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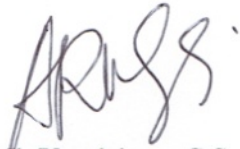


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ABSTRACT

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This research discussed the depiction of Norse mythology and personification in M.L. Kiser's "Tree of Life". The aims of this research were to give a depiction of the Norse mythology about tree of life and to analyze the personification dealing with mother nature of Norse mythology in M.L. Kiser's "Tree of Life". In finding the data, library research was applied as the technique of collecting the data. The data consisted of ideas related to Yggdrasil in Norse mythology and personification that were depicted in M.L. Kiser's poem. The theory of mythology, Norse mythology, Norse legend of the tree of world, humanity, mother and personification were applied in this research. Furthermore, the approach that were used were mythological approach, ideological approach, archetypal approach, structural approach, and formalist approach. The result of this research was the whole stanza telling the act of Yggdrasil from the beginning of the world until the world fell into two contradictive sides. Moreover, it also told the act of Yggdrasil as a mother who took care of her children. In conclusion, by analyzing this poem, the researcher knows that Yggdrasil as the tree of life gave life to all over the creatures.

Keywords: *mythology, Norse mythology, Yggdrasil, mother, humanity, personification*

ABSTRAK

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Penelitian ini membahas penggambaran dan personifikasi dalam mitologi Nordik melalui puisi M.L. Kiser yang berjudul "Tree of Life". Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah untuk memberikan gambaran mitologi Nordik tentang pohon kehidupan dan menganalisa personifikasi yang berhubungan dengan sifat ibu dari mitologi Nordik melalui puisi M.L. Kiser yang berjudul "Tree of Life". Dalam menemukan data, penulis menerapkan studi pustaka sebagai teknik pengumpulan data. Data terdiri dari ide-ide yang mengacu kepada Yggdrasil dan personifikasi dalam mitologi Nordik yang digambarkan dalam puisi M.L. Kiser. Penulis menerapkan teori mitologi, teori mitologi Nordik, teori legenda Nordik tentang pohon dunia, teori kemanusiaan, teori ibu, dan teori personifikasi dalam penelitian ini. Selanjutnya, pendekatan yang digunakan adalah pendekatan mitologi, pendekatan ideologis, pendekatan pola dasar, pendekatan struktural, dan pendekatan formalis. Hasil penelitian ini adalah keseluruhan bait yang menceritakan tindakan Yggdrasil dari awal dunia diciptakan hingga dunia jatuh ke dalam dua sisi yang saling bertentangan. Selain itu, ia juga menceritakan tindakan Yggdrasil sebagai seorang ibu yang merawat anak-anaknya. Kesimpulannya, dengan menganalisis puisi ini, peneliti tahu bahwa Yggdrasil sebagai pohon kehidupan memberi kehidupan ke seluruh makhluk hidup.

Keywords: *mitologi, mitologi nordik, yggdrasil, ibu, kemanusiaan, personifikasi*

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