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ABSTRACT

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Childfree is a lifestyle choice that is gaining popularity in several countries around the world, especially among the younger generation. However, this choice diverges from the traditional values surrounding marriage and family, which emphasize procreation. The institution of marriage, once solely a venue for having children, has evolved into a bond between two individuals. Catholicism, with its social teachings, offers a comprehensive perspective on marriage, family, and the role of children within these contexts.

This research aims to explore the Catholic's view on childfree lifestyle. By the ends of this study readers will have a clearer understanding of how Catholic doctrine relates to the societal trend of choosing to remain childfree.

In this qualitative literature research, a sociological approach is used which aims to find out social responses regarding this childfree choice, so that social opinions can be known about the rise of childfree choices among the public, especially from the responses of Catholics as well as the Catholic church. The descriptive analysis method is also used to trace the doctrines of society, especially Catholics, towards the childfree phenomenon. Then, this view is associated with Catholic social and moral teachings contained in Catholic scripture.

The results of this study explain that childfree is a life choice that deviates from the social values and norms of society and Catholic social teachings. With the various stigmas given by society to this life choice, it should be able to explain the social view of this life choice, namely that society is against this choice. It is also based on Catholic social teachings that explain the sacredness of a family with the presence of children who replicate a small church of a complete family. Although every couple who chooses to go childfree has their own reasons for making this decision, society and Catholic teachings still deny this life choice.

The author acknowledges the limitation of this study and welcomes constructive criticism and suggestions from readers to enhance the quality of this research.

Keywords: Family, Marriage, Children, Descendants, Childfree

ABSTRAK

Pandangan Katolik terhadap Childfree

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Childfree merupakan salah satu pilihan gaya hidup yang mulai populer di beberapa negara di dunia, apalagi di kalangan generasi muda saat ini. Namun, pada hakikatnya pilihan ini adalah menyimpang dari nilai pernikahan dan konsep keluarga. Ikatan pernikahan yang merupakan wadah untuk mendapatkan keturunan berubah menjadi tempat kebersamaan suami-istri saja. Katolik dengan ajaran sosial katolik pun telah menjelaskan hakikat dari suatu pernikahan dan keluarga bersama dengan kehadiran anak.

Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk memahami lebih lanjut mengenai pandangan katolik berkenaan dengan childfree. Sehingga pada akhirnya dapat memahamkan kepada pembaca bagaimana hukum dan pandangan katolik mengenai childfree ini.

Dalam penelitian kualitatif kepustakaan ini, digunakan pendekatan sosiologis yang bertujuan untuk mengetahui tanggapan-tanggapan sosial mengenai pilihan childfree ini, sehingga dapat diketahui pendapat sosial terhadap mulai maraknya pilihan childfree di kalangan masyarakat, terkhusus dari tanggapan-tanggapan umat katolik juga gereja katolik. Metode deskriptif analisis juga digunakan untuk menelusuri doktrin-doktrin masyarakat, terlebih katolik, terhadap fenomena childfree. Kemudian, pandangan ini dikaitkan dengan ajaran sosial dan moral katolik yang tercantum dalam kitab suci katolik.

Hasil dari penelitian ini memaparkan bahwa childfree adalah salah satu pilihan hidup yang menyimpang dari nilai dan norma sosial masyarakat serta ajaran sosial katolik. Dengan berbagai stigma yang diberikan masyarakat terhadap pilihan hidup ini seharusnya dapat menjelaskan pandangan sosial terhadap pilihan hidup ini, yaitu bahwa masyarakat melawan pilihan ini. Juga berdasarkan ajaran-ajaran sosial katolik yang menjelaskan tentang kesakralan sebuah keluarga dengan kehadiran anak yang mereplikasikan sebuah gereja kecil dari sebuah keluarga yang lengkap. Walaupun setiap pasangan yang memilih childfree memiliki alasan tersendiri dalam memutuskan hal ini, namun masyarakat dan ajaran katolik tetap menyangkal pilihan hidup ini.

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Kata kunci: *Keluarga, Pernikahan, Anak, Keturunan, Childfree*

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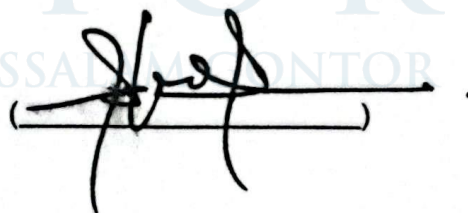


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(Furqon [25] : 74)

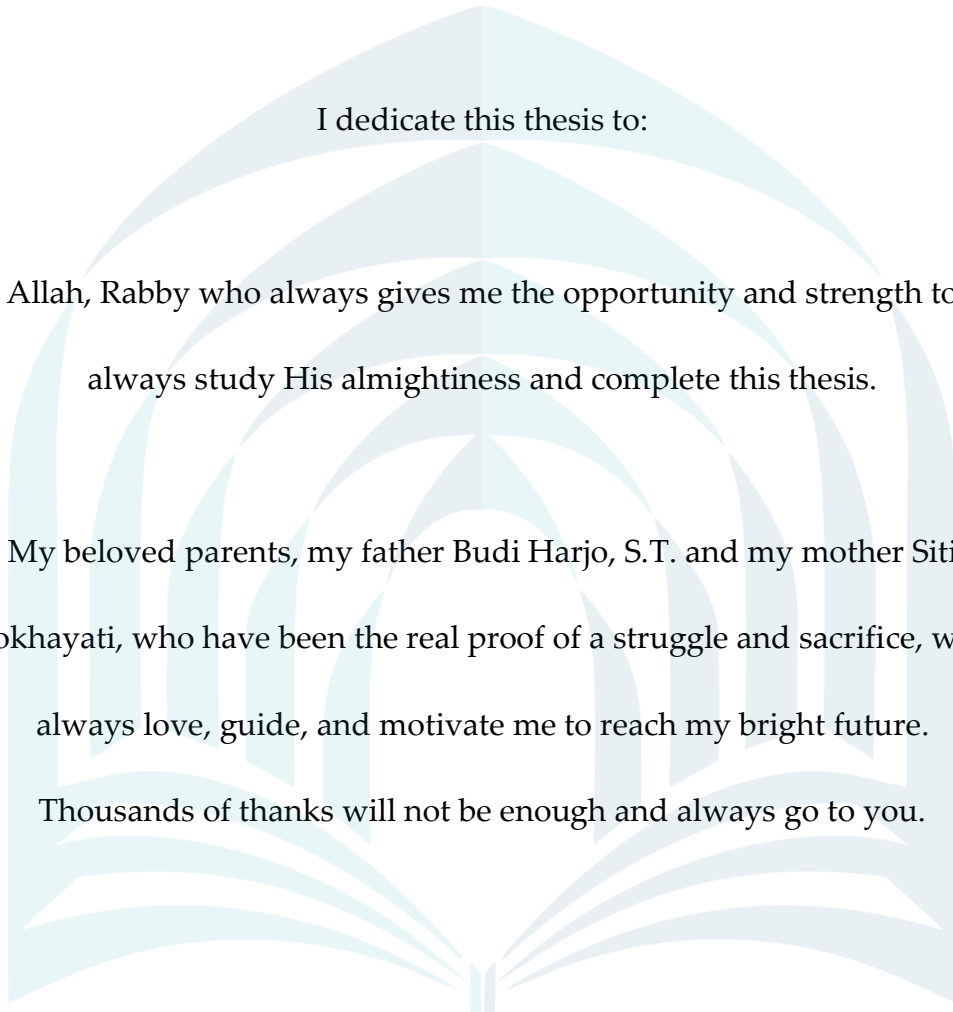
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