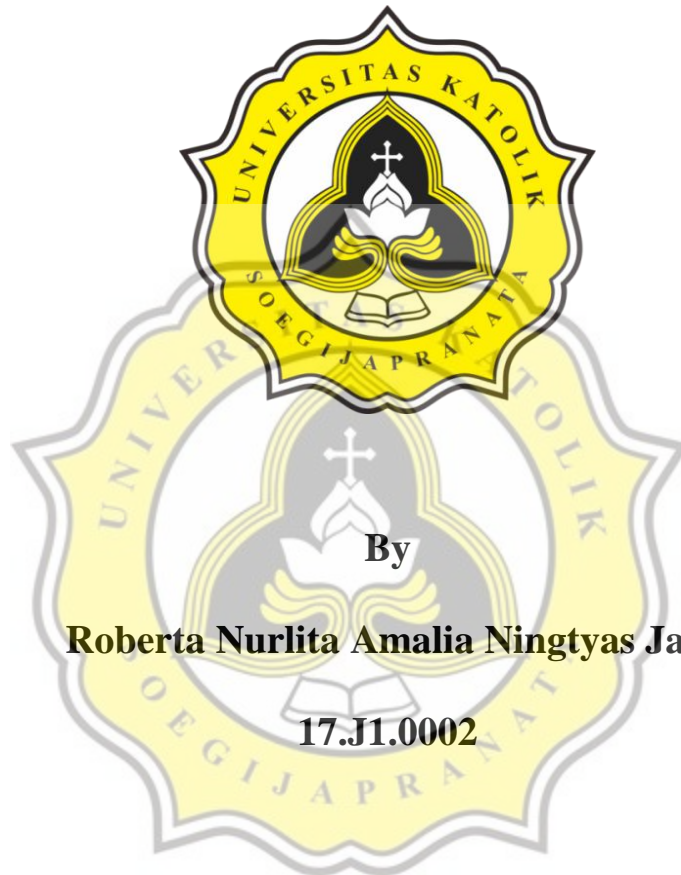


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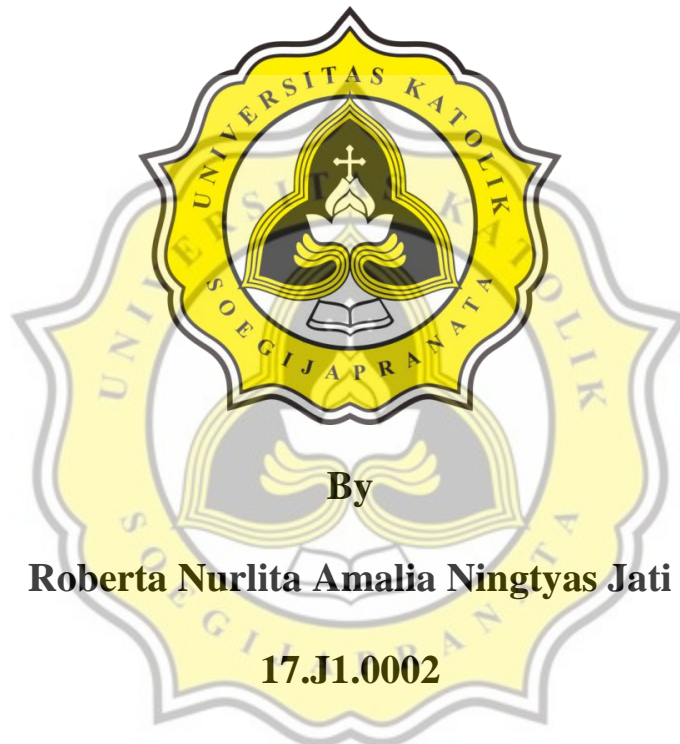
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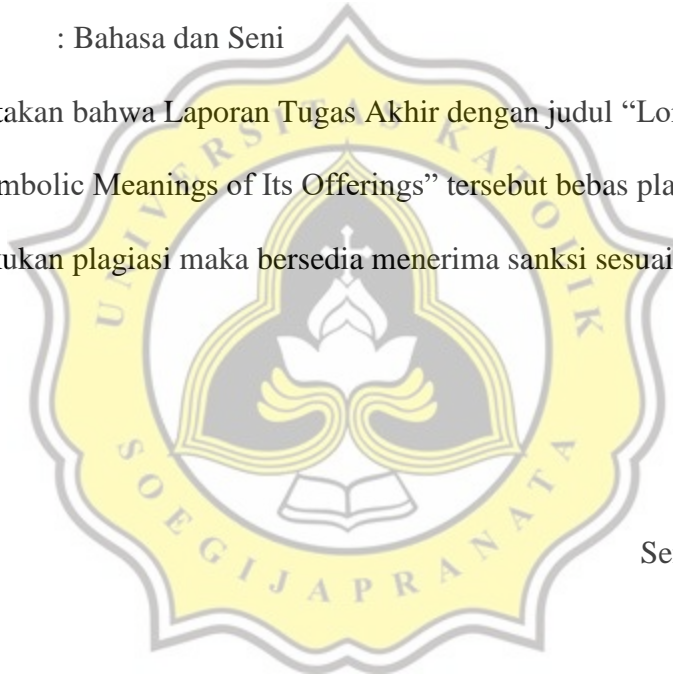
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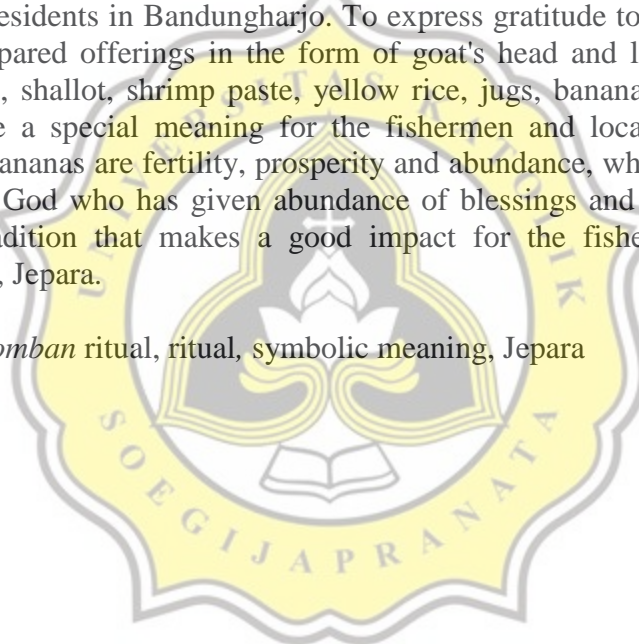
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## ABSTRACT

Ritual is a traditional practice which exists in almost all cultures. It communicates beliefs, thoughts, values and ideas that are believed by a certain group of people. The first aim of this study is to understand what *Lomban* ritual is including the procedures, activities, and participants in the ritual. Then, the second part is an attempt to describe the symbolic meanings of ritual offerings performed by the fishermen from the village of Bandungharjo, Jepara, Central Java. In order to obtain research data, the researcher interviewed several fishermen in the village. The researcher also had the opportunity to participate in the ritual along with the fishermen and the residents. This research reveals that the *Lomban* ritual is intended to express gratitude for the abundance of blessings given by God and the sea for the fishermen, and to entertain the residents in Bandungharjo. To express gratitude to God and the sea, the fishermen prepared offerings in the form of goat's head and legs, coconut, snacks, porridge, chili, shallot, shrimp paste, yellow rice, jugs, bananas and *ketupat*. These offerings have a special meaning for the fishermen and locals. For example, the meanings of bananas are fertility, prosperity and abundance, while yellow rice means a gratitude to God who has given abundance of blessings and wealth. The *Lomban* ritual is a tradition that makes a good impact for the fishermen and people in Bandungharjo, Jepara.

Keywords : *Lomban* ritual, ritual, symbolic meaning, Jepara



## ABSTRAK

Ritual merupakan tradisi yang melekat dalam suatu budaya. Ritual mengkomunikasikan keyakinan, pikiran, nilai dan gagasan yang diyakini oleh sekelompok orang tertentu. Studi ini bertujuan memahami arti ritual *Lomban*, meliputi prosedur, partisipan dan kegiatan dalam ritual *Lomban*. Kemudian, menggambarkan makna-makna simbolik yang terdapat dalam ritual. Dalam studi ini, ritual *Lomban* yang dimaksudkan adalah ritual dari para nelayan di desa Bandungharjo, Jepara, Jawa Tengah. Untuk mendapatkan data mengenai penelitian ritual ini, peneliti mewawancarai beberapa nelayan di desa tersebut. Peneliti juga terlibat langsung dengan nelayan dan masyarakat pada hari pelaksanaannya. Dari penelitian tersebut, peneliti mengemukakan bahwa ritual *Lomban* ditujukan untuk mengucapkan syukur atas limpahan berkah yang diberikan oleh Tuhan dan Laut kepada para nelayan, dan untuk menghibur masyarakat Bandungharjo. Selanjutnya, untuk mengungkapkan rasa terima kasih, para nelayan mempersiapkan sesaji berupa kepala dan kaki kambing, kelapa, jajan pasar, jenang, cabai, shallot, terasi, nasi kuning, kendi, pisang, dan ketupat. Sesaji tersebut memiliki makna khusus bagi nelayan dan local people setempat. Contohnya, pisang yang memiliki makna kesuburan, kemakmuran dan kelimpahan. Sedangkan nasi kuning berarti rasa terima kasih kepada Tuhan yang telah memberikan limpahan berkah dan kekayaan. Ritual *Lomban* adalah tradisi yang memberikan dampak yang baik bagi para nelayan dan masyarakat di Bandungharjo, Jepara.

Kata Kunci : ritual *Lomban*, ritual, makna simbolik, Jepara