CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

Language, a system of conventional spoken, manual (signed), or written symbols by means of which human beings, as members of a social group and participants in its culture, express themselves. Henry Sweet, (1995: 177-185), an English phonetician and language scholar, stated: "Language is the expression of ideas by means of speech-sounds combined into words. Words are combined into sentences, this combination answering to that of ideas into thoughts.

Language interacts with every aspect of human life in society, and it can be understood only if it is considered in relation to society. Language can be used in a speech or utterance. The study of language is called linguistics. Pragmatics is a part of linguistics. Pragmatics is related to speech acts, where pragmatic is the study of language and its users, while speech act is the study of speech and action.

Based on the topic of the thesis it is concerned with speech acts viewed from video script of lampu islam youtube channel *an atheist converting to Islam.* This topic will be elaborated according to the theory given by J.L Austin and J.R Searle, but the writer will stress on the theory given by Searle (1976), why? Because he has developed his theory more than Austin's.

J.L Austin (1975) is the first person who introduces speech act and divides speech act into three classification such as locutionary act, illocutionary act, and perlocutionary act. And J.R Searle (1976) developed illocutionary act into five

classification, such as representatives, directives, commisives, expressives, and declaratives.

This video is a video featuring a speech from a speaker about his journey to Islam.In this video, we try to understand the meaning contained in the utterances that are described by the speaker trough the classification above.

1.2 Statement of Problem

In a linguistic analysis, problem formulation is certainly needed to describe the research being observed. After knowing the background of a study, there are several questions that arise. The problems are :

1. What are the classification of speech act in An Atheist Converting To Islam?

2. How are the classification of speech acts applied in An Atheist Converting To Islam?

1.3 Objective of the Study

From the formulation of the problem above, we can find out what the purpose of this research are, such as :

1. The way to know the classification of speech acts in An Atheist Converting To Islam.

2. The way to know how the classification of speech acts applied in An Atheist Converting To Islam.

1.4 Scope of the Study

This study talks about speech act that is discussed about utterance-action and language-users in contextual. This study focuses on speech act where there are several classifications of speech act such as locutionary act, illocutionary act, and perlocutionary act according to J.L Austin (1975). And there are several classifications of illocutionary act according to J.R Searle (1976) such as representatives, directives, commisives, expressives, and declratives. They are related to the use of words in language to produce meaning. And the classification above will be analyze in the video script of youtube channel *An Atheist Converting To Islam.*

1.5 Significance of the Study

The benefits that can be taken from this research are theoretical benefits. The theory of speech acts has been introduced by J.L Austin (1975) and has been developed by J.R.Searle (1976). This indicates that the theory of speech acts can be used for research in the same field and which is certainly very useful to provide important information and meaning about linguistics.The one importance of studying speech act is to make us comprehend what message that discovered in every utterance. In the perspective of Functional Systemic Linguistics (LSF), language is a form of social semiotics that is working in a context of situation and cultural context, which is used both orally and in writing. Language is closely related to pragmatics because language can be interpreted if it is adjusted to the context of the situation or social context. while pragmatics discusses the contextual use of

words in language. This topic was chosen because it has an influence or potential

on other individuals to get to know Islam and this video provides information about

an amazing Islamic point of view.