

Cosmic Redemption Concepts in the Mythology of Pante Tradition of Indonesian Manggarai Community

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ABSTRACT

This study aims to explore the cosmic redemption concepts in the mythology of the *pante* tradition in Manggarai community. *Pante* tradition was an attempt to promote an attitude of respect for non-human creations so that nature would return to its harmonious state. The data was obtained through interviews with several key informants who were very close to these myths, including some palm tappers from several villages in Manggarai. From interviews and collected documents, several myths were found in the *pante* tradition. In Manggarai mythology, it is believed that there is inseparable relationship between humans, non-human creations, and the Supreme Being. Each creation has a contribution to the survival of the others and has eschatological future. The Manggarai people also believe that there is a place for the eternal life called *pa'ang be le*. This finding contributes to the development of ecological theology in the Indonesian Catholic Church and the universal Church. In addition, the awareness of the ultimate future for all creation strengthens the commitment of the Christians to preserve the environment.

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