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Generation Returning to the Roots: The Efforts of the Young Generation to Continue the Indonesian Imagination

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The purpose of writing the book "Generation Back to the Roots" is to describe the current millennial generation. The generation that uses social media to build wider networks and insights. This book is about an age that likes to get together, talk about many ideas, and try to make them happen. Besides that, it also describes the millennial generation who use optimism as a starting point for movement and change. The condition of the millennial generation trying to stay back at the roots of the noble culture of the Indonesian nation is a big picture of the book "Generation Back to the Roots."

The book "Generation Back to the Roots" was written and intended to meet readers' needs, namely the nation's younger generations. The generation that begins to recognize the nation's civilization. The era that started to move to explore the noble culture of the country. This book explains the conditions of the millennial generation who are struggling to return to the roots of the nation and state's lives. The millennial generation and the general public are starting to forget the origins of the Indonesian government.

This book presents the author's research for more than ten years regarding the millennial generation, who are starting to re-discuss ideals and build national narratives. In addition, it also provides information about the succession of ages in each period. It also tells how the development of mindset from generation to generation maintains the roots of the Indonesian nation. And most importantly, the book "Generation Back to the Roots" focuses on how the result of the mentality of the current millennial generation is starting to think about the nation's ideology as the root of the state. As well as presenting information form of motivation to the millennial generation to keep returning to the origins of Indonesian life.

This book is quite interesting and important to review because we can use the book "Generation Back to the Roots" to understand the younger generation to try to continue the imagination of the Indonesian nation and bring about change in continuing the nation's ideals. Moreover, it is explained how can use the mindset from generation to generation to think and learn for the next millennial generation. The book "Generation Back to the Roots" is essential to review because it contains a moral message to the current millennial generation to continue learning and bringing development to a more advanced Indonesia. It is also necessary to check this book because the current millennial generation likes to read information and filter information with a developed mindset. Moreover, the book "Generasi Back to the Roots is also equipped with illustrations that make the reader not bored to finish this book.

The Generation Back to the Roots book is a book that is suitable and on the conditions and circumstances of the millennial generation in today's technological advances. Every sheet presents issues related to the millennial generation. Presentation from start to finish can meet readers' needs, especially in the nation's next generation. Every motivation sentence given by the author to the reader can impact the millennial generation's support to keep returning to the noble cultural roots of the Indonesian government. This book meets the needs of its intended readers, namely the youth of the nation's next generation. The information presented is quite relevant to the life of the current Millennial

generation. The book "Generation Back to the Roots" can bring readers to see from a different perspective the attitude of the nation's future generations amid today's technological sophistication.

The author provides an overview in the book "Generation Back to the Roots" of the current millennial generation by researching for more than ten years. The information presented in this book is about developing the thought patterns of each generation in Indonesia. Also shown is the development of Indonesian technology from year to year until the current social media. The book "Generation Back to the Roots" discusses how the millennial generation's attitude faces when the current young age is starting to return to their roots to re-imagine Indonesia.

The book Generation Back to the Roots motivates the millennial generation to strive to continue the imagination of Indonesia. This book also awakens the current millennial generation to talk about idealism, reading books, community, reviving culture, living religion, filling public spaces, and building a national narrative. The book "Generation Back to the Roots" contains subliminal messages or subconscious messages. This book invites readers to trace the history of Indonesian generations. The book Generation Back to the Roots explains that Indonesia's changers' generation cycle is classified into four groups: Generation Alpha, Beta Generation, Theta Generation, and Phi Generation.

First, Generation Alpha are teenagers - young adults born in the 1900s to the 1930s. Generation Alpha grows and grows during times of struggle and struggle for world ideologies which also influence the way of thinking and discussions among Generation Alpha. The youth moved from one city to another because of the emergence of schools or the granary of intellectual movements. The nuances of the times also encouraged Generation Alpha to have three essential abilities: public speaking, writing, and community or organization. Second, the Beta Generation are teenagers – young adults born in the 1940s to 1966. From 1939 to 1944, various invasions in East Asia, China, Poland, Germany, France, England, and Africa have been invasions. During the Beta Generation, which was the first generation to gain access to education, they were no longer considered youth. Third, the Theta Generation, namely teenagers - young adults born in the 1970s to 1998. The Theta Generation, referred to as the Boom Generation or later known as Flower Generations or Gen X, began to rise. The Theta generation gave rise to various moral awareness movements, including a counter-culture action from the younger generation that voiced peace, anti-war, freedom, and inclusiveness. The Theta generation is a young generation that has entered a new era called the New Order era. At that time, the expression of youth identity, culture, and idealism was limit, but Western civilization was wide open.

Fourth, the Phi Generation are teenagers - young adults born from 1988 to 2004's. The Phi generation is the Millennial Generation, the generation that grew up during the reform era. At this time, the rapidly growing use of the internet. The Phi generation responded to the times by returning to their Indonesian roots. This generational archetype cycle can occur more quickly in the presence of various social and political pressures or is called a critical moment. A generation back to the roots is a critical moment or a generational archetype break. The Phi Generation has never experienced intergenerational conflict because the Phi Generation grew up with global and digital understanding supremacy. The younger generation can determine the direction of the market, educational methods, the world of work, entrepreneurship, creativity, digitization, and much more. The Phi Generation or Millennial Generation, amid technological advances, currently has an effort to move back to restore Greater Indonesia. The Phi generation wants to be and feel more "Indonesian" than ever before. They wish to reformulate regional and national culture with a new image through these social media facilities. This spirit is a tremendous force for Millennials to share their thoughts and creative expressions with contemporary reinterpretations. The Phi generation will dismantle the various labels attached to themselves and redefine the meaning of "youth" and "youth" as a manifestation of the nature of an age when it returns to its archetypal roots to return to its roots. When the millennial generation has returned to its roots, they can imagine Indonesia in a "blueprint" that is far more advanced, prosperous, and happy.

The writing style of the book taken by the author is by what is the topic of discussion. The author himself has adapted the research obtained to write the book. What's more, I wrote this book for the millennial generation to discuss the previous and following generations. However, the author does

not discriminate against the mindset of each generation that he discusses. Sufficient size and exciting discussion about reading a book will not bore the readers.

In the introduction, the author does not ignore studies, facts, or other ideas for the reader's consideration. Because can read this book for the general public, especially for the younger generation defending the nation. The author includes his ideas and thoughts to realize the critical role of today's millennial generation. The author also writes that today's young age has begun to return to their roots to develop a more advanced and developing Indonesia.

The book *Generation Back to the Roots* has its advantages, so it is essential to be read by the current millennial generation. The author uses language and word selection that is quite effective so that the reader quickly understands it. Readers will not easily get a boring reading because it is equipped with pictures and covers matching the book's contents. I can see another advantage from presenting a general view of the mindset from generation to generation. The role of the millennial generation is also present to keep abreast of developments and strengthen the roots of the Indonesian nation.

However, besides its advantages, the book *Generation Back to the Roots* also has weaknesses that make people not interested in reading. The first reason is that the author only uses the results of his research. Most of the book's contents tell about the study results that discuss generations from time to time. This book only briefly shows how the efforts of the millennial generation in defending Indonesia in the future. For the millennial generation itself, it might be suitable to read because it is by the conditions. But for those who are not millennial generations may be bored to read this book because it is not ideal for the non-millennial age.

My suggestion is a book reviewer, for further writers can also focus on discussing books about the millennial generation's efforts to defend the Indonesian nation in the future. As well as efforts to realize the nation's ideals with the return of the millennial generation to the country's noble culture. In addition, my advice for readers is to use the *Millennial Generation* book as a basis for understanding and motivation in taking steps to bring change for a more extraordinary Indonesia. Not only does it bring benefits to readers from the millennial generation, but I hope that people will also get benefits and motivation to return to their roots.

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