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ABSTRACT

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The study is intended to find out the reflection of phenomenon of religion in England in the nineteenth century as shown in George Eliot's worldview toward religion in the novel *Silas Marner*. The novel portrays the life of a man who becomes the object of wrong judgment by a religious community. Silas Marner, the name of the man, then, suffers a spiritual crisis. He does not believe in God and man anymore. He moves to a village of Raveloe and starts his lonely life there.

The study is a descriptive qualitative research. The data are taken from two kinds of data sources namely the primary data source and the secondary one. The primary data are taken from the novel *Silas Marner*, while the secondary data are those come from articles, criticisms, George Eliot's biography, and other books that related to the study. The approach that is used to analyze the novel is Genetic Structural Approach. The pioneer of this theory is Lucient Goldmann who emphasizes a work as an author's creation to represent his or her worldview, not as an individual but as a representative of his society.

The result of the study shows that the novel *Silas Marner* is not only an imaginative work because it reflects the phenomenon of religion in England in the nineteenth century, the time when it was written. The novel shows that the Victorians suffer religious crisis due to the industrial revolution that brings some great changes in the society. The novel reflects George Eliot's worldview toward religion. It shows that George Eliot is confessing a religion of humanity as is proposed by Feueurbach and Comte. She believes that the true religion is the social bond between individuals in the society.

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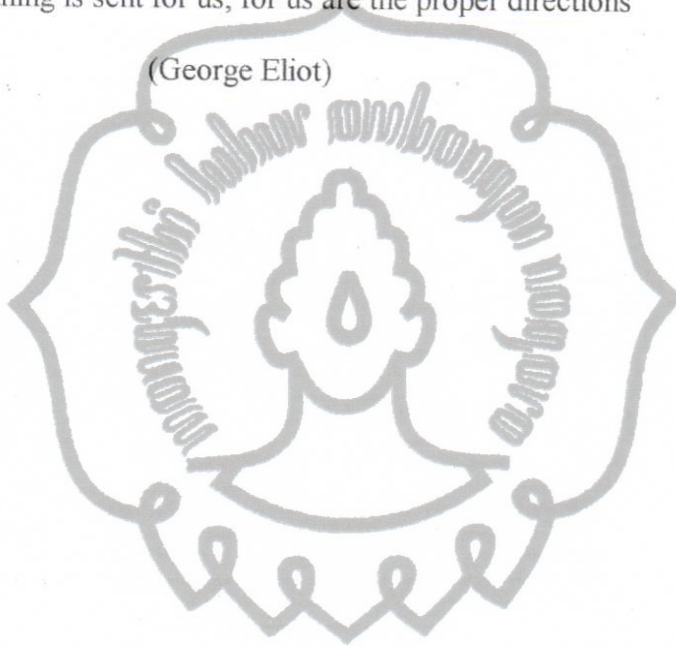
...And strive hard in Allah's way with your property and your soul!

(The Holy Koran, 9:41)

Satisfaction and disappointment will not be different if we fully know

why everything is sent for us, for us are the proper directions

(George Eliot)



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