ENLIGHTENING EDUCATION ON QURANIC PERSPECTIVE

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Abstract
This article is to reveal that education is not only dealing with issues of intelligence and thinking, but it is also fully responsible for the development of a student's character. Due to the said reason, it is important to explore such research considering that the mental situation of this nation is clearly correlated with the spirit of national education which has been value-free. Our educational philosophy is indeed intellectual, but our learning strategy is no longer concerned with the mental, moral, and developmental aspects of enlightening thinking skills. Al-Qur'an for Muslims is not a mere religious scripture, but it is also indeed to be an enlightening guide to find some basic principles of education which can then inspire in developing a qualified education. This study uses the Qur'anic literature method as well as descriptive and qualitative research with a library research approach by analyzing Qur'anic verses. This article analyzes the signs of al-Qur'an as the basic framework for building an enlightening education.

Keywords: Education, Educational philosophy, Al-Qur'an.

Abstrak

Kata Kunci : Pendidikan, Filsafat Pendidikan, Al-Qur'an
INTRODUCTION

Education is basically a part of life that cannot be separated from every individual, since was born, people have been doing learning with their surroundings until old. In short, every individual need education, education in process changes by following the development of knowledge and technology as well as community culture. In building the quality of human resources, education is very important to realize it. Quality of education become the main pillar of increasing knowledge and insight that will form the individual character of the strongest generation. Education is also believed to be the liberator of the individual community from being left behind. Quality of education will also produce a smart generation who will appear enlighten in the community and the world.

In the education literature, the concept of liberating education was the idea of Paulo Freire, according to him, liberating education is an effort to liberate each individual from the forms of oppression experienced.

In education, process is a system consisting of various interrelated components, and among the components that supports the success of education is the existence of a goal. The objective component in the education process is the estuary of educational activities. Likewise in Islam, the Qur'an has given the direction of the goal educational process that every individual Muslim will aim at. In the Qur'an there are many verses that indicate the components of education, including the existence of objective aspect education, so the concept of Al-Qur'an perspective of education which is studied by Muslim intellectuals was born.

Al-Qur'an as a source of divine information that has taught many things to humans, which contains issues of belief, principles of worship, morals, muamalah, politics and principles of knowledge. In terms of development science, the Qur'an has given insight and motivation to humans to examine various natural phenomena created by Allah SWT. Al-Qur'an as the holy book of Muslims, needs to be internalized in aspects of life, as an effort to form a person who has strong faith, a pious soul, a person who has character and intelligence, thinks forward and independent.

This paper, will discuss the verses of Qur'an related to the perspective of Al-Qur'an education that frees individuals from shirk towards monotheism and enlightens them by having an intelligent mind and strong faith.

METHOD

This research uses the Qur’anic literature method and a qualitative descriptive study with a literature study approach by analysing the verses of Al-Qur’an. Data collection in this study was taken from various sources of written materials and then identified and processed into relevant data. In addition to referring the various reading sources related to research, in the discussion of this material, it refers to several books of interpretation related to material about educational goals in the Qur’an by using the thematic interpretation method. Thematic interpretation or also known as maudu'i interpretation is a pattern of interpretation by focusing on one topic related to a particular problem, then defining the keywords of the problem, and then collecting verses of the Qur’an related to the topic of discussion.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Findings

The educational process in Islam aims to form human beings who have noble character, become servants of Allah who are always obedient to serve and prosper the earth as part of social beings. As an obedient servant of God, education is treated as a result of the learning process that produces a straight person and has a strong aqidah, so that he is free from shirk to become a human being, who is physically and spiritually intact and can live naturally by practicing the values of piety.

According to Syed Muhammad Al-Naqib al-Attas, the goal of education in Islam is to create a universal human individual, which have an integrated relationship between submission and obedience to Allah while carrying a mission of salvation for the social environment. Insan Kamil is also understood as a human being who is balanced in quality, thought, dhikr and deeds.

The "Insan Kamil" is a reflection of obedience in worshiping only Allah by purifying monotheism, understanding the purpose and nature of his creation as a human being, 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 to worship Me. (Surat 51:56)

The meaning of the verse above is that all activities carried out by humans are oriented to worship Allah SWT. Therefore, in carrying out life activities, it must be in accordance with what is desired by Allah SWT.

Liberating education on Quranic perspective is essentially caring for the natural values possessed by individual humankind, so they are maintained and accordance with religious rules and norms, free from the dogmas of shirk, hypocrisy and tyranny. If the individual wants to continue to realize his holy nature potential (tawhid), and be free from the shackles of his

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8 Nara Syaodih Sukmadinata, Metode Penelitian Pendidikan (Bandung: remaja Rosyda Karya, 2010).
negative desires, then one of efforts is through the education process, which will ultimately increase the power of creative thinking and productive.12

**Discussion**

**Concept Of Education In The Qur’an**

The concept of education in the Qur’an literature and Islamic education studies are often used words of *tarbiyah, taklim, takdib* and *tazkiyah*. The four things basically have in common. Where *tarbiyah* is the process of guarding, maintaining, developing and guiding students.13 While the meaning of *taklim* is to tell and explain something, then *muta’alim* (students) know something that was previously unknown and understood. While *takdib* is defined as planting, coaching and strengthening morals in students (*muta’adib*) so they have good morals, have faith and fear of Allah SWT. And the fourth is *tazkiyah*, which means to grow and develop, that is the process of purifying one’s soul from worldly things to achieve the pleasure of Allah SWT. Of the four things, it shows a complementary concept of Islamic Education.14

In its development, the term *tarbiyah* is more widely used by experts in discussing education. According to al-Raghib al-Asfananiy, the word *tarbiyah* comes from the word *rabb* which means to grow or develop something gradually to achieve perfection.15 Meanwhile, Ahmad D. Marimba as quoted by Saehudin, stated that education is a conscious guidance from educators in Physical and spiritual development of students in order to form a good personality.16 Meanwhile, according to Abudin Nata, the word *rabbaniy* means a person who has perfect knowledge and piety to Allah SWT. Thus, the word *rabbaniy* can be understood as a person who has perfect and deep knowledge, and contributes with his knowledge to other people and environment.17

The Qur’an has motivated humans to seek knowledge, verse that was first revealed, named Surah Al-Alaq from verses 1-5 with the command *"iqra"* (reading) is evidence of encouragement and support learning motivation demands knowledge.18 Al-Qur’an is the word of God which contains various things including the field of Education, which is needed by humans, as a provision for world life towards happiness in the world and the hereafter.19

The main foundation in building Islamic education is Al-Qur’an, various terms of educational cues in it include *tarbiyah, taklim, takdib* and *tazkiyah* with different meanings that

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15 Hardiyati and Baroroh.


complement each other. Thus, the purpose of education in Islam is to gain knowledge so there is a change towards moral improvement, to create human beings who are obedient to serve Allah SWT.  

Although Islamic education experts have different opinions about the meaning of education in the Qur'an, they are not changing the meaning of the concept education itself, for example the meaning of *tarbiyah* is more to shape behavior, *taklim* leads to develop intellectual aspects, while *takdīb* develops behavioural aspects, and *tazkiyah* focuses on aspects of mental education. In general, the purpose of education on Quranic perspective is to educate, teach, foster and direct human individuals to carry out their functions as servants of Allah (Abdullah) and as His caliph (representative), which is carrying out human functions requires knowledge.

**Enlightening education on Quranic perspective**

Education is essentially aim to develop the potential possessed by humans and psychic functions through the stages of the learning process to achieve perfection of independence and maturity.  

Enlightening education on Quranic perspective is study of Educational Signs, where the first revelation to the Messenger of Allah was Surah Al-'Alaq verses 1-5 which contains important and basic information for humans regarding the command to read as a process of learning in education.

Surah Al-'Alaq is the 96th surah that consist of 19 verses, the first revealed were verses 1 to 5, which means: 1) Read (o prophet) in the name of your Lord who created, 2) He created man from a clinging clot, 3) Read, and your Lord is the Most Generous, 4) Who taught (humans) by the pen, 5) Taught man that which he knew not.  

In the first verse Allah SWT ordered "*iqra*" (read) using a command sentence (*fi'il amar*), according to Buya Hamka the command to read in the first verse of Surah Al-'Alaq is an order to the Prophet and all his followers to "*iqra*" read in the name of Allah, God who created.

Meanwhile, Quraish Shihab argued that why the first commandment addressed to the Prophet was to read, even though he was an *ummi* (not good at reading and writing). Because *Iqra* is a root word that means to collect, *iqra* does not always mean reading written texts with certain letters. From the meaning of *iqra* (collecting) various meanings were born, including conveying, exploring, studying, researching and reading, in written or unwritten texts.

When the prophet was ordered by the angel Gabriel to read, "*Iqra*" (read), the prophet replied "*ma aqra*?" (what to read). This question is not answered, the wisdom is that Allah SWT wants the Prophet and his people to read anything, as long as reading accompanied by *bismi rabbi* (calling the name of Allah), in the sense of learning to read and knowledge that brings benefits to mankind.

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Reading activities for Muslims are part of the educational process which is very useful in opening the horizons of human beings, reading is the beginning the process of intellectual exploration in search of truth and knowledge, so it will strengthen their faith in Allah SWT. 

The command to read "iqra" in various contexts is reading, researching, exploring, knowing something, reading nature, signs of the times, history and other sciences.

In the second verse, Allah says which means: He has created man from a clinging clot, according to Hamka, the process of creating human beings is the second stage from a clot after nuthfah, and from a clinging clot the next process becomes flesh (mudghah). The Prophet Muhammad was not good at reading and writing, but Jibril still urged him to read up to three times, this is a sign that later the prophet will be able to read and memorize the verses of Allah brought by the angel Jibril, because of the Qur'an itself means reading. Shaykh Muhammad Abdul in his Juz amma interpretation as quoted by Hamka, explains that Allah Almighty has made humans through the process of semen, turned into blood and become whole humans, with His power Allah will be able to make ummi servants into human beings. Moreover, the prophet is a chosen human who occupies the predicate of insan kamil (perfect human). The lesson of the process revelation of the first verse in the Qur'an for Muslims is that all efforts to seek knowledge by reading must be based on the name of Allah.

Whereas in the third verse, "Read, and your Lord is the Most Gracious, according to Hamka, after the first verse that prophet Muhammad was ordered to read in the name of Allah who created man by the process of a clinging clot, followed by reading in the name of God, and God who is meant, of course, is Allah, the Most Noble, Most Gracious and Merciful to all the creatures He created. From this explanation, it can be understood that Allah SWT gives a signal to humans to realize that their potential to be able to read and research, that is a gift from Allah SWT. The knowledge gained from the process of reading and researching and studying the verses of Allah SWT must be implemented in life, and a reflection of people who have intelligence but have a religious character. Every Muslim should have belief that intelligence possessed is an emanation from Allah SWT. All-Knowing and All-Knowing.

In the fourth verse Allah says: "Who taught (humans) by the pen", according to Hamka, this is where Allah SWT as God shows His Most High Privileges and Glory, by teaching humans’ various knowledge and opening it to Him. He gave key to the store of knowledge with qalam. With the qalam (pen) in addition to the tongue used for reading, Allah SWT also stipulates that with the qalam (pen) knowledge can be recorded.

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29 Hamka, Tafsir Al-Azhar Jilid 9 (juz 28, 29, 30).
32 Hamka, Tafsir Al-Azhar Jilid 9 (juz 28, 29, 30).
While in the fifth verse, Allah says which means: "Taught man that which he knew not," according to Hamka, Allah SWT first teaches humans through the qalam. And after being able to use qalam (pen) there will be a lot of knowledge given by Allah SWT to humans, so the knowledge will develop. Basically, the content of Surah Al-Alaq has provided an overview of the education elements, and the results of educational process will be born many intellectuals who have a solid faith, so the knowledge that they have will provide to enlighten themselves and their environment.

CONCLUSION

Education in Islam is to make humans who are free from shirk towards monotheism to become human beings that free from negative impulses. enlightening education on Quranic perspective is the introduction of various phenomena by means of reading, researching, studying, as the first verse was revealed with the command "iqro" (reading as to make intelligent Muslim who have the ability to think rationally.

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34 Hamka.


