

ABSTRACT

Yundalaisma Hendras, THE MEANING OF BANCAKAN TRADITION IN COMMEMORATING DEATH (Case Study in Dusun Ngendut, Desa Hargomulyo, Ngrambe Sub-district, Ngawi Regency, East Java. Thesis. Jakarta: Social Science Education Department, State University of Jakarta, 2016.

Javanese society known as one of the societies who still maintain tradition and cultural heritage inherited from the ancestors. The tradition and cultural heritage later became Javanese society's identity which made difference from other societies because it contains values, norms, or rules prevail, for example is Death Bancakan (celebration) which then became a tradition heritage in Java.

This study aims to obtain data concerning (1) the reason why Dusun Ngendut society still maintain the Death Bancakan (celebration) tradition (2) the cause of Desa Hargomulyo's society began to leave the Death Bancakan (celebration) tradition, and (3) to determine the meaning of Bancakan (celebration) tradition in commemorating the death in Dusun Ngendut, Desa Hargomulyo. The author uses qualitative approach in order to get in depth data from the informant about the idea of Death Bancakan (celebration) tradition in the Dusun Ngendut, Desa Hargomulyo. Sources of the data obtained using several techniques of data collection; interviews, observation, analysis of documents and field notes.

Based on the findings, the reason why Dusun Ngendut society still maintains the tradition of Death Bancakan (celebration) is because the tradition is ancestral heritage that has become a custom and habit which has always done. The cause of Desa Hargomulyo citizens leaving the Bancakan (celebration) tradition is the spread of religions purification which say that Bancakan (celebration) tradition is a heresy that is not according to the teachings of Prophet Muhammad. Social and spiritual meaning contained in Bancakan (celebration) tradition commemorating the death are to tighten relationships, as gratitude to the family members who have died, building sense of harmony with neighbors, and strengthen the sense of guyub in society. While the spiritual meanings are to appease spirits of the deceased, put into practice the teachings of Prophet Muhammad SAW about charity, give peace for families left by the deceased, increase spiritual values of the society, and as a place to pray.

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