

LIBERATING AND ENLIGHTENING EDUCATION ON QUR'ANIC PERSPECTIVE

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ABSTRACT

This research is to examine the spirit of the verses of the Qur'an about education that is liberating and enlightening. Education is basically caring for the potential and instincts that humans have in order to equip themselves in life with science and knowledge. This study uses library sources as primary data so that this research is included in the category of library research, with a thematic interpretation approach. The findings in this study are, first, the spirit of the Qur'anic verse about liberating education, second, enlightening education with the spirit of the Qur'anic verse is the result of reading as a source of knowledge, giving birth to intelligent individuals who are able to give color. and enlighten themselves and their environment. This research is expected to contribute in exploring the spirit of the verses of the Qur'an by studying thematic interpretations.

Keywords: Education, Liberating, enlightening, Al-Qur'an.

1 INTRODUCTION

Education in principle is a part of human life that cannot be separated, since humans are born, humans have carried out the learning process until old age[1]Some experts even argue that education is considered part of basic human needs, in short, every individual needs education. In practice, education has undergone changes and follows the development of science and technology as well as community culture.

Regarding the development of the quality of human resources (HR), education has an important role in realizing[2]. Superior and quality education is the main pillar in adding knowledge and insight that will form strong individual characters, generations who have faith principles that will support their character.[3]. Education is also believed to be able to liberate the individual community of a nation from being left behind, even quality and quality education will produce individuals as intelligent generations and will appear to enlighten society[4],the purpose of national education as stated in the law on the national education system No. 20 of 2003 is to increase faith and piety as well as noble character. Meanwhile in educational literature, the concept of liberating education originated from the opinion of Paulo Freire, who argued that liberating education is an attempt to liberate every individual from all forms of oppression.[5].

The concept of freedom is an important element in human life, because humans tend to choose freedom in life. Freedom itself is divided into two, namely socio-political freedom and individual freedom[6].In addition to these two freedoms, there are also general juridical freedoms that are human rights and psychological freedoms in terms of directing their lives. In addition to this, there is also existential freedom, namely the freedom that includes the highest human existence. Existentially free individuals describe people who "have themselves", and have a level of autonomy, maturity and spiritual maturity.[7].

Education in the process is a system consisting of various components and is interrelated, among the important educational components is the existence of goals and is related to the success to be achieved, even goals in education are the estuary of the educational process[8]. Likewise in

Islam, the Qur'an as a holy book has also provided direction for the educational process of every Muslim[9]. There are many verses in the Qur'an that give hints about education, including the components of goals in the educational process, so the concept of Al-Qur'an perspective education was born which became the object of Islamic intellectual study. [10].

As a source of Islam, the Qur'an contains issues of belief, worship, morals, muamalah and politics as well as the principles of knowledge, besides this, the Qur'an also teaches many things to mankind, because Islam is a universal religion and comprehensive[11]. In addition to containing religious teachings, the Qur'an also contains the development of science by providing insight and motivation to humans to research various natural phenomena created by Allah SWT, so that they become individuals who have strong faith, pious souls and have noble and intelligent personalities who are able to think independently and progress [12].

The description of the ongoing educational process indicates the occurrence of "oppression" on students, where exploitation and coercion of the will of the teacher or teacher in the learning process on students is still dominant. In practice, students are "forced" to accept and undergo the educational process they undergo, whereas in Islam, according to Asghar Ali Engineer, it has taught that humans occupy the same position and reject all forms of oppression, accumulation of wealth, ignorance and poverty[13]. In essence, in the education process, Islam takes the path of the principles of compassion, democracy, motivation and so on[14].

Islam as a religion is sometimes stigmatized as a religion that is intolerant, fanatic and supports violence, to straighten out these negative issues it is necessary to raise the thoughts of Paulo Freire who is known as the father of liberation[15], who frees from poverty, oppression and ignorance. The meaning of Islam itself in terminology is known as *salama* (safety), *salima* (welfare) and *istislam* (full surrender to the provisions of Allah SWT), when it is associated with liberating and enlightening education, the meaning of the Islamic terminology has represented a liberating conception of education. from poverty and ignorance. Education in Islam can be a vehicle for change, from ignorance to understanding and so on therefore education should be a process of transformation of humanist values. Islamic education is an effort to direct individuals to recognize Islamic values that can be internalized in life. This article explores the signs in the Qur'an through its verses related to education, with the theme "Education that liberates and enlightens the perspective of the Qur'an".

2 Methods

Considering the main theme studied in this study is related to the verses of the Koran which discuss education that contains the spirit of liberation, the type of research chosen is library research, therefore this research will use literature as primary data, either in the form of books, journals, as well as relevant previous research reports[16], while the secondary data was taken from the books of interpretation which discuss educational cues in the verses of the Qur'an with the maudhui or thematic interpretation method[17].

To understand the values and meaning content in the verses of the Koran, this research requires hermeneutics, as an analytical theory of the sacred text. Hermeneutics is a theory and method of interpretation, especially for interpreting sacred texts, wisdom in literature, philosophical texts[18]. The relationship between hermeneutic theory and this educational approach has been going on

since the ancient Greek era, where Dilthey interpreted poetry to develop an understanding of the education system.[19]. From poetry texts, through hermeneutic studies, Wilham Dilthey and Frederic Jameson build an understanding of the education system. In this context, the meaning of education and the values of liberation can be extracted from the verses of the Qur'an.

3 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

a. The Qur'anic Perspective on Education that liberates

Education in Islam is a process that aims to shape humans to have noble character, and appear to be individual servants of Allah who are always obedient to serve and prosper nature as part of social beings. As a servant of God, a devout human being, in education he is treated as a result of the learning process that produces a straight person and has a strong foundation of faith, thereby freeing himself from shirk (darkness) to being a person of monotheism and enlightenment, so that he can practice the values of piety in his life and to be human. In short, the purpose of education in Islam is to create individuals who have the predicate of *insankamil*, namely humans who have a balance between the quality of thinking, *dhikr* and deeds[20].

InsanKamil is a person who reflects obedience in worshiping Allah SWT with the purity of monotheism, is able to understand the nature and purpose of the creation of humans, namely worshiping God and this is in line with the word of Allah in the Qur'an Surah Az-Zariat verse 56, which means "And I did not create the jinn and mankind except that they may serve (worship) Me (Qur'an 51: 56). The meaning of the verse shows that all human movements and activities in their lives are oriented to worship to Allah SWT[21]. Therefore, in carrying out their life activities, all humans must be in line with the will of the creator, namely Allah SWT[22].

Basically, liberating education with signs from the verses of the Qur'an is caring for the value of holiness (*fitrah*) brought by each individual from birth, and maintaining a pure soul for commitment to religious teachings[23]. Liberating education will give birth to individuals from the dogma of shirk (darkness), hypocrisy and tyranny towards a free soul free from the shackles of sin. Liberating education will also produce individuals who are committed to maintaining the potential for holiness (*fitrah*) so that they are able to free themselves from the shackles of negative desires, and in the end will appear individuals who have creativity and good behaviour.

b. An enlightening perspective of the Qur'an on Education

Education basically aims to develop the potential of each individual through the stages of the teaching and learning process to achieve independence and maturity.[24]. It is from the education process that individuals who are able to think creatively and intelligently will enlighten themselves and their environment.

An enlightening educational study in the perspective of the Qur'an is the spirit of literacy with "*Iqra*", where every individual who has been able to read both the text (Qur'anic verses) and the context (universe), is an individual who will appear enlightened by the power of healthy reasoning that is able to combine the intelligence of reason, emotions and feelings[10].

Education that enlightens with the spirit of the verses of the Qur'an is basically reflected in the first revelation that came down, namely the letter *Al-'alaq* from verses 1 to 5, the verse provides demands as well as important information for humans about the importance of reading as a capital

for the development of knowledge and knowledge[25].

The command to read in the first verse of Surah Al-'Alaq, is an order to the Prophet Muhammad and all his people, the command to read here is not just reading, but based on God the creator, meaning in the learning process the main basis is to seek the pleasure of Allah SWT, so that knowledge beneficial[26]. The meaning of iqra is not always identical with reading, but also means conveying, exploring, studying and researching.

Reading activities in the teaching and learning process will open broad horizons for individuals, with a lot of literacy it will open up broad thinking horizons, because reading is the beginning of the intellectual exploration process to explore knowledge, which in turn will strengthen their faith in Allah SWT.[27].

In principle, the spirit of education that enlightens the perspective of the Qur'an from the letter Al-Alaq describes the existence of an educational process by reading, as a gateway to knowledge, by reading humans will gain knowledge and knowledge so as to make themselves intelligent, an intelligent Muslim is those who having knowledge and knowledge from the reading process, will appear to be an intelligent person and illuminate himself and the surrounding community with the light of his knowledge.

4. CONCLUSION

Education in Islam aims to take care of the instinct of purity (fitrah) that is innate from birth, and to develop the potential of the mind to think, so that with the educational process it is expected that humans as individuals who are free from ignorance, tyranny and shirk become a monotheistic person free from the shackles of negative desires.

Education with the spirit of liberation in the perspective of the Qur'an is to provide direction and guidance to individuals to free themselves from negative potential in the form of shirk, tyranny and ignorance by developing the value of holiness and reason.

While enlightening education in the perspective of the Qur'an is a description of the results of "iqra" (reading) both texts and contexts by reading, researching and studying them, in short, intellectual education reflects the character of intelligent and polite individuals who provide enlightenment in the midst of society.

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