



## Representation of Moral and Social Values in “Ordinary Angels” Movie Script

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<b>Article History</b> Received: 2025-02-07 Revised: 2025-03-23 Published: 2025-04-04  <b>Keywords:</b> <i>Social Values;</i> <i>Moral Values;</i> <i>Movie;</i> <i>Literature.</i>	This study analyzes how moral and social values are portrayed in Jon Gunn's movie "Ordinary Angels," which is based on a true story. The goal of this study is to enhance our knowledge of how morality and social responsibilities are viewed throughout society through the influence of movie. Through the journey of its protagonist, Sharon Stevens, who turns her own difficulties into acts of kindness for a family in need, the movie examines issues of love, sacrifice, and community cooperation. The analysis uses a qualitative research design and concentrates on character development, thematic themes, and content analysis of the movie script. The key of moral values like unconditional love, kindness, honesty, hard work, respect, cooperation, compassion, and forgiveness are all interconnected throughout the story. Furthermore, the interactions and choices made by the characters emphasize the social values like empathy and loyalty.
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<b>Sejarah Artikel</b> Diterima: 2025-02-07 Direvisi: 2025-03-23 Dipublikasi: 2025-04-04  <b>Kata kunci:</b> <i>Nilai Sosial;</i> <i>Nilai Moral;</i> <i>Film;</i> <i>Sastra.</i>	Studi ini menganalisis bagaimana nilai-nilai moral dan sosial digambarkan dalam film "Ordinary Angels" karya Jon Gunn, yang diangkat dari kisah nyata. Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah untuk meningkatkan pemahaman kita tentang bagaimana moralitas dan tanggung jawab sosial dipandang di seluruh masyarakat melalui pengaruh film. Melalui perjalanan protagonisnya, Sharon Stevens, yang mengubah kesulitan pribadinya menjadi tindakan kebaikan untuk keluarga yang membutuhkan, film ini mengkaji isu-isu yang berkaitan dengan cinta, pengorbanan, dan kerja sama komunitas. Analisis ini menggunakan desain penelitian kualitatif dan berfokus pada pengembangan karakter, tema-tema tematik, dan analisis isi dari naskah film. Nilai-nilai moral utama seperti cinta tanpa syarat, kebaikan, kejujuran, kerja keras, rasa hormat, kerja sama, kasih sayang, dan pengampunan semuanya saling terkait sepanjang cerita. Selain itu, interaksi dan pilihan yang dibuat oleh para karakter menekankan nilai-nilai sosial seperti empati dan kesetiaan.

### I. INTRODUCTION

Language is the method of human communication, usually spoken or written. People connect with each other through language in order to share feelings, ideas, experiences, and knowledge. This indicates that language is a crucial tool that individuals use to communicate with one another to convey concepts, emotions, experiences, and information. People understood one another through communication. In communication, language is a tool used to express human ideas and thoughts. Literature is the study of human thought.

Literature is the medium through which emotions, concepts, and experiences are transformed into works of art. Literary works are another name for literature. This indicates that literature is a study of how to convey emotions, ideas, and thoughts that may provide knowledge about morality, ethics, and the arts. Novels, dramas, short tales, comics, and movies are

examples of genre-specific literature that can be separated into fiction and non-fiction categories.

A literary work that may also be considered a work of art and culture is a movie. Movie is a film shown in a cinema or on television and often telling a story which can be used as a form of narration to convey a range of information and enjoyment as well as a medium for employing narrative media to spread a variety of messages to audiences. If a short story has a message, a movie also delivers a value or ideas that viewers will remember, such as morals, faith, education, and motivation. Movies have evolved into a medium for society reflection on moral and social values, providing viewers with a viewpoint that enables them to contemplate the complicated details of the human condition.

Value is widely acknowledged as a moral criteria for human behavior. It has to do with an indication to understand certain human behaviors. It is a human characteristic that is

applied to certain activities undertaken by humans. Moral values serve as a foundation for our understanding of what is good or evil and right or wrong (Debbarma, 2022). Every community forms and acquires its own set of moral and social values. Without a social and cultural group, a community cannot have any values or standards.

Furthermore, social values are characteristics and viewpoints that members of a particular culture or group of people share. These characteristics may be historical, educational, political, religious, or economic. It is true that moral and social values are fundamental to any community's existence (Debbarma, 2022).

Ordinary Angels is one of the movies that capably explores themes such as affection, sacrifice, human rights, moral rights and collaboration between communities. The movie, directed by Jon Gunn, that release on February 23rd 2024, is based on a true story that tells the journey of transformation of an ordinary person who goes through personal difficulties to change the lives of others that she doesn't even know. Ordinary Angels essentially examines morality, selfishness, and the power of community in desperate times. This movie explores how ordinary people can be a blessing to strangers who make tremendous changes by intertwining individual actions with a broader social network. The protagonist of the movie, Sharon Stevens, impressed the researchers with her actions and personality. Not only that, all the characters in this story, along with the plot, have succeeded in creating a very impressive story, leaving many moral messages to the people who watch it.

In this study, the researchers try to investigate how moral and social values are portrayed in the script of Ordinary Angels movie. The movie, which narrates the story of a community gathering together to help a needy family, offers a wealth of opportunities to examine how these values are represented in its plot, characters, and thematic aspects. To explain the universal lessons contained in the movie's narrative, the researchers analyze the representation of moral and social values in it.

The moral dilemmas of the characters, their sense of responsibility towards others, and the social dynamics will be at the center of this study. By conducting this analysis, researchers will discover how literary works such as this movie can influence today's audiences in raising awareness of social values and morality in society.

The goal of this research design is to thoroughly examine how moral and social values are portrayed in "Ordinary Angels", offering a framework for analyzing both the film's influence on viewers and its position within the inspirational cinema genre by utilizing qualitative approaches.

It is expected that the study will bring more light on how "Ordinary Angels" depicts issues of morality and responsibilities within society, while advancing our knowledge of faith-based stories in modern film. It might also draw attention to the ways in which these portrayals can affect how society sees sacrifice and involvement in communities.

## **II. METHOD**

In order to provide an extensive understanding of the topics found in the movie's script, the researchers used a qualitative research design. The study's main methodology is the content analysis, with an emphasis on dialogue, character development, and narrative components.

To collect the data, the researchers are using this following procedure :

1. Movie Script Analysis: To identify key subjects concerning moral and social values, the script of "Ordinary Angels" is analyzed.
2. Character Analysis: With an emphasis on Ed Schmitt and Sharon Stevens in particular, each major character is analyzed for how they represent particular values.

The data gathered from the script is analyzed to find recurrent themes concerning social values and morality. Books, articles, journals, and other sources of supplemental or supporting material are among the data sources used in this research. In an organized analysis process, the researchers choose Ordinary Angels movie and transcript the movie in supporting the primary data, then the researchers watch the movie and analyze the scene to scene, and as the finding of the analysis, the researcher described the scene that relates to the theory of moral and social values.

## **III. RESULT AND DISCUSSION**

### **A. Result**

According to Banerjee (2014), there are kinds of moral values: Unconditional love, kindness, honesty, hard work, respect for others, co-operation, compassion, and forgiveness. Moreover, according to Vieyt (2022), there are 5 kinds of social values: Empathy, respect, love, loyalty, and honesty.

From the analysis, Ordinary Angels movie have these kinds of moral and social values based on its characters and plot.

#### 1. Moral Values

Moral values serve as a foundation for our understanding of what is good or evil and right or wrong (Debbarma, 2022). The moral values that found on the Ordinary Angels movie are :

##### a) Unconditional Love

Unconditional love refers to loving someone despite their behavior or beliefs. It is a notion that is similar to real love, a term that is more commonly used to refer to romantic love. On the other hand, love between family members, comrades in arms, and people in deeply committed relationships is commonly referred to as unconditional love. In a religious perspective, it has also been used to express God's love for people. Unconditional love keeps a person apart from their actions (Ningrum, 2013).

In this movie, the researchers analyze that the protagonist character in this movie, Sharon Stevens, is showing unconditional love. At 14:00, Sharon visited the funeral of Ed's wife, where she met Michell and Ashley. She went there just because she read a news article about Michelle in a newspaper.

*Sharon : I'm Sharon. I just, I've read about your family in a newspaper, and I just wanna say I'm really sorry. Really*

*Ed : Thank you, Maam.*

*Sharon :If there's ever I can do to help,*

*Ed : Very kind of you. But we're holding on*

*Sharon : Alright,then. I'll let you back to. Sorry, I was too kinda weird. Anyway, I'll be thinking about you all.*

In this scene, Sharon represents a kind of unconditional love, where she said that she will think about the family that she just knew from a newspaper. There is no reason for Sharon to think about stranger's lives but she just shows that sometimes we don't need no reason to love others.

##### b) Kindness

According to Malti (2020), it is possible to view kindness as a virtue. It

expresses feelings, ideas, and inner states that are particularly generous and compassionate. These values might be self-directed, like being kind to oneself, or they can be oriented toward others, like showing compassion for someone in need.

In this movie, the researchers found the kindness of Sharon and the community between them. In the scene at 25:43, Sharon spreads brochures to people about the hair marathon, to raise funds to help Michelle. At 26:04 :

*Sharon : We raise money for this beautiful girl, to save her.*

At this scene, Sharon's friend named Rose, also shows kindness by calling her cousins to come to their saloon, helping Sharon to get the money.

And, at 1:13:07, Sharon debated with Rose about the reason why she is willing to help Michelle.

*Sharon : I'm busy trying to keep this little girl from dying.*

*Rose : How did it become your responsibility to save her?*

*Sharon : Cause I'm here, cause I can. Because nobody did it for me. Someones gotta do something, someones gotta fight for her, and if it's me, then it's me.*

This scene shows the kindness of Sharon, that she is willing to help Michelle, just because there is her to help Michelle.

##### c) Honesty

Being honest meant not lying or cheating and telling the truth. There is no doubt about the basic definition of honesty. Since honesty is composed of three primary components: truth, goodness, and convenience. It can be characterized as the telling of the truth in a way that is beneficial as well. The fundamental principle of a person's behavior and morals is honesty. One of the moral principles that significantly influences each person's social life before they take further action is honesty (Pramucitra, 2018).

At 30:59, Sharon comes to Ed's house to hand the donations that she collected for Michelle.

*Sharon : I don't have your number, so I just stop, come by to give you this. My friend and I own a hair salon downtown. We had a thing to raise money for your daughter, that's \$3.254.*

In this scene, Sharon shows her honesty by giving all the money to Ed's family without taking any benefits to herself.

#### d) Hard Work

Hard work, according to Cambridge Dictionary, is always putting a lot of effort and care into work. According to Thomas Lickona, hard work is what we must do in order for us to survive. The character traits of initiative, diligence, goal-setting, and brilliance are all part of hard work (Karo-Karo & Wardana, 2022).

In this movie, the value of hardwork is shown by Sharon and Ed. At 25:40, where Sharon works as a hairdresser, doing her job while collecting the donation to Michelle, She works two jobs at the same time. She raised the money for Michelle, but she does not abandon her responsibilities to work in the Saloon.

At 69:26, Sharon also did a hardwork when she tried to look for a helicopter from wealthy people. She called one by one until she got someone that was willing to help her.

*Sharon : I wanna show you this little girl, we had to take a private plane to save her*

*Janine: Oh this poor child*

At 43:42, Ed registered himself as a handyman to repair the houses of residents affected by the disaster. He is willing to do any job to get money for the treatment of his daughter, Michelle.

*Ed : I have an idea, well, after the storm, roof companies are gonna have more workers that can handle it. I know roof and I figure up to picture myself, handle the jobs I can*

This scene shows how Ed is willing to work to get money, and this represents the value of hardwork.

#### e) Respect for others

Respect is the willingness to treat people with kindness and politeness. Respect is the ability to understand and appreciate differences. Many people in today's society are overly competitive and have the heart to harm others for their own benefit, according to Banerjee (2012, p. 57). regard for others is so crucial, including regard for racial and religious differences, gender, and different lifestyles.

The respect value in this movie is shown by Barbara, who is Ed's mother. At 31:54, when Sharon gives them the donation, Barbara invites her to join the dinner; it shows that Barbara respects Sharon for her kindness.

*Barbara : When the Lord sends a woman to the door with an envelope full of cash, you invite her in for dinner.*

This scene shows that Barbara tried to give the feedback for what Sharon's did to her family.

#### f) Cooperation

Since we are social creatures, cooperation is necessary. When there is no teamwork, some self-centered people will do well but not everyone will obtain the best outcome. Therefore, in order to succeed in coordinated goals, everyone must cooperate.

At 35:57, when Sharon gives her idea to Ed to sell his house, and he refuses, Sharon says that they need to raise funds. But again, Ed refused.

*Ed : Look, I appreciate it, but I prefer to do things by myself. I'm not comfortable with this.*

*Sharon : Well, you can have it comfortable being uncomfortable, cause this isn't about you. It's about your little girl.*

*Ed : So, what's this thing?*

This scene shows the value of Ed cooperating with Sharon, even though he is not feeling uncomfortable for what

Sharon did. But, for them to achieve the goals, they need to work in a team to achieve the goals.

At 90:10, Ed called Sharon to tell her that Michelle already got the liver donor and they have to make it as soon as possible. Sharon immediately calls Rose to look for the best route to the airport, because the road is covered with snow.

*Sharon : I need you to call the highway patrol. Find out what road is open... I had to get the plane to flight in this storm.*

*Rose : Do it. I got this.*

In the scene, Rose shows her cooperation by helping Sharon to find out the best route for Ed to the airport while Sharon calls someone that can help her to get the plane.

This value also showed in the scene at 1:41:02, where the community worked together to help Ed and Michelle. They all are cooperative to achieve the same goal, that is to make Ed and Michelle make it to the airport. The news broadcast help to spread the information for people to help Ed's family, someone give a call to tell the he is willing to pick up Ed by his helicopter, and the neighbors that help the helicopter to see the landing site by turning on their headlights and taking off their scarf and jacket to help the pilot to see them below.

This scene represents that the community can provide very impactful help to people in need at a crucial time by being cooperative in doing a job.

#### g) Compassion

Someone with a compassionate personality will be more aware and considerate of others needs, they will provide for the hungry, those who are struggling, or even those who are unhappy.

The value of compassion is shown by Sharon. She did everything to help Ed's family, especially Michelle. She doesn't even know them personally, but with his caring personality, she is willing to help them. She sacrifices her time and her pride to help people who are struggling.

At 46:12, Sharon visited some companies to get some donations and she succeeded in managing to raise thousands of dollars.

*Sharon : Sir, help to save a girl's life...*

*Sharon (to Ed) : The good news is we made off more than \$11.000 this month.*

This scene presents the value of compassion of Sharon, she is willing to help Ed by raising some funds. It is not for her, but for strangers who are struggling.

#### h) Forgiveness

Forgiving someone for a wrong they have committed is frequently regarded as morally righteous and a sign of a kind and compassionate person.

At 1:19:01, Ashley ran into her father and told him that Sharon is being weird and it scared her and Michelle. Ed finds out that Sharon is drunk, and asks her to leave the house.

At 1:49:32, before Ed's flight, he told Sharon that what Sharon's thought about herself is so wrong, and told her that she is worth it and she is such a miracle.

*Ed : I want you to know something, that voice in your head could be so wrong. You're not just worthy Sharon. You are a miracle.*

This scene shows that Ed is forgiving Sharon for what she did before in his house that made his kids scared of her, he even being grateful for everything that Sharon has done to his family.

#### 2. Social Values

Social values are characteristics and viewpoints that members of a particular culture or group of people share (Debbarma,2022). According to Vieyt (2022), there are 5 kinds of social values: Empathy, respect, love, loyalty, and honesty. However, since moral values have already examined respect, and honesty, the researcher's analysis of social values simply looks at the movie's emphasis on empathy, love, and loyalty.

a) Empathy

Empathy is the ability to feel and understand the feelings of somebody else. In this movie, the researchers analyze the value of empathy through Sharon and all the communities that are involved in helping Ed's family.

Sharon's empathy is shown at 11:04, Sharon reads news about the death of Ed's wife and Michelle's condition, and she feels bad about her, then she decides to attend the funeral. The value of empathy is also shown through people who are willing to give their donation for Michelle, because they feel sorry for what Michelle is going through.

b) Love

When we have love in our hearts, we don't feel the urge to harm other people. Love makes it easier for us to see the similarities. Instead of disparities in gender, religion, or race, we all have something in common.

The researchers analyze the value of love in this movie and find out that there are kinds of love that is represented in this movie, there are :

1) Love between parents and children

This kind of love can be viewed through the relationship between Ed and his kids, Ashley and Michelle. He is willing to do everything that can save his children's life, he survives to make sure that his child is still alive.

2) Love between friends

This kind of love is shown through Sharon and Rose. Rose is willing to help Sharon to raise some funds for Michelle, and she is willing to understand Sharon for leaving her job.

3) Love between neighbors and community

At 1:50:01, where the helicopter starts the flight, the reporter conveys their prayer to Michelle.

*Reporter : There she goes. Little Michelle Schmitt off to surgery. And our prayers go with her.*

And the neighbors said : We love you Michelle... while waving goodbye.

This scene shows the affection of the community toward Michelle.

c) Loyalty

The value that connects us to someone, something, or an emotion is loyalty. We may build the courage to oppose something that can endanger our community if we all have the same loyalty.

Loyalty is the state or attribute of being dedicated to a commitment or duty. We can demonstrate loyalty to our families, places of work, educational institutions, and other groups that are in charge of us (Panjaitan, Pasaribu, & Pasaribu, 2022).

This movie represents loyalty from the characterization of Sharon. Through the analysis of moral values and social values that have been explained above, the researcher finds out that Sharon is such a loyal person. Her loyalty can be seen in her dedication and sense of responsibility in saving Michelle. Even when Ed asked Sharon to stop, she insisted on helping the family.

At 1:17:20, Sharon called the television station to make a report about Michelle so that more people know about Michelle, but that action made Ed feel upset.

*Ed : I told you, I don't want this.*

*Sharon : Listen, I'm sorry, I know. This is a good opportunity to get her story out, This is good for her Ed, trust me.*

*Ed : Honestly, who do you think you are?*

Through the analysis of this scene, the researcher finds out about the loyalty of Sharon towards Ed's family. There were rejection from Ed many times, but Sharon still helped their family.

## B. Discussion

Moral Values and Social Values are essential to be applied in real life, especially in our society. All this values is important for us to become a good human being. The Moral value, as stated of Banerjee (2014) : Unconditional love, kindness, honesty, hard work, respect for others, co-operation, compasion, and forgiveness. And the Social

Values as stated by Vieyt (2022) : Empathy, respect, love, loyalty, and honesty, are some kinds of values that we can use as a guidance in behaving in society.

Unconditional Love, can teach us to love all people regardless of their status and differences. Kindness, teaches us to always do good, especially for people who are in trouble. Honesty makes us a trustworthy person. Hard work help us to achieve our goals well and perfectly. Respect for others helps us to establish good relationships with others. Co-operation makes us able to achieve common goals well with a good process as well. Compassion make us more aware to the environment and other people in need. Forgiveness helps us to live life well without holding grudges.

Empathy encourages us to care and help those in need.. Love as the foundation of life to love one another, whether family, friends, and community. Loyalty make us a trustworthy and reliable person in all situations.

All the values that mentioned in the previous chapter are the messages that found in the Ordinary Angels movie. The Moral Values and Social Values that represented in this movie can influence the audience how how small deeds or favors can help other people's lives through the depiction of characters, plots, and themes.

#### IV. CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

##### A. Conclusion

The analysis of "Ordinary Angels" emphasizes how important it is for movies to reflect and influence social and moral values in society.

Based on the problem and the research analysis, the researchers found that there are moral values and social values represented by the Ordinary Angels movie. The moral values that contained in this movie are: Unconditional love, kindness, honesty, hard work, respect for others, co-operation, compassion, and forgiveness. Moreover, there are 5 kinds of social values that have been found in this movie: Empathy, respect, love, loyalty, and honesty.

Characters that demonstrate qualities like moral values and social values are portrayed to show how individual actions can have an impact on a larger group environment. The movie is an effective reminder of the positive effects that community efforts may have on people in need by portraying the struggle and

achievements of ordinary people in extraordinary circumstances. By highlighting how stories like "Ordinary Angels" not only amuse viewers but also encourage them to consider moral values and build a feeling of solidarity, this study adds to the conversation on faith-based storytelling in modern film. In the end, it emphasizes how movies have the power to inspire social change by raising moral consciousness and encouraging people to get involved in their communities.

##### B. Suggestion

Based on the results of the analysis conducted in this study, the author suggests further research to investigate the comparison of the representation of moral and social values in the Ordinary Angels movie with the perceptions and experiences of audiences from different cultural or socio-economic backgrounds.

To deepen the understanding of the research that has identified the values in the movie, further research should examine whether these values are received and interpreted differently by different groups of viewers.

To add relevance by considering cultural and socio-economic contexts, this research will provide more relevant insights into how movies can influence or reflect the values of diverse societies.

Comparisons across audience groups can reveal nuances and complexities that may not be apparent in a single analysis to enrich the analysis.

Future research could use quantitative (surveys) or qualitative (interviews) methods to collect data from different audience groups.

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