

ABSTRACT

Zazi Haerizal, 203102175, *The Symbol of Holiness in Dan Brown's The Da Vinci Code*.

Human interpret their realities using symbols because reality is constructed by symbols. Symbol is a medium to establish social order. In the modern ages, as well as in primitive culture, symbol represented special messages like in novel *The Da Vinci Code*. This novel represents about holiness as the primary message to the reader. Therefore, The analysis divided into two objects: 1) What are symbol of holiness portrayed in Dan Brown's *the Da Vinci Code*? And 2) What are concept of holiness in Dan Brown's *the Da Vinci Code*?

Descriptive analysis is the method used in this research in which the researcher describes and identifies kinds of holiness symbols in the novel. He categorizes those symbols into some kinds such as holiness symbol of divinity, holiness symbol related to person, things, place, and religious activities. After that, he analyzes concept of holiness as result of relationship among symbols.

There are some kinds of symbol on *The Da Vinci Code*. They are, a) symbols of Divinity Holiness, i.e. God and Jesus; b) symbols of Holiness related with Person, i.e. Maria Magdalena; c) symbols of Holiness related with Thing, i.e. *Holy Grail, Pentacle, Tarot, Hieros Gamos, Holy Bible*; d) symbols of Holiness related with Place, i.e. *The Church of Saint-Sulpice*, and e) symbols of Holiness related with Religious Activities, i.e. *Last Supper*. Every symbol has special meaning. For example that are a) The pentacle and Tarot is the symbols of pagan religion that relates to nature worship. The pentacle represents to female which the concept historian religion call it the sacred feminine or the divine goddess; Tarot indicator suit for feminine divinity is pentacles; b) Hieros Gamos means sacred marriage. More than two thousand years Egyptian priests and priestesses performed ritual of Heiros Gamos regularly to celebrate the reproductive power of the female. The ritual is adoration of goddess; d) The Holy Grail represents the sacred feminine and the goddess virtually eliminated by the Church; e) Holy Bible is the sacred book and Scriptures of Christianity.

This novel criticizes about fundamental doctrine on Catholic. For example, Brown states that Jesus was married to Mary Magdalene and her womb was the Holy Grail. Specifically, it's about relationship between Jesus and Mary Magdalena in dan Brown's *The da Vinci Code*. They are, a) Jesus was not God, b) Mary Magdalene is Jesus's disciple and Jesus's wife, and c) They (Jesus and Mary magdalena) had a child.