

An Analysis of Personality Traits of Main Characters in Lu Yao's Works "The Ordinary World"--Based on Freud's Theory of Personality Structure

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ABSTRACT. *Based on Sigmund Freud's theory of personality structure, this study makes an in-depth analysis of personality traits of six main characters in the works "The Ordinary World", and draws the following conclusions by using the methods of literature review, and observation and recording and theoretical analysis: Wang Manyin and Tian Futang are egotists who are intemperate and selfish. Sun Shaoan and Tian Runye are realists who are sane and thinking. Sun Shaoping and Tian Fujun are idealists who are noble and perfect. At the same time, we get three enlightenments through the research: one is that the personality is relatively stable and dynamic development. the second is that the external environment aggravates the change of personality structure. the third is that the analysis of the personality characteristics of literary works has practical guiding significance.*

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1. Introduction

"The Ordinary World" is the work of the famous writer Lu Yao, which is based on China's mid-1970s to mid-1980s. Through complex contradictions and entanglements, the two brothers Sun Shaoan and Sun Shaoping centered on the image of most ordinary people at all levels of society at that time. They had different life trajectories under the influence of the external environment and the characteristics of their own personality development. Based on Freud's theory of personality structure, this study aims to understand the twists and turns of individual personality development by analyzing the personality development characteristics of six main characters. In order to trigger in-depth thinking on how to improve personality development and build a relatively balanced personality structure.

2. Research design

2.1 Research object

The six main characters in the work *The Ordinary World* are Wang Manyin, Tian Futang, Sun Shao'an, Tian Runye, Sun Shaoping and Tian Fujun.

2.2 Research method

Literature review, observation and recording, and theoretical analysis.

3. Research findings

3.1 The Personality Characteristics and Formation Process of Wang Manyin and Tian Futang

3.1.1 Growth background

Wang Manyin: Old ancestors used to be "Pagong", smoking a lot of cigarettes to exhaust the family business. Father is a famous second-rate son in the villages around. His mother gave birth to him in a cliff kiln. The next year, his father died. His mother brought him up to the age of nineteen and died of illness. Since then, he has become a single person. At the beginning of the Cultural Revolution, he actively participated in a martial art team in the county. After the second squad, he ran back to the village of Cans because he was afraid of throwing a gun. After returning home, I went outside to start a small business and married **Sun Yuhou, the daughter of Shuangshui Village. Because of the sale of rat poison**

Grab the fight. Do business with the "Nanyang woman", leave the wife and children, and go outside to sway. Meet yourself in front of the mirror of Shanghai's Tattered Hotel and return to the village of Tin to live with your wife and children.

Tian Futang: Secretary of the Party Branch of Shuangshui Village, determined to become a peasant politician of Yonggui style. In charge of various things in Shuangshui Village, Sun Shaoan was arrested for fighting the expansion of pig feed in the village, and he encountered a drought. In order to strengthen his prestige, he organized the shovel to dig the dam and grab the water upstream. In order to "agricultural Dazhai", he was so happy that he had to repair the dam. The strong man who dominated the fate of the village in the past not only resisted the changes in the new era, but also angered the marriage of his daughter and son, and was plagued by illnesses.

3.1.2 Personality formation process

Wang Manyin: **Early:** The self is differentiated from the foundation of **the self**, and self-rationality can control one's own behavior, and has not been lost by the

desire of **the self**. But there is no further differentiation from the self, which has laid the foundation for the development of unhealthy personality. Wang Manyin grew up with his mother from a young age. When his mother was alive, his discipline governed the principle of happiness. When his mother died and he lived alone in the world, he only wanted to be happy. **Metaphase:** The realistic principle of ego makes him lose sight of the hope of life, and the personality structure of superego can not sublimate his mood. Under the principle of self energy catharsis and happiness, let him banish himself again and again to find happiness. At the beginning of the Cultural Revolution, he joined the fighting team, sold rat poison in private and was caught fighting. He took "Nanyang women" home and forced his wife to eat rat poison. **Late:** The development of the self slowly makes him see the reality and think about what he has done in the past. Super-self differentiates from the self, and under the anti-energy venting of self and super-ego, he begins to rehabilitate, re-do, and personality structure. Re-stabilized. Spending outside and going out again and again, I saw the rich life of others, the love between men and women, but I was a lonely ghost in the city. He had to reflect on the current situation of life, realized that he was absurd and stupid, and he began to miss his wife and children.

Tian Futang: **Early:** The mental energy of the ego is strong, maintaining the balance between the ID and the superego, forming a stable personality structure with healthy personality development. His daughter Runye has a close relationship with Sun Yuhou's son, and she is often associated with Sun's family. **Metaphase:** The gradual affluence of family conditions, the control of the power of Shuangshui Village, began to get lost in the desire of the self, and destroyed the original stable personality structure. I began to look down on the Sun family who had contacted before. I was dissatisfied with my daughter's love of Sun's son. I saw the joy of my daughter's son in the "big man" family. I personally reported to Sun Shao'an in my own village and took Sun Shao'an to fight. In order to strengthen his prestige, he organized people to dig the dam to steal water, causing his villagers to be drowned. After his son graduated from high school, he used his power to arrange for his son to be a teacher in the village. **Late:** The loss of power and the happy life of the villagers let him know that the past actions were in vain, that the psychological energy of the self began to be strong, that he knew where he was, and that his personality structure was stable again. In the blasting dam project became a joke, his daughter's marriage was unfortunate, but his son liked a widow, a series of strikes made him have to submit to reality, to accept the new changes in Shuangshui Village.

3.1.3 Character traits

Selfishness and self-indulgence focus only on whether their desires are met and ignore social rules and moral standards.

3.2 The Personality Characteristics and Formation Process of Sun Shaoan and Tian Runye

3.2.1 Growth background

Sun Shao'an: The family was poor from childhood. After graduation, they had to go home to work and aspire to become an excellent farmer. With Tian Runye mutual love, due to family economic reasons had to marry hard-working and kind-hearted Xiulian. With the introduction of Liu Genmin, a classmate, pulling bricks earned the first sum of money and began to open brick kilns. With the success of the cause, brick factories began to be established, and after going through a downturn in the cause, they finally succeeded.

Tian Runye: Daughter of Tian Fugao, Secretary of the Party Branch of Shuangshui Village, niece of Deputy Secretary of the Provincial Party Committee and Secretary of the Municipal Party Committee in the seat of the provincial capital. Growing up with Sun Shao'an, I chose to marry Li Yunqiang under various pressures after I liked Sun Shao'an and had no results. In the face of this forced marriage, she chose to escape the obligation of being a wife. Because her husband saw off her legs in a car accident, she began to take responsibility and live happily with Li Yunqiang.

3.2.2 Formation of Personality Characteristics

Sun Shaoan: **Early:** The personality structure is stable and the psychological energy of self-level is strong. With good education and parents' values, superego divides itself, sacrifices its own interests, and shoulders the burden of the family. After graduation, he decides to be a farmer with outstanding characteristics. **Metaphase:** Follow the self-reality principle, make every decision under rational analysis, and try to make your family better. When Run Ye expressed his love to him, the act of marriage cut off the possibility of this relationship. When the wife and his parents had a disagreement, the unstoppable anger caused him to punch his wife. When he privately gave money to his sister, he was told by his sister about the difficulties of his family. **Late:** When we look at the success or failure of things according to the principle of self-reality, we can't maintain the family's emotions as before. The energy of superego level has been increased, the personality structure has been stable, and the healthy personality has been developed. With the rapid development of their own brick factories, they invested the money they earned to renovate their schools and do a real thing.

Tian Runye: **Early:** The stable personality structure has formed a good personality development. Having a wonderful and happy childhood life, I had a smooth sailing on my way to school. After graduating from xanthan normal college, I returned to the former Xixian County to be a teacher. **Metaphase:** A series of life experiences have broken her stable personality structure, and I am pursuing the perfect impulse. I am pursuing the principle of happiness. Under the contradiction of this personality structure, the self-reality principle regulates the contradiction between the self and the superego, and she begins to be in a self-directed personality structure. Li Xiangqiu madly shows love, and his family is very close to each other. When facing this unhappy marriage, telling his inner love and boredom to his

sweetheart, the result is that the sweetheart will marry someone else. The abandonment of the sweetheart, the political path of the uncle of the Oberland, she chose to marry Lee, but did not fulfill her wife's obligations, just a formal marriage. **Late:** The standard of moral behavior makes her feel guilty, awakens her superego energy, and stabilizes her personality structure. Husband Li Qian intercepted her legs because of a car accident, which made her assume the responsibility of her wife, take care of her husband's life and start a new life.

3.2.3 Character traits

Pay attention to reality, be rational, and be good at self-control.

3.3 The Personality Characteristics and Formation Process of Sun Shaoping and Tian Fujun

3.3.1 Growth background

Sun Shaoping: Hao Hongmei, who lived in a similar situation in high school, had a communication, and her love for Hao Hongmei was shattered in front of reality. As a result of the acquaintance of literary and artistic performances with Tian Xiaoxia, his mind was further liberated. After rescuing Hou Yuying in the flood and solving the negative impact of Hao Hongmei's handkerchief theft, he began to return to Shuangshui Village to help his family work. Because I could not suppress my longing for the outside world, I decided to leave Shuangshui Village to go to Huangyuan City to find opportunities, after the hard struggle in Huangyuan City. With the help of Tian Xiaoxia, he came to Tongcheng to become a miner. After Tian Xiaoxia's death, he was determined to become a miner and start a new life after he suffered a mining accident.

Tian Fujun: When he graduated from the Agricultural Statistics Department of Renmin University of China, the Central Agriculture Department wanted him, but he returned to the Huangyuan area. In the former Xi County, he served as deputy secretary of the Revolutionary Committee. He visited the remote areas many times to visit the people. In order to hungry the villagers, he did not hesitate to violate the regulations of the higher authorities and distributed the grain to the villagers. He served as the inspector of the Organization Department of the Shaanxi Provincial Committee of the Communist Party of China. He served as the first deputy secretary of the Huangyuan District Committee, the Commissioner of the Administrative Office, and the secretary of the Huangyuan District Committee. He served as the deputy secretary of the Shaanxi Provincial Party Committee and the secretary of the Xi'an Municipal Party Committee. In so many times of promotion, he went deep into the masses to serve the people.

3.3.2 Personality formation process

Sun Shaoping: **Early:** In the effort to alleviate and overcome psychological problems such as inferiority, anxiety and so on, the energy that can not be directly released through sublimation will go through activities of social appreciation. The mental energy of ego transfers to superego, and superego develops well in personality structure. The poor life in high school taught him to seek spiritual comfort in literary works. Regardless of past suspicions, Hou Yuying helped Hao Hongmei who was caught stealing handkerchiefs. **Metaphase:** Super ego pursues the principle of Supreme goodness. Super ego's ideal and kindness conflict with ID and ego, so that he can not be confined to a small village, but should go to a broader world to realize his ideal. With his diligence and pragmatism, he quickly integrated into the construction site life in the Xanthan area. When he was at the station and saw enthusiasts helping the elderly, he really realized his own life value at this moment. **Late:** The superego personality structure dominates his personality and makes his thoughts and actions conform to social ethics. He is an idealist of high quality. His thoughts and actions are determined by moral values, not by the realistic principles of himself. Facing Hu Yonghe's insult to the little girl, he fought hard, not afraid of the fatigue and danger of Tongcheng Mine. When the master of the mine was killed, he himself broke his face because of the mine accident, he still adhered to the meaning of his life in the mine.

Tian Fujun: **Early:** With its own ideal pursuit, under the cultural education of the day after tomorrow, the psychological energy of the super-level is more powerful. When the Central Agriculture Department wanted to leave him, he volunteered to work in the Huangyuan area. **Metaphase:** The personality structure dominated by the superego level makes him sincerely and sincerely work for the people. He visited villages in remote areas many times to investigate the facts. When he met villagers who were hungry and dizzy, he violated the regulations to distribute food to villagers. When the superior talks to him, he dares to say what he really thinks. Despite his many promotions, he never forgot his first intention and served the people wholeheartedly. **Late:** Super-psychological energy shifts to self, and it shakes the moral norms of the super-level. Colleagues who once worked together have fallen ideology. When their daughter died because of the flood, they still have to be close to the people to complete more difficult tasks. In order to better develop the Huangyuan area, we will meet in the capital to seek support. The lower level bribed other officials to get resources and let him lament the reality of life.

3.3.3 Personality characteristics

Independent, lofty ideals, the pursuit of perfection.

4. Analysis discussion

4.1 Wang Manyin, Tian Futang - Personality Structure Guided by the Present

External factors: In the family environment, Wang Manyin's father's infamous and premature death made him lose his father's love. The mother died when he was 18 years old, and Wang Manyin's understanding of the family did not really understand it. This directly affects the frequent occurrence of his arbitrary, willful, and arrogant behavior. In school education, this is not mentioned in the book, but it can be inferred from the background of the time that Wang Manyin did not accept too much formal education, almost in a wild growth state, and learned knowledge in the society. His words and deeds are formed in the influence of the surrounding environment. There are no correct values of non-values. The judgment of good or bad things depends on their own preferences. In the social and cultural background, in the period of the Cultural Revolution, social ethics and legal order were in a state of chaos, which could not guide him to establish correct values. All he can do is to start enjoying his life after he has had enough food and drink. He has nothing to do with it, so the satisfaction of himself is the most important thing for him. As for Tian Futang, there is no mention of his family environment and school education in his works, but through other characters, we know that Tian Futang is influenced by family environment and has a more smooth way of interpersonal communication. In terms of social culture, the trend of the times at that time matched his personality characteristics very well. He believed that this era was for him. Villagers all need to act under his command. Without him, Shuangshui Village is an incomplete Shuangshui Village. Under his wise leadership, the living standard of villagers will be better and better.

Internal factors: Wang Manyin's self-differentiated self-level energy is not enough to fight against the desire of the id, only concerned about their own enjoyment, selfishness. Wang Manyin can not correctly understand himself, blindly confident, do things without thinking, abandon his wife and son wandering around, ignoring the eyes of others. He believed that his happiness was the most important thing. Supported by this belief, he acted wilfully and ignored moral concepts. However, Tian Futang's original ego, ego and superego are in a relatively balanced state, so he can not objectively analyze himself when he is the head of Shuangshui Village. I can't reasonably evaluate my own ability, indulge in my own political dreams, and make a wrong assessment of my own thoughts and behaviors. He likes to be a power-holder at a village cadre meeting, and he controls the fate of the villagers. His status is different from that of ordinary villagers. When he finds that

his actions are useless, he still cannot accept this fact and is obsessed with fulfilling his dream of politicians.

It is precisely because of the combination of these internal and external factors that Wang Manyin will always be controlled by my own desires. Without a positive and healthy condition of physical and mental development, he will live in the world like a ghost and a ghost, and be laughed at by people. Tian Futang, under a specific social background and his own rights and needs, is slowly guided by his own desires from a steady psychological structure. The desire for rights blinds his eyes. What he values is the exchange of interests between people. It is no longer the harmonious coexistence and sincere emotion between people.

4.2 Sun Shaoan, Tian Runye - Self-directed personality structure

External factors: In the family environment, Sun Shaoan's parents' hardworking, pragmatic and tough work made him form a personality quality that is strong in facing difficulties in life and courageous in taking family responsibilities. In school education, he has established correct values and has a spirit of struggle that is not convinced and not afraid of hardship. In the social atmosphere of the time, he was not as lazy as other people, but he was energetic, less talkative, and ultimately won the respect and love of others. Early childhood experience and poor family economic conditions led him to drop out of school and go home to work. He faced the reality and determined to be a good farmer. Of course, he had to bury his love for Tian Runye. In the family environment, Tian Runye's father was controlled by the desire of the self, and he valued his power and did not give him a correct and good attitude. Tian Runye rebelled against her father's influence and stayed in the county after graduation to teach. The first thing that came to mind when she met with difficulties was Bo Botian Fujun. In school education, systematic learning knowledge has established her correct outlook on life and values, and she knows that the goal of life should be achieved by her own efforts. Under the impact of the wave of social and cultural ideological change, she no longer confines herself to traditional values, but has a beautiful yearning and longing for marriage. Early childhood experience, she and Sun Shaoan read and played together, with deep feelings.

Internal factors: Sun Shaoan's instinctive desire is effectively controlled, but to achieve the perfect self in the superego, because of his understanding of real life, he has to rationally look at the problem, weigh the pros and cons, so as to better reflect his own value. Tian Runye dared not have the slightest fantasy when he was feeling about it. When Sun Shaoan realized that he could improve the living standard of his family by virtue of his ability and diligence, he fought confidently in the brick factory. When his personal value was successfully embodied, he could not change his personal value into his social value. Just wondering why the improvement of living standards has not brought happiness to the family. In the further understanding of the self, I can not perceive the inner thoughts of the self, leading to the imbalance of physical and mental development. Tian Runye has a deep understanding of himself and knows what love he wants. But when the cruel reality

and the ideal goal are incompatible, she can't clarify her behavior, and the pressure of the external environment makes her evaluation of herself blurred. She compromised her marriage but refused to accept her husband. This contradictory behavior expresses the strong conflict between her self, self and super-self. Under the pressure, she barely maintains her physical and mental balance.

Sun Shaoan and Tian Runye have similar growth backgrounds, but Sun Shao'an, due to the influence of the family environment and self-evaluation analysis, finally faced the reality and chose to reject Tian Runye's love. Although Tian Runye was influenced by external factors such as family and social atmosphere, he tried to accept Li Xiangqian's proposal, but his own beautiful fantasy of love made her have no feelings for this husband. She evaded facing the newly married family and accused her of dissatisfaction with reality.

4.3 Sun Shaoping and Tian Fujun: Personality structure dominated by superego

External factors: in the family environment, Sun Shaoping's parents are diligent and pragmatic, his brother is diligent and responsible, and his sister is sensible. He basically grew up in a harmonious and beautiful family. Therefore, Sun Shaoping's healthy physical and mental development has formed many positive personality traits, such as active thinking, integrity, courtesy and so on. In school education, Sun Shaoping is in a good learning atmosphere, the friendship between his classmates is deep, and he actively participates in school programs. All these make him stand up, face new things confidently, and face the current situation of family economic poverty correctly. In social culture, the Cultural Revolution has come to an end, social ethics and legal order have been re-established, and the quality of truth, goodness and beauty has been recognized again. Sun Shaoan is an aspiring young man under the influence of this great environment. He hopes that through his hard work and hard work, he will make this society more beautiful and harmonious. Early childhood experience, a classic literary work in other people's homes inspired his spiritual fighting, made his spiritual world more colorful, and established a good quality that is not afraid of hardship and fear of difficulties. After graduating from Renmin University of China, Tian Fujun also had a high level of ideological consciousness and ideal goals, and determined to achieve his lofty ambitions. In his work, he has been serving the people on a down-to-earth basis and seeking truth from facts, and has established a correct outlook on life and values.

Internal factors: Sun Shaoping's insight and understanding of himself made him know what he should do, see his own shortcomings and make timely corrections. When he was in high school, he gave up his life to help Hou Yuying and help Hao Hongmei without any prejudice. This made him positively evaluate his behavior and made him more self-respecting. When he stayed in Shuangshui Village, he realized that this was not the ideal life he wanted. He decided to go home and work hard in the city to fight for his ideal life. Tian Fujun's own strict supervision and the spirit of seeking truth from facts have enabled him to have correct moral standards. He has a deep awareness of his own perceptions and thoughts, and actively asks to work at the grassroots level to help poor areas improve their living standards. When judging

and evaluating their own behavior and personality characteristics, they can tell their own thoughts to their superiors honestly, point out their shortcomings, and correctly understand themselves. When he is in power for the people, he feels excitement and excitement. He embodies his value in his contribution to society, and changes his personal value to realize his social value. When his official position is getting higher and higher, he pays more attention to his responsibility and does not develop a corrupt style because of his promotion. When he bought a suit to attend the meeting, he was reported. He realized his mistake and felt guilty and ashamed, so as to stop it from happening again.

Combining internal and external factors, Sun Shaoan has positive personality traits, mental energy to maintain superego level, help him to do what he wants to do in real life, a noble moral model, not influenced by the views of others. Tian Fujun's school education plays a key role in his personality development, so that he has his own life goals. His own noble moral character can also help him resist the desire of the id, sublimate the mental energy of the ego, and become a person with personality structure dominated by the superego.

5. Conclusion

5.1 Personality is relatively stable and dynamic.

The stability of the individual's personality structure is established in a relatively peaceful external environment, and is satisfied with his current life, physiological and psychological tend to balance. But when they encounter major life events and are dissatisfied with their own state of life, they begin to doubt their behavior and try to change the current situation. The external environment will affect the issuance, progression and termination of in vitro manifestations, but the reception and interpretation of environmental information is the task of the internal cognitive system, and the individual's cognitive style is rooted in its personality characteristics. We can see that the personality structure has changed at this time, to slowly influence their behavior, to establish a new balance with the external environment, and the personality structure has become more stable.

5.2 The external environment exacerbates changes in personality structure

We can see from the growth history of the two brothers Sun Shao'an and Sun Shaoping, the main figures, that Sun Shao'an has shouldered the burden of his family since childhood, although he has complained. But he also accepted the fact that he devoted all his efforts to his family. At that time, his personality structure was stable and tended to develop to the level of superego. After the marriage, with the wife's preference for him, the twists and turns of his career, and the separation of his brother Shaoping. As well as the reduction of parental responsibility and the concern of my younger siblings, Sun Shao' an' s self-personal structure has changed the current way of life under the influence of the powerful forces of the reality.

However, under the guidance of his younger brother, his wife's success in his career, his wife's terminal illness, he expressed his personality structure and re-developed to the super-level.

Although Sun Shaoping caused his inferiority in the high school age due to family reasons, with the image of the hero of reading literary works, his personality structure has been greatly shaped, and he has developed great psychological energy towards the super-ego level. . When he can help the unsuccessful and helpless people, he does his best to help the underage teenage girl. In this contradiction, he has made the choice to conform to his super-personal structure and let himself develop into a hard work. A "perfect" person. Tian Fujun, who graduated from university, also has his own goal of continuing to develop his superego level. But as the ranks get higher and higher. He expressed his understanding of the nephew's transfer due to relationship. He could not point out the mistakes of his subordinates. He did not have a deep review of his mistakes in dressing for meetings. He felt that the central government had the same idea when facing his subordinates to complete their tasks through gifts. All of these imply that Tian Fujun's superego personality structure supervisor's strength has been weakened, he began to follow the principle of self-reality, and his ID desire began to expand slowly.

5.3 It is of practical significance to analyze the personality characteristics of literary characters.

Art works originate from life but are higher than life. We can see more or less some behaviors of ourselves or others from the characters of "Ordinary World" affecting the personality structure. We can find on the various network communication platforms such as Weibo, Post Bar, Douban, etc. When we talk about this book, we will combine our own life experiences to publish the evaluation of the characters and plots in the book. Most people will see Sun Shaoping who can only eat "C" in high school. At the end, he is only a worker who has experienced mining accidents and went to work in coal mines. The tortuous experience of this makes him more convinced of his spiritual pursuit. The Confucian doctrine of prudence and independence refers to moral self-discipline without supervision. The superego of Freud's personality structure theory refers to the supervisor of morality over self, and there is something in common between the two. We can also see the extraordinary in this ordinary person.

When we pursue our own life and attitude towards life, what kind of life thinking should we have? We can learn from different experiences in the book to help us look at this ordinary world.

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