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CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION Background of the Study Indonesian ancestors before religions came, already knew the Almighty. God created humans having weaknesses and firmness. That weakness is believed by the Javanese people as those that must be cleared by a ritual called Ruwat. According to Akhwan & Roy, (2010) Ruwat has long-lived and is found in ancient Javanese literary works, for example in the Ramayana book written in ancient Mataram, around the tenth century. The word Ruwat means "free". Ruwat or Ngaruwati comes from the Javanese language which means guarding against the incident caused by Dewa Batara. Thus, doing a ruwat ritual can also be interpreted as freeing someone from the evilness of the angry Gods. Ruwat aims to protect children or Sukerta from the dangers of the supernatural, which is symbolized by Bathara Kala or God of destruction. The word Sukerta is believed to be a weakness of people who can cause havoc. Therefore, people who are included in Sukerta or want to eliminate bad luck must be cleansed by Ruwat. By doing the ritual, a person can survive if his/her life is to be blessed with slametan, sesaji, and performing a show called Murwa Kala. This Murwa Kala performance according to Mariani (2017. p. 45) makes people reject bad luck and unhappiness that will happen to children. Javanese people believe that if a person has done the ritual, then the