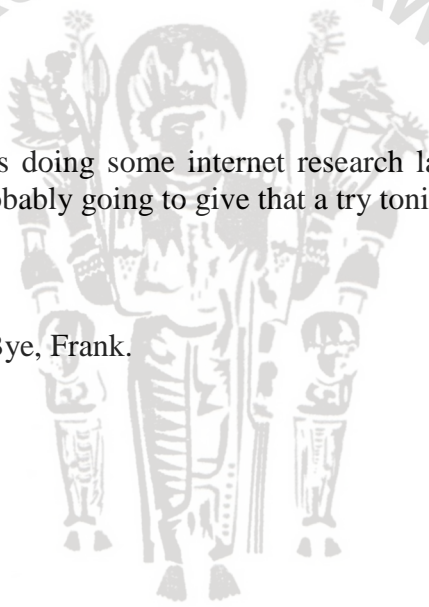
Frank : Why not? I'm miserable. And no one will care.

Mark : I'll care.

Frank : You're a loser, though.

Mark : Don't do it, Frank. Things are going to be all right.

Frank : They are?



Mark : Yes. You're going to meet someone soon. You won't be so lonely. Things are going to turn around at your job.

Frank : My job's actually fine.

Mark : Well, things are going to get better. Better than they are.

Frank : What about the depression?

Mark : It will go away very soon. You're going to be happy soon, Frank. You just

need to wait for it. Listen to me: you don't need to kill yourself.

Frank : Really?

Mark : Really

Scene 54

Frank : Wow. Man, and that suffocation thing really seemed like a good idea.

Mark : It wasn't.

Frank : Okay. Well, my night's open now. You want to hang out later?

Mark : I don't know. Not really.

Frank's smile fades a tiny bit.

Mark : Sure. Of course. Let's hang out.

Frank : I'll see you after work.

Mark : Great.

Mark gets back in the elevator to the sound of Frank laughing to himself as he exits the building. We hold on Mark for a moment as he smiles and nods his head.

Scene 60

Mark: What do you mean, she's gonna die tonight

Nurs : It does not look very good. She suffered a major heart attack. Her heart is very weak. Her pulse is not very strong. Her blood pressure is dropping rapidly, and she will probably suffer a fatal heart attack sometime tonight. Yes. Still going to die. so you might wanna grab yourself a little bite down there after Mom dies.

Martha : I'm so scared, Mark. I don't want to die. You know, people don't talk about it much, but death is a horrible thing. One minute you're alive, there's a whole world around you, humming and jumping, people coming in and out, doors opening and closing, love and anger and the whole mess of it all, and then lik that, it's all gone. This is it Mark, only a few hours left of this until an eternity of nothingness. I'm scared. (crying).

Mark : Listen closely to me, Grandma. I have a surprise for you. You're wrong about what happens when you die. It's not an eternity of nothingness. When you die you're going to go your favorite place in the whole world. And you're going to be with all of the people you've ever loved and who have ever loved you. And you're going to be young again, and you'll be able to run through the fields and dance and jump, and there will be no sadness, no pain, just love and laughing and happiness. There will be ponies made of gold, and everyone will live in giant mansions, and everything will smell like cookies. And it will last for an eternity. Mom. An eternity.

Nurse : Go on.

Mark : You're going to be happy forever, Grandma. I promise you. Say hello to my mom for me. Tell her I love her.

Nurse : What else happens? I'm gonna see my mother again when I die. Will you tell us more, please?

Scene 65

Reporter : Today, people are saying he has new information about what happens after you die.

Anna : Sorry.

Mark : I guess you heard about the stuff that I told my mum the other night. That's why you're here. I know some things, some very important things about what happens to you after you die. Everything you need to

know is written on these pizza boxes. "Number one," there is a man in the sky who controls everything. - "Number two..."

Audience : Whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa. What does he look like?

Mark : Uh, tall, big hands for making stuff. Good head of hair.

Audience : What ethnicity is he?

Mark : Uh, he's a new type of ethnicity. He's a mixture of all our ethnicities.

Audience : Does he live in the clouds?

Mark : No.

Audience : Can we see him?

Mark : No. He lives higher than the clouds, too high to see him.

Audience : So he lives in space.

Mark : Not that high.

Audience : So then the thermosphere?

Mark : Sorry, people. I've got a lot to get through here. Can we just... Man lives in the sky, you can't see him. He controls everything. Cool? Good. "Number two," when you die, you don't disappear into an eternity of nothingness. "Instead, you go to a really great place."

(CROWD EXCLAIMING APPROVINGLY)

Mark : "Number three," in that place, everyone will get a mansion."

(CROWD LAUGHING AND APPLAUDING)

Audience : What kind of mansion?

Mark : The best mansion you could think of.

Audience : Ah, I was thinking of a horrible mansion!

Mark : Well, no. It's the best mansion you could ever think of. Not the one you're thinking of right now, but ever. Whatever the best mansion is you'd

like, that's the one you're gonna get. "Number four," when you die, all the people you love will be there."

Audience : Will they have their own mansions?

Mark : Yeah. Of course. Everyone gets a mansion.

Audience : What if I want them to live in my mansion?

Mark : Well, that's fine. They'll leave their mansion. They'll come and live with you, won't they?

Audience : What happens to their mansion?

Mark : I don't know. It goes back on the market. Can we... "Number five," when you die, there will be free ice cream for everyone." All day and all night, whatever flavours you can think of. "

Audience : Even bad flavours?

Mark : Why would you think of bad flavours?

Audience : You just said every flavour I could think of.

Audience : Oh, no. I just thought of vanilla and skunks.

Mark : Well, don't eat that, then.

Audience : I just thought that chocolate sauce was diarrhoea.

Mark : Don't put that on the ice cream, then! What is the matter with you people? Can we... Please. "Number six," if you do bad things, you won't get to go to this great place.

Audience : Where will you go?

Mark : A terrible place, the worst place imaginable.

Audience : What constitutes a bad thing?

Mark : Awful crimes, rape, murder, things like that.

Audience : Is punching someone bad?

Mark : Yes.

Audience : What if they're trying to hurt you?

Mark : Well, then it's fine.

Audience : Is cursing bad?

Mark : No.

Audience : What about being late for work?

Mark : No, that's...I mean, you might lose your job if the boss doesn't like it, but it won't affect what happens to you after you die.

Audience : What about if you forget to feed your dog?

Mark : Well, then, if you forget, I mean, it's bad for the dog. If the dog dies, it's bad, but it's not...I mean, don't do it on purpose. Don't buy a dog just to starve it for a laugh, but... Can we... If I do just one bad thing, do I go to the bad place?

Audience : No!

Mark : You get three chances. Three bad things and you're out.

Audience : Like baseball! Sort of. So, anything else?

ALL: Yeah!

Mark : Oh, please, can we just move on?

Audience : No! We have to know everything that's bad.

Mark : Fine.

Audience : Is it bad to wear pants?

Mark : Oh. What the... No. There is no hairstyle that can put you in the bad place. We've been through this. The main ones are things like hurting people physically, on purpose, okay? Taking their stuff, doing things to people they don't want done, murdering people on purpose. Okay. "Number nine," the man in the sky who controls everything "decides if you go to the good place or the bad place." He also decides who lives and who dies.

Audience : Does he cause natural disasters?

Audience : Did he cause my mom to get cancer?

Mark : Yes.

Audience : Did he cause that tree to land on my car last week?

Mark : Yeah.

Audience : Did he kill my dad with that heart attack?

Mark : Yeah.

Audience : I say fuck the man that lives in the sky! Yeah, that guy's evil!

Audience : That guy's a coward, hiding up there doing bad things to us.

Audience : Why doesn't he do it to our faces?

Audience : We have to stop that evil bastard before he kills us all!

Mark : Wait, wait, listen. The man who lives in the sky and controls everything is also responsible for all the good stuff that happens.

Audience : He's the guy that saved my life on that fishing trip when the boat capsized?

Mark : Yes.

Audience : Did he capsize the boat?

Mark : Yeah.

Audience : He killed my grand mother and left me those millions of dollars?

Mark : You bet yeah.

Audience : So, he's the one who cured my mom's cancer?

Mark : Yeah.

Audience : So, he's kind of a good guy, but he's also kind of a prick, too.

Mark : Yeah. Right, but check this out, okay? "Number ten, even if the man in the sky does bad stuff to you, he makes up for it by giving you an eternity of good stuff after you die."

Audience : "As long as you don't do any of that bad stuff that you mentioned, right?"

Mark : Yeah, of course.

Audience : So it's kind of a test.

Mark : Yeah. Well, that's everything I know.

Scene 80

Mark : What do you mean? Look at him

Anna : He's a loser.

Mark : You can't tell that from just looking at the guy. He could be the world's greatest poet. Well, he probably is a loser. Bad example. But I'm saying, it doesn't have to be, just by... Okay. What do you see when you see this fellow here?

Anna : Short, sweaty, bald guy.

Mark : Right. Hi!

Mark : He's carrying a briefcase. He's in a hurry. He's probably off to a really important meeting. He's probably a high-powered businessman.

Anna : You see more than I do.

Mark : Well, because, if you look... What do you see when you see those guys?

Anna : Mmm... Two nerdy losers in hats?

Mark : Yeah. Good. Good observational skills. But what I mean is, look beyond just their appearance and look at them. They're holding hands. They're in love.

Anna : Hey, do me. I mean, just what do you see? What do you see in me?

Mark : You're pretty. You've got a wonderful smile.

Anna : Well, that's what everyone sees.

Mark : I wasn't finished. You're the sweetest, most caring person I know. And you've got a freckle there I've never told you about how much I love. You usually smile, but sometimes you spend your day in bed, eating and crying. You'll hold someone's hand after their mum... You're the most wonderful person I've ever met. What do you see when you look at me?

Anna : You're chubby and you have a snub nose.

Mark : Yeah. That's about it.

(CHUCKLES SOFTLY)

Anna : You're smart.You're kind.You're the sweetest man I've ever met.You are definitely the most interesting person I know.And you are fun to be with.And you see the world in a way that nobody else sees the world, and I like the way you see the world. And you're my best friend.You make me happier than anyone I've ever known.

