

ABSTRAK

Semantics as the study of meaning stands at the very center of the linguistic quest to understand the nature of language and human language abilities. Semantics not only concerns with the study of meaning but also with the relationship between language and culture. Both denotative meaning and connotative meaning: both of them are based on a relationship between words & world. Denotation is the meaning of a word which primarily refers to the real world, the "dictionary definition" for instance "cow" shows a kind of animal, "house" shows a kind of building. Connotation meaning is the aspect of meaning added to the denotation of a word it relates to the association that a word has the denotation for instance "cow" is the mature female of a bovine animal and the female of various other large animal, as the elephant or whale. This research discusses the analysis of denotative and connotative meaning found in Creed's lyrics songs. The writer focuses on three albums. In addition, there are two research questions in this research to discuss: 1) what are the denotative meanings of the words from the Creed's song lyrics? 2) What are the connotative meanings of the words from the Creed's song lyrics? They are twenty six songs from three albums there are My own prison, Weathered and Full circle album. This study uses a descriptive qualitative method because the writer would analysis and interprets the research object of Creed's song lyrics. This research, the writer found twelve (12) denotative and connotative words in My own prison (1997) album, and seven (7) denotative and connotative words in Weathered (2001) album, and sixteen (16) denotative and connotative words in Full Circle (2009) album. The context of meaning found in My own prison album has five context are problem in life, sadness, God, hiding the true identity, and sexuality, and context of meaning found in Weathered album has two context are spirit in life, and sadness, and context of meaning found in Full Circle album has five context are spirit, experience life, living life, standing up witnessing about Christ and emotion your mistake. And the writer chose words and explained that words are very concerned with these contexts of meaning about denotative and connotative in Creed's lyrics song. The connotative word found in three albums in Creed's lyrics song is fifteen negative connotations, and twenty positive connotation. Mostly, the connotative word that is found in three albums in Creed's lyrics song is positive connotation.