



**ECHOING UTOPIAN ETHICAL CIVILIZATION: AN
EXPLORATION TO THE CONCEPT OF IDEAL HUMANITY
IN TOLSTOY'S *THE KREUTZER SONATA***

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ABSTRACT

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Moral is an entity compulsory in constructing an ethical society. Russia, particularly in the period of nineteenth century, epitomized a country that pursuing morals to attain an ethical society. This study analyzes Russia in nineteenth century in pursuing a moral society through the idea contained in Tolstoy's work *The Kreutzer Sonata*. This study is aimed at exploring concept of ideal humanity as echoed through the tale of the novella and has the following objectives: to comprehend the concept of ideal humanity, to give the explanation of what an ethical civilization is, and to find out the qualities of an ethical civilization found in the novel.

I employ Leo Tolstoy's *The Kreutzer Sonata* as the object of this study. This study is a descriptive qualitative study using *new historicism* approach. The data of this study were in the forms of words, phrases, sentences, and dialogues gained by reading the novel thoroughly, identifying, inventorying, classifying, selecting, and reporting. The analysis is done by several techniques including exposing, explaining and interpreting.

This study yields in several findings. First, the concept of ideal humanity as investigated from *The Kreutzer Sonata* is the humanity that upholds morality in every way. Second, when humanity carries out this ideal, it has to keep away from the worldly amusement including carnal pleasure, prompted by the sexual desire. If the civilization succeeds to do it, then the civilization is said to be ethical and The Kingdom of God on earth would be realized. Third, the qualities of an ethical as well as utopian civilization is a civilization in which there is the existence of non-physical love, complete chastity, and upholding morality.

Thus the conclusion of this study is that the concept of utopian ethical civilization yielded from this study is the moral living humanity that has non-physical love, conducted complete chastity, and upholding morality. The impracticality of realizing the quest for The Kingdom of God is hence being the concept for the utopian idea.