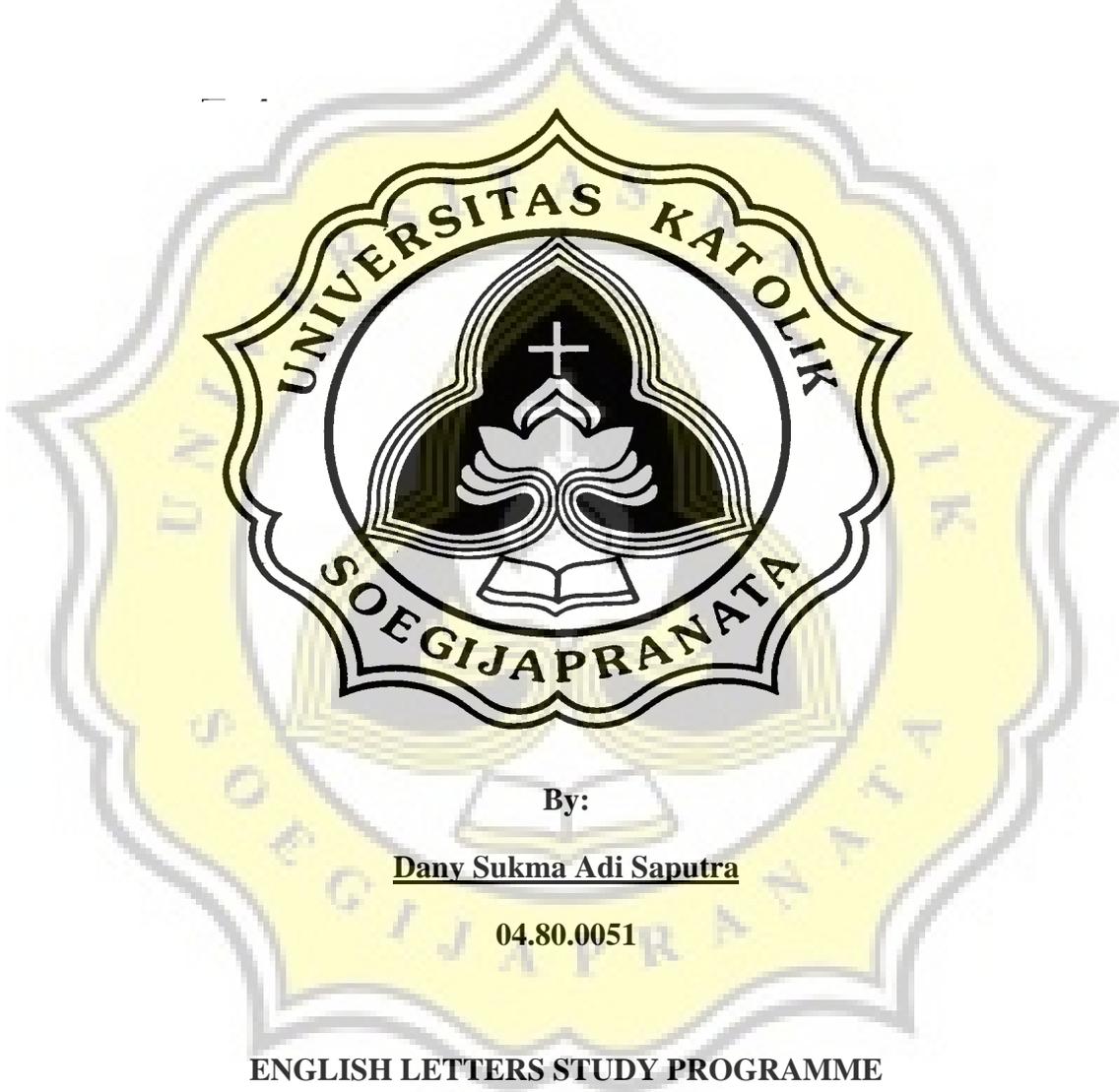


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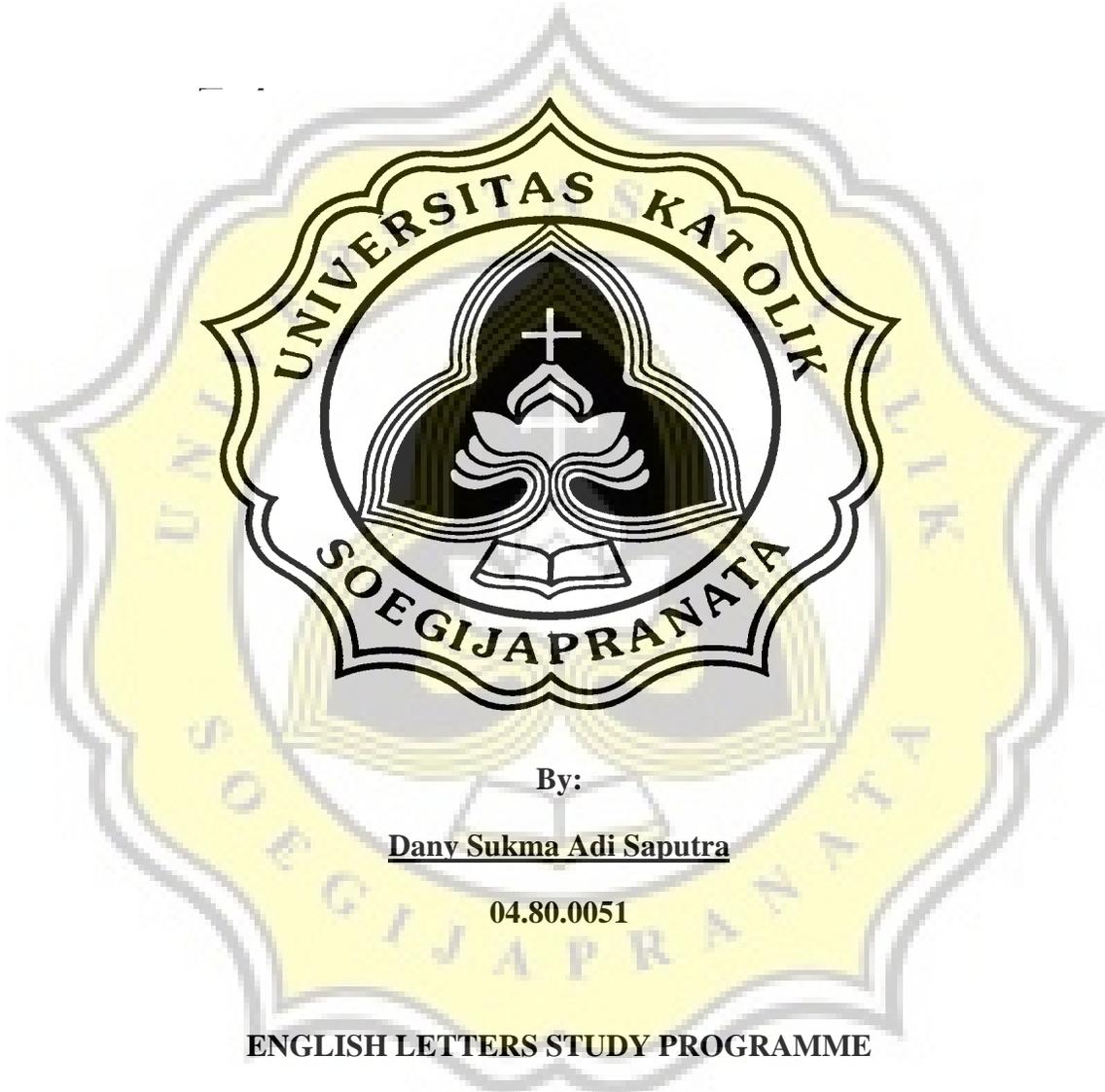
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Think about the generations and to say we want to make it a better world for our children and our children's children. So that they know it's a better world for them; and thinks if they can make it a better place.

There's a place in your heart and I know that it is love and this place could be much brighter than tomorrow.

And if you really try you'll find there's no need to cry in this place you'll feel there's no hurt or sorrow.

There are ways to get there if you care enough for the living, make a little space, make a better place.

Heal the world make it a better place

For you and for me and the entire human race

There are people dying if you care enough for the living

Make a better place for you and for me.

If you want to know why there's a love that cannot lie

Love is strong, it only cares for joyful giving.

If we try we shall see in this bliss we cannot feel fear or dread

We stop existing and start living, then it feels that always love's enough for us growing

Make a better world, make a better world.

And the dream we would conceived in, will reveal a joyful face

And the world we once believed in, will shine again in grace

Then why do we keep strangling life

Wound this earth, crucify it's soul

Though it's plain to see, this world is heavenly

Be God's glow.

We could fly so high, let our spirits never die

In my heart I feel, you are all my brothers

Create a world with no fear, together we'll cry happy tears

See the nations turn their swords into plowshares

We could really get there if you cared enough for the living

Make a little space to make a better place.

There are people dying if you care enough for the living

Make a better place for you and for me.

You and for me - Make a better place

You and for me - Heal the world we live in

You and for me - Save it for our children



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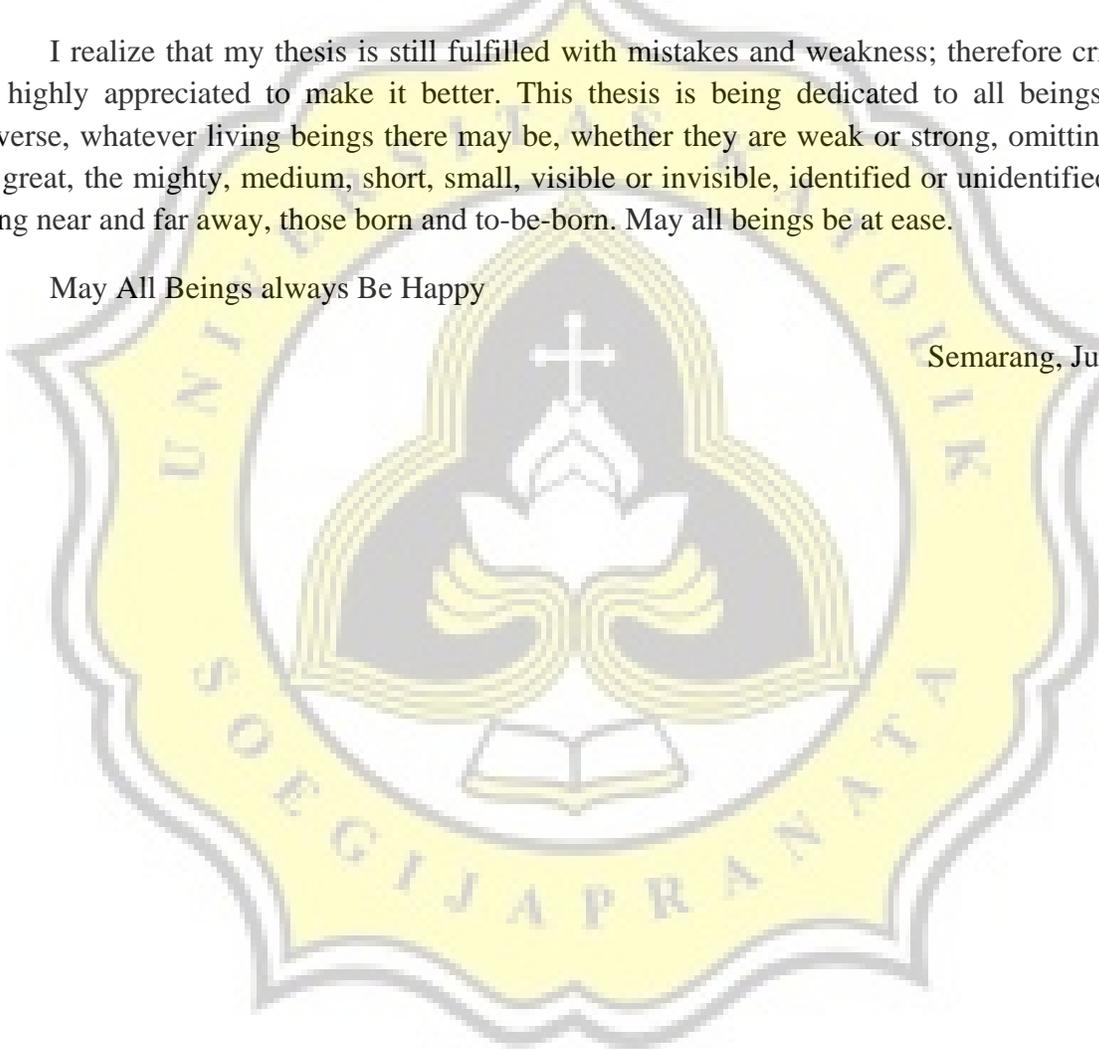


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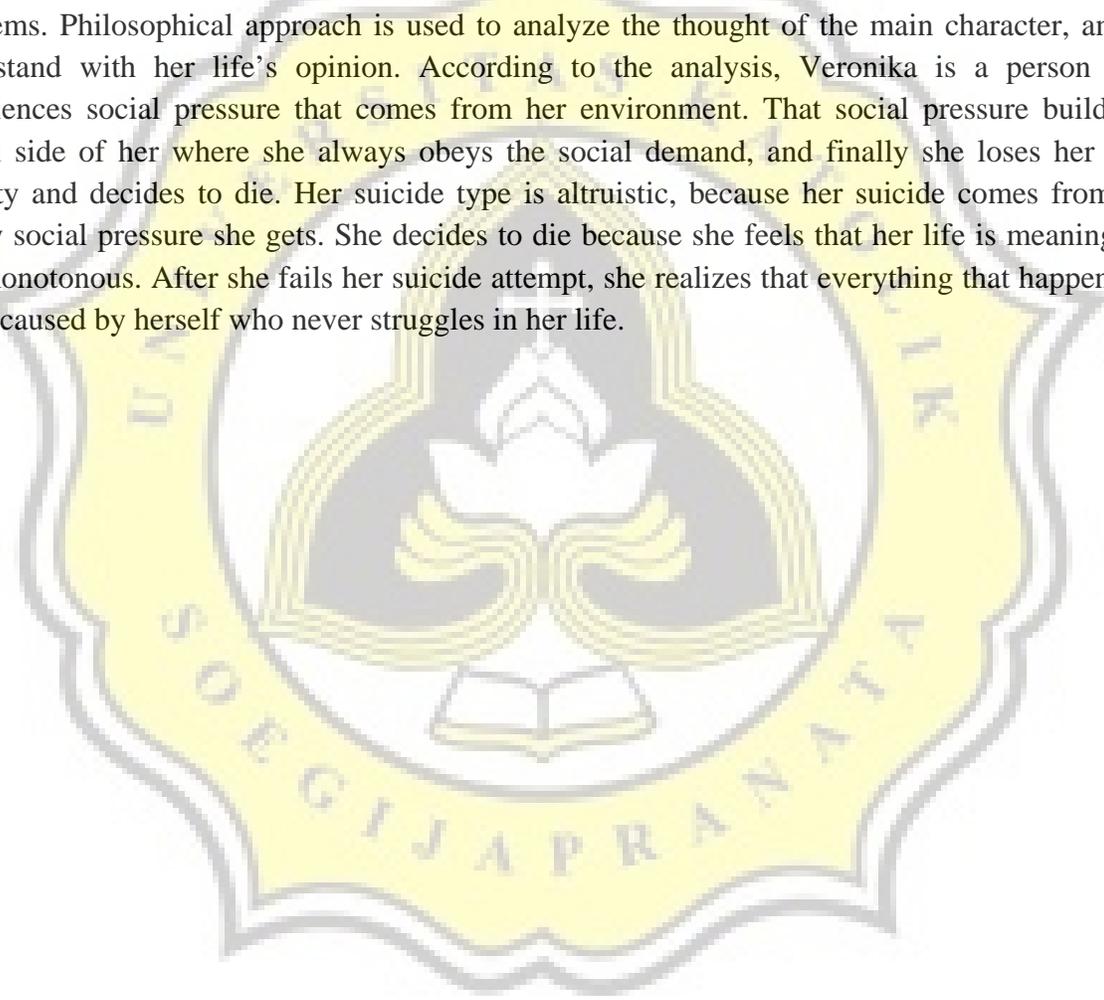
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ABSTRACT

Suicide is an action to kill or stop the own life because of any reasons and it can be done in any way. *Veronika Decides to Die* which written by Paulo Coelho is a novel about understanding the life meaning in a monotony society and beaten by social pressure. Through Veronika, the main character, a woman tries to suicide as an effect of her social pressure from her environment. This study aims at finding Veronika's reasons to commit suicide and Veronika's opinion about her life. The writer uses psychological and philosophical approach. Psychological approach is used to know how the main character runs her life and learns how the main character faces her problems. Philosophical approach is used to analyze the thought of the main character, and to understand with her life's opinion. According to the analysis, Veronika is a person who experiences social pressure that comes from her environment. That social pressure builds an unreal side of her where she always obeys the social demand, and finally she loses her self-identity and decides to die. Her suicide type is altruistic, because her suicide comes from the highly social pressure she gets. She decides to die because she feels that her life is meaningless and monotonous. After she fails her suicide attempt, she realizes that everything that happens on her is caused by herself who never struggles in her life.



ABSTRAK

Bunuh diri adalah sebuah tindakan untuk membunuh atau mengentikan kehidupan diri sendiri yang dikarenakan oleh berbagai alasan, dan ini dapat dilakukan dengan berbagai cara. *Veronika Decides to Die* yang dikarang oleh Paulo Coelho merupakan sebuah novel tentang pemahaman makna kehidupan. Melalui Veronika sang karakter utama, merupakan seorang wanita yang mencoba bunuh diri sebagai akibat dari tekanan social yang berasal dari lingkungannya. Studi ini bertujuan untuk menemukan alasan-alasan Veronika untuk memutuskan bunuh diri dan opini Veronika tentang kehidupannya. Penulis menggunakan pendekatan psikologis dan filosofis. Pendekatan psikologis digunakan untuk mengetahui bagaimana karakter utama menjalani kehidupannya dan mempelajari bagaimana karakter utama menghadapi masalah-masalahnya. Pendekatan filosofis digunakan untuk menganalisa pemikiran tokoh utama, dan untuk mengerti tentang pendapatnya tentang kehidupan. Berdasarkan analisa, Veronika adalah seseorang yang mengalami tekanan sosial yang datang dari lingkungannya. Tekanan sosial tersebut membangun sebuah sisi yang tidak nyata darinya, dimana dia selalu menuruti kemauan masyarakat, akhirnya dia kehilangan jati dirinya dan memutuskan mati. Tipe bunuh dirinya adalah altruistik, karena tindakan bunuh dirinya berasal dari tingginya tekanan sosial yang dia dapat. Dia memutuskan mati karena dia merasa bahwa hidupnya tidak bermakna dan monoton. Setelah dia gagal dalam percobaan bunuh dirinya, dia menyadari bahwa segala sesuatu yang terjadi pada dirinya adalah akibat dari tindakannya yang tidak pernah berjuang dalam hidupnya.

