IDEOLOGICAL STRUGGLE FROM STRATIFICATION OF CATUR WANGSA AND CATUR WARNAL IN POETRY GEGURITAN CHANDRA BHAIRAWA

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Abstract

Balinese society has debated on Warna, Kasta (caste), and Wangsa stratification has been going on for a long time because of a lack of understanding about cultural differences. Bali’s social stratification is focused on Wangsa. The title inherited the male line. This fits the ancestral scheme, Purusa, or patrilineal. The author is interested in investigating one of Catur Wangsa’s issues in the Candra Bhairawa text focused on group polemics about Warna, Kasta (caste), and Wangsa stratification discourse. The issues addressed in this study are how to stratify Catur Wangsa’s duties and responsibilities in Candra Bhairawa text. This study aimed to determine the ideological struggle to stratify Catur Wangsa and Catur Warna in Bali. The method used in this research is to study literature by gathering primary and secondary data. This study results in (1) identifying and charting Catur Warna and Catur Warna (2) Duties of Wangsa Brahmana, Wangsa Ksatria, Wangsa Waisya, Wangsa Sudra (3) The Wangsa philosophical conflict in society poses two points of view, notably, the desire to retain the Wangsa and release the Wangsa with several stages of the Diksa Ceremony.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The Balinese society's polemic about the Warna, Kasta (caste), and Wangsa stratification debate has been going on for a long time. This led to cultural tensions in society due to a lack of in-depth understanding of Warna, Kasta (caste), and Wangsa stratification. This dispute can lead to groups that consider themselves the highest and look down on other groups. Warna means selecting society grouping based on their occupation. Kasta (caste) means an expert association in a specific field. Wangsa means separating population groups based on birth or lineage (Wiana, 2006). Wangsa has no vertical social stratification (higher Wangsa and lower Wangsa). It cannot be denied, however, that there are still community members who believe there is a Wangsa considered higher than other Wangsa. Socializing and unifying expectations is essential to prevent conflict. Kasta (caste) in India and Wangsa in Bali usually refers to a hierarchical type of social stratification defined by marriage strata. (Subardini, 2011).

The male line is taken in Wangsa by ancestral, Purusa, or patrilineal scheme according to Bali's social stratification (Parta, 2013). Patrilineal is a community custom that regulates the flow of descent from the father's side. This word is often equated with patriarchate or patriarchy, although basically, the meaning is different. Patrilineal comes from two Latin words, namely pater, which means father, and linea, which means line. This patrilineal system causes Balinese people to prefer boys over girls indirectly.

Regarding the Catur Warma in Bhagavad Gita XVIII.41, it is said that: "O Arjuna, duties are divided according to the essence and character of his birth as Brahmana, Ksatriya, Waisya, and even Sudra." In Hinduism, the word Kasta (caste) is not described in the Vedic scriptures describe word Warna. When we refer to the Bhagavad Gita Text, what Warna means is Catur Warma, which is of person's Swadharma (profession) division of society. Another case in Balinese life is believed to be Wangsa, a lineage-based kinship system. This four-class division is not only present in Hinduism, but a common characteristic. The classification depends on personality and ability at birth. These four classes are determined not by birth, but psychological characteristics (Mantra, 1981). With DPRD Decree No 11/1951 issued and reinforced with Bhisama Sabha Parisada Hindu Dharma Pusat Number 3 X/2002 October 28, which contains the Application Catur Warma. In Bhisama explained that the Catur Warma is a teaching on the division of duties and responsibilities of society based on guna or ability and karma or job following his life choices (Putra et al., 2006).

Focusing on the collective polemic of Warna, Kasta, and Wangsa stratification discourse, the author, is interested in investigating one of the issues related to Catur Wangsa that exists in the text of the traditional Balinese literary works. One of the traditional Balinese literary works whose content includes theological struggles over Catur Wangsa is the Candra Bhairawa text. For this study, the Geguritan Candra Bhairawa text was chosen. Geguritan Candra Bhairawa addresses theological conflicts between figures regarding Catur Wangsa duties and obligations. This dispute occurred between Bima from the Hastinapura Kingdom and Patih Brahma and Patih Wisnu from the Kingdom of Gods. Therefore, the issue discussed in this study is how to stratify Catur Wangsa's duties and responsibilities in the text of Candra Bhairawa. This study aimed to decide the ideological struggle to stratify Catur Wangsa in Bali in Candra Bhairawa. The advantage of this research is to preserve traditional Balinese literary works in geguritan form, particularly in literary works. Add to the treasury of study on the struggle of Catur Wangsa philosophy in Bali.
II. METHODS

This study is qualitative by using literature's sociological theory to learn more about Catur Wangsa and Catur Warna's ideological stratification struggles in Bali in the Candra Bhairawa text. The approach used in this research is to review literature by collecting some primary and secondary data. The literature method is the first step in data collection. The literature analysis method was the focus of this research by searching for primary data, namely, Geguritan Candra Bhairawa. Meanwhile, secondary data, i.e., information through written documents, such as books and journals, as well as electronic records that support the writing process (Sugiyono, 2005). A symbolic struggle is a struggle between individuals as social agents in their respective roles. Any social agent conducting symbolic battles will use tactics to build social power or truth (Fashri, 2014). The relationship between literary works and society, both as negation, innovation, and affirmation, is important. Literary works have an essential task in their efforts to become a pioneer of reform and provide recognition of social symptoms. The freedom and ability of literary works to include almost all aspects of human life make literature very close to the aspirations of society. The main characteristics of literary works are aspects of aesthetics. However, intensely literary works also contain aspects of ethics, philosophy, logic, and even science (Ratna, 2004).

In connection with the word stratification, it can be said as (1) dividing the population or society into graded classes; (2) the process or consequence of the gradual separation of group members on the basis of authority, special rights and prestige; (3) distributive processes of values that are scarce in society; (4) horizontal and vertical division of society into strata with certainty or uncertainty (Hasjir & Pusat Bahasa, 2003). The stratification used in this analysis includes differentiating population or community into stratified classes and grouping elements of society into groups centered on different levels.

A literary work has moral parallels to culture, influenced by the situation and social climate. Homology or similarity between situations that produce ideology and social class environments in which the structure of the social class is reinforced (Bourdieu et al., 1991). Homology demonstrates the synchronous relationship between social roles, social values, and cultural symbols (Barker, 2004). Thus, the homology or theological relation between the conflict between Catur Wangsa and Catur Warna in Candra Bhairawa and the conflict in Balinese society.

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

3.1 Definition of Catur Wangsa and Catur Warna in Bali

3.1.1 Definition of Catur Wangsa

A community grouping method called Catur Warna and Catur Wangsa is recognized in the Hindu community in Bali. This collective grouping structure has started to be accepted by the Balinese people since the Hindu influence began. In its growth, the Balinese society is confused, preferring to equate Catur Wangsa with Catur Warna. Catur means four, and Wangsa means separating community groups by birth or lineage (Wiana, 2006). Thus, Catur Wangsa means the four divisions of birth or lineage-based cultures. That is why the word Catur Wangsa is often confused with caste, related to descent or ethnicity. Catur Wangsa: Brahmana, Ksatria, Waisya, and Sudra. The Wangsa title is divided into two, Tri Wangsa title and Jaba title. Name Tri Wangsa is Brahmana, Ksatria, and Waisya. Jaba's fourth Wangsa title was Sudra (Bagus, 1977). For more details, see the chart below.
3.1.2 Definition of Catur Warna

Catur Warna consists of two words, Catur, meaning four, and Warna, meaning a work. Thus, Catur Warna means a method of dividing society into four classes or groups based on the principle of swadharma, consistent with responsibilities and skills (Agung, 2001). According to the Catur Warna system, society is divided into four groups or classes based on (1) Brahmana is a community of people responsible for religion and scientific creation, such as priests, sulinggih, or head ritual performers; (2) Ksatria is a category of people responsible for government and military affairs, including rulers, courtiers, or officials; (3) Waisya is a collective of people with community welfare responsibilities including merchants, producers, (4) Sudra is a group of people who have to support Brahmana, Ksatria, and Waisya groups, including servants and employees. For more info, see below.

Figure 1. Classification of Catur Wangsa

3.2 Stratification of Duties and Obligations of Catur Wangsa based Geguritan Candra Bhairawa

Geguritan is a narrative poem in terms of form. It is poetry, though it is narrative in content. Geguritan is also a traditional Balinese literary work created by pupuh-pupuh in different ways to be seen from the form and narrative structure. (Parta, 2014). In Geguritan Candra Bhairawa, a pupuh (verse) describes Catur Wangsa's division of duties and obligations.

3.2.1 Duties and Obligations of the Wangsa Brahmana

Sane kasengguh Brahmana, ring Dewantara nagari, asing-asing anak prajnan, sane sampun madwijati, manggeh ngamelosolah suci, pawikan ring tatwa tutur, salwir tawen kaBrahmanan, puja mantra pangastuti, teleb kukuh, ring ne dados kapatutan (Pupuh Sinom, Verse 21)

Babratané kamanggehang, makadi satya tan mari, lana pageh ngret indriya, lila natakin panas tis, ngudepang kayune brangti, ngawe hiwang tan ja purun, swabawane nudut manah, tan makanten irihati, jagat nungkul, ring sang dados panabean (Pupuh Sinom, Verse 22)

Translation:
The so-called Brahmana, in this country of the gods, all-wise society, who has performed dwijati (birth twice as a priest), those who do practice holiness, who is good at the essence and holy words, all the essence of divinity, puja mantras and offerings,
the truly persistent,
on who deserves to be justified (Pupuh Sinom, Verse 21).

All obligations are firmly acting out,
as if not denying loyalty,
always firmly bind the senses,
always looking up hot and cold,
dims the anger of the mind,
dare not do wrong,
his true nature controls the mind,
do not look jealous,
whole society respect,
to them who became a spiritual guru (Pupuh Sinom, Verse 22)

The above quotation defines the duties and responsibilities of the Brahmana performed by the Dwijati ceremony. The Wangsa Brahmana is responsible for doing what is good and holy and resisting all the prohibitions of Hinduism. The birth of Wangsa Brahmana, later to become a chief at a ceremony or a priest / pedanda. However, in this day and age, the responsibility of being a priest in society must not be based on Wangsa Brahmana. This is because not only can the Brahmana perform this task, but other Wangsa members can also perform the duties of the Brahmana as long as they perform the Madwijati ceremony. Madwijati or Diksa means to be born again. The Kesatriya now explained, obey the behavior as a king (nobleman), make the world peaceful, has a brave nature four qualities of a leader, always pay attention to the community, be a shade for the troubled, and also pity the poor, the reason is praiseworthy in the world (Pupuh Sinom, Verse 23).

The quote above describes Wangsa Ksatria's duties and obligations. They understood a leader's duties and obligations, being able to enhance the welfare of society, always paying attention to his people, loving his people, and upholding the facts. Wangsa Ksatria's birth will be king or emperor. Just a few places in Bali still have a king. That is because Indonesia is now independent and a republic state. All kings have to report to the state and president. Today's roles are somewhat different. In ancient times, a king had to enhance his people's health, be fair and wise. However, government structure headed by a regional head named Regent and Governor and the president-led state. Becoming a regent, governor, and the president does not have to be a Wangsa Ksatria. However, as long as people elect it, everyone can become a regional or state leader.

3.2.3 Duties and Obligations of the Wangsa Waisya
Sang Waisya madadagangan,
wenten makarya ring carik,
neyaang panganjing jagat,
mwang lwir ne saratang gumi,
twara ngimpasin swakardi,
makrana jagate landuh,
rikala jagate sayah,
sang Waisya gelis ngedumin,
sami patut,
ring lumbung padrewen jagat (Pupuh Sinom, Verse 24).

Translation:
The Waisya is merchant, some work in the fields, provide food (food), as well as everything that is needed by the country, who does not deny what has been done, that causes a prosperous world, when the country is experiencing a period of famine, The Waisya immediately shared, Rice to whom that needed, in the state-owned rice barn (Pupuh Sinom, Verse 24).

The quotation above describes the duties and obligations of the Wangsa Waisya, namely knowing how to grow crops, provide food, and bring prosperity to the country. The obligations of the birth of a Waisya, namely to become a farmer and trade. However, the reality that exists in today's society is no longer in accordance with the obligations of Catur Wangsa. This is because everyone has the right to determine their life path. A job as a farmer is not very promising for survival, especially in urban areas. There are very few rice fields, and plantations found. People are more likely to leave their rice fields and are more interested in making rented houses, villas, and hotels. Being a farmer and trader was not aimed at the Wangsa Waisya. Anyone can become a farmer and trader because it is a job or a profession.

3.2.4 Duties and Obligations of the Wangsa Sudra
Sang Sudra ne dados jagal, wenten mamencar mamancing,

praya mangaturang pangan, ne kasarattang di gumi,
yadyastun mamati-mati, nanging tatujone lahur,
ngardi kaledangan jagat, sida manggih suka trepti,
tan mamunuh, ne dados tatujon manah (Pupuh Sinom, Verse 25)

Translation
The Sudra became a butcher, some are fishermen and fishing, together offer food sources, needed for the country, despite killing, but with a lofty aim, can achieve happiness and peace, not seizing, which is his goal (Pupuh Sinom, Verse 25)

The quote above describes the duties and obligations of the birth of the Wangsa Sudra, namely becoming a fisherman. Work as a fisherman today is not only done by the Sudra, but everyone can become a fisherman. This is because working as a fisherman is very promising for survival. However, it has become a hobby for someone who likes fishing. Therefore, the duties and obligations of each birth of Catur Wangsa today cannot be applied to Balinese society anymore. This is due to various factors of the situation and social conditions behind each of the Catur Wangsa descendants who are no longer able to follow their swadharma. It can be concluded that the inherent duties and obligations of the Catur Wangsa lineage can not be imposed, and everyone already has the choice of taking the best path for themselves.

3.3 The Ideological Struggle for the Stratification of Catur Wangsa and Catur Warna in Bali
The ideological struggle between Catur Wangsa and Catur Warna in Balinese society is a sensitive matter. The
The concept of Wangsa is very contrary to the concept of Warna in Hinduism. Differences in perceptions and understanding of Warna and Wangsa are still ongoing today can lead to conflict, division, and chaos in society. The concept of Catur Warna in Hinduism is placing social functions in life in society. A person has the right to choose any function according to his abilities. This social function can change. At first, all will be born as Sudra. After studying science according to his interests and talents, he was able to improve himself as a merchant, governor, or become a priest. This social function cannot be inherited and attached to oneself. If the parents are Brahmana, their children can become Sudra, Ksatria, and Waisya. Likewise, if the parents are Sudra, the child can be a Brahmana. That is the Catur Warna concept in Hinduism according to the profession he chooses. The ideological struggle regarding the Wangsa in society raises two perspectives, namely wanting to maintain or release the Wangsa.

3.3.1 Perspective of Maintaining Wangsa

The perspective of society to maintain the Wangsa in modern times as it is today is an obligation passed on from ancestors to their descendants. This is an ancestral message," which is found in several written sources. The written sources include Message of Mpu Kuturan to Balinese Bhujangga, Message of Aji Brahma Purwana Tatwa to Kings, Message of Mpu Gniyaya to descendants in Java and Bali, Message of Bhatari Subali and Sang Anom to descendants of Satrya Taman Bali, Message of Mpu Sedah to descendants of Wangbang Pinatih, Message from Ki Bandesa Mas to the descendants of Ksatria, Message from Mpu Saguna to the descendants of Pande, Message from Babad Bandesa to the descendants of Pasek Bandesa (Palguna, 2018). Some of the sources above are very clear to describe how to maintain the Wangsa. The ideology of defending the Wangsa is written in every chronicle. The pattern is the same in each chronicle to convey messages to defend the Wangsa, as follows:

1. Describe the nobility of the lineage of each Wangsa, by telling the strengths of the ancestors of each Wangsa
2. Affirming to the offspring, what things must be done in order to become a good and true descendant
3. Maintaining the Wangsa, with the promise of giving gifts to their descendants who obey the ancestral orders and giving sanctions on heavy curses for offspring who violate (Palguna, 2018)

This is the general pattern of the babad in conveying the message of the ancestors so that the Wangsa is maintained in society.

3.3.2 Perspectives on Releasing Wangsa

The perspective on releasing the Wangsa is expressed in the Lontar Bongkol Pangasrayan, which contains the teaching. In the Tingkahing Adiksa text, there is a discourse on eliminating Wangsa. To give up the Wangsa is like giving up the skin. Going through several stages to be able to remove the skin, until finally, it seems skinless. This skinless state is called Wangsa Pandita-Dewata, or Windu Dewa, or that is a Wiku. So, a Wiku means a person who has shed his skin. Removing Wangsa is a climb from the bottom to the top, or an infiltration from the outside in, or from the skin to the inside (Palguna, 2018). The process of eliminating Wangsa with the Diksa Ceremony contained in the Bongkol Pangasrayan text with several stages, as follows:

1. The stage of Ndilah in the Diksa Ceremony is to eliminate Wangsa Sudra. The means to get rid of it with Ongkara Gni. So, the name Wangsa Sudra was burned with the power of fire from Ongkara.
2. Nuhun stage in the Diksa Ceremony is to eliminate the Wangsa Waisya. The means to get rid of it with Windu Amerta. So, the Wangsa
Waisya was carried away by the flow of water from Windu.

3. The Matirtha stage in the Diksa Ceremony is to eliminate the Wangsa Ksatria. The means to get rid of it with Tirtha Acintya Paramashunya Nirbhan. After carrying out three stages to release three Wangsa in one series of the Diksa Ceremony, Wangsa Pandita Dewata finally clung to him during the Jaya-Jaya Ceremony. Thus giving up the Wangsa as a meaning. The disappearance of the Wangsa is in the procession of the Diksa Ceremony.

IV. CONCLUSION

There are some of the ideological struggles for stratification of the Wangsa and the Warna in Bali:

1. The definition of Catur Wangsa means four class divisions of society based on birth or by lineage. Catur Warna means a system of dividing society into four groups or groups based on the concept of swadharma, which is following obligations, talents, or types of work.

2. (1) The duties and obligations of the Brahmana, know and apply religious teachings, and not do things that are prohibited by religious teachings. The birth of the Wangsa Brahmana will become a leader in a ceremony or can be called a Priest/edanda. (2) Duties and obligations of the Wangsa Ksatria, know the duties of a king or leader, can improve the welfare of society and can uphold the truth. Wangsa Ksatria is a king or leader. (3) Duties and obligations of the Wangsa Waisya, to know how to cultivate crops and work towards bringing prosperity. The birth of a Wangsa Waisya must become a farmer and trader. (4) Duties and obligations of Wangsa Sudra, to be a fisherman who can provide food to the state. It was concluded that the duties and obligations of each birth of Catur Wangsa today cannot be applied to Balinese society anymore. This is due to various social circumstances and conditions behind each of the Catur Wangsa descendants no longer being able to follow their swadharma.

3. The ideological struggle regarding the dynasty in society raises two perspectives, namely the wish to maintain the Wangsa as stated in several sources regarding gifts and sanctions for forgetting their Wangsa or letting go of the Wangsa with several stages of the procession at the Diksa Ceremony.

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