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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.
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