

## RECONSTRUCTION OF ISLAM AS AN ENVIRONMENTALLY RELIGION

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**Abstract:** *Islam is known as a peaceful religion and always strengthens friendship with Islamic law based on tolerance for all religions recognized in the world. But many events tarnish the image of Islam in the eyes of the world so that the anarchist stamp is often a characteristic of Islam. The Islam presented by Muhammad SAW as a religion full of peace, tolerance and humanity but what happened now is that Islam seems to have a special character in religion by making the exclusivity of various communities feel the most true of their Islam. This is the time bomb that divides Islam. The impression that was built actually made people lose trust. There must be a revival movement to change the image of Islam better with the sustainable power of all lines, debates about several Islamic groups suspected of triggering internal and external divisions of religion and international issues related to terrorism. Islam must change it with multi-dimensional strength so that the world recognizes Islam as an environmentally religion.*

**Abstrak:** *Islam terkenal sebagai agama yang damai dan selalu menguatkan silaturahmi dengan ukuzwuh Islam yang berlandaskan toleransi untuk semua agama yang diakui di dunia ini. Namun banyak peristiwa yang mencoreng citra Islam di mata dunia sehingga cap anarkis acap kali menjadi ciri khas Islam. Islam yang dihadirkan Muhammad SAW sebagai agama penuh damai, penuh toleransi dan manusiawi namun yang terjadi sekarang Islam terkesan agama bergam pencirian khusus dengan membuat eksklusifitas beragama komunitas merasa yang paling benar keIslamannya. Hal inilah yang menjadi bom waktu yang memecahbelahkan Islam. Kesan yang dibangun justru makin membuat masyarakat kehilangan kepercayaan. Harus ada gerakan kebangkitan untuk mengubah citra Islam lebih baik dengan kekuatan berkesinambungan dari semua lini, perdebatan tentang beberapa kelompok-kelompok Islam yang ditenggarai pemicu perpecahan internal dan eksternal agama maupun isu-isu internasional terkait terorisme. Islam wajib mengubahnya dengan*

*kekuatan multi dimensional agar dunia mengakui Islam sebagai agama yang ramah lingkungan.*

**Keywords:** *Islam; reconstruction; Environmentally*

## INTRODUCTION

Religion is a belief that can originate from a hereditary factor or a belief that is followed through a long process of understanding. In Indonesia, there are five religions, namely Islam, Protestant Christians, Catholic, Hindu and Buddhist Christians. Each religion has a scripture that is believed to be a guide to life. Until there are many assumptions that God is the same in the sense that every religion recognizes one God. But this assumption often becomes a polemic triggering potential inter-religious conflicts. The form of tolerance of religious communities is a dream that until now all religions are still difficult to recognize, especially some of the bombings in several churches and Bali bombings that have damaged the image of Islam in the eyes of the world. It takes a long time and process to restore the confidence of the world to feel comfortable and safe in Indonesia, where the majority are Muslim.

A variety of understandings of a religion raises debate about the definition of religion itself, although later some thinkers have similarities in defining religion as a law of God which contains instructions to the truth in beliefs, and in acting and associating. Religion as the revelation of God Almighty cannot be changed even though the generation or society that has received it has changed and has changed its structure and way of thinking.<sup>1</sup>

Every religion has its own existence, the recognition of belief is personal but because within the religions there are rules, rules or standard norms that are universal about human relations with God (vertical direction) and fellow human relations (horizontal direction) which is absolutely done by its adherents. All rules or rules are listed in the Scriptures of each religion and are understood correctly by religious leaders and scholars. Because of this existence religion cannot be arbitrarily interpreted by people whose understanding is lacking in interpreting the scriptures. Still a problem between belief and trust. Trust is often regarded as the embodiment of local wisdom, especially related to customs where in Indonesia consists of thousands of tribes and this also affects the emergence of trust in the Creator.

Characteristics of a religion include, in religion, the obligation to believe in something Holy (commonly called God, God and others) accompanied by

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<sup>1</sup> Fachrizal Afandi, *PAKEM: Salah Satu Upaya Negara dalam Melindungi Agama*, 482

the obligation to make contact with the Holy One through rituals, cults and requests. Religion also has doctrines in the relationship between humans and those that are purified so that the attitude of life that is grown or carried out is based on it.<sup>2</sup>

The presence of Islam brought by the prophet Muhammad SAW. believed to be able to guarantee the realization of human life that is physically and spiritually prosperous. In it there are various clues about how humans should respond to life and life more meaningfully in the broadest sense. Religion is believed to form intrapersonal communication, interpersonal to mass communication. Until Islam becomes a powerful medium of communication that gathers all external and inner strength. Al Qur'an and hadith are absolute and consistent sources of law.

Religious instructions regarding various kinds of human life, as contained in the sources of the teachings of the Qur'an and Hadith, appear to be ideal and majestic. Islam teaches a dynamic and progressive life, respects the mind about the development of science and technology, always develops social care, respects time, is open, democratic, quality oriented, egalitarian, partnership, anti-feudalistic, loves cleanliness, prioritizes brotherhood, noble and other positive attitudes.<sup>3</sup>

The religion of Islam brought by the Prophet Muhammad sallallahu 'alaihi wa sallam is the most perfect Shari'a. All aspects of human life have been arranged in it very neatly. That is because Allah Subhanahuwata'ala has sent him to all humans and as a cover of the prophets, so that the Shari'a will always be there until the end of time and is always relevant to be carried out at all times and places. Allah Subhanahuwata'ala mentions the perfection of this religion in His word,

الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَتَمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَتِي وَرَضِيْتُ لَكُمُ الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا

«On this day I have perfected for you your religion, and I have fulfilled My favor upon you and I have also accepted Islam to be a religion for you.» (Surat al-Ma'ida: 3)

The perfection of religion is infinite divine grace. Therefore, the Jews used to envy Muslims for hearing and knowing the verse. They said, «If this verse came down to us (Jews), we would have made it (a day of descent) as a "Yaum al-'Id"»<sup>4</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Fahrizal Afendi, *Salah Satu Upaya Negara Dalam Melindungi Agama*, 2

<sup>3</sup> Fadhil Al-jamali, *Menerabas Krisis Pendidikan Dunia Islam*, (terj) H.M Arifin (Jakarta: Golden Terayon, 1992), 11-12.

<sup>4</sup> Shahih al-Bukhari no. 4606.

When viewed from the statements of the Jews, it can be concluded how the Jews knew the magnitude of the verse which mentions the perfection of this Islamic religion, so that they envy us and wish if the verse was revealed to them. Although in reality the Jews still cannot recognize or accept Islam as a religion that has the power of perfection of a religion. Apart from that all Islam still recognizes the Jewish people, which in the Qur'an also reads some verses about the Jews.

How great is the blessing that Allah Subhanahuwata'ala bestows on the Muslims. However, it is unfortunate that some Muslims do not know such things, so there are those who feel inferior to Islam, while others actually add to this religion, something that is not derived from Islam. Until there is a question «How islamic are you» into a discourse that seems to be rough Islam can still be made a classification based on human understanding which actually mostly arises from non-Muslims. Understanding Divine favors really requires a process and each human being has a different mindset even though in religion it is explained that meaning favors begins with gratitude but gratitude also contains different understandings based on experience and self-awareness.

The fact is that Islam in the present day displays a situation far from ideal ideals. Worship performed by Muslims such as prayer, fasting, charity, pilgrimage, and so forth only stop at the expense of obligations and become a symbol of piety, while the fruits of worship which have dimensions of social care are less visible. In the community there has been a misunderstanding in understanding and living religious symbolic messages.<sup>5</sup>

As a result of a misunderstanding of understanding these religious symbols, religion is more lived as an individual's salvation, not as a collective social blessing. As an example of the fifth pillar of Islam, hajj is considered a worship as a status symbol in order to be recognized in social life until the meaning of Hajj becomes blurred and more sad, many events that show Islam as a religion consisting of the poor until the distribution of zakat causes many problems and even victims. Portrait of these events as if God is not present in the problems of our lives but only an image or marking of the identity of the religious people in an identity card or biodata. . In this paper the author will explain a little about the aspects of absolute truth contained in Islam and many more "homework" that we must do as people who claim to be Muslim.

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<sup>5</sup> There are many examples of people's misunderstandings in understanding religious symbols. On a sacrifice day, a person who gives a goat sacrifice to the mosque tells the committee to sacrifice so that he does not need to send the meat to his qurban. The reason was that he didn't want the goat to be climbed in the Mahsyar field to look deformed after the goat was eaten alone.

Not to those who should start but internal strengths that not only dwell on God's form, creature's form, human creation to God's meaning because it is not those things that trigger polemics in Islam but rather understanding each other's understanding of Islam deviantly, destroying the meaning and the image of a peaceful Islam. Reconstruction or rebuilding the performance of Islam in the eyes of the world which already sees Islam as a religion full of violence, far from tolerance until the face of Islam is accompanied by a chronic pattern of poorly.

## ISLAM AS RELIGION

Before discussing further about the understanding of Islam, of course it is necessary to know in advance what is meant by religion itself. Harun Nasution said that religion can be defined in several ways as follows: <sup>6</sup> 1) Recognition of the existence of human relations with supernatural powers that must be obeyed; 2) Bind self to a form of life that contains recognition of a source that is outside the human self that controls human actions; 3) Belief in something supernatural that creates a certain way of life; 4) A system of behavior derived from supernatural powers; 5) Recognition of the obligations which are believed to be based on a supernatural power; 6) Worship of supernatural powers that arise from feelings of weakness and fear of mysterious forces that occur in the natural surroundings; 7) Doctrine revealed to humans through a messenger.

Based on the opinion expressed by Harun Nasution above the author is more inclined or agree to the last statement that religion is a doctrine that comes from God revealed to all mankind through an apostle, as a way of life for humans to achieve a happy life of the world and the hereafter.

Furthermore, the notion of the religion of Islam, as the last religion, Islam is known to have distinctive characteristics compared to previous religions. Through various literatures that talk about Islam, there can be a description of the religion of Islam, the source and scope of its teachings, as well as ways to understand it.

Islam, it comes from the Arabic language "salima" which means to be safe, sentimental and peaceful. From the word salima then it is changed to "aslama" which means surrender to peace.<sup>7</sup> Furthermore according to other arguments, Aslama has the meaning of keeping in a safe state and means also self-submission, submission, obedience and obedience. Therefore, the person

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<sup>6</sup> Harun Nasution, *Islam Ditinjau Dari Berbagai Aspeknya*, jilid 1 (Jakarta: UI Press. 1979), 10.

<sup>7</sup> Abudin Nata, *Metodologi Studi Islam* (Jakarta: PT. Raja grafindo persada, 2010), 61-62.

who surrenders, is obedient and obedient is called a Muslim, which in turn will guarantee the life of the strait of the world and the hereafter.<sup>8</sup>

As long as the definition above it can be concluded that the religion of Islam is a name for a religion that comes from Allah SWT. Which has extraordinary differences from the names of other religions.

## THE TRUTH ASPECTS IN ISLAM

Islamic teachings are based on the Qur'an and Sunnah, and those who hold fast to them will not be lost by the times and times. As said by the Prophet Muhammad:

عَنْ كَثِيرِ بْنِ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ عَنْ أَبِيهِ عَنْ جَدِّهِ رَضِيَ قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ص: تَرَكْتُ فِيكُمْ أَمْرَيْنِ لَنْ تَضِلُّوا مَا تَمَسَّكْتُمْ بِهِمَا: كِتَابَ اللَّهِ وَ سُنَّةَ نَبِيِّهِ. ابن عبد البر

*From Kathir bin Abdullah from his father from his grandfather RA, he said: The Messenger of Allāh: once said: «I have left you with two things that you will not go astray as long as you hold fast to both, namely: the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of His Prophet». [HR. Ibn Abdil Barr]*

The Qur'an is the main source of Islamic teachings because it comes from God and is guaranteed its truth. In the al-Qur'an there is a clue about everything, but some of the instructions are brought in a state that is still general (global). To apply the al-Qur'an there needs to be reasoning and processing of human reason, and because of that the al-Qur'an was revealed to intelligent people. al-Qur'an also functions as a judge or referee who regulates the course of human life so that it runs straight in accordance with Islamic law.<sup>9</sup>

Al-Quran al-Karim introduces himself with various characteristics and traits. One of them is that it is a book whose authenticity is guaranteed by God, and it is a book that is always preserved. As explained in His Holy Word:

إِنَّ نَحْنُ نَزَّلْنَا الذِّكْرَ وَإِنَّ لَهُ لَحَافِظُونَ

*«Verily We have sent down the Qur'an and we are the Preserver of Him» (Surat al-Hijj: 9).*

And in another word that reads:

وَإِنَّهُ لَتَنْزِيلُ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

*“And indeed the Qur'an is truly revealed by the Lord of Hosts.” (QS. Ash-syu'ara ': 192)*

<sup>8</sup> Nasruddin Razak, *Dienul Islam* in Abudin Nata, *Metodologi Studi Islam* (Jakarta: PT. Raja grafindo persada, 2010), 61-62

<sup>9</sup> Abudin Nata, *Metodologi Studi Islam*, 71.

Thus Allah guarantees the authenticity of the Qur'an, guarantees given on the basis of His omnipotence and omniscience, and thanks to the efforts made by His creatures, especially by humans. With the guarantee of the above verse, every Muslim believes that what he reads and hears as the Koran does not differ in the slightest from what was read by the Messenger of Allah, and which was heard and read by the companions of the Prophet.

Dr. Muhammad Abdullah Daraz said: "He was called the Qur'an because he was" read "verbally, and was called the Book because he was" written "with a pen. Both names show the meaning that corresponds to reality. The naming of the Koran with these two names gives a sign that it has been preserved with memorization and writing. Thus, if one of them is deviated, the other will correct it. We cannot rely solely on memorizing someone before memorizing it in accordance with the writings that have been agreed upon by friends, which is passed on to us from generation to generation according to the circumstances when he made it for the first time. And we also cannot rely only on the writers' writings before the writing is in accordance with the memorization of the friends based on shohih and mutawatir isnad.

With this double guard, by Allah has been implanted into the souls of the people of Muhammad to follow the steps of His prophet, the Qur'an is kept awake in a strong fortress. This is nothing but to realize God's promise that guarantees the preservation of the Qur'an.<sup>10</sup>

The Jews knew very well that Rasulallah was so concerned about the purity of Islamic teachings, so it was mentioned in one hadith which related that Rasulallah had seen Umar ibn al-Khattab holding a sheet of Torah in his hand, then Rasulallah SAW. in an unhappy tone:<sup>11</sup>

اومتهوكون بها يا بن الخطاب؟ لقد جئتمكم بها ببيضاء نقيه. والذى نفسى بيده. لو كان موسى حيا ما  
وسعه الا ان يتبعنى

*"Do you still doubt your religion, O Ibn al-Khattab? Even though I have brought this religion to you clearly and clearly. For the sake of the One whose soul is in His grasp, if Moses lived surely he would follow me"* (HR. Ahmad, Abu Ya'la, and al-Bazzar)

From the above hadith it can be concluded that the religion of Islam is a religion that is truly perfect, as well as perfecting for previous religions. Besides that, because one of the sources of Islamic law is Al-Qur'an, where the Qur'an has been guaranteed by Allah SWT through its words. One of them in Surat Al-Imran is:

<sup>10</sup> An-Naba'ul 'Azim, Cetakan Darul Qalam, Kuwait, hal. 12-13

<sup>11</sup> Manna' Khalil Al-Qattan. 2013, *Studi Ilmu-ilmu Al-Qur'an*. Bogor: Pustaka Litera AntarNusa.hal: 491

إِنَّ الدِّينَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الْإِسْلَامُ

«Indeed the true religion with Allah is only Islam.» (QS. Ali Imran: 19)

وَمَنْ يَبْتَغِ غَيْرَ الْإِسْلَامِ دِينًا فَلَنْ يُقْبَلَ مِنْهُ وَهُوَ فِي الْآخِرَةِ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ

«And anyone who seeks a religion other than Islam will never be accepted from him and in the hereafter he will be among those who suffer losses.» (Surat Ali Imran: 85)

So, what else still makes us doubt the truth. Isn't it very clear what God has said for us. As Muslims we should believe in truth that Islam is the true religion, and the truth is absolutely because all of its teachings are always based on the inheritance of the Prophet, namely the Qur'an and Hadith.

## PROSPERITY ASPECTS IN ISLAM

This Islamic religion has summarized all forms of benefit taught by previous religions. This Islamic religion which he brought is more special than the previous religions because Islam is a teaching that can be applied at any time, anywhere and in any society. Allah ta'ala said to the Messenger of Allaah 'alaihi wa sallam:

وَأَنْزَلْنَا إِلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ بِالْحَقِّ مُصَدِّقًا لِمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ مِنَ الْكِتَابِ وَمُهَيِّمًا

“And We have sent down to you the Book correctly as a reformer of the previous books and the teststone upon them.” (Surat al-Ma'ida: 48)

The purpose of the statement of Islam is suitable to be applied in every time, place and society is to hold fast to it will never conflict with the goodness of the people at any time and in any place. Even with Islam, the state of the people will be good. However, it is not what is meant by the statement of Islam that is suitable for every time, place and society. Islam is subject to the will of every time, place and society, as desired by some.

Islam is the true religion. A religion that has received a guarantee of help and victory from Allah the Exalted for anyone who clings to it with truth. Allah ta'ala said:

هُوَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ رَسُولَهُ بِالْهُدَىٰ وَدِينِ الْحَقِّ لِيُظْهِرَهُ عَلَى الدِّينِ كُلِّهِ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْمُشْرِكُونَ

“He is the One Who sent His Messenger with the Guidance and the true Religion to be won over all the existing religions, even though the polytheists did not like it.” (Surat Ash Shaff: 9)

Islam is a teaching that includes creed / belief and shari'a / law. Islam is a perfect teaching, both in terms of the aqeedah and the shari'a it teaches

about : 1) Islam commands to obey Allah Ta'ala and forbid politeism; 2) Islam commands to do honesty and forbid lies; 3) Islam commands to do justice and prohibit persecution; 4) Islam commands the fulfillment of mandates and prohibits treason; 5) Islam commands to keep promises and prohibit breach of promises; 6) Islam commands devotion to both parents and prohibits ungodly acts against them; 7) Islam instructs to establish friendship (interrupted kinship relationships) with relatives and Islam forbids the act of breaking friendship; 8) Islam commands good relations with neighbors and prohibits bad behavior from them.

In general it can be said that Islam commands all noble morals and prohibits low morality. Islam commands all kinds of good deeds and forbids all bad deeds. Allah ta'ala said :

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَاءِ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ

*«Verily Allah commands to do just, ihsan and to provide for relatives. And God forbids all forms of cruel and evil deeds, and acts of transgression. Allah reminds you that you will take lessons. «(Surat an Nahl: 90)*

The statements and explanations above it is clear that Islam is a comprehensive religion, which can be accepted in any society, because its teachings cover and are able to fulfill all the needs of human life wherever and whenever. Religion that is environmentally friendly is full of tolerance that is built from noble character according to the teachings written in the Qur'an and hadith.

## CONCLUSION

Islam comes from the Arabic "salima" which means to be safe, sentimental and peaceful. From the word salima then it is changed to "aslama" which means surrender to peace. Islam is a religion that Allah sent down and destined for all humanity through the mediation of a Prophet, Muhammad SAW. Allah SWT gives him all noble morals to be an example for all humans. Besides that Allah gave to him the Qur'an as a miracle and as a guide for all people in the universe. Everything has been explained in the words of God written in the Qur'an. The function of the Qur'an itself is to justify the religion of Islam, which from the explanation in the discussion above we know that Islam is a religion that is truly true. Islam is a religion that is peaceful and able to unite all religions without disturbing the beliefs of other religions. Islam has noble teachings, all the rules of human life are regulated therein from the teachings of Allah, the association of life and so on.

Therefore Islam is flexible and accepted in any society. Re-changing the image of Islam that is safe, peaceful and peaceful begins with the power of recontraction, all multi dimensions that are not influenced by exclusivity or egocentric patterns that are believed by Islamic communities which do not trigger a potential conflict. To restore the original nature of Islam in the real and recognized world.

This article is certainly far from perfection for that the author requests constructive criticism and suggestions from the readers. Hopefully useful for those who read and study, and hopefully the authors convey here really bring benefits in the world and the hereafter.

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