

DECONSTRUCTION OF RELIGIOUS ASPECTS OF VATICAN CHURCH  
IMPACTED TO THE EXISTENCE OF ILLUMINATI IN DAN BROWN'S  
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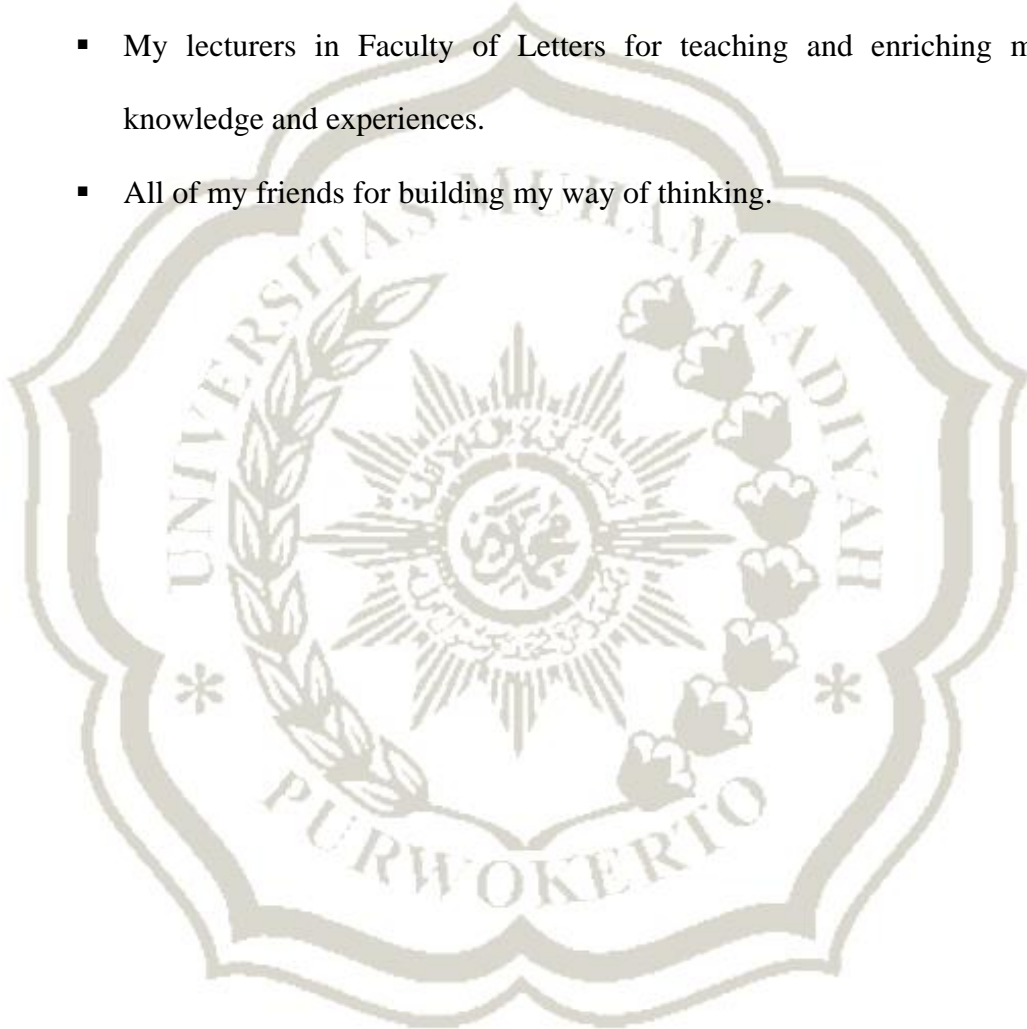
“No matter how far my dream is... my faith in Allah is  
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## ABSTRACT

*Angels & Demons* novel is the first Dan Brown's novel that introduces the character of Robert Langdon. This novel consists of information concerning with Roman Catholic Church in Vatican City and the ancient brotherhood of Illuminati. In this research, the main issue is deconstruction of dominant position of Vatican Church. Deconstruction of the dominant Vatican Church towards the existence of Illuminati becomes the big theme of the research.

This research uses deconstruction approach with the theory of post-structuralism. It becomes important because in the process of analysis, this research applies deconstruction to find answers of the research problem. The analysis that is done through deconstruction reading enable to discover information that Vatican Church's indoctrination is inaccurate which is not appropriate with scientific inventions; the religious worships of Vatican Church are adopted from ancient paganism rituals; the Vatican Church broaden its hatred towards Illuminati through spreading the falsehood to the public in order to let the public avoid Illuminati members; the Vatican Church murder and brand the Illuminati members' bodies with cross symbol (incident of *La Purga*); it is known that the Illuminati members are not satanic but scientists. By discovering those facts, the Vatican Church is valued not to be institution that aware of humanity. In vice versa, Illuminati is not same as what Vatican Church accuse. Illuminati grow up to now and start to broaden its dominance over the Vatican church and even the world.

Key words: deconstruction, dominance, Vatican Church, Illuminati, *Angels & Demons*.

## **INTISARI**

*Novel 'Angels & Demons' merupakan novel pertama Dan Brown yang memperkenalkan tokoh Robert Langdon. Novel ini berisi informasi tentang Gereja Katholik di kota Vatikan dengan persaudaraan kuno Illuminati. Dalam penelitian ini yang menjadi pokok bahasan adalah adanya praktik dekonstruksi terhadap kedudukan dominan Gereja Katholik di kota Vatikan. Dekonstruksi kedudukan Gereja Vatikan terhadap keberadaan Illuminati menjadi tema dalam penelitian ini.*

*Pendekatan yang digunakan dalam penelitian ini adalah dekonstruksi dengan teori post-strukturalisme. Hal ini menjadi penting karena dalam proses analisisnya menggunakan pembacaan dekonstruksi untuk menemukan jawaban dari tujuan analisis ini. Analisis melalui pembacaan dekonstruksi menemukan informasi bahwa doktrinasi Gereja Vatikan merupakan ajaran sesat yang tidak sesuai dengan penemuan-penemuan ilmiah; upacara-upacara keagamaan Gereja Vatikan merupakan hasil adopsi dari ritual-ritual kaum penyembah pagan kuno; Gereja Vatikan menyebarkan kebencian terhadap Illuminati melalui publikasi berita bohong tentang Illuminati dengan tujuan agar para anggota Illuminati dijauhi masyarakat; Gereja Vatikan membunuh para anggota Illuminati dan mengecap mayat-mayat mereka dengan simbol salib (peristiwa La Purga); para anggota Illuminati bukan penyembah setan melainkan para ilmuwan. Dengan terkuaknya fakta yang lama terpendam, Gereja Vatikan dinilai tidak selayaknya dipandang sebagai institusi yang menjunjung tinggi nilai kemanusiaan. Sebaliknya Illuminati terbukti bukanlah seperti yang dituduhkan Gereja Vatikan. Illuminati terus berkembang hingga saat ini dan mampu menunjukkan dominasinya atas kekuasaan Gereja Vatikan dan bahkan atas seluruh dunia.*

*Kata kunci: dekonstruksi, dominasi, Gereja Vatikan, Illuminati, Angels & Demons.*

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