Dawah islamiyah

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Da’wah Islamiyah’ Values of API TAUHID Novel by Habiburrahman El Shirazy: Structural Genetic Study

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This research aims to find the Islamic da’wah values in Api Tauhid novel by Habiburrahman El Shirazy using genetic structural study. This research is qualitative research using content analysis technique. The findings of the values observed in terms of da’wah bil hikmah method are 28 pieces, da’wah bil mawdah albasanah method are 48 pieces, and da’wah bil majadalah alhusna method are only 9 pieces. Meanwhile, the values of Islamic da’wah in terms of the da’wah material are as follows. The Islamic da’wah values of aqidah material are 21 pieces. And Islamic da’wah values in terms of morality material are 22 pieces. Thus, the overall total of the values of Islamic Da’wah is 128 pieces. It can be concluded that the da’wah bil almanizah albasanah is more widely used in the Islamic da’wah method of Api Tauhid novel. And da’wah material that is more widely used in the Islamic da’wah of the novel is morality (morality for God and neighbor). From the above conclusion, it is understandable that the da’wah conducted by Habiburrahman in the Api Tauhid novel talks more about morals through bil mawdah albasanah (good word) method. The researcher found the correlations between the content of the novel with the author’s life. First, the characters of Hamza and Bilal who know the biography of a remarkable scholar Bediuzzaman Said Nursi in very detail, so that in the story they are able to tell Bediuzzaman Said Nursi’s struggle coherently. Secondly, the depiction of the characters in the novel are very religious, especially the main character, Fahmi. Religious background is created no other than the madrasah he attended, after which he studied at boarding schools, and finally he enrolled to study religion in the Middle Eastern country. Third, the story when Fahmi invited by his friend, Hamza (the Turk) to get around Turkey in memory of the history of the struggle of Bediuzzaman Said Nursi. Fourth, it is told in the novel about the Fahmi, Hamza and his friends’ trip in Turkey. They visited various places that become the traces of the history of Islam and the struggle of Bediuzzaman Said Nursi. Based on the correlation explained above, the author in his work cannot be separated from the circumstances of the surrounding community. In this case, the characteristics, ideological, political, economic, and social cultures are influential on this Habiburrahman’s work. Social culture that is attached to a work can be viewed from several aspects, such as: social culture, language, religion, employment, customs, arts, and others. The implication of this research is the implementation or application in High School which is expected to have a positive impact on students after studying the literature teaching topic. Api Tauhid novel may be one of the sources of teaching Indonesian subject for High School class XII in the second semester.

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INTRODUCTION

In this last several years, religious literature works start to come out adorning the literature world. Every author begins to compete each other adopting religiosity theme in their works. It is initiated by the appearance of a novel entitled “Ayat-Ayat Cinta”, a work of Habiburrahman El Shirazy in 2007 which is released on the cinema and there are some people who love both the novel and the movie. From what is happening, there are many authors at the same time adopt religious theme in their novels. In fact, it is not only novel, but there are several dramas with religious theme adorning entertainment world in this country.

Literature is one of art work which contains aesthetic value. Nurgiantoro (1955:322) states that novel is one of literature work which cannot be separated from its author’s background, moreover, if the author is muslim, there is a big possibility of the
birth of his work which is based on his motivation to deliver moral message of his religion, thus the things he experienced in.

Habiburrahman El Shirazy, the author, is the alumnae of University of Al-Azhar Cairo, Egypt, has different method in da’wah. He does not have to always stand on the podium, but he uses literature as da’wah medium that can open the reader’s eyes of their hearts and increase their knowledge of Islam. Those things are provided through novel. And apparently proved, his novels always get an award as best seller novel. Thus, it proves that Habiburrahman’s novel are very compelling for the bookworm society.

From the explanation above, it can be concluded that literature can be used as medium of da’wah for those who have good skill in writing, so they are able to give the reader religious value. And, through literarture, we can explore some potential within ourselves that need to be developed.

Looking at the formulation of character education of The Ministry of Education and Culture, da’wah islamiah values can be classified into one of settled character value. That value can be catagorized as religious character, that is an attitude and obedient behavior in doing religion doctrine that one adheres, tolerant to the religious services of the other religions, and live harmoniously with the other religion believers. So, it is crystal clear these islamic values can be implemented in tecching Indonesian literature.

In this occasion, the researcher wants to investigate thoroughly the da’wah islamiah values in the Api Tauhid novel by Habiburrahman El Shirazy (genetic structural study). How are the da’wah values in the Api Tauhid novel of Habiburrahman El Shirazy considering the aspect of da’wah islamiah? How are the da’wah values in the Api Tauhid novel by Habiburrahman El Shirazy considering the background of social cultures of the society? How are the da’wah values in the Api Tauhid novel by Habiburrahman El Shirazy considering the world of author’s view? How is the implication of da’wah islamiah values in the Api Tauhid novel by Habiburrahman El Shirazy concerning the teaching of Indonesian literature in High School?

Da’wah is nothing but someone’s call or invitation to others to call on the truth and prevent it from evil deeds. Da’wah can be done through words, deeds and even using wealth. Any form of solicitation which calls on the truth and prevent it from evil deeds, then it is included in da’wah. However, the true da’wah islamiah is when the call and prohibition are based on Alquran and hadist according to Allah’s set. From that explanation, the values of da’wah can be observed through: 1) technique aspect as well as method in delivering da’wah 2) delivered materials of da’wah. The technique of delivering it is called da’wah method. The following is the explanation about da’wah value according to its way of delivering and da’wah islamiah material.

The following is the verse about dakwha islmiyah method, and the meaning is: “Invite (mankind, O Muhammad SAW) to the way of your lord (i.e Islam) with wisdom (i.e. with the Devine Inspiration and the Quran) and fair preaching, and argue them in
away that is better. Truly, your lord knows best who has gone astray from His path, and He is the best Aware of those who are guided.” QS (16:125)

From the word of Allah above, it can be summarized that there are three steps in da’wah: Hikmah, Mau’idzah Hasanah, Al Mujadalah Al Hasna. As da’wah method, al-hikmah can be defined as wise, noble mind, relieved, clear heart, drawing attention to the religion and God. In Al-Qahtany point of view in Aripudin (2011:10), hikmah in da’wah method is not only about things related to good words, politeness and gentleness, but the definition is more than that. According to him, hikmah includes all of da’wah approaches with depth of ratio, education, fair preaching, dialogue in its place, criticism and the power of weapon in its place.

Suparta and Harjani (2003:17) add some definition of Al-Mau’dzatil Hasanah which is classified into some forms: a) advice or religious advice b) guidance, instruction (education) c) stories d) good news and warning (al_Basyir dan al_Nadzir) c) testament (positive message).

Al-Bayanuni in Sambas (2009:156) argues that according to lughawi, al-mujadalah or al-jidal means al_munaqasah, al-munacharah, al-muhawarah (discussion, dan academic dialogue) and argumentation war. Meanwhile, the term al-jidal is someone’s contradiction to his rival wrong opinion with the argument and a kind.

In da’wah material, Muhammad Al-Ghazali in Ibdaalsyah (2004: 43) makes the source of first reference is Alquran and Assunah. From both main refferencies, da’wah materials are produced to be delivered to da’wah object (mad’u). Alquran is Allah’s words which He sent down to be human lifeline so that they always be in the Straight Way. Similarly, Assunah or hadits is all Rasulullah sayings and deeds.

Bachtjar (1997: 33-34) states that dawah material is nothing but al islam based on Alquran and hadist as the main sources including aqidah, syariah and akhlak with various branch of knowledge which are obtained from it. Aqidah has to be based on iman (faith). Iman comes from amana which means believe or accept. Aqidah or faith is certain and strongly believe to the six pillars of Islam: 1) Believe in Allah 2) Believe in malaiikat 3) Believe in holy books 4) Believe in prophets 5) Believe in judgement day 6) Believe in qadha and qhadar.

Akhlak (manner) is a good deed. It shows the birth of noble movement and word which are easy without having to be cogitated, intentional or pretend including the relationship between human and Allah, human and human, and human and his surroundings.

Da’wah islamiyah values, which can be learnt by students and of course are very beneficial for them as their supporting knowledge of literature. Religion criteria set up in the character values which have to be there in themselves as one of the main foundation of their attitudes.
The finding of intrinsic element in the Api Tauhid novel can be implemented in teaching literature in High School by analyzing its structure fits to the basic competency in point 3.1. Meanwhile, the introduction to da’wah values containing religious element correlate with extrinsic element which is existed in the novel.

Structural approach tries to accurately reveal the correlation of all literature work element which together produce a full meaning. Structural means a description of structures. Structural theory tries to accurately reveal the correlation among all literature work elements which together produce a full meaning.

According to Faruk (2010:13), Genetic structure is literature theory which believe that literature work is not only a static structure and born by itself, but also the result of structuring categorized structure of its creator or certain collective subject which is developed from the interaction result between the subject and social circumstances and certain economy.

Thus, structural genetic is one of structure analysis which leads an art work based on the result of its manifestation origin. The study process is began by determining the structure of a literature work followed by connecting several elements to reality of the society and author world view.

**METHODOLOGY**

This research was qualitative research using content analysis. The collected data were taken from word form and view which its written research contain word and sentence from the data to illustrate and provide evidence of the presentation. Considering this research is qualitative, so the technique of data collecting in this research was library technique is the technique of data collecting by using written sources. Generally, more than fifty percent of the research activity process is reading. Library technique is done by finding, collecting, reading and studying the articles or reports related to the research object.

**Time and Place of the Research**

In line with the formulated planning, this research needed around five months which was began from January to June 2016. Also, it was not bond by place considering this research is about content analysis.

**Technique and Procedure of the Research**

This research went through several steps, such as determining the object of the research, determining the analysis criteria based on the questions of the research, determining the technique of analysis, determining the unit of analysis, analyzing the material and interpreting.
Esmir (2010:129-133) states that technique of the data analysis is conducted based on Miles and Huberman concept, it is done in three continuous processes: data reduction, data display, and summarising or verification. Data reduction stage by explaining identified intrinsic element of Atr Tawhid by Habiburrahman including the identified aspect of da'wah islamiyah values in the novel, checking and selecting identified data appropriate to the research subfocus, giving a code to the checked data, clarifying data according to the aspect of fixed character education using a table, calculating collected data from every observed aspect.

In the data display stage, it was done by describing structural analysis in the novel. The interpretation was done by defining the author's background, the history of social culture of society and conducting genetic structural analysis. The last stage is summarising or verification of the data by concluding the interpretation result of the structural genetic analysis. The process of the research data analysis can be generalized in this following:

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**RESEARCH FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION**

The researcher classified the data according to da'wah islamiyah category considering da'wah method used, and da'wah islamiyah values considering the given da'wah material. Meanwhile, da'wah islamiyah values considering da'wah method are: *al-hikmah* (wisdom), *mauadzatul al-hasanah* (good lesson), and *al-mujadalah al-husna* (noble debate). In the matter of da'wah material, there are several thing to analyse: aqidah (belief) and akhlak (moral).

Habiburrahman had suggested da'wah islamiyah values in his novel relevant with the way of preaching. Reminding and advising each other is one of da'wah bil almawaidzah method which is suggested more in his novel. Habiburrahman beautifully and attractively preaching his readers in which his novel tells about what the characteristic of the soul who always wants Allah swt are.

In da'wah *bil hikmah* method, the researcher found the da'wah techniques which are wise, full of wisdom and haq (right) words, and that da'wah is adapted to the condition when someone has to talk or silent. In da'wah *bil mauadzah alhasanah* (good
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Besides concerning intrinsic, extrinsic and social group view of the author, genetic structural study also concerns about historical background, period, and social of society.

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The researcher found the presence of the correlation between the content of the novel and the authors’s life. This can be seen from the main character of the story who tells the event he experienced in which correlate to the authors’s life. The followings are the relationship between the story content of Api Tauhid novel and habiburrahman’s life.

The depiction of the characters in the novel are very religious, especially the main character, Fahmi. Religious background is created no other but the madrasah he attended, after which he studied at boarding schools, and finally he enrolled to study religion in the Middle Eastern country. And so does Habiburrahman, he experienced to study begin from MTS, MAPK, and finally attended University of Al Azhar, Kairo, Egypt.

Fahmi’s story where he asked by his friend, Hamza (the Turk) to travel around Turkey in order to recall the history of Badiuzzaman Said Nursi struggle. Similarly Habiburrahman also had travelled around Turkey sightseeing historical places of Islam and Badiuzzaman Said Nursi, so that he is able to draw its condition interestingly and clearly.

The story of Fahmi, hamzah and their friends’ journey while they were in turkey is about they visit to various historical places of Islam and the struggle of Badiuzzaman Said Nursi. It is similar to Habiburrahman’s experience which he had an experience to travel around Turkey accompanied by Ustadz Hasbi Sen on June 22 to July 1, 2012.
CONCLUSIONS

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This novel is full of lesson and good value which can develop a soul and melt the heart of its readers. It can be conclude that in this novel, Habiburrahman uses more almaududah alhasanah method, such as telling story or giving a narrative story without being know-it-all while preaching. The following is the findings of da’wah islamiyah values observed in terms of da’wah *bil hikmah* method are 28 pieces, da’wah *bil mawdudah alhasanah* method are 48 pieces, and da’wah *bil mujadalah alhusna* method are only 9 pieces.

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