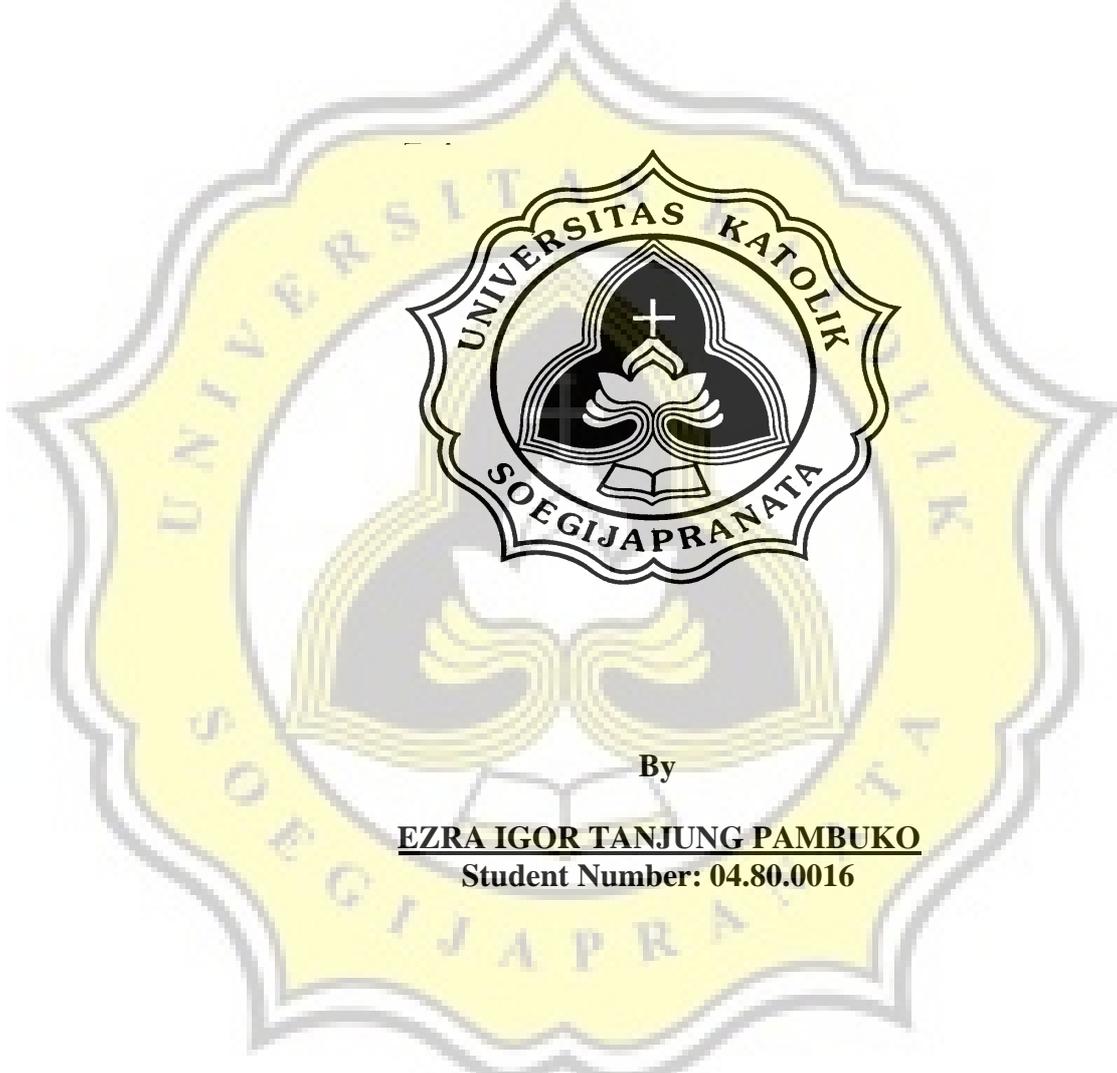


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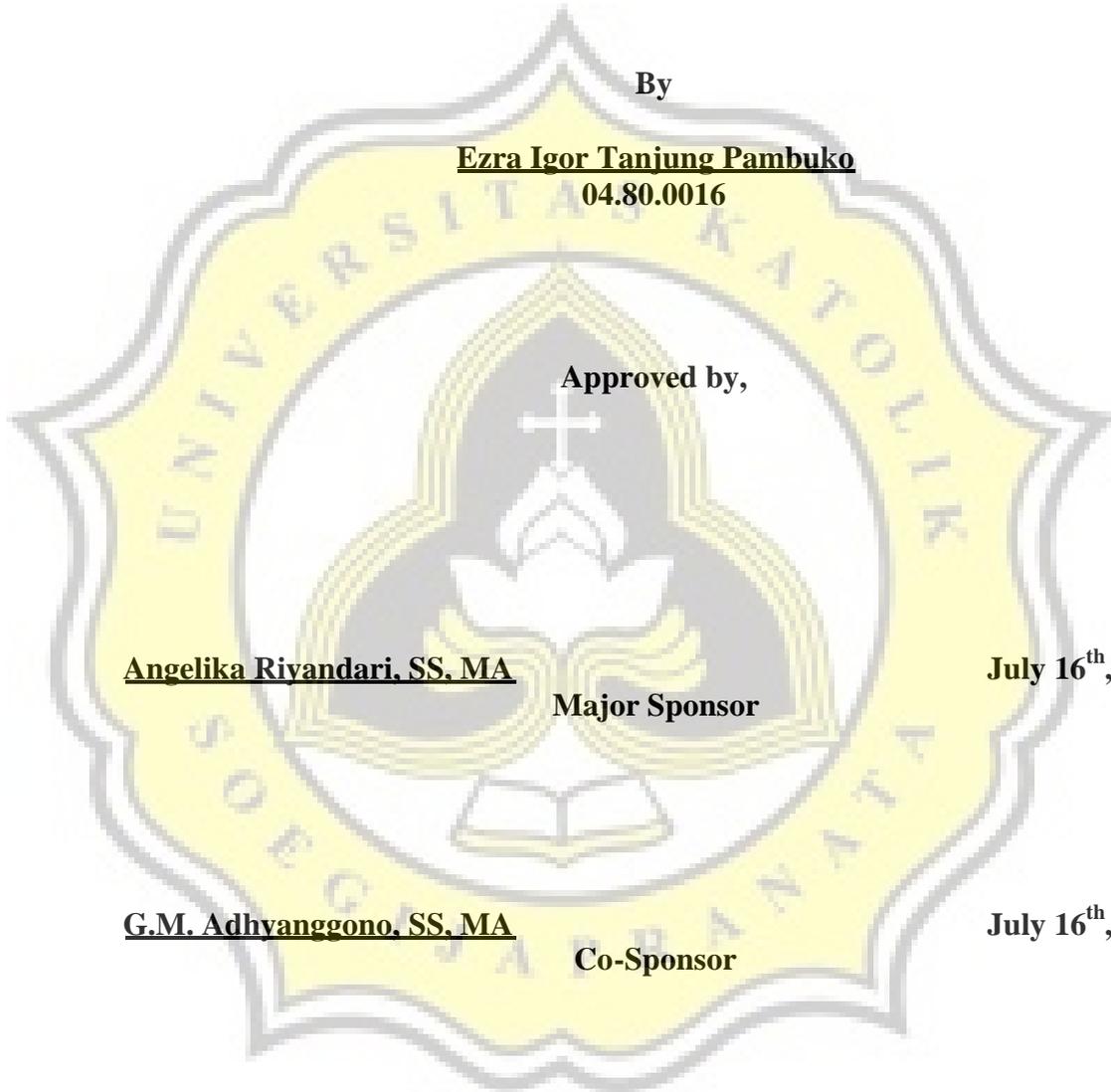
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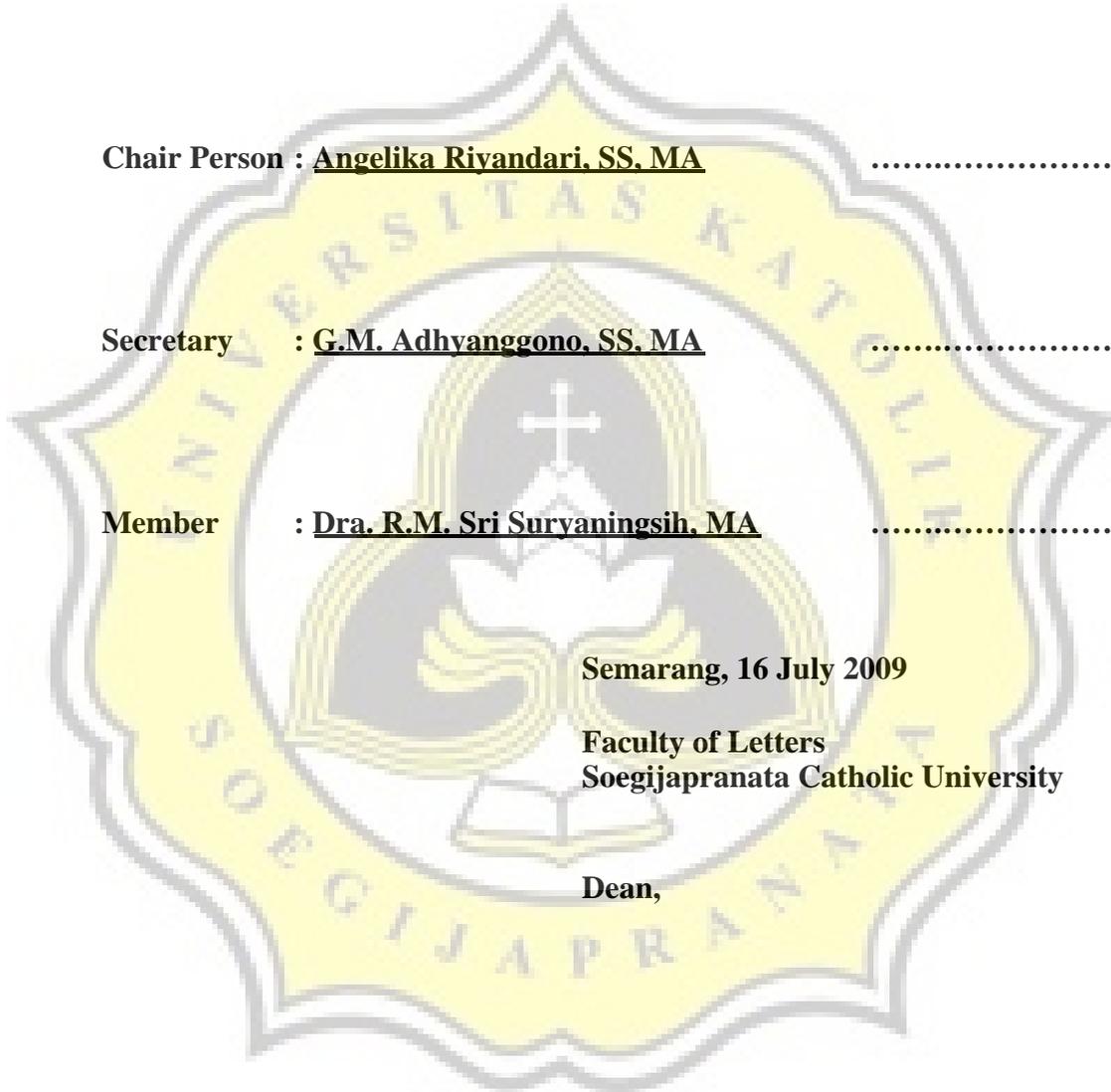
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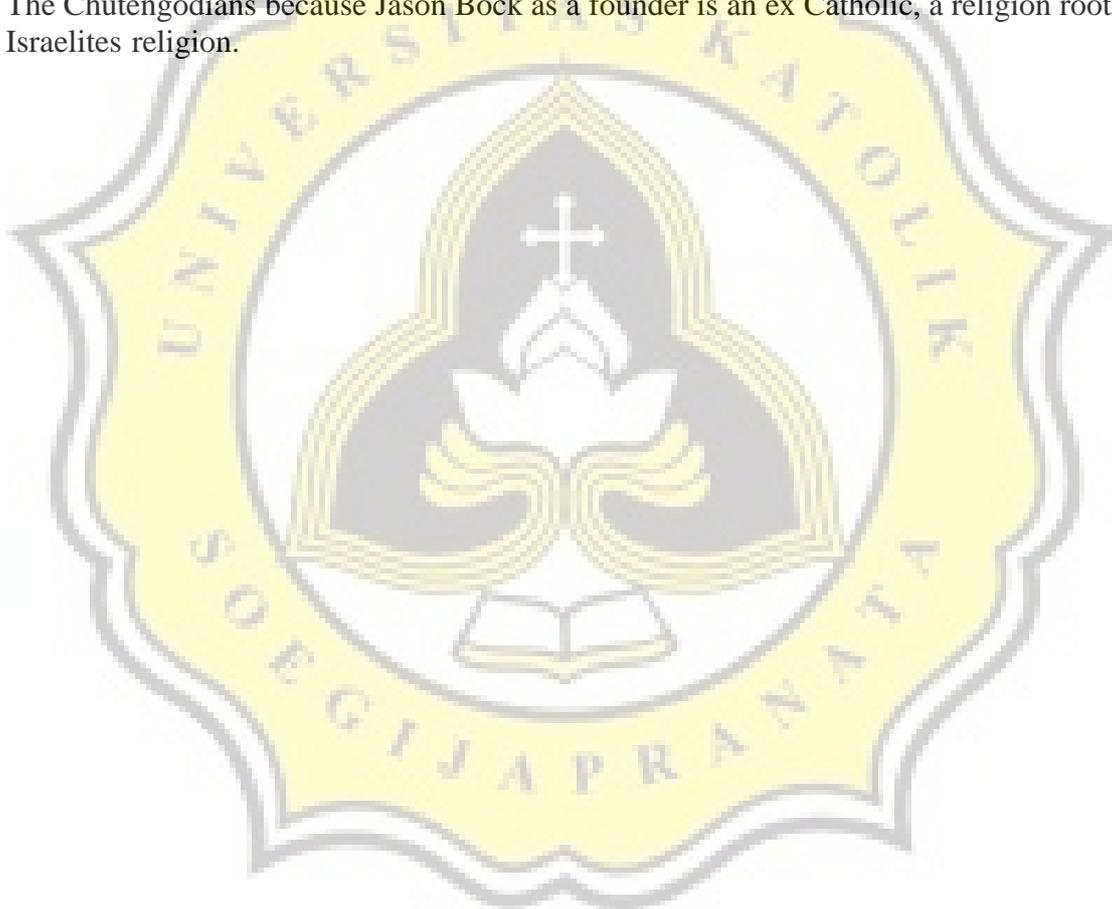
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ABSTRACT

Godless by Pete Hautman is one of the literary works that has been able to capture the existence of the alternative religions. This novel tells about Jason Bock and his friends who create a new religion. This study is conducted to find out the concept of deity and the rituals used in *The Chutengodians*. This study uses historical approach as the main framework to analyze the Chutengodians' concept of deity and its rituals. Mariasusai Dhavamony's theory of phenomenology of alternative religion was used in this study to find out which type of religion followed by *The Chutengodians*. The results of the analysis show that the Chutengodians as an alternative religion is created because the members lose faith to his former religion. This study also found that Jason Bock creates the religion based on the monotheistic religion, especially Israelite type of religion for their concept of deity, one god, the water tower and for their rituals such as *The Chutengodians'* Sabbath, daily immersion, sacraments, their shrine, and their commandments. The Israelite's character can be seen in *The Chutengodians* because Jason Bock as a founder is an ex Catholic, a religion rooted from Israelites religion.



ABSTRAK

Godless karya Pete Hautman merupakan salah satu karya sastra yang dapat menangkap fenomena keberadaan agama alternative. Novel ini bercerita tentang Jason Bock dan teman-temannya yang menciptakan agama baru. Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menemukan konsep ketuhanan dan ritual-ritual yang digunakan oleh Chutengodians. Penelitian ini menggunakan pendekatan sejarah untuk menganalisa konsep ketuhanan dan ritual-ritual yang ada di Chutengodians. Teori fenomenologi tentang agama alternatif dari Mariasusai Dhavamony digunakan dalam studi ini untuk menemukan tipe keagamaan mana yang diikuti oleh Chutengodian. Hasil analisa menunjukkan bahwa Chutengodians sebagai agama alternatif diciptakan karena para anggotanya kehilangan kepercayaan atas agama mereka sebelumnya. Penelitian ini juga menemukan bahwa Jason Bock menciptakan agama tersebut berdasarkan agama monoteistik, khususnya mengacu pada tipe keagamaan Israelite, seperti terlihat dalam konsep satu tuhan yaitu menara air, dan untuk ritual-ritual mereka seperti memiliki hari Sabbath, sakramen, kuil, dan perintah-perintah Allah. Karakter keagamaan Israelit dapat dilihat dalam Chutengodians karena Jason Bock sebagai pendirinya adalah mantan pengikut Katolik, sebuah agama yang juga berasal dari budaya Israelit.

