

CHAPTER IV

ANALYSIS

The previous chapter explained the brief image about prostitution in Victorian period that the working-class women were the most frequently women class that drove their selves into prostitution because the low wages they received cannot suffice their daily needs, so soon they confronted the economic problem and prostitution at the time considered as the only recourse for women were in that situation because by working as prostitute, they were not had to work hard but they earn a lot of money.

This chapter tries to answer in detail some problems in this study; first is by explaining Mr. Warren's life before she undergoes her profession as a prostitute until she successfully runs her business and has some brothels, this aims to find out who Mrs. Warren was and her circumstance. Second is by analyzing the reason for Mrs. Warren turn into a prostitute where through this background of Mrs. Warren in choosing to be a prostitute, the author depicts how the social condition of prostitute in Victorian period in his play so we can understand the social condition of prostitution in Victorian era through Shaw's play. Third is by providing the author's idea of prostitution happens in Victorian period because in analyzing literary work by using new historicism, cannot be separated the literary work from the author. Forth is how does the Islamic view toward prostitution itself.

4.1. The Life of Mrs. Warren

Prostitution in Victorian era seems to be the only way out for lower-class women who have a financial difficulty. It considers as a way out for working-class women that mostly come from lower-class background. They choose to be a prostitute because they have no another option to get a better occupation for them. The occupations offered mainly for man, at that time, the opportunities seemed scarce in an area dominated by iron, shipbuilding, steel or coal mining (Kathleen 20). Moreover the low wage they receive is not suitable with the over work in a day, so it affects the rise of financial problem in their lives. This condition forces them to enter prostitution as depicted in *Mrs. Warren's Profession*.

Mrs. Warren who her full name is Kitty Warren is a woman comes from a poor family who lives with her mother, her sister Lizzie and her two half-sisters. Her mother is a widow and has a fried-fish shop. Since childhood, Mrs. Warren has left by her father, so that she has not known who her father is. Furthermore, her mother ever says that her father is a gentleman.

“She called herself a widow and had a fried-fish shop down by the Mint . . . mother pretend that he was a gentleman; but I do not know” (Act II).

From the quotation above, we can see that Mrs. Warren leads her life without a father so that all her daughters' needs are depended on her mother. Her mother who only has a fried-fish shop should be able to take care of her four daughters without

assisted by her husband; of course it is not enough so force them to work by their selves to cover their financial problem.

Mrs. Warren and Lizzie are sisters and the other two daughters are half-sisters. Mrs. Warren and her sister Lizzie have beautiful face and good look whereas their half-sisters bad look, ugly and thin possible because of starvation.

“Two of us were sisters: that were me and Liz; and we were both good-looking and well made . . . the other two were only half-sisters: undersized, ugly, starved looking, hardworking, honest poor creature” (Act II).

In fact, people who employ Mrs. Warren utilize her good appearance by employing her as a waitress in a bar. The conversation below shows us how people get the profits from Mrs. Warren’s performance.

“I was a waitress . . . wearing out my health and appearance for other people’s profit” (Act II).

The good looking had by Mrs. Warren used by other people to get the profits for their occupation by employing her as a waitress that it is a profession needs a good appearance worker to attract attention the visitor in the bar, the clear reason for those people who utilize Mrs. Warren’s appearance.

One of two half-sisters of Mrs. Warren named Anne Jane works in a white lead factory twelve hours a day for nine shillings a week but dies due to poisoning in her work place. The other marries a Government laborer and she has to live with alcoholic.

“One of them worked in a whitelead factory twelve hours a day for nine shillings a week until she died of lead poisoning . . . she married a Government labor until she took a drink” (Act II).

The difficult live and the mischance are also through by Mrs. Warren’s half-sisters; she works as a factory labor and gets a low wage but has to work in long hours where she gets nine shillings a week for twelve hours a day until she dies because of the poisoning whereas the other marries with someone and her life afterward is not going well, so that she becomes an alcoholic in the rest of her life.

Her financial became difficult and makes Mrs. Warren forces to look for another alternative to fulfill her daily need by working as a working-class woman. In the beginning, she works as a scullery maid. After that she continues to work as a waitress and has to work fourteen hours a day and gets four shillings a week serving drinks to the customers and washing glasses.

“ As a scullery maid in a temperance restaurant . . . then I was a waitress, fourteen hours a day serving drinks and washing glasses for four shillings a week” (Act II).

Based on the work experience through by Mrs. Warren above, it could be seen that as a working-class woman, Mrs. Warren is treated bad or unfair by her employer during the work time. In the story, it is not only Mrs. Warren who is treated unfair by paying her low and the long hours she must work, but also her half-sister who ever works as a white lead factory labor where the factory only paid her nine shillings a week for twelve hours a day, and her live ends of poisoning in the factory.

In a cold night, when Mrs. Warren works in the bar, she meets her sister Lizzie who has disappeared when both of Mrs. Warren and she go to a church school comes with many changes in her appearance, Lizzie comes by wearing a luxurious dress and an expensive bag she brings. Then Lizzie says to her to do not let other people to get profits from her beautiful face as the following conversation below:

“When I was so tired . . . but Lizzie, in a long fur cloak, elegant and comfortable, with a lot of sovereigns . . . said to me across the bar “what are you doing here, you little fool? Wearing out your health and your appearance for other people’s profit!” (Act II).

From the conversation above, it could be seen that when Mrs. Warren is in her financial difficulty and tries to look for the alternative option by working because her mother is impossible to take care her daughters again, people around her instead of utilize her beautiful appearance to get the profits by employing her as a mistress. But her sister’s coming makes Mrs. Warren aware of not to let them used her appearance for some profits.

Two different ways that used between Mrs. Warren and her sister Lizzie in resolving their economic problem could be seen that Mrs. Warren resolves it by looking for another alternative by working as a working-class woman even though she has to undergo the bad working experience for the over work during fourteen hours a day and only gets four shillings a week, but she keep undergoing it for the only way she has to do to suffice her daily needs. Whereas her sister Lizzies is different, she seems to not letting herself works hard and only gets the low paid.

Lizzies is a woman who thinks twice in resolving her economic problem, because at the time she knows the condition of lower-class women that they have no many options to work as they want, so the alternative choice they faced are working as a public servant, shop girl, a factory labor or a waitress that the wage they receive is low and not based on the length they work in a day as said by Mrs. Warren as follows:

“Lizzie never let herself look too like what she was and never lost her head or threw away a chance. Do you think we were such fool as to let other people trade in our good looks by employing us as a shop girl, or barmaids, or waitress, when we could trade in them ourselves and get all the profits instead of starvation wages?” (Act II).

This unfair condition of working-class women change her though and does not want to use her power to be a working-class woman, because she knows that by working like that, the paid she receives is only sufficient to fulfill her daily needs and the most important for her is the paid is unable to save a lot of money to keep her appearance and well dressed as the following conversation:

“Could you save out of four shillings a week and keep yourself dressed as well?” (Act II).

From the explanation above, we can conclude that Mrs. Warren and Lizzie have different thoughts of how to resolve their family economic problem.

The way to solve the financial problem brought by Lizzie is by renting her body to men for payment or working as a prostitute. Her choice to be a prostitute because she knows society give women little choice to get an appropriate occupation and

aware that the low wage she will receive if she works as a working-class women unable to keep her well appearance. Lizzie decides to begin to be a prostitute when she disappears during her study in a church school with her sister Mrs. Warren.

“And we stayed there until Liz went out one night never came back . . . She had her appearance and her turn for pleasing men” (Act II).

The advice from her sister Lizzie in other that she does not letting other people to utilize her good look for profits makes Mrs. Warren decides to follow her sister profession as a prostitute. Lizzie invites Mrs. Warren to work as her because the wage she receives as a waitress is not enough to suffice her daily and to keep her well look so Mrs. Warren follows her sister and becomes a prostitute. In additional invites her to be a prostitute; her sister thinks that if they two work as prostitute, they are able to save money faster than one to buy a luxurious house in Brussels, a region that full of high class women.

“Liz was saving money then to take a house in Brussels; and she thought we two could save faster than one . . . The house in Brussels was real high class: a much better place for a woman to be in than the factory where Anne Jane got poisoned” (Act II).

Based on the conversation above, it could be seen that Lizzie wants to change her fate as lower class women become honorable women. Lizzie thinks that by inviting Mrs. Warren to follow her profession, they are able to buy a luxury house in Brussels, a place for most high class lady and still keep their appearances well, so her good look is no longer utilized by other people to get profits or over working as done by Anne Jane.

The decision of Mrs. Warren to follow her sister profession as a prostitute is going well and changing her whole live afterward. As the beginning, Lizzie who early works as prostitute then lends her some money used as a start.

“So she lent me some money and gave me a start; and I saved steadily and first paid her back, and then went into business with her as a partner” (Act II).

The decision of Mrs. Warren shows that as a lower-class woman, she also wants to changes her better life and becomes a respectable woman since her mother unable to take care of her four daughters without the help from a husband.

The financial difficulty makes someone has to look for another alternative in order that she or he can survive it and able to bring back the economic condition well. If the alternative options they choose are able to bring back the financial condition as before, so they will live normally. Furthermore, if the alternative instead of unable to help and resolve the financial problem, it sometimes makes people force them to do all ways they pretend as the only way out from the difficulty enlaces their lives. In *Mrs. Warren's Profession*, the financial difficulty faced by Mrs. Warren's family forces her to look for alternative to cover up the economic problem. In fact, the alternative option she gets is unable to suffice her needs, so by the help of Lizzie, Mrs. Warren decides to be a prostitute to get a better live.

The profession undergoes by Mrs. Warren as a prostitute is going well and changes her live becomes a wealthy woman. It could be seen in the following conversation:

“Showily dressed in a brilliant hat and a gay blouse fitting tightly over her bust and flanked by fashionable sleeves” (Act I).

After she successfully runs her profession, over the years she brings up a chain of brothels with her friend named George Croft in some area and becomes a rich woman.

“I was a good friend to your mother; ask her whether I wasn’t . . . We’ve got two in Brussels, one in Ostend, one in Vienna, and two in Budapest. Of course there are others beside ourselves in it; but we hold the most of the capital; and your mother’s indispensable as managing director” (Act III).

The life of Mrs. Warren changes after she works as a prostitute and advances her business by building many brothels in some areas.

Her better life since she turn into a prostitute makes her able to support her daughter named Vivie Warren in high education at Cambridge University and her achievement of three wrangler in mathematics, a great achievement at the time and something rarely found in society. As the conversation below done by Vivie and Praed when they meet first time:

“Do you know I have been in a positive state of excitement about meeting you ever since your magnificent achievements at Cambridge: a thing unheard of in my day. It was perfectly splendid, your tying with the third wrangler. Just the right place, you know . . . I wouldn’t do it again for the some money” (Act I).

Since she successfully runs her business, Mrs. Warren is able to manage her daughter’s life better than her before because she does not want her daughter undergoes the difficulty times as ever through by her mother. She wants to grow up

Vivie as an intellectual woman from middle-class and grows up in a completely different world than her mother.

The relationship between Mrs. Warren and Vivie as mother-daughter is not going well as well as her luxurious world live which abounds of treasures. Mrs. Warren does not has much contact with her daughter because during Vivie grows up, they never live together, Vivie also meets her mother rarely.

“Since I was a child, I have lived in England, at school or at college, or with people paid to take charge of me. My mother has lived in Brussels or Vienna and never let me go to see her. I only see her when she visits England for a view days” (Act I).

Mrs. Warren who lives in Brussels whereas her daughter stays in boarding school to settle her study at Cambridge, even though she has finished her study, Vivie still lives herself in a cottage.

“Is she coming? . . . My mother has rather a trick of taking me by surprise to see how I behave myself while she is away” (Act I).

From conversation above, it could be seen that Mrs. Warren seldom meets her daughter Vivie, she also forbids Vivie to see her, and she just supports her education cost and pays for her living without giving affection so they have a distant relationship unlike other people.

In addition, in order not to have much contact with her mother, Vivie is also unknown who her father is, and her other relative family are. During her mother's

coming to see her once, Vivie asks to her mother about it, but Mrs. Warren cannot tell her about that.

“Then where are our relatives? My father? Our family friends? . . . You don’t know what you’re asking. I can’t tell you” (Act II).

Mrs. Warren seems to secretive of her life and her business matters to Vivie, because she does not want her daughter knows of her secret profession. Vivie who does not have much contact with her mother; she is also unknowns her family relatives. It can be concluded that prostitution which gives Mrs. Warren a lot of money also causes her has to live separately from her daughter and hides her real identity.

“That’s why we’re so reserved about it . . . since it’s been a secret so long” (Act III).

She is afraid if Vivie knows that the only way her mother could earn her living was through prostitution, she will hate her mother and even will not accept her money any longer.

The truth that Mrs. Warren’s income is earned through prostitution makes her daughter is still acceptable and understands her mother’s profession when Mrs. Warren tells her that her difficult circumstance forces her to choose as a prostitute. She reveals that she took prostitution in order to escape a life of poverty and a drudgery work. She continue says society gives her little choices; either to slave to their own death or choose less socially acceptable ways of earning a living.

“Would you like to know what my circumstances were? Why shouldn’t I have done it? The house in Brussels was real high class; a much better place for a woman to be in than the factory where Anne Jane got poisoned. None of our girls were ever treated as I was treated in the scullery of that temperance place, or at the Waterloo bar, or at home. Would you have had me stay in them and become a worn-out old drudge before I was forty?” (Act II).

From the conversation above, it could be seen Mrs. Warren argues that the choices she faced are hard working for other people’s profits and get nothing until the death that ended her as befalls Mrs. Warren’s half-sister Anne Jane or chose an unacceptable way by society but get a lot of money. The choice is accepted by Vivie, and then she calls her mother as a strong woman.

“My dear mother: you are a wonderful woman: you are stronger than all women in England” (Act II).

In the beginning, Vivie understands and accepts her mother’s profession as a prostitute for her survives. Then Vivie is shock and refuse to accept the truth that her mother is still running her profitable business even though she has gotten many profits from it and becomes rich women. As the following conversation:

“Sir George Croft has told me your whole business. You explained how it came about. You didn’t tell me that it is still going on. . . Silly old. He ought to have his tongue cut out. But I thought it was end: you said you did not mind” (Act IV).

The decision of Vivie to separate herself with Mrs. Warren who has supported her life and educational costs could be seen in the conversation above that Vivie wants to live separately from her mother.

“I go my own way in my own business and among my own friends. And you will go yours. Goodbye. Goodbye? Yes. Sir George Croft has told me your whole business” (Act IV).

Prostitution that is considered for her survive and changes her life better instead of causes Mrs. Warren separates from the relationship with her daughter Vivie forever. Vivie is shock after knows the truth that her mother’s whole way for paid her living and education is not a good way.

4.2. The Reason for Mrs. Warren Turn Into a Prostitute

The financial difficulty is faced by Mrs. Warren and her family members forces her to look for another alternative to fulfill her daily needs through working as common women and based on her social status as a lower class woman. But, at the time the condition of women are deplorable where they get no chance to live better.

“Do you think I was brought up like you? Able to pick and choose my own way of live? Do you think I did because I liked it? Or though it right, or would rather have gone to college and been a lady if I’d had the chance?” (Act II).

The conversation above describes the condition of circumstance is faced by Mrs. Warren where she is difficult to choose the good chance for her future.

Prostitution is the only profitable profession she runs during her live. Prostitution gives many changes and profits to Mrs. Warren’s live, by working a prostitute, she able to get the luxurious world live and support her daughter’ living and education cost. Prostitution is considered as the only recourse she done for her survives since society gives her little options to choose an appropriate job for women.

“The house in Brussels was real high class; a much better place for a woman to be in than the factory where Anne Jane got poisoned. None of our girls were ever treated as I was treated in the scullery of that temperance place, or at the Waterloo bar, or at home. Would you have had me stay in them and become a worn-out old drudge before I was forty?” (Act II).

From the conversation above, Mrs. Warren is aware of little choice given by society for her. She learns that working in some occupations such as labor, or waitress, or scullery maid for survive from the economic difficulty is not a good recourse able to give her financial sufficiency since she faces the true that there is an unfair for working class women. The unfair she get are the low paid and the length work received during she works as a waitress for fourteen hours a day and only gets four shillings a week. Of course the work condition makes her suffer and the paid is never suffices her needs. The worst thing from all it is the death end such through by her half-sister who died of poisoning in the factory she worked. So she thinks that what she has done is useless and only thrown her time and health and decided to be a prostitute as early done by her sister Lizzie.

The desires to keep beauty look and still able to live well are another reason for Mrs. Warren to prostitute herself. It is because the low paid she receive during she works as a waitress is possible to be saved to keep her appearance well. She realizes it when her sister Lizzie comes to meet her in the bar, then says that the money she collects since she becomes a waitress is unable to keep her appearance beauty, so she invites Mrs. Warren to follow her profession as a prostitute.

“Well, one cold, wretched night, when I was so tired I could hardly keep my self-awake. But Lizzie, in a long fur cloak, elegant and comfortable, with a lot of sovereigns in her purse. But, where can a woman get the money to save in any other business? Could you save out of four shillings a week and keep yourself dressed as well?” (Act II).

The conversation above is Lizzie’s statement remind Mrs. Warren that the occupation she undergoes is hopeless. As her sister, Lizzie does not want Mrs. Warren undergoes the difficult living by working fourteen hours a day and get no profits for herself. The changes on Lizzies’s appearance saw by Mrs. Warren is also change her mind to follows her sister job.

Not letting her beautiful look is utilized by other people to get the profit is also the reason to choose prostitution as her profession. Mrs. Warren is a woman who has the beautiful face unlike her half-sisters.

“We were both good-looking and well made. The other two are undersized, ugly, starved looking, hardworking, honest poor creatures” (Act II).

Moreover, Mrs. Warren’s beauty look is utilized by other people to get the profits for their businesses matters by employing her as a waitress where this is a work needs a good look to give attention to the costumers, as the following conversation:

“When she saw I’d grown up good-looking she said to me across the bar “What are you doing there, you little fool? Wearing out your health and your appearance for other people’s profit!” (Act II).

The decision of Mrs. Warren to be a prostitute cannot be separated from the influence of her sister Lizzie. Since they have different ways in solving their economic problem and different thoughts. Mrs. Warren who in the beginning chooses

to be a working-class woman, does not realize that people get the profit from her good look. Whereas Lizzie realizes that her circumstance gives her little choices to get the better live, then pick the way of earning money which also able to save money to keep her well look. She who early works as a prostitute and becomes a rich woman asks her not to letting other people used her good look and invites her to be a prostitute.

4.2.1. The Representation Issue of Prostitution During Victorian Era in *Mrs. Warren's Profession*

Prostitution is an interesting issue to study in *Mrs. Warren's Profession*. Prostitution in *Mrs. Warren's Profession* is depicted as the only recourse chosen by Mrs. Warren since she realizes that her circumstance only gives women little choice to pick the better live. Prostitution is chosen by Mrs. Warren as her way of earning money because she knows that working as a scullery maid or a waitress is that ever she done in her youth will be only wasted of her health and time without getting the profits for herself. She chooses this profession to suffice her daily needs since she has a financial difficulty and her circumstance give her little choice to get a better live.

From the life of Mrs. Warren, we can learn how the condition of working class women who get the unfair from the places they work. Mrs. Warren who has the financial difficulty forces her to look for the alternative choices for her survive, but the low wage and the length work that she has to accept. During Mrs. Warren works

as a waitress, she only receive four shillings a week for fourteen hours a day, whereas her half-sister Anne Jane who works as a labor in white lead factory and gets nine shillings a week for twelve hours a day until the death of poisoning in the factory ended her live. This worst condition of working-class women depicted by George Bernard Shaw in *Mrs. Warren's Profession* through the character of Mrs. Warren is representations of cause women prostitute themselves in Victorian era.

It has been discussed in the previous chapter that the economic difficulty position as the main cause of prostitution in Victorian era. The less of occupations offered for them because most opportunities attainable and opened mainly for men. It forces the working-class women to work as a servant, a waitress, a cheap tailor, a pastry-cook, or work in a cigar-shop. However, some occupations which relate with women only give the low wage and not based on the hours they work in a day. In addition to the low wage they receive, they also have to accept some risks in it. The low wage of working-class women cause most of Victorian women enter into prostitution. From explanation above, we can conclude that the description of women condition in *Mrs. Warren's profession* is a representation from the issue of prostitution in Victorian era. Since it is the most prominent side that the author wants to depict in her play.

The representation issue of prostitution through the story of *Mrs. Warren's Profession* aims to describe the real condition of women especially from working-class women during Victorian era who have little choices for her survive so that force

them to enter into prostitution. The author of the play *Mrs. Warren's Profession* who is also a playwright who cares of her social condition helps the writer to analyze it.

4.3. Prostitution in Shaw's view

George Bernard Shaw in *Mrs. Warren's Profession: A Study Guide* stated “that prostitution is caused, not by female depravity and male licentiousness, but simply by underpaying, undervaluing and overworking women so shamefully that the poorest of them are forced to resort to prostitution to keep body and soul together” (16). It meant that prostitution based on Shaw's view was not caused by the falling down of moral Victorian society, but as the previous chapter has explained that major cause of prostitution in Victorian society is the low paid received by the working class women and the over working she has to do in their work places that cause women prostitute themselves.

His view of prostitute deviated from other people opinion stated that prostitution believed to be a moral problem and prostitutes were believed to be ‘fallen’ or ‘corrupt’, the appropriate response was believed that prostitute should be punishment (qtd. in Conolly 29). The responds come from society of prostitution seemed to despise as the result of social moral problem, so women prostitute themselves should be punished. According to Shaw, the punishment and legal intervention are not an effective ways of dealing with prostitution since the appropriate response agree to be punishment, Shaw suggested to identify the root cause of prostitution before we

asserted it was deplorable thing and corrupted Victorian society which it more related with economics than morality (29). From quotation above, Shaw refusal the opinion stated that prostitution deal with morality and to be punishment, but to more identify the root cause of prostitution itself. He continues “the fundamental condition of the existence of this traffic is that society must be so organized that a large class of women are more highly paid and better treated as prostitutes than they would be as respectable women” (30).

The responsibility toward prostitution in Shaw’s view was not always blamed young women’s parents or husbands, and sometimes was not also blamed their selves but the society who got the profits from the young women’s bodies as a whole” (31). Shaw seemed to refer to society which responsible to the existence of prostitutes who rampant in Victorian England and was a major social concern.

Shaw states about the distinction of women and men wages “this was possible, because even when the man’s wage was a starvation wage it was the starvation wage of a family, not of a single person . . . In this way it became a matter of course that women should be paid less than men;” (30). Could be seen that the low wage received by working-class women is different from men’s wage because men have their duties to support their wives and children at home whereas women are not. Shaw said that if there is a woman rebel claims to be paid as much as men’s wages, their employers will answer with two arguments; first, “If you don’t take the lower wage there are plenty of others who will,” and second, “If I have to pay a man’s

wages I will get a man to do the work” (32). From the quotation above, society seem to distinguish between men and women wages because the duty hold men in his family consider the important thing men should be care of.

4.4. Prostitution in Islamic View

Prostitution in *Mrs. Warren's Profession* is considered as the only way Mrs. Warren able to earn money since she faces the economic problem in her family and the circumstance that gives her little choices to pick a chance for her better live. Prostitution is chosen by Mrs. Warren because the wages given by employment for working-class women do not suffice their daily needs. However, prostitution is a profession engages the sexual activity or sells their bodies for payment. There are many consequences the prostitutes get; one of them is the venereal diseases which seem to be the worst impact for those who often do the exchange of sexual intercourse.

Prostitution is viewed as a social deviation has been done since long time ago. In Islam, prostitution is forbidden as has stated in al-Quran as follows:

“And do not approach unlawful sexual intercourse. Indeed, it is ever an immorality and is evil as a way.” (Q. S. Isro' 32).

The verse of al-Quran above clearly forbids human to do sexual intercourse except with the husband or the wife. Islam forbids us to do things that able to give the bad impact for us. Al-Quran insists:

“Tell the believing men to reduce [some] of their vision and guard their private parts. That is purer for them. Indeed, Allah is acquainted with what they do” (Q. S. Annur 30).

Moreover, al-Quran has also insisted:

“But let them who find not [the means for] marriage abstain [from sexual relations] until Allah enriches them from His bounty. And those who seek a contract [for eventual emancipation] from among whom your right hands possess - then make a contract with them if you know there is within them goodness and give them from the wealth of Allah which He has given you. And do not compel your slave girls to prostitution, if they desire chastity, to seek [thereby] the temporary interests of worldly life. And if someone should compel them, then indeed, Allah is [to them], after their compulsion, Forgiving and Merciful” (Q. S. Annur 33).

Allah has explained the prohibition of sexual intercourse in al-Quran in detail because it is dirty and shameful, and for those who are still approaches that will be sin on them. Prostitution in Islam is forbidden and include of a big sin. It could be seen in al-Quran that sexual relation is the third biggest sin after the sin of polytheist and kill without right reasons on it.

“And those who do not invoke with Allah another deity or kill the soul which Allah has forbidden [to be killed], except by right, and do not commit unlawful sexual intercourse. And whoever should do that will meet a penalty” (Q. S. al-Furqon 68).

From the explanation above, we can conclude that Islam never permits people to work as a prostitute. In Islam, prostitution is not the only way out for women for her survive. Renting our bodies to other people for payment is not suggested in Islam, because God has given brain and many skills for everyone to develop or used. Brain is used to distinguish the right and wrong and to look for solution to resolve their economic problem. When we need another alternative for our survive, of course we

will think that prostitution is not a good way for earning money, there are still many skills we have to use for earning money and suffice our daily needs. As has explained in previous chapter that poverty is not the overwhelming reason for working-class women to prostitute themselves, there are still many women who were not drove their selves into prostitution for their honors, they were single, homeless, and without families or friends who generally drove their selves into prostitution. We ought to develop skills in ourselves and look for the occupation which suitable with our capabilities because Islam has taught us to look for the right livelihood.