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**ABSTRAK**  
**DESAKRALISASI PERNIKAHAN SEBAGAI RITUAL KEAGAMAAN**  
**DALAM PERNIKAHAN SESAMA JENIS**

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Pernikahan adalah ritual keagamaan yang seharusnya dilakukan oleh seorang laki-laki dan perempuan. Namun, perkembangan zaman menyebabkan desakralisasi pernikahan, mengakibatkan hilangnya nilai-nilai sakral, terutama melalui praktik pernikahan sesama jenis. Legalitas pernikahan homoseksual memicu perdebatan di berbagai negara, menimbulkan konflik mengenai perubahan makna pernikahan tradisional dan hakikat keluarga. Fenomena ini juga berkaitan dengan sekularisasi yang berkembang. Hal ini menjadi masalah besar bagi peradaban Islam yang semakin pesat.

Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengidentifikasi dan untuk mengetahui pandangan berbagai agama mengenai pernikahan sesama jenis serta dapat mengetahui dan menganalisa bentuk-bentuk desakralitas pada pernikahan sebagai ritual keagamaan yang terjadi akibat praktik pernikahan sesama jenis.

Penelitian ini berjenis kualitatif dengan menggunakan metode deskriptif untuk mengkaji pandangan berbagai agama terhadap pernikahan sesama jenis serta menggunakan metode analisis untuk menganalisis bentuk-bentuk desakralitas yang ditimbulkan. Pendekatan yang digunakan adalah Teologis Normatif, berdasarkan kitab suci berbagai agama yang berkaitan dengan sakralitas pernikahan. Data dikumpulkan melalui studi literatur dari buku dan jurnal yang relevan, serta kitab suci.

Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa berbagai agama sepakat pernikahan adalah ritual antara laki-laki dan perempuan. Pernikahan sesama jenis dianggap mengubah makna sakral pernikahan, tidak sesuai ajaran kitab suci, dan merusak nilai-nilai keluarga tradisional. Praktik ini dilihat sebagai sekularisasi, di mana pelaku berusaha melagalisasi untuk memenuhi hak-hak homoseksual, meskipun sering mengabaikan ajaran agama.

Penulis berharap bahwa karya ini dapat memberikan kontribusi yang signifikan baik secara akademis maupun praktis, khususnya dalam pencegahan tumbuhnya praktik pernikahan sesama jenis ataupun praktik yang mengarahkan untuk pelealisasi hal ini. Harapan dari peneliti bahwa peneliti selanjutnya bisa menjadikan penelitian ini sebagai referensi ilmiah, dan memberikan inspirasi bagi peneliti yang ingin meneliti mengenai Praktik pernikahan sesama jenis.

**Kata Kunci:** *Agama, Ritual, Sakral, Pernikahan, Pernikahan Sesama Jenis*

## ABSTRACT

### DESACRALIZATION OF MARRIAGE AS A RELIGIOUS RITUAL IN SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

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Marriage is a religious ritual that a man and a woman should perform. However, with time, there has been a desacralization of marriage that has led to the loss of sacred values, particularly through the practice of same-sex marriage. The legality of homosexual marriage or same-sex marriage has sparked debates in various countries, resulting in conflicts regarding the changing meanings of traditional marriage and the essence of family. This phenomenon is also related to the ongoing secularization, which poses a significant issue for the rapidly evolving Islamic civilization.

This study aims to identify and understand the perspectives of various religions regarding same-sex marriage and to analyze the forms of desacralization occurring in marriage as a religious ritual due to the practice of same-sex marriage.

This research employs a qualitative approach using descriptive methods to examine the views of different religions on same-sex marriage and analytical methods to analyze the forms of desacralization it produces. The approach used is Theological Normative approach, based on the holy scriptures of various religions related to the sacredness of marriage. Data were collected through literature studies from relevant books and journals, as well as holy scriptures.

The results of the study indicate that various religions agree that marriage is a religious ritual between a man and a woman. Same-sex marriage is considered to alter the sacred meaning of marriage and does not align with the teachings of the holy scriptures, undermining the traditional family values that consist of one man and one woman, which are deemed essential for the continuation of generations. Same-sex marriage is viewed as a form of secularization, where the participants seek to legalize this practice to fulfill the rights of homosexuals, often disregarding religious teachings that contradict their desires.

The author hopes that this work can make a significant contribution both academically and practically, especially in preventing the growth of same-sex marriage practices or practices that lead to the legalization of such. The researcher hopes that future researchers can use this study as a scientific reference and find inspiration for their investigations into the practice of same-sex marriage.

**Keywords:** *Religion, Ritual, Sacred, Marriage, Same-Sex Marriage*

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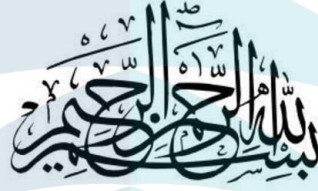
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## Motto



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الرِّجَالَ شَهْوَةً مِنْ دُونِ النِّسَاءِ ۖ بَلْ أَنْتُمْ قَوْمٌ مُّسْرِفُونَ (٨١)

*“And [We had sent] Lot when he said to his people, “Do you commit such immorality as no one has preceded you with from among the worlds? (80) Indeed, you approach men with desire, instead of women. Rather, you are a transgressing people.” (81)”*

## Matthew 19:4

*Jesus replied, ‘You surely have read about this in the Bible. At the start, when God created the world, he made people male and female.*

## Rigveda X.85.42

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ihaiva stam mā vi yauṣṭam viśvam āyur vy aśnutam | krīḷantau putrair  
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*“Abide here together; may you never be separated; live together all your lives, sporting with sons and grandsons, happy in your own home.”*

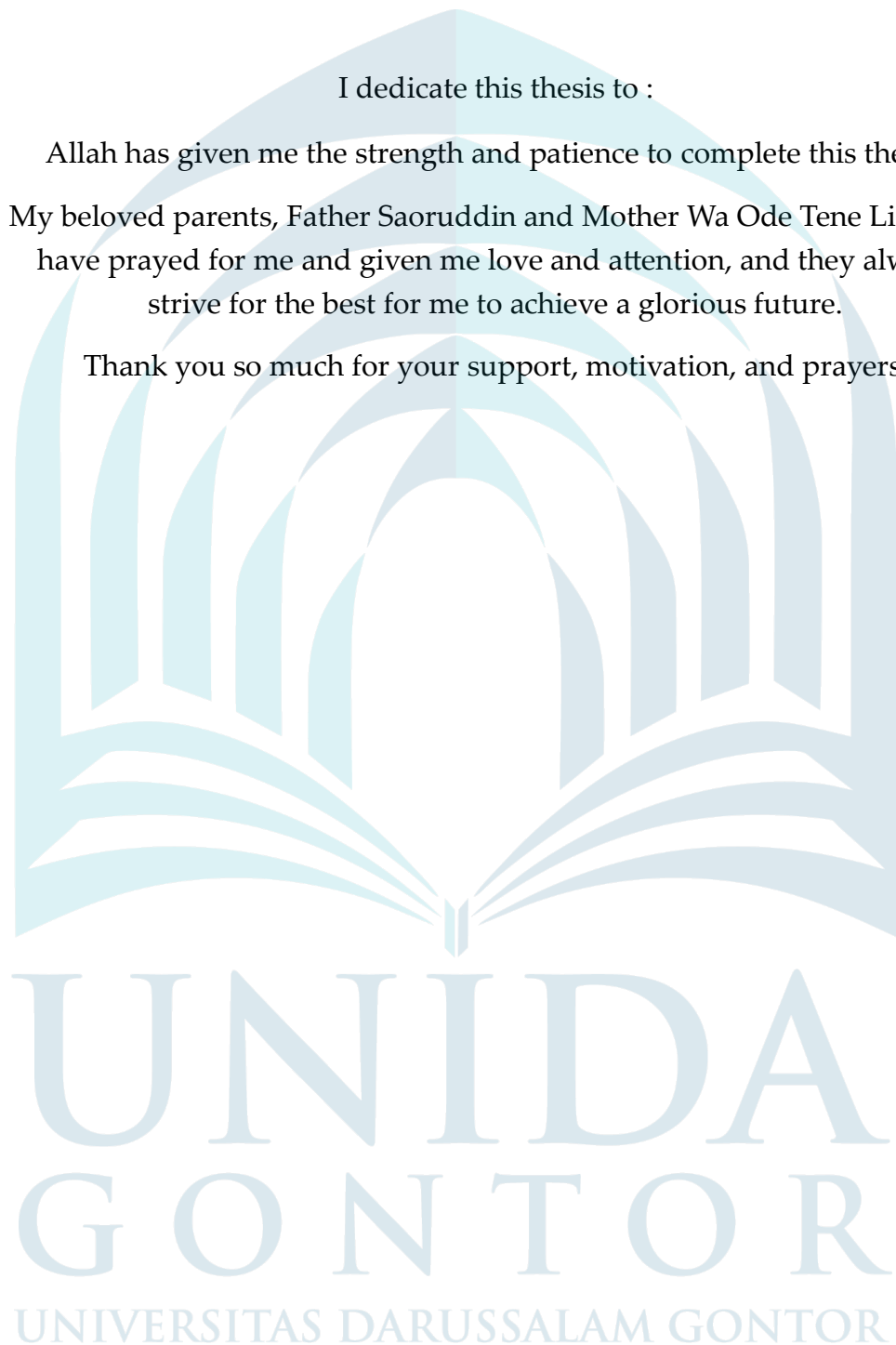
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