

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

The researcher discusses the introduction of the study. This chapter consists of seven parts. They are research context, research focus, research objectives, the significance of the study, the definition of key terms, previous study, and review related literature.

A. Research Context

Every human is born in *fitrah*, each individual has their own set of beliefs about how to live their lives. However, their parents determine whether they are a Jew, Christian, or Muslim. Therefore, people are free to choose and embrace a religion they believe in. Islam is a religion that brings life to a close and gives it significance. Allah *SWT* said:

لَا إِكْرَاهَ فِي الدِّينِ ۗ قَدْ تَبَيَّنَ الرُّشْدُ مِنَ الْغَيِّ ۗ فَمَنْ يَكْفُرْ بِالطَّاغُوتِ وَيُؤْمِنْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدِ اسْتَمْسَكَ بِالْعُرْوَةِ
الْوُثْقَىٰ لَا انْفِصَامَ لَهَا ۗ وَاللَّهُ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ

"There shall be no compulsion in [acceptance of] the religion. The right course has become clear from the wrong. So whoever disbelieves in Taghut and believes in Allah has grasped the most trustworthy handhold with no break in it. And Allah is Hearing and Knowing." (QS. Al-Baqara 2: Verse 256).

The term “value” refers to principles, fundamental convictions, and ideals. Standards or life stances that serve as general guides to behaviour or

points of reference in decision-making or the evaluation of beliefs or actions and are closely related to personal integrity and personal clarity.¹

Islamic values are essentially a set of life principles, or instructions about how a man should live his life in this world, where one concept is intertwined with the others to produce a complete whole that cannot be separated.² Thus, value is defined in Islamic ethics as ‘excellent character’ which is influenced by the teachings of the Quran and Muhammad’s sunnah, as well as numerous precedents established by Islamic jurist (*Sharia’h and Fiqh*).³ As a results, Islam presents a comprehensive code of conduct based on ethical principles. Moral teachings abound is Islam’s recommendation for individuals, families, society politics, economics, the judiciary, and all facets of modern life. Therefore human live their lives by good ethic in life dealing with Islam moreover we can apply Islamic beliefs in our lives meaningfully.

Ethical values dealing with Islam can not only taken from Quran, Hadith or religious talks in mosque or sermons. It can be found in mass media which is has a great influence to people now days. There are many media that provide knowledge, information and others which related with Islam. Such as magazine, newspaper, radio, television, the internet etc. and we have freedom to choose media that we are interested in.

¹ J. Mark Halstead and Monica J. Taylor, *Values In Education and Education in Values*, (Washington, D.C.: The Falmer Press, 1996)4

² Siti Halimah, Abdul Hakim, “The Islamic Education Values in the Cartoon Movie of “Upin & Ipin”” *Junal Maqhum*, 4 no. 1., (May 2019): 163

³ Zaroug, Abdullahi Hasan, “Ethics from an Islamic Perspective: Basic Issues” *The American Journal of Islamic Social Science*, 16 no. 3 (1999): 55

In many cases, the most fascinating media is audiovisual media. However, the voice and pictures complement each other well, ensuring that the listener is not bored and that the information is remembered easily since the format is engaging. Television, for example, and the best element of television that has a big influence is movies. However, movies can be made anywhere, and we can readily find any film on the internet.

Pictures, lines, symbols, voices and movements are all represented in a movie, which is a complex presentation medium. Aside from enjoyment, film serves a variety of purposes. Film can also be used as educational tools. Some of its functions include providing appropriate information to learners in general.⁴ There are a lot of movies represented from the true story of someone in the world, although many are also adapted from novels and books. Furthermore movie not just a movie that we watch it to entertain. there are many scene that shows a variety of value, when we examine them, we can see that they have a strong character in delivering information, meaning, and values.

Movies can give the audience a good values such as education, motivation, moral, believe, science etc. Movie is easy to remember because movie show us visual and also audio. However some movies do not convey a good value and give us a bad influence such as movie that contain violence,

⁴ Imam Bahroni, Izzatul Muna, "The Values of Islamic Character Education in the Film 'My Name is Khan'" *At-Ta'dib*, 12 no. 1 (June 2017): 4

pornography, crime, horror, etc. so we have to be smart in choosing movie that we want to watch to avoid the bad influence in a movie.

There are many researcher have analyzed some values in a movie such as moral, education, social etc. Halimah and Hakim students of STIT PGRI Pasuruan conducted research entitled “The Islamic Education Values in the Cartoon Movie of Upin & Ipin”, This research is analyzing an Islamic educational value on cartoon movie of Upin & Ipin. This research conducted because Upin & Ipin cartoon movie is suitable for children in giving a lesson dealing with Islamic belief. This study is focused on what are the Islamic education values of the movie cartoon of Upin & Ipin that can be apply for the learning process especially morals for children. Furthermore the result of this research shows that the researchers discovered 11 of Islamic educational values on Upin & Ipin cartoon movie: 1) Devout efforts’ in worship, 2) Be grateful, 3) Sincere, 4) Help each other, 5) To command the goodness and prevent the ugliness,6) Honest, 7) Sharing each other, 8) Abstinence, 9) Tolerance, 10) Forgiving and 11) Obedience.⁵

However, western movie do not contain Islam at all, but Halimah and Hakim prove in his research that Islamic values can be obtained from western movie. And there are many Islamic values can influence the viewer to build a better moral or Islamic values from the movie.

Meanwhile, a movie has been released in 2006 that piques the researcher’s interest in conducting research. The researcher will examine the

⁵ Ibid, 177.

Islamic values in The Pursuit of Happiness movie by Gabriele Muccino. This movie shows a family who was looking for happiness while their life was less financially. Chris Gardner (Will Smith) is a struggling travelling salesman who is falling further and further behind. His wife Linda, (Thandie Newton) who works as a hotel maid is frustrated and finally leaves him. Eventually, he loses his apartment and they become homeless. Meanwhile, their 5-years old son was still with Gardner when Linda left. Gardner only lives with his son, Christopher (Jaden Smith), until Gardner succeeds. The Pursuit of Happiness, on the other hand, does not depict Islam in any way because it is a western film created by a Christian. The existence of Islamic values in the film appears improbable. However, every literature art work should have a moral value. A religious value is the part of moral value conveyed by a piece of literature. The question is "is there any Islamic ethical value in The Pursuit of Happiness movie?" Islamic ethical values are fascinating to study because they teach us a lot about how to deal with real life and how to be a kind person with good ethics, especially how a Muslim should live his or her life according to Islamic ethical norms.

For the reasons given above, the researcher is highly interested in conducting research study named named An Analysis on Islamic Ethical Values Contained in a Movie Entitled "The Pursuit of Happiness" by Gabriele Muccino.

B. Research Focus

Research focus or research problems appoint a rising question to be answered through research projects⁶, while John W. Creswell states that Research problem are the educational issues, controversies, or concerns that guide the need for conducting a study (the investigates)⁷

Research question are qualitative or quantitative research that narrow the purpose statement to specific questions that researchers seek to answered. It means that research problem is one or some questions which is appears and it should be answered. Based on research context above, the statement of research focus is formulated as follow:

1. What kinds of Islamic ethical values are found on “The Pursuit of Happyness” Movie?
2. How do the Islamic ethical values appear on the “The Pursuit of Happyness” movie?

C. Research Objectives

The aim statement or is a statement advances the overall direction or focus for the study⁸, while according to Adnan the purpose of the research which is achieved by the researchers is stated as research objectives.⁹ It is clear that the goal of the research that the researchers achieve is referred to as

⁶ Mohammad Adnan Latief, *Research Methods on Language Learning an Introductions*, second edition, (Malang: Universitas Negeri Malang, 2015), 17.

⁷ John W. Creswell, *Educational Research: Planning, Conducting, and Evaluating Quantitative and Qualitative Research* (Boston: Pearson, 2012), 59.

⁸ Ibid, 110.

⁹ Ibid, 27.

the research objective. According to the statement, the research objective used to solve the problem of research:

1. To know-how is “The Pursuit of Happiness” movie can give Islamic ethical value.
2. To analyze Islamic ethical values in “The Pursuit of Happiness” movie.

D. Significance of The Study

Theoretical significance is about the benefit in science, and the practical significance is focused on an effort and step to solve the problem.¹⁰

The results of this study are expected to provide some beneficial contributions as follows:

1. Theoretical significance

The result of this study will be the alternative reference those who need reference in conducting a research

2. Practical significance

a. the teacher

The study can become a reference for teacher in improving teacher’s performance so that the teacher can explore the students’ desire to know more about Islamic ethics

b. The students

¹⁰ Tim Penyusunan Pedoman Karya Tulis Ilmiah, *Pedoman Penulisan Karya Ilmiah*, (Pamekasan: STAIN Pamekasa Press, 2012), 19.

This study is able to motivate the students in learning English, literature and to know further about Islamic ethical values although it is stated in foreign movie

c. The Researcher

This study can develop the researcher's knowledge about Islamic ethical values, which is can be applied for the researcher's life.

E. Definition of Keyterm

For avoiding misunderstanding and ambiguity about meaning of some terms used as keyword in this study to the readers, the researcher defines them, they are:

1. Islamic ethical value is the study of the human soul in terms of attributes and features that determine human action based on moral philosophy dealing with Islam.
2. Movie or Film is a story or event recorded by a camera as a set of moving images and shown in a theater or on television; a motion picture.
3. The Pursuit of Happyness is a 2006 American biographical drama film directed by Gabriele Muccino and produced by Will Smith, Todd Black, Jason Blumenthal, James Lassiter and Steve Tisch. This film based on *The Pursuit of Happyness*.

F. Previous Studies

Researching movie for education is not something new anymore, there are many research that study about movie to observe the information that include values, characters, or used for educational purposes. The researcher discover some relevant research as her previous study.

In 2013, Saryoto conducted research entitled “Islamic Values in Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Novel: a Semiotic Analysis” it is related to the topic that the researcher will be looking into. The same point of this research is the same focus on analysis of Islamic Values, whereas the differences are the object of analyzing Islamic values itself, Saryoto’s research focused on the Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows novels, but this study focused on The Pursuit of Happiness movie, also he focused on the semiotic analysis while this research analyzing Islamic ethical value. As a result, Saryoto has discovered 3 symbols related to Islamic values and Saryoto also discovered 5 the relevance of Islamic values towards Muslims in Indonesia.¹¹

Mostly similar research, In 2019 Halimah and Hakim conducted research entitled “The Islamic Education Values in the Cartoon Movie of Upin & Ipin”, this will be a second previous study that is relevant to this research. This research is analyzing an Islamic educational value on cartoon movie of Upin & Ipin. This research conducted because Upin & Ipin cartoon movie is suitable for children in giving a lesson dealing with Islamic belief.

¹¹ Saryoto, “Islamic Values in Harry Potter and The Deathly Hallows Novel: a Semiotic Analysis” (Thesis, UIN Sunan Kalijaga, Yogyakarta, 2013), 5-7.

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Moreover, this study has a similarity with the researcher's study which is focused on the Islamic value of the movie. Furthermore, this study focused on observing the Islamic educational value of the movie while the researcher focused on Islamic ethical value. Besides, the movie which is the researcher analyzed is different with the movie which is analyzed in this study.

From the previous studies above, there are many similar studies about the movie, but it has a different focus itself. The movie which is analyzed by one researcher and the other researchers is different.

G. Review of Related Literature

1. Value

a. Definition of Value

Based on J Halstead on his book, values are used to refer to principles, fundamental convictions, ideals, principles, or life stences that act as general guides to behaviour or as points of references in

¹² Ibid, 161-177.

decision making or the evaluation of beliefs or action and which are closely connected to personal integrity and personal identity. Thus Shaver and Strong stated that the term *values* in the plural form now seems to be used to refer to the criteria by which we judge *things* (people, objects, ideas, actions, and situations) to be good, worthwhile, desirable; or, on the other hand, worse, worthless, despicable.¹³

Anything that has a positive trait of being desirable, useful, fascinating, good, and important has value. Value can sometimes refer to an assessment made by a person with a certain point of view or based on the individual's social circumstances. However, values on the other hand, can be used to assess other things for which we have no regard.

Values shape a person's behavior and attitude, and they serve as broad guides in all situations. The true and universally accepted value is the value that causes behavior and behaviors that have a good impact on others, encouraging them to do this and that. Because this is an efficient approach to establish a moral kid a clear and powerful, the principle described above can assist to achieve peace and also prevent loss or hardship to themselves or other children. Values are similar to a culture's standards, but they are more global and abstract. Values

¹³ J. Mark Halstead and Monica J. Taylor, *Values in Education and Education in Values*, (Washington, D.C. :The Falmer Press, 1996), 13.

indicate what should be considered as good or bad, whereas norms establish standards for behavior in certain contexts.¹⁴

b. Islamic Ethical Vales

Islamic values are essentially a set of life principles, or teachings, regarding how man should live his life in this world, where each principles is intertwined with the others to make a complete totally that cannot be separated.¹⁵ The collection of life principles based on Islamic perspective as well as al-Quran and Hadits, and which truly makes Muslims feel better about living in the world

Islamic ethical values have something to do with spirituality in the norms that have been applied, both from sources of religious teachings, and community culture from scientific thinking. The link between moral and spiritual will affect the relationship between his attitude towards the values of life which is the main basis for making a choice, developing feelings in determining an action.¹⁶

The source of the human mind, who are qualified to develop them, are the source of the development of Islamic ethical values founded in the Islamic religion. As a result, Islamic ethical values are the evolution of ethics teachings derived from the al-Quran and Hadith, but their development is mediated by the human intellect. As a result,

¹⁴ Sumiatun, Irmayani, Supriyatno “Moslem Moral Values Analysis in “How to Train Your Dragon” Movie” *Edulitics Journal*. 2 no. 1., (June 2017): 26

¹⁵ Siti Halimah, Abdul Hakim, “The Islamic Education Values in the Cartoon Movie of “Upin & Ipin”” *Junal Maqhum*, 4 no. 1., (May 2019): 163

¹⁶ Misbahul Munir, “Nilai-Nilai Islam dalam Bahan Ajar Tematika Mekananku Sehat dan Bergizi: Suatu Konsep Integratif embelajaran di Madrasah Ibtidaiyah” *Madrasah*, 7 no. 2 (Juny, 2015): 291

there are two types of fundamental teachings in Islam: fundamental and non-basic teachings (instrumental), which can be thought of as a tool for understanding basic teachings.

According to Al-Razi he stated that what we understand by ‘goodness’ and ‘badness’ is nothing but benefit *manfa’a* and harm *madarra*. There is no meaning for judging act as good or bad but the acquiring of benefits and avoidance of harm. Allah created mankind and supplied laws and regulations concerning belief and moral instructions that were suitable for mankind’s application and government, according to Islam. Because Islam is comprehensive, dynamic, and holistic religion, everything that occurs can be handled using Islamic principles and guidance from the Quran, Sunnah, and other Islamic sources.¹⁷ Islamic ethics teaches us how to act in a morally upright manner and to avoid wrong doing. There are major characteristics of Islamic ethics¹⁸, as follows:

1) Bravery

The Prophet Muhammad *SAW* never succumbed to fear or threats in extremely difficult situations and crises. He put his full trust in Allah and depended on Him alone.

2) Consideration

¹⁷ Ayman Shihadeh. *The Teleological Ethics of Fakhr Al-Din Al-Razi* (Boston: Brill Leiden, 2006) 56-61)

¹⁸ Mansoureh Ebrahimi, Kamaruzaman Yusoff, “Islamic identity, Ethical principles and Human Values” *European Journal of Multidisciplinary Studies*, 2 no. 6 (September-December 2017): 329

Islam commands us to be friendly and to treat others with respect, taking into account their feelings and emotions, in accordance with sublime Islamic rules and guidelines. This relates to manners, morals, and social relationships between individuals in terms of duties and rights. It also instructs us to select appropriate words for various situations.

3) Experience

According to Al-Ghazali, experience, along with reason and transmission from reliable sources, contributes to knowledge. In Islam's system of responsible ethics, informing others about one's experiences and knowledge is very important.

4) Fairness/Justice

Justice is defined as treating others fairly by supplying them with what they legitimately deserve in the Islamic context, as well as by correctly situating things, as a high moral standard and from the ethical perspective of Islam.

5) Honesty

In Islam, honest behaviour is expected when dealing with others, and it serves to unite nations of candor and truthfulness in actions, relationships and verbal exchanges.

6) On being knowledgeable

Being knowledgeable is essential for a successful society. Knowledge is gained through both informal and formal study, and it is a significant Islamic contribution to human development.

2. Movie

a. Definition of Movie

Movie is simply motion pictures, while movements are referred to as intermittent movement, a movement that arises only because of the limitations of the ability of the eye and the human brain to capture a number of shifts in a fraction of a second. Films are given more influence more than any other media. Because visual and also audio work well together and make the audience not bored easily, also it is easy to remember. Because it has an interesting format.¹⁹

A movie is a popular entertainment, a product that is produced and marketed by a large commercial studio to most people in the world. Every image in the movie has been fine-tuned by an army of experienced artists and technicians. By watching movies, people can gain inspiration, ideas, and information from viewing movies, and they can also learn something new. And that will be the ideal way for us to study while having fun.²⁰

Every film has a message that it wishes to convey to its audience. The movie is one of the media that has evolved into a

¹⁹ Ibid, 165

²⁰ Richard Barsam, Dave Monahan, *Looking at Movies an Introduction to Film*, Fifth Edition (United States of America: W.W. Norton & Company, 2016) 3.

major source of entertainment, education and knowledge. Movies as a form of media, are an excellent way to solve difficulties and problems in learning. we can learn a lot from movie, especially about life morals, education and many other things. Movies can help people improve their creative and critical thinking in communication skills and also motivating them to read or give more inspire them to write.

b. Kinds of Movie

There are several genre kinds of movie. Moreover, Genre is type or style of movie. They are:²¹

1) Action Movie

It is a movie where the action sequences, such as fighting, stunts, car chases or explosions, take precedence over elements like characterization or complex plotting. The action typically involves individual efforts on the part of hero, in contrast with most war films. Examples of action movies are No Time to Die, MortalKombat, Black Widow, Top Gun: Maverick, etc.

2) Comedy

Comedies are light-hearted plots consistently and deliberately designed to amuse and provoke laughter (with one-liners, jokes, etc.) by exaggerating the situation, the language, action, relationships and characters. Examples of Comedy movies are

²¹ Yohanes Johardianto "An Analysis of Moral Value in 47 Ronin Film" *Jurnal Ilmiah Bahasa dan Sastra*, 5, no. 2 (2018), 78.

Friends: The Reunion, The Spongebob Movie: Sponge on the Run, I care a Lot, Home Alone, etc.

3) Horror

Horror films are designed to frighten and to invoke our hidden worst fears, often in a terrifying, shocking finale, while captivating and entertaining us at the same time in a cathartic experience. Examples of horror movies are The Eight Night, Insidious, Don't Listen, Ready or Not, etc.

4) Musical

Musical/dance films are cinematic forms that emphasize full-scale scores or song and dance routines in a significant way (usually with a musical or dance performance integrated as part of the film narrative), or they are films that are centered on combinations of music, dance, song or choreography. Examples of Musical movies are Encanto, Tick Tick Boom!, La La Land, Vivo, Elvis King Creole, etc.

5) Science Fiction

Sci-fi films are often quasi-scientific, visionary and imaginative complete with heroes, aliens, distant planets, impossible quests, improbable settings, fantastic places, great dark and shadowy villains, futuristic technology, unknown and unknowable forces, and extraordinary monsters such as things or creatures from another space, either created by mad scientists or by nuclear havoc.

Examples of science fiction movies are Spiderman, The Map of Tiny Perfect Things, Zathura, The Divergent, Space Sweepers, etc.

3. The Pursuit of Happyness Movie

a. Characterization

Characterization is a literary device that is used step by step in the literature to highlight and give an explain the details about a character in a story. It is in the initial stage in which the writer introduces the character with noticeable emergence.

According to Giannetti in a movie is almost an art in itself. It requires an acute sensitivity to a player's type and classified according to role categories. Means that characterization which is show character's values, feelings and goals in a movie.²²

The researcher will explain several figures that showed in The Pursuit of Happyness movie there are:

1) Chris Gardner

Chris Gardner in The Pursuit of Happyness movie which is played by Will Smith was a smart man. yet, he was struggled financially in his life. He did not have a certain job, he has invested all his money on portable bone density scanners, he plans that he will sell them to physicians and some hospitals. Unfortunately, not

²² Louis Giannetti, *Understanding Movies*, Ninth Edition, (New Jersey: Prentice Hall, 2001), 287-288

every physician and hospitals want to buy the scanner, despite they argued that is a necessary luxury, it was also more expensive (00:21:05 – 00:21:33). But he always patient in every situation even less his wife left him with his son, besides he cannot pay the apartment then he became homeless with his 5-years old son. In this part, he shows that he was a good father ever, he made this unlucky situation more fun with his son. Then he looked for a job and he was persevering enough to reach his ambition, although he was struggled so hard in this part (00:55:49 – 01:49:26). However, Chris Gardner was the character that the researcher most admires in this movie.

2) Linda Gardner

Linda Gardner in The Pursuit of Happyness movie played by Thandiwe Newton, she is Chris Gardner's wife who works as a hotel maid (00:39:47). In the movie, Linda left his husband because she argued that Chris Gardner can't give Linda happiness (00:35:01). But actually Linda is a good mother, she gave his son gift in his birthday and she cried while leaving his son with Chris Gardner (00:51:17).

3) Christopher Gardner, Jr.

Christopher Gardner, in The Pursuit of Happyness movie played by Jaden Smith. He is Chris Gardner and Linda Gardner's son which is 5-years old. Christopher was a good boy, he obeyed

his parents and he has a big curiosity (00:16:42). When he was became homeless and just living in streets with his father, he never complain anything to his father, he always patient and cheerful enough (01:26:44).

b. Setting

According to Balevska, She stated that setting is the place which an event or story happens. Setting as place and time influence the character, theme, and action of a story. In this type, setting controls the characters and by controlling the setting, the writers could control their characters. If they confine a certain character to a particular setting, it will define the character.²³

Agustina stated that the word *setting* refers to the point in time and space at which the events of the plot occur. Everything that happens, happens somewhere and sometimes.²⁴ So the researcher wants to explain the setting of time and setting of the place in The Pursuit of Happiness movie.

1) Setting of Time

This movie is set in 1981, starting from Chris Gardner and family suffering with their lives, who later succeed in the end of

²³ Ivet Rosenova Balevska, "The Analysis of Intrinsic Elements in Hans Christian Andersen's "Ib And Little Christine"," *English Prose Analysis From Theories to Practices 1*,ed. I Gusti Agung Gde Sosiowati, Ni Luh Nyoman Seri Malini (Denpasar, Bali: Cakra Press, 2017), 180.

²⁴ Ni Nyoman Claudia Agustina "The Analysis of Psychological Aspect in Chopin's "The Story of An Hour"," *English Prose Analysis From Theories to Practices 1*,ed. I Gusti Agung Gde Sosiowati, Ni Luh Nyoman Seri Malini (Denpasar, Bali: Cakra Press, 2017), 158.

the story. In spite of Linda, Chris Gardner's wife was not there with them. After beginning his career at Dean Witter, Chris went on to discover the investment firm Gardner Rich in 1987, and in 2006, Chris Gardner sold a minority stake in his brokerage firm in a multi-million dollar deal.

2) Setting of Place

This movie is set in San Francisco, more specifically in the apartment of Gardner's family, jail, Noe Valley, Dean Witter Reynolds, Glide Memorial United Methodist Church and several public places.

c. **Synopsis on The Pursuit of Happiness Movie**

The Pursuit of Happiness is a movie which is setting at 1981 in San Francisco. The smart salesman namely Chris Gardner and his family invested their money in Osteo National bone density scanners, it is an expensive as an x-ray machine but it has slightly clearer image. Chris Gardner plans that he will sell them to physicians and some hospitals. Unfortunately, not every physician and hospitals want to buy the scanner, despite they argued that is a necessary luxury, it is also more expensive. This financial crisis fractures the family, causing problems in his marriage with Linda, who leaves him and relocates to New York. Christopher, their kid, stays with Chris because he and his wife both believe he will be able to better care for him.

Chris seen an opportunity to battle for a stockbroker internship post at Dean Witter Reynolds, which is offered more promising job at the end of six month unpaid internship period, despite the fact that there is no his wife. Chris goes through a lot of personal and professional difficulties throughout that time. When he thought he was in a stableed condition, he has lost \$600 when the government deducted the last dollar from his bank account for taxes. He is evicted because he is unable to paid the rent. He is forced to stay in a train station bathroom at one point, and he has to rush from work everyday to the Glide Memorial United Methodist Church which offered lodging or shelter to homeless people. He had to leave work earlier thank anyone everyday so that he been there by 5:00 in the evening along with his son, so that, he might be assured of a place to sleep. He was seen carried his suitcase to work because he did not have a home. In applying for the job, there are nineteen other candidates for the one position.

He was summoned into an office one day, where he discovered Dean Witter Reynold's heads. Chris believes that he would not got hired by Dean Witter as a stockbroker as he stated he wore a tie and shirt for his final day. Then they tell him that he has been an excellent trainee and that he must wear his shirt and tie again tomorrow because it would be his first day as a stockbroker. Chris struggled to hold back tears as he begins to cry outside the building on San Fransisco's

crowded street. He ran away rushes to his son in a daycare, hugged him and known that after everything him and his son had been through things would be alright somehow.

The final scene shown Chris walked with his son on down a street. His son was told him a joke, and they seem very happy and he called this part of his life as little part of happiness.

d. Critics

Film criticism is the comparison, analysis, interpretation, and evaluation of films. The film critic tries to understand why film works, how it works, and what effect it has on people, while the film reviewer looks a film production values in general enjoyability.²⁵ Means that film critics is the value given given by the film includes the storyline, time and place settings, and also the cast and concluded by the viewer.

Peter Rainer said that *The Pursuit of Happyness* casted by Will Smith, began with one of those inspired by a true story notations letting us know we are in for an uplifting anthem to the human spirit. In this case, the spirit belong to Chris Gardner, whose life story was first used as a segment on the TV show in 2003. When we first see him in *The Pursuit of Happyness*, the misspelling of word "happiness" is intentional. Chris is unsuccessfully tried to struggle for his family as a salesman of portable bone-scanning machines. The scanners about

²⁵ Waidner-Spahr Library, "*Criticism: Literature, Film & Drama: Film Criticism*," Dickinson, accessed from <https://libguides.dickinson.edu/criticism/film>, at 15 November 2021, 12:50 WIB.

the size as microwave. His wife Linda (Thandie Newton) is worked overtime to help support Chris and their 5 years old son. Christopher (Jaden Smith) Anguished by Chris's woes, she ditched the family and left him to care for the boy. Chris is also evicted from his San Francisco apartment and ends up camping out with his son in men's rooms and homeless shelters.²⁶

The other critics, Manohla Dargis, said There are a few too many coincidences involving errant medical scanners, and that Rubik's cube is both a screenwriter's invention and a crosspromoter's dream. By and large, though, the film stays clear of Hollywood mucking about. Again, it's a curious movie for the season a reminder of how close we dance to the pit, how easy it is to fall in, how heartbreakingly difficult it can be to clamber out. This alone makes it a welcome holiday meal. Smith's portrait of resilience and Muccino's clarity of heart are simply the gravy. Given how often Chris broke into a ran on the streets of San Francisco, it was a good thing his shoes are well built. Written by Steven Conrad and directed by Gabriele Muccino, *The Pursuit of Happyness* recounts how Chris, plagued by some bad luck, a few stupid moves and a shrew for a wife, Linda (Thandie Newton), lost his apartment with his 5 year old, Christopher (Jaden Christopher Syre Smith, Mr. Smith's own beautiful son), join the

²⁶ Peter Rainer, "*Happyness' is hard-earned in Will Smith drama*" *The Christian Science Monitor*, accessed from <https://www.csmonitor.com/2006/1215/p11s03-almo.html>, at 15 November 2021, 13:29 WIB.

ranks of the homeless, if not the hopeless. Evicted from the mainstream and bounced from shelter to shelter, Chris holds firm to his dignity, resolve, faith, love and independence. His optimism swept through the film like a searchlight, scattering clouds and dark thoughts to the wind.²⁷

Another critic, Ty Burr, stated that "The Pursuit of Happiness" Will Smith's portrayal of a striving single father has the grace not to pander for an Oscar. For another, the film contains little self-congratulation and is uncomfortably dark. The film is based on the true story of Chris Gardner, who has since written his own inspirational autobiography of the same name. The film is less concerned with uplift and more concerned with panic and the resourcefulness it inspires. Chris is a charmer, and he never stops running because that would be admitting defeat to his son, but Smith conveys the gradual erosion of a man's self-worth. I don't think a mainstream film has gotten fatherhood so right. Maybe Will Smith has it easy because he was played opposite his son, Jaden certainly looked at ease with his father, but the performance's understated beauty lies in how little attention Chris actually paid to the kid. He's too preoccupied with Christopher to spend time with him.

²⁷ Manohla Dargis, "Movie Review 'The Pursuit of Happiness,: Climbing Out of the Gutter with a 5 Years Old in Tow" The New York Times, accessed from <https://www.nytimes.com/2006/12/15/movies/15happ.html?ref=movies>, at 15 November 2021, 13:46 WIB.

Gabriele Muccino, the writer-director of the 2001 Italian art-house hit *The Last Kiss*, from which this year's subpar Zach Braff film was adapted, is the director of this movie. The storytelling has a European sensibility: behavior is observed rather than highlighted, and where an American director might overplay the racial divide between Chris and his WASPy bosses at Dean Witter, Muccino and screenwriter Steven Conrad *The Weather Man* let it go. The firm's top man, played by that dear old character actor James Karen, is delighted to grant Chris his humanity. He simply cannot see that the man is drowning. "The Pursuit of Happiness" is also a San Francisco's film at heart, with a distinct sense of place and vibe. For the most part, the film avoids Hollywood nonsense. Again, it's an odd film for the season, a reminder of how close we dance to the pit, how easy it is to fall in, and how heartbreakingly difficult it can be to climb out. This is enough to make it a welcome holiday meal. Smith's portrait of resilience and Muccino's heartfelt clarity are just the toppings²⁸

²⁸ Ty Burr, Globe Staff, "*Lost in dream in finely wrought 'Pursuit', success is always one step away*" Boston Arts & Entertainment, accessed from http://archive.boston.com/ae/movies/articles/2006/12/15/lost_in_the_dream/, at 15 November 2021, 13:50 WIB.