



## CHAPTER V

### CONCLUSIONS

#### 5.1 Conclusions

Thai religious beliefs have a strong influence on Thai tsunami songs and poems. Animism, Hinduism, and Buddhist beliefs are reflected in the songs and poems. Moreover, these beliefs also influence the attitude of Thai poets toward the tsunami disaster.

Thai poets explain the tsunami by the law of cause and effect. Men destroyed nature and took advantage of nature to fulfill their pleasure; therefore, nature lost its balance and a natural disaster occurred.

The poets also believe that people will be judged by their own Karma. Men can rely on nothing but their Karma, so they should be aware of the result of their actions. In other words, this world will become a paradise if men love each other and practice morality.

The poets also express the law of Karma in order to encourage the readers to help the victims; moreover, they encourage the readers to love one another and live together with peace and sympathy.

The researcher found that Thai tsunami songs and poems that express animism, such as guardian spirits, try to console tsunami victims to feel secure by relying on mysterious powers such

as guardian spirits, and heaven. Vice versa, some poets express Buddhist teaching; they console the victims and telling them to consider the truth and accept it in order to be free from sadness. In other words, they encourage the victims to face problem by themselves.

Tilakkhana is Buddhist concept that is expressed in Thai tsunami songs and poems. The poets discuss Tilakkhana not only for consoling the victims in their sorrow but also for convincing the readers to reduce their greed and selfishness. People who realize that they cannot really possess anything will lose their motivation to become rich or high-class people because money and class are just illusion.

Tilakkhana is also used to connect the feelings of the readers in a common unity. The poets claim that all men share the same fate and same characteristic; that is, they will to die one day. This idea creates the relationship between people and makes them have sympathy with one another.

The emotion in Thai tsunami songs and poems plays a significant role to convincing the readers. The poets evoke the emotion of fear in order to make the readers respect the nature and be aware of the power of nature. In the face of disaster, it is obvious that men are hopeless and helpless. So men should not take advantage of nature but be humble to it and preserve it. In fact, men cannot control nature. They are a small part of nature. So, if nature is destroyed, men are also destroyed. The only way that men can survive is to learn to live in harmony with nature.

The poets also render the emotion of sorrow in order to make the readers sympathize with tsunami victims. In addition, the poets use the tsunami tragedy as a collective memory to unite the feeling of people not only to help tsunami victims but also to bring love and peace to Thai society.

The expression of emotion is very important in tsunami songs and poems. The poets carefully chose the words which can explain their emotions in order to send the sadness and care to the victims. These songs and poems are written for the real disaster, the emotions in them are fresh and strong enough to move the heart of the readers.

From the research, the researcher can conclude that Thai religious beliefs have a strong influence on Thai tsunami songs and poems. These religious beliefs play a significant role in order to render the emotion and send the messages to the readers, which are to console the victims; to encourage the readers to help the victims; to make the people turn to each other; and to learn to live in harmony with nature.

In the face of disaster, Thai people still turn to their religious beliefs. Animism teaches men to be humble and depend on the mysterious power, while Buddhism teaches people to rely on themselves and consider the truth. By expressing Thai religious beliefs, the poets explain the cause of the disaster, teach morality, criticize the contemporary issues, and give solutions.

The poets explain that people's ignorance and greed are the cause of natural destruction. Men have the wrong view and consider nature as a stockpile that they can use liberally to satisfy themselves. Moreover, men have greed that can never be satisfied; therefore, they take advantage of nature until nature loses its balance.

The solution the poets give is that men should learn to decrease their greed by being self-sufficient. Men should learn from nature. Nature shares everything in the world with men without

being possessive. So men should also not try to possess anything for their own interest but live in harmony with nature. The poets write about the truth that no one can live forever, so men should not be greedy or try to possess anything for their own sake.

The poets criticize materialism, which equates the pleasure of men with material goods. Nowadays, people only respect the law but forget morality because morality cannot buy anything. In fact, the poets believe that money cannot bring true happiness because happiness will be in the heart of loving-kindness. The poets also criticize capitalism, which lures people to destroy nature without considering the effects.

The poets teach aspects of morality such as the law of Karma so that people will avoid doing bad things and be motivated to do good. The poets explain that people cannot grab happiness by being selfish but by being kind. People who learn to give will receive happiness in return. If everyone learns to care for each other, then the whole world will be happy and peaceful.

In conclusion, Thai tsunami songs and poems prove that Thai religious beliefs, as the national heritage, are timeless: they can be effectively applied to contemporary issues. Even in modern society, Thai religious beliefs which rooted in Thai society for longtime still have value. Thai tsunami songs and poems are a group of the literary works that show the value of Thai religious beliefs and reveal them as universal ideas: they can describe many things about the tsunami disaster in an understandable and distinct manner.

Thai religious beliefs are the precious treasure of Thai heritage that contain many valuable knowledge. When Thai people face the problem they can turn back to these beliefs. Thai people

use their beliefs to heal their mind and find the solution. It would be regrettable if these beliefs disappear from Thai culture because of western influence. So, to promote Thai beliefs, it is suggested that further research on the role of Thai religious beliefs may be helpful in solving Thai social problems, boosting the ethics and morality in Thai society, and evaluating the mind of Thai people as a whole.

## **5.2 Suggestion for Further Research**

1. The thesis studied analyzed Thai beliefs from only tsunami songs and poems. There are many kinds of literary works in the present, dedicated to the disasters, which also reflected Thai beliefs. By collecting the contemporary Thai literatures from the various sorts, there would have the different result of analysis.

2. Another topic for further research can be a comparative study between the attitudes toward nature from Thai literatures and other literature such as American literature or Chinese literature. By studying how Thai beliefs are similar or different which others' beliefs, Thai people will understand their own beliefs better.