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The Belief on The Existence of The Saka in Malay Community

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Abstract

The Malay community has long been known as one of the people who have faith in the mystical. Belief in these mystical things is greatly influenced by the beliefs of animism and dynamism inherited from generation to generation. One of the mystical beliefs that still exist in the life of the community to this day is the belief in the existence of Saka. Saka is a genie that is kept by individuals or families for a specific purpose. The question is whether the trust to the review of the extant among the Malay community in Malaysia? The purpose of this study to explore the level and form relevant to the community of faith in this modern era. The research conducted is quantitative. The study respondents were 286 people aged between 20 - 30 years. The study was conducted in Peninsular Malaysia using Google form for data collection. The questionnaire used in this study consists of 16 questions that examine the level of belief and perception of respondents to the existence of perennial in this modern era. The study found that as many as 60% of respondents still believe in the existence of, and a total of 57.4% believe that not only exists in the community's trust and confidence but also exists in other communities. A total of 54.9% of respondents said that the belief in the existence of perennials in modern times is still relevant. However, 74.6% said

that perennial assistance is not needed in this modern age. The overall level of belief of respondents to the existence of perennial is 53.5%, while 23.3% of respondents are skeptical of the existence of perennial. This study concludes that the Malay community in Malaysia still believes in the existence of the present. The implication of this study is mapping the level of trust the community to things mystical and its influence on life in the present. This study gives effect to the understanding of the characteristics and mindset of the Malays in this modern time.

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Malay; Malaysia; beliefs; spirits

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