

CHAPTER III

ANALYSIS

In this chapter, the writer would like to discuss the analysis chronologically based on the statement of problems. The first analysis is the causes that influence Christ's behavior and thought, whether it comes from his environment particularly his family and the people around him or his understanding that shapes his personality as the motivation to wander. The environment is the most influence which affects Christ's personality. The family, the place of growing up body and character, the way his parents teach, and the intellectual background or school.

The next analysis is to answer the second statement of the problem. What is the end of his wandering, the statements analyze Christ ends his wandering after getting enough experience which he calls as a spiritual wandering to put all of his possessions away and finding a reality.

3.1 The causes that influence Christ's behavior and thought

Christ has been already an adventurer when he was eight. With his father he takes a first overnight trip backpacking and hiking in three days hike in the Shenandoah. He carries his own pack the whole way. After his first hiking, his father and he always hike every year. Sometimes Christ hikes with his complete family, his father, mother, and sister.

Christ is not a new adventurer, his hobby has known when he was two years old. In the middle of the night, when his father and mother are sleeping, he walks away from home and enter the neighbor's house which is seven block of his home. For a child at two years old, he is not afraid of the dark and retired place.

For Alaska, this is not the same with the other condition. Two years he is escaping from his family without giving any information and permission. Previously he never goes without asking permission of his parents and gives his condition as he is in wandering. As the example, in 1985 he is in the second grade of junior high school. At the time he is a worker of a local building contractor as a salesman. In a matter of few months he gets seven thousand dollars for his salary. He uses the part of the money to buy the secondhand of yellow Datsun. As the holiday after the graduation of his junior high school has passed he tells to his parents that he wants to go wander with his new yellow car.

"When I mentioned the offer to Chris," says Walt, "he wouldn't even consider it. He told his boss that he had other plans." As soon as high school was over, Chris declared, he was going to get behind the wheel of his new car and spend the summer driving across the country. Nobody anticipated that the journey would be the first in a series of extended transcontinental adventures (Krakauer 84)

Even he gets the travelling for a long time, about two months, Christ is still giving his condition through phone. After his wandering with his car, Christ seems like become different. The relation with his parents begin to change, Christ becomes cold and does not talk what is wrong with him. He does not tell how his impression during his self wandering and what has been happened with him during his wandering. What causes that makes him to be cold with his parents.

Christ closes himself from his parents because of he has known that there is untruth inside the marriage of Walt. It happens when Christ wanders throughout his cross country and he arrives in California. There, he visits the past neighborhood in El Segundo where Christ spends his first years of his life. He calls a number of old family friends who still lives there. Christ finds out the fact that he never knows from his father or mother. Moreover Christ has known that his father has previous marriage before married with his mother. His father has told that the previous marriage gives children but the thing that Christ does not know is when his father divorces Marcia, Walt's previous wife. Walt continues his relation with Christ's mother, Billie. He falls in love with Billie than he marries Billie. In reality, after Billie bears her first child named Christ, Walt braids the secret relation with Marcia.

Walt's split from his first wife, Marcia, was not a clean or amicable parting. Long after falling in love with Billie, long after she gave birth to Chris, Walt continued his relationship with Marcia in secret, dividing his time between two households, two families. Lies were told and then exposed, begetting more lies to explain away the initial deceptions. Two years after Chris was born, Walt fathered another son—Quinn McCandless—with Marcia. When Walt's double life came to light, the revelations inflicted deep wounds. All parties suffered terribly (Krakauer 88)

After knowing the mistake of his father, he feels that he must get a complete story of the fact, because the old family just tells a part and the limited time of Christ wandering. As soon he drives to El Segundo and gets a complete episode of his father's affair. After this tragedy, Christ closes himself and never tells what he feels, he just judges that his father makes a big mistake.

Christ is the type of man who disinclines the mistakes of his parents.

When the parents make a big mistake, Christ will never complain or advise but he will think deeper why the mistake is done. He keeps in his mind and never forgives.

"Chris was the sort of person who brooded about things," Carine observes. "If something bothered him, he wouldn't come right out and say it. He'd keep it to himself, harboring his resentment, letting the bad feelings build and build." That seems to be what happened following the discoveries he made in El Segundo. (88)

The quote shows that Christ is hard to forgive his parent's mistake. Christ just builds his bad feeling, his disappointment, and his anger to come together and ready to be big explosion. If it views from morals of Islam, Christ has done something wrong.

Who spend (in the cause of Allah) during ease and hardship and who restrain anger and who pardon the people - and Allah loves the doers of good (Qur'an, Ali Imran 134).

As the human being that likes to learn the humanity, Christ does not apply his understanding and his sympathy to his parents. Christ learns about humanity values and he gets the perfect score when he has graduated in junior high school. He understands the phenomena and theory of anthropology or humanity but he is not able to forgive the mistake of his father. In the previous data that shows Christ is not easy to forgive his father indicating that Christ is a headstrong also. When he knows the truth he directly judges as white and black. When he has judges nobody can change his mind. Headstrong is so related with overconfident. In fact, it is the character of Christ. When he wants something, he must reach it. When he considers something as black, his mind never changes.

“What the hell were you thinking? Not speaking to your family for all that time, treating them like dirt!’ One of the kids that works for me, fuck, he don’t even have any goddamn parents, but you don’t hear him bitching. Whatever the deal was with Alex’s family, I guarantee you I’ve seen a lot worse. Knowing Alex, I think he must have just got stuck on something that happened between him and his dad and couldn’t leave it be (46).

Westerberg is the owner of a rice field factory. He employs Christ.

Westerberg knows that Christ has a problem with his father. Even Westerberg has complains and give an advice Christ just considers his judgment as the most right. Christ regards his parents as the dirt. He closes himself and never talks for a long time. It is March 92, he has walked almost two years without giving information for his parents. For more than five years after he has known his father’s affair and he is not almost able to forgive the mistake of his father.

More than a minute passes before Franz speaks again; squinting at the sky, he begins to reminisce further about the time he spent in the youngsters company. Not in frequently during their visits, Franz recalls, McCandless’s face would darken with anger and he’d fulminate about his parents or politicians or the endemic idiocy of mainstream American life. Worried about alienating the boy, Franz said little during such outbursts and let him rant (37)

It also happens with Franz, a veteran of American army. When they talk about something except the parents of Christ, it will be fun and enthusiastically. On the other side, when it talks about the parents or how can he wander for a long time without giving his condition for his parents, Christ will show his anger and bad feeling.

Christ’s headstrong is supported by his overconfident. Everything he wants to get he must get, and everything that he regards is not his need he refuses directly even it has many reasons to persuade Christ’s mind. Moreover the reason

is to keep Christ's safety, it never changes his mind. Later his overconfident brings him to die.

or that they think I'd actually let them pay for my law school if I was going to go....I've told them a million times that I have the best car in the world, a car that has spanned the continent from Miami to Alaska, a car that has in all those thousands of miles not given me a single problem, a car that I will never trade in, a car that I am very strongly attached to—yet they ignore what I say and think I'd actually accept a new car from them! I'm going to have to be real careful not to accept any gifts from them in the future because they will think they have bought my respect (14)

The quote is the complain letter that he gives for Carine, his sister. Its cause is his parents want to buy him a new Cadillac. Even the reason of his parents is to keep Christ's safety, Christ refuses the idea angrily. Christ thinks that his respect can be bought with the money. He thinks more off his parents mean, even though his parents wants him to take into consideration of his Datsun. At any time the car can endanger Christ's safety. Indeed, it makes a misunderstanding of Christ's thought. Christ think that he has a best car, the Datsun is still able to take the road from Miami to Alaska which the distance is for about 128.000 miles. Finally Christ gets a trouble from his car in the desert after the flood in Lake Mead, the battery of his car is dropped voltage, and then he leaves the car away. In fact, Christ the type of man who thinks if the car is able to work, it can be used and it is still good but he never takes care the real condition.

It wasn't that he was too lazy to clean it up—Alex always kept things real neat and orderly—it was just that he hadn't noticed the grease (45)

The quote shows that Christ is so lazy. When he cooks rice in the rice cooker without regarding the rice cooker has to be cleaned, but he just uses it. He

sees the thing still able to work and he does not care whether the thing is dirty or sleazy.

Parent for Christ is the influence of his thought and behavior. With his characters he decides to go and disappear. His bad feeling about his parents which is built and built, time after time it is like a volcano that someday it will be ready to release a big explosion which makes people around him feels angry, sad, disappointed, and suffers from a loss. From all of his abhorrence to his parents, Christ even ever declares that he cut off the connection or relation between son and parents. It is so foolish, with his headstrong, his overconfident that brings him to strengthen his judgment and his view without considering his behavior hurts someone or not.

Shortly before he disappeared, Chris complained to Carine that their parents' behavior was "so irrational, so oppressive, disrespectful and insulting that I finally passed my breaking point." He went on: Since they won't ever take me seriously, for a few months after graduation I'm going to let them think they are right, I'm going to let them think that I'm "coming around to see their side of things " and that our relationship is stabilizing. And then, once the time is right, with one abrupt, swift action I'm going to completely knock them out of my life. I'm going to divorce them as my parents once and for all and never speak to either of those idiots again as long as I live. I'll be through with them once and for all, forever. (46)

The quote is the letter to Carine as Christ's abhorrence to his parents.

Christ regard his parents just pursue the wealthy. They work in the morning until the night just to get what they want. Even though they have children where they should take care their children and grow the love and intimacy between parent and children. Christ cannot accepts all of things that has been done by his parents all

the time, because of his headstrong to not able to forgive and accept the reality or try to make the condition more better with finding solution.

Money was tight. In addition to the financial strain of exchanging a steady paycheck for the vagaries of self-employment, Walt's separation from his first wife left him with two families to support. To make a go of it, says Carine, "Mom and Dad put in incredibly long hours. When Chris and I woke up in the morning to go to school, they'd be in the office working. When we came home in the afternoon, they'd be in the office working. When we went to bed at night, they'd be in the office working. They ran a real good business together and eventually started making bunches of money, but they worked all the time." It was a stressful existence. Both Walt and Billie are tightly wound, emotional, loath to give ground. Now and then the tension erupted in verbal sparring. In moments of anger, one or the other often threatened divorce. The rancor was more smoke than fire, says Carine, but "I think it was one of the reasons Chris and I were so close. We learned to count on each other when Mom and Dad weren't getting along."(78)

The letter is written by Carine. When parents shows their private problem to their children indirectly it is caused the children feel disappointed and make a distance with their parents because the children think confused who is the right or wrong, their mother or father. It is supported with the lack of communication between the parents and their children intensively. Walt and Billie are just occupied with their damn business. When they are in tired condition, their emotion is often uncontrolled. As the problems come, they fight each other with the verbal sparring and demand to divorce. They do not think how the feeling of their children when they fight and demand to divorce.

Westerberg's latter conjecture, as it turned out, was a fairly astute analysis of the relationship between Chris and Walt McCandless. Both father and son were stubborn and high-strung. Given Walt's need to exert control and Chris's extravagantly independent nature, polarization was inevitable. Chris submitted to Walt's authority through high school and college to a surprising degree, but the boy raged inwardly all the while. He brooded at length over what he perceived to be his father's moral shortcomings, the hypocrisy of his parents' lifestyle, the tyranny of their conditional love.

Eventually, Chris rebelled—and when he finally did, it was with characteristic immoderation (46).

The quote is Westerberg's opinion. The process of the changing Christ behavior and thought is a long moment. Christ lets his bad feeling bigger and bigger, by knowing the father's falsehood, the fail relationship between parent and son that caused by parent's bustle and no regarding the communication with children and after so long Christ follows what his parents want, such as studying in formal education in junior and senior high school moreover Christ thinks it is just pointless and wastes the time and money. Then the time to rebel comes, Christ does totally with his choice after so long he has abhorrence to his parents. He totally disappears without enunciation for two years.

In the spring of 1990, when Walt, Billie, and Carine attended Chris's graduation ceremony, they thought he seemed happy. As they watched him stride across the stage and take his diploma, he was grinning from ear to ear. He indicated that he was planning another extended trip but implied that he'd visit his family in An-nandale before hitting the road. Shortly thereafter, he donated the balance of his bank account to OXFAM, loaded up his car, and vanished from their lives. From then on he scrupulously avoided contacting either his parents or Carine, the sister for whom he purportedly cared immensely (90)

Exactly after he graduates, he really decides to disappear from his parents. Actually his parents have known that Christ has a plan after the graduation because in the junior high school graduation he spends the holiday for wandering with his car for months. In fact, Christ disappears without asking any permission to his parents. After giving all of his saving money to charity he begins the long journey leaving all of his hate and gets an absolute freedom.

The final decision that Christ chooses is to fulfill his desire to get absolute freedom. The causes that influence his thought and behavior is the parents. His hate which is supported by his stubborn and his overconfident causes taking his decision unilaterally. He takes his decision unilaterally because there is no more good communication between son and parents.

The second causes that influence Christ's behavior and thought is book. Christ reads many books, and it shapes his personality through the content of the books. The book can give effect to the mind of the reader, actually it happens in Christ. When Christ reads he entrances into the story of the book which he reads, then the story adheres in the Christ's personality, afterwards it reflects in the reality. It means that the contemplation after reading makes Christ reflects and realizes in his real world or his reality. Moreover the book which he reads is not only the popular literature or the book for his age at that time. The books which he reads are about civilization, the nature, personality, and wisdom. He often reads the book then finds words or sentences that he likes or curious, and he highlights the words or the sentences.

"You could tell right away that Alex was intelligent," Westerberg reflects, draining his third drink. "He read a lot. Used a lot of big words. I think maybe part of what got him into trouble was that he did too much thinking. Sometimes he tried too hard to make sense of the world, to figure out why people were bad to each other so often. A couple of times I tried to tell him it was a mistake to get too deep into that kind of stuff, but Alex got stuck on things. He always had to know the absolute right answer before he could go on to the next thing."(Krakauer 12)

The quote is statement from Westerberg. It shows that Christ reads a lot of book that influence his mind. He uses the words or sentences that he understands and applies in his reality. Furthermore, he is the type of person who is curious

about something and he must get the right answer or the way that understand him. Christ has ever talked for hours with mother's Westerberg just discussing about the books that they has red. "We talked for hours about books; there aren't that many people in Carthage who like to talk about books" (Krakauer 48).

Since childhood Christ has already known Jack London, and Christ likes him most. Most of Jack London's book is reflected by Christ in his reality. Other than London, there are Tolstoy, William Stegner, Thoreau, and the other writers that Christ seems reflecting in the reality. *The Call of the Wild* of Jack London definitely led Christ into the wilderness, it is particularly into Alaska.

McCandless had been infatuated with London since childhood. London's fervent condemnation of capitalist society, his glorification of the primordial world, his championing of the great unwashed—all of it mirrored McCandless's passions. Mesmerized by London's turgid portrayal of life in Alaska and the Yukon, McCandless read and reread *The Call of the Wild*, *White Fang*, "To Build a Fire," "An Odyssey of the North," "The Wit of Porportuk." He was so enthralled by these tales, however, that he seemed to forget they were works of fiction, constructions of the imagination that had more to do with London's romantic sensibilities than with the actualities of life in the subarctic wilderness. McCandless conveniently overlooked the fact that London himself had spent just a single winter in the North and that he'd died by his own hand on his California estate at the age of forty, a fatuous drunk, obese and pathetic, maintaining a sedentary existence that bore scant resemblance to the ideals he espoused in print (Krakauer 30)

The quote indicates that Christ does not read at once moreover at twice. In addition, he reads *The Call of the Wild* more at once, because he is very interested in the story of London's life in Alaska in *The Call of the Wild*. Until Christ forgets that the story is imaginative writing even the story has a real side. The Characteristic of Jack London is reflected by Christ, such as the judge of capitalism society.

Perhaps the greatest paradox concerned his feelings about money. Walt and Billie had both known poverty when they were young and after struggling to rise above it saw nothing wrong with enjoying the fruits of their labor. "We worked very, very hard," Billie emphasizes. "We did without when the kids were little, saved what we earned, and invested it for the future." When the future finally arrived, they didn't flaunt their modest wealth, but they bought nice clothes, some jewelry for Billie, a Cadillac. Eventually, they purchased the townhouse on the bay and the sailboat. They took the kids to Europe, skiing in Breckenridge, on a Caribbean cruise. And Chris, Billie acknowledges, "was embarrassed by all that (83).

For instance, his own parents are appertained in Capitalism society, because the way they work is indicating to pursue the wealth or money. The causes of their way is open the competition gate between companion and opponent. The competition will bring ostentatiously their wealth then represent a social jealousy, distance, furthermore fight. Christ has criticized by his refusing a new car that parents will be given to him. Christ thinks by accepting the car, the parents will be not ashamed just because of the neighbor's gossip. With their private company, Christ's father finds an invention, a sputnik satellite as the opponent of Russia's invention. It makes much money, and then they work and work in the morning until the night for saving money to their children's future. In fact, they gather the money just to be extravagant. They buy jewelry, ship, a new car, and the other luxury goods. Christ strengthens his rejection with the quote that is contained in Henry D Thoreau's book

Rather than love, than money, than fame, give me truth. I sat at a table where were rich food and wine in abundance, an obsequious attendance, but sincerity and truth were not; and I went away hungry from the inhospitable board. The hospitality was as cold as the ices
Thoreau, Walden (85)

Christ thinks his parents are able to give anything that he wants, they give love, money, and fame, but all of those are just falseness. They are able to give love, but their love is just to cover their pretense. They frighten their children with their fight and want the children to choose with whom they will live when the parents decide to divorce. Christ is not only from the rich family, but he is also from well known family. In fact, he does not find harmonic, warmth, and the essence of the family. With anything that he can get, he does not get a real happiness.

Jack London is King
Alexander Supertramp
May 1992

(graffito carved into a piece of wood discovered
at the site of Chris McCandless's death)

Dark spruce forest frowned on either side the frozen waterway. The trees had been stripped by a recent wind of their white covering of frost, and they seemed to lean toward each other, black and ominous, in the fading light. A vast silence reigned over the land. The land itself was a desolation, lifeless, without movement, so lone and cold that the spirit of it was not even that of sadness. There was a hint in it of laughter, but of a laughter more terrible than any sadness—a laughter that was mirthless as the smile of the Sphinx, a laughter cold as the frost and partaking of the grimness of infallibility. It was the masterful and incommunicable wisdom of eternity laughing at the futility of life and the effort of life. It was the Wild, the savage, frozen-hearted Northland Wild. Jack London, *White Fang* (5).

The quote is from *White Fang*'s Jack London which more at once by Christ. The book is found with Christ's body, and the quote is highlighted by Christ. The quote means that wild is not the place to play without preparation. It tells that wild is the place providing darkness and fear. In the wild, the death always follows anything which is live and it is ready to stop the movement that is live. Even there is laughter there, it is just representing the most miserable thing.

Even though he perhaps often reads the book that warns about the danger of Alaska or the wild, like a warning for everyone who wants to come in the wild, but the sense of curious is more dominated Christ's mind.

We have in America "The Big Two-Hearted River" tradition: taking your wounds to the wilderness for a cure, a conversion, a rest, or whatever. And as in the Hemingway story, if your wounds aren't too bad, it works. But this isn't Michigan (or Faulkner's Big Woods in Mississippi, for that matter). This is Alaska. Edward Hoagland, "up to the black to Chalkyitsik" (51)

The quote shows that Alaska is not like the other wilderness in the Hemingway's story or in Faulkner's story. Alaska is not the place to cure the trouble. It is also not the place to take holiday or for resting to find a peaceful place. Furthermore, it is not the place to change way of thinking for someone who wants to get solution by going to Alaska.

Even Christ has read the books that warn the danger of Alaska, the interesting things of Alaska will more conjure in Christ's mind. When he is in first continental adventure in 1986, he almost arrives in the nearest place in Alaska, the place where the shadow of the Mt McKinley has seen, but then he does not continue his adventure because his study in Emory will be started.

The grinding, dusty haul up the Alaska Highway was Chris's first visit to the Far North. It was an abbreviated trip—he spent a short time around Fairbanks, then hurried south to get back to Atlanta in time for the start of fall classes—but he had been smitten by the vastness of the land, by the ghostly hue of the glaciers, by the pellucid subarctic sky. There was never any question that he would return (90)

Although the quote shows that Christ has already arrived in Fairbanks, but he turn back because of his study will begin. It can be indicated that Christ gets an impression knowing a glance of Alaska. Basically he has already interested in the

stories of Jack London about Alaska, and then he knows directly the scenery of Alaska. It is a perfect combination, the imagination of Jack London's story has attracted Christ's mind to come in Alaska, and furthermore he has already seen the shadow of highway in Alaska.

The sun came up. As they rolled down from the forested ridges above the Tanana River, Alex gazed across the expanse of windswept muskeg stretching to the south. Gallien wondered whether he'd picked up one of those crackpots from the lower forty eight who come north to live out ill-considered Jack London fantasies. Alaska has long been a magnet for dreamers and misfits, people who think the unsullied enormity of the Last Frontier will patch all the holes in their lives. The bush is an unforgiving place, however, that cares nothing for hope or longing. Jack London fantasy and Alaska has a magnet to the people who see (2).

The quote is from London's book. It tells that Alaska has attracted Christ to come in through the imagination of London's book. Christ is included in person who has a big dream. With his moral value and his thinking, he wants to live in the wild alone without the hypocrisy, fake happiness, and the other falseness, such as wealth, untruth, and irksome obligations.

I owned a book in which there was a photograph of the Devils Thumb, a black-and-white image taken by an eminent glaciologist named Maynard Miller. In Miller's aerial photo the mountain looked particularly sinister: a huge fin of exfoliated stone, dark and smeared with ice. The picture held an almost pornographic fascination for me. How would it feel, I wondered, to be balanced on that bladelike summit ridge, worrying over the storm clouds building in the distance, hunched against the wind and dunning cold, contemplating the drop on either side? Could a person keep a lid on his terror long enough to reach the top and get back down? (98)

The quote is from Westerberg's opinion. As he is young, for about 24 years old, Westerberg is same happening with Christ. He wants to know about the thing that he is in curious. He has a problem with the parent's rule, and if there is

a thing which is not in agreement, he will take his own way. When Westerberg wants something, it almost becomes an obsession which causes it has to be done. Opportunely he has the same hobby with Christ, wandering or hiking. What happens with someone who loves hiking or wandering is told or displayed a pure nature or beautiful scenery of mountain. It is absolutely like an adiction, and it has to be fulfilled or done. That is the character of young man.

Almost the books that he reads and highlights are about nature, alone wandering, adventure in the wild, and the way of thinking in society. Christ is so obsessed with the book that he reads. He talks to much about nature because of the books that he reads, he tells about the alone adventure is more interesting, the direction that he takes as his destination is from the book that he reads, and he takes a moral value as his guidance to do anything from the books that he reads.

I wanted movement and not a calm course of existence.
 I wanted excitement and danger and the chance to sacrifice myself for my love. I felt in myself a superabundance of energy which found no outlet in our quiet life.
 Leo Tolstoy, "family happiness" (Krakauer 10)

The quote is taken from Leo Tolstoy's book, *family happiness*. The book is like guidance for Christ after London's book. He starts to wander and finish referring from this book. The quote means that in the daily life people cannot found the energy that fulfill the spirit. A desire is to take a risk in unusual life. It is not about working in the morning and the night for many years, and it does not talk about the flat life, but it talks about hard life with all of efforts that people have to take a satisfied result and the life is able to be got in quite life. He finishes his wandering will be discussed in the next sub discussion.

The desert is the environment of revelation, genetically and physiologically alien, sensorily austere, esthetically abstract, historically inimical... Its forms are bold and suggestive. The mind is beset by light and space, the kinesthetic novelty of aridity, high temperature, and wind. The desert sky is encircling, majestic, terrible. In other habitats, the rim of sky above the horizontal is broken or obscured; here, together with the overhead portion, it is infinitely vaster than that of rolling countryside and forest lands. . . . In an unobstructed sky the clouds seem more massive, sometimes grandly reflecting the earth's curvature on their concave undersides. The angularity of desert landforms imparts a monumental architecture to the clouds as well as to the land. . . .

To the desert go prophets and hermits; through deserts go pilgrims and exiles. Here the leaders of the great religions have sought the therapeutic and spiritual values of retreat, not to escape but to find reality.

paul shepard, man in the landscape A historic view of the esthetics of nature (Krakauer 16)

The quote tells about the desert. Desert is not only the sand which is outstretched for a thousand miles, but it is the quite or desolation place. There is no movement and the human that poisons the mind of everyone. The place for the real leader finds revelation from deep inside by the composure, aloneness, and purity. Because of that, Christ goes to desolation place in order to get the meaning of life where a real happiness uniting with nature override the bad feeling and bad nature, such as jealousy, arrogant, stubborn, hypocrisy, and falseness. Perhaps, it is the right way that the leader and government are supposed to do. They have to live as an ascetic. In the desolation and quite place, they will purify what the leader or government has to do. They meditate whether their doing is right for citizen, and their motivation is pure and full of honesty. They will throw the bad nature away. There is no more the selfishness and self interest which are covered by the promise, and there is no more falsehood which is masked by apprehension.

It should not be denied. . . that being footloose has always exhilarated us. It is associated in our minds with escape from history and oppression and law and irksome obligations, with absolute freedom, and the road has always led west.
wallace stegner, the american west as living space (Krakauer 10)

The quote tells about the absolute freedom. It is got from footloose or adventure by restraint from the life style which is oriented of money and wealth, the pressure from higher authority, the law which is made for certain business, the obligations which are done time after time, and the road where we will go is to west. As the American custom, west is the place for desolation or quiet, exactly Alaska. When Christ begins his wandering from Atlanta using his Datsun, he goes to west. He often says that west is the best. Actually Christ is not always going to west because of some businesses, such as doing his job for supplies to Alaska. West is the last destination, Christ says that Alaska is the last, top and the greatest of the wandering.

I have been thinking more and more that I shall always be a lone wanderer of the wilderness. God, how the trail lures me. You cannot comprehend its resistless fascination for me. After all the lone trail is the best. . . I'll never stop wandering. And when the time comes to die, I'll find the wildest, loneliest, most desolate spot there is. The beauty of this country is becoming part of me. I feel more detached from life and somehow gentler. . . I have some good friends here, but no one who really understands why I am here or what I do. I don't know of anyone, though, who would have more than a partial understanding; I have gone too far alone. I have always been unsatisfied with life as most people live it. Always I want to live more intensely and richly. In my wanderings this year I have taken more chances and had more wild adventures than ever before. And what magnificent country I have seen—wild, tremendous wasteland stretches, lost mesas, blue mountains rearing upward from the vermilion sands of the desert, canyons five feet wide at the bottom and hundreds of feet deep, cloudbursts roaring down unnamed canyons, and hundreds of houses of the cliff dwellers, abandoned a thousand years ago, A vagabond for beauty
Everett Ruess (Krakauer 65)

The quote indicates Christ to wander alone. Christ is grateful to God who has created his beautiful country with many beautiful places. By seeing the part of the country which is so beautiful, it will change the way of thinking. He will be more appreciate his country has. Sometimes in doing something is done by thyself. The perception between people with the other has a difference. Living with people will never stop to pursue the thing. When the peoples have a new car, they want a new house, when they are as the leader of region they wants to lead a country. The peoples are never satisfied to get what they want. The peoples have to know by pursuing the things unconsciously they will forget and override the other. They just think if their needs are fulfilled, they will pursue the other thing which they need. Until they are unconscious of the neighbor who is lying death because of hunger, and they are unconscious of their big exploitation to their own country by play along foreign. When the peoples know the part beautiful place of their country, they will really love their country, as they love the country, they will love everything with that of their country.

The way of Christ's thought affecting Ron as the stranger who meets Christ and adopts Christ as his grandson. After leaving Ron, Christ sends a letter to Ron which contains allurement to wander.

So many people live within unhappy circumstances and yet will not take the initiative to change their situation because they are conditioned to a life of security, conformity, and conservatism, all of which may appear to give one peace of mind, but in reality nothing is more damaging to the adventurous spirit within a man than a secure future. The very basic core of a man's living spirit is his passion for adventure. The joy of life comes from our encounters with new experiences, and hence there is no greater joy than to have an endlessly changing horizon, for each day to have a new

and different sun. But for some reason incomprehensible to me you wanted nothing but to bolt for home as quickly as possible, right back to the same situation which you see day after day after day. I fear you will follow this same inclination in the future and thus fail to discover all the wonderful things that God has placed around us to discover. Don't settle down and sit in one place. Move around, be nomadic, make each day a new horizon. You are still going to live a long time, Ron, and it would be a shame if you did not take the opportunity to revolutionize your life and move into an entirely new realm of experience. You are wrong if you think Joy emanates only or principally from human relationships. God has placed it all around us. It is in everything and anything we might experience. We just have to have the courage to turn against our habitual lifestyle and engage in unconventional living My point is that you do not need me or anyone else around to bring this new kind of light in your life. I really hope that as soon as you can you will get out of Salton City, put a little camper on the back of your pickup, and start seeing some of the great work that God has done here in the American West. You will see things and meet people and there is much to learn from them. And you must do it economy style, no motels, do your own cooking, as a general rule spend as little as possible and you will enjoy it much more immensely. I hope that the next time I see you, you will be a new man with a vast array of new adventures and experiences behind you. Don't hesitate or allow yourself to make excuses. Just get out and do it. Just get out and do it. You will be very, very glad that you did (Krakauer 40)

The letter is written by Christ for Ron. Christ suggests Ron to leave his habitual activity by alone wandering. Christ thinks the joy does not come from human relationship, because God has created anything that beautiful around him. Christ thinks all he has to do is respect and appreciate everything around him. Christ considers that many people live without real happiness, they live in the same situation with everything or their pleasantness. With their pleasantness, they do not want to move trying to get new experience and new challenge to more appreciate everything around us.

Christ really considers that every person has a rule. It happens with Christ because of effect his reader. When he decides to do something, it has to be finished. That is the one of moral value of Christ, consistency.

I am reborn. This is my dawn. Real life has just begun. Deliberate Living: Conscious attention to the basics of life, and a constant attention to your immediate environment and its concerns, examples A job, a task, a book; anything requiring efficient concentration (Circumstance has no value. It is how one relates to a situation that has value. All true meaning resides in the personal relationship to a phenomenon, what it means to you).

The Great Holiness of food, the Vital Heat. Positivism, the Insurpassable Joy of the Life Aesthetic. Absolute Truth and Honesty. Reality. Independence. Finality—Stability—Consistency (120)

The quote shows clearly that Christ has a moral value to anything that he does. Christ has an awareness of his environment. The full of concentration is needed when he does something, and it really happens in Chris's life. All of his doings are to find the meaning not to find material or thing.

McCandless viewed running as an intensely spiritual exercise, verging on religion. "Chris would use the spiritual aspect to try to motivate us," recalls Eric Hathaway, another friend on the team. "He'd tell us to think about all the evil in the world, all the hatred, and imagine ourselves running against the forces of darkness, the evil wall that was trying to keep us from running our best. He believed doing well was all mental, a simple matter of harnessing whatever energy was available. As impressionable high school kids, we were blown away by that kind of talk." (81)

The quote tells that Christ uses a spiritual value to run activity. He run is not to get a respect or reward, but to get a satisfaction in deep inside or heart. By running Christ exercise his nature or mental changing with positive energy to reach what he wants.

When it is observed by psychological view, the hate of Christ to his parents causes he wants to stay away. It is motivated by the failure of good communication with his parents.

The failure of good communication is observed by psychosocial. According to Erikson, the intimacy and isolation level happen in 19 until 30. At the time Christ is 22 years old, it is young adulthood, marked by psychosocial crisis of intimacy versus isolation. When Christ has a good relation with his parents, his escapism will not happen. Because with good relation, it causes an intimacy, Christ is able to talk whatever he wants to talk with his father or mother with no distance. Intimacy can make Christ think twice to go without asking permission, before going he can talk what his problems are then ask that he will take a wandering. In fact, Christ has no good relation with his own parents, it causes isolation. Actually it has been happening to Christ. Basically Christ makes a distance with his parents because of his characters. With his wrong view he gets closes, and with his intolerable mind he does not forgive. Finally he decides to leave them, moreover he declare that he divorces his parents as long as his life.

On the contrary, Christ has good relation or intimacy with the people who is met during his wandering. Wayne Westerberg looks like his brother, further with Wayne's mother Christ talks for hours. Franz who adopts him becomes his son. Rob and Jane who feel Christ seem similar with their son. Christ talks anything with Jane, Jane is just like his mother and his close friend.

When it talks about unilateral decision that Christ takes to escape and leave his family caused by his parents, previously when the hate or problems with

his parents has gathered, Christ's mind will find the way out to refresh his mind from the bad feeling through any way that possible without regarding the impact of his doing.

In psychological side, particularly in psychoanalysis Christ's mind unconsciously think the way out after so long strengthen his hate and disappointment. Consciously he starts to realize the idea inside his mind with possible consideration.

The idea of finding a freedom and his curiosity are Christ's id. Christ just pursues the pleasure to satisfy his desire. Supported by his stubborn as his origin nature, the id dominates Christ's mind by sending an idea for leave all of the bad feeling changed by the happiness such as without following the bored rule of his parents and avoid his bad feeling. Christ does not think the idea is right or wrong, hurting someone or not, and endangering or not, all he has to do is realize the idea in order to get his satisfied desire.

His desire to get freedom is caused by his anger to his parents. After knowing his father has a secret relation and supported by the style of his parents where they do not care too much with their children because of their business. It is caused the condition of communication between Christ and his parents are not good. There is no good communication and the way to get solution. While his curiosity is to wander and it is caused by reading books. It is caused by his thought that Alaska is the place to get real happiness. By seeing the beautiful scenery, hunting for food, and living alone. He wants to feel his thought and

ensure his thought that from nature, wild, and quiet place he can get real happiness.

From finding his freedom and satisfying his curiosity, his ego is escapism and wandering. He leaves his parents and all of his bad feeling by going somewhere which is not able to be found of his parents. Until he decides to go away without asking permission because he wants ultimate freedom. He thinks that the great idea to get freedom and realize his escapism by wandering until Alaska.

Christ's super ego is the perfect model of ideal parents such as Jan and Bob. After the ideal model of parent, his super ego is also his model of ideal life that happiness is shared with the other. While he does his wandering he meets the people, Christ experiences that the family which he has in his home should be like Jan and Bob, Franz, and Wayne. From them Christ is able to get good communication. While ideal life of Christ is experienced by book and his loneliness. From book and loneliness he understands that his life should be useful for the other, by helping the other. Life should be fulfilled with gathering in family, having baby, enjoying musics, books, and wandering for a while.

By knowing this case, it does not talk only about the way of thinking, ideology, and judge but also character of person. As the impact of parent's mistakes and reading a book, someone who likes or easy to be influenced will be easy to accept anything the doctrine which is in the book, moreover it applies and realizes in the reality. Moreover Christ is young, when he has a problem with his parents, he wants to leave all of the problems. Never mind, when the doctrines

and decisions have many good effects. However, when the doctrines and decisions have many bad effects to Christ or endanger who applies the doctrine in reality and hurting someone, it is so worry. Therefore, in Islam there is the rule that everyone who reads book and they will translate or make as guidance, they should have a teacher to guide. However, the teacher who has a knowledge, understanding deeply, and experienced in the field.

Moses said to him, "May I follow you on the condition that you teach me from what you have been taught of sound judgement?" (Al Quran, Al kahfi 66)

The quote shows that to know the meaning of knowledge whether it is in the book or in the speech, it still needs a teacher to make the lesson more clearly and suitable to be applied.

3.2 The end of his wandering

For about three months he stays in a bus beside Sushana river, Alaska. With many great experiences, finally he feels satisfied. By reading family happiness from Leo Tolstoy, he returns back to the civilization.

McCandless finished reading Tolstoy's "Family Happiness," having marked several passages that moved him: He was right in saying that the only certain happiness in life is to live for others. . . . I have lived through much, and now I think I have found what is needed for happiness. A quiet secluded life in the country, with the possibility of being useful to people to whom it is easy to do good, and who are not accustomed to have it done to them; then work which one hopes may be of some use; then rest, nature, books, music, love for one's neighbor—such is my idea of happiness. And then, on top of all that, you for a mate, and children, perhaps—what more can the heart of a man desire? (Krakauer 121)

He feels aware with the quote that he read. Basically the people are created to help each other in order to get the perfect life. Continuing the life is with the

possibility of being useful to people, moreover to be useful for the country or the whole world. All of parts are supporting the real happiness, people, nature, books, music, rule, and family.

Unfortunately in returning home, he arrives in Teklanika River, but the river is full of flood. He does not know the alternative way to across the river. He tries to pass the river, on the contrary he falls to water and almost drowned. It is fatal when Christ cannot swim, even though he swims, it is impossible to pass the river because of the river flow in torrents. Finally he goes back to the bus in fear. The rain falls heavily in the night when he arrives in the bus. The mistake of Christ is ill prepared, he even does not bring the up to date map or topographic map, it is the map that represents one inch to one mile. Half a mile, there is a gauging station that is built by the US Geological Survey. Unfortunately Christ does not know, because of map. When he starts to be freshed out of the food supply, he finds the edible plants through the book about edible plants which is bought, such as wild potatoes, wild rhubarb, various species of berries, and large number of mushroom. Then late on July, he seemed like poisoned. On July 30, he writes in his journal, extremely weak fault of pot seed. Then after July his physical condition suddenly falls dropped. By August 19, he is dead.