FEAR OF DEATH FROM ATHEISM POINT OF VIEW

IN PHILIP LARKIN’S POEM, AUBADE

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ABSTRACT


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This final project deals with a phenomenon in rejecting the existence of God, it is called Atheism. Atheism is one of the society phenomenons which are debated by people in every era. Meanwhile, fear of death from atheism point of view as reflected in the “Aubade” poem by Philip Larkin is become the objects of the study in this analysis. The purposes of this study are to find the concept of atheism and fear to death and to explain the ambivalence between both concepts of Atheism and fear to death as reflected in the “Aubade” poem by Philip Larkin.

In this final project I use descriptive qualitative research as a method since the date is in the form of written utterances, phrases, and words and they were descriptively analyzed. There were several steps in collecting the data. Firstly, I read the poem repeatedly to understand the meaning of this poem. Secondly, I identify the data by separating between data and non-data by marking and numbering. The last step is classifying, it means that the writer classified the words, phrases, sentences in each line and stanza from the poem. After I get the data, I start to analyze the data according to the theory related to the topic in order to clarify and analyze the meaning.

This study emphasizes on two main objectives. First, is to explain the concept of fear to death towards atheism point of view in the “Aubade” poem by Philip Larkin and the ambivalence of atheism towards death as described in “Aubade” poem by Philip Larkin. As a result, the poem gives an ambivalence subject. At the last two stanzas, reflected that fear of death do not change their disbelief of God existence. Finally, their logical thoughts have limitation that cannot find the answer, so they pretend that the death will never influence their routine.

At the end, this study is expected to give additional knowledge to the readers about atheism and its behaviour that may be useful as an additional reference. I do hope there will be next researchers who want to continue my research about the importance of disbelief in God.