

The Importance of Learning Islamic Religious Education to Shape Students' Morals at PAB 8 Saentis Private High School

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ABSTRACT

This study raises the issue of the importance of learning Islamic Religious Education to shape students' morals. The subjects of this study were students from SMA PRIVATE PAB 8 SAENTIS. This research was conducted in August 2022. The method used is the observation method. The results of this study indicate that the learning process at SMA PAB 8 SAENTIS has been running quite effectively in accordance with the basic concepts of the learning process carried out by most educators in general, namely students who follow the learning process enthusiastically, especially in learning . Islamic Education course. The method used by teachers of Islamic Religious Education subjects is the method of lectures, discussions, questions and answers, and assignments. However, the results of this study are not in line with expectations, even though the implementation of the learning process has been running according to the basic procedures that have been set. However, the morals of the santri and female students still cannot be said to be good, even though only some of them show an attitude that is not in accordance with Islamic Religious Education.



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1. INTRODUCTION

Education is the basic foundation for human life. Every child from an early age learns to develop and use his mental, moral and physical strengths. All of this is obtained through education. Education is very important for children because it can educate children to achieve their dreams. One form of education that is fostered from an early age is religious education, especially Islamic education for us as Muslims.

Islamic religious education is essentially a vehicle for the formation of human character with noble morals. In Islamic teachings, morals or manners cannot be separated from faith. Faith is a confession of the heart in believing in Allah Subhanahu Wata'ala. Morals are a reflection of faith in the form of behavior, speech and attitudes, or in other words, morals are good deeds. Faith is meaningful, while morals are proof of faith in the form of actions carried out with awareness and only because of Allah.

In carrying out daily life, the level of education helps people gain respect and recognition. This is an inseparable and inseparable part of life both personally and socially. Islamic religious education is very closely related to education in general, Islamic religious education aims to increase students' devotion to Allah Subhanahu Wata'ala. The aim of Islamic education which is in line with the mission of Islam is to improve moral values so that akhlaq al karimah is

achieved.

Families who do not educate their children from childhood, so they cannot understand the norms that apply in the realm of social life. Good habits that are in accordance with religious teachings are not modeled by parents to their children from a young age. Good habits formed from birth will be the main basis for forming a child's personality. If their personality is filled with religious values, good morals, then children will avoid bad behavior. The aim of Islamic education is the formation of morals that are capable of producing moral people, clean souls, strong wills, correct ideals and high morals. Providing religious education to children from an early age will make children better, religious, with noble character and noble character.

2. METHODS

To obtain data and information, the method the author used in writing this research was the Observation Method, namely data collection was carried out by looking, observing and analyzing the object. In this case, the author does this by following learning activities, teaching experience, especially in the PAB-8 SAENTIS SMA class from start to finish, is the main source of information.

Observation methods often complement data obtained from in-depth interviews and surveys. Observation is usually understood as an attempt to obtain data "naturally". The simplest definition of the observation method is to see and listen to events or actions carried out by the person being observed, then record the results of the observation with notes or other tools. To be more specific, the method used by the author is the participant observation method. The participatory observation method can be described as an observation method where the researcher positions himself as a participant like other people who are being observed. In positioning oneself as participants, researchers still have to maintain distance so that the element of objectivity is maintained.

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Islamic education

Education is a cultural process to improve human dignity, and lasts a lifetime, which is carried out in the family, school and community. Therefore, education is a shared responsibility between family, community and government. Education in the process of achieving its goals needs to be managed in an integrated and harmonious system.

Education comes from the word "pedagogy" which means education and education the word "pedagogia" which means the science of education which comes from Greece. Pedagogia consists of two words, namely "Paedos" and "Agoge" which means "I guide, lead children". 2 From this definition, education can be interpreted: a person's activities in guiding and leading children towards optimal growth and development to be independent and responsible. Ahmad D. Marimba defines education as conscious guidance or leadership by educators in the physical and mental spiritual development of students towards the formation of a primary personality. Marimba also formulated five main elements in education, namely

1. Conscious guidance, assistance, or leadership efforts;
2. There are educators, mentors or helpers;
3. A learned person or student;
4. The existence of a basis or goal in coaching;
5. There are tools used in this business. (Samrin, 2015)

Islamic religious education aims to form good morals in the young generation of Muslims based on Islamic beliefs and monotheism to Allah SWT, by associating with friends who have noble morals, deepening religion in various ways, for example studying religious knowledge. hadiths related to religion. Islamic law in order to expand their knowledge.

Islam has the aim of instilling a social spirit which is very important and useful later when one gets married, and now a young man has the obligation to practice it in society little by little so that later he will not experience difficulties when he goes directly into society. . For this, we need an awareness that arises from within ourselves, or there is also encouragement from outside, such as family or friends around us, so that there is a feeling of enthusiasm to want to go out and study in the community in order to achieve a promising future.

Humans are born not knowing anything, then Allah swt. assigns humans to find out what is around them and study every change that occurs through the five senses. The younger generation should apply it in their daily lives and love every process that occurs. So that from an early age an individual character was created that was able to face obstacles that would one day occur.

Through education and teaching it has an impact on good morals. If someone initially doesn't know much about religious knowledge, then he has the intention to deepen his religious knowledge by studying at a religion-based school, then over time he will understand religious knowledge. Apart from that, his morals are also better than before. Then when in society he is ready when asked for help to do something related to religion. Education is also a means to learn aspects of life that make the younger generation have a solid foundation of thought. Because with this, a person becomes accustomed to thinking critically and with the basics of Islamic religious education, a person can think clearly and not be confused when facing life's problems.

By realizing character in the younger generation, it will have a positive impact both for themselves and the people around them, as well as bringing about changes in society which was previously very passive, did not recognize religion as a whole, and had bad morals. , now becomes active in everything. , broad-minded, good character. Because if someone's personality is still very old, many problems will definitely arise which will result in conflicts between individuals or between groups. They cannot think positively and become arbitrary in making decisions.

Islam has secrets in it. Islam brings happiness in this world and the hereafter which has a very good impact on humans. Islam explains every aspect of life. As explained by (Hafidz, Kastolani, 2009:11) that the Hanif Islamic religion is a guide in life, individual or society, material or spiritual aspects simultaneously. Islam clarifies the meaning of worship and emphasizes the value of work, paying attention to all aspects of life, managing world affairs completely as the only way to the afterlife. Islam pays attention to all aspects of life with various rules. Both aspects of economics, politics, government, science, society and so on.

The obstacles that occur in life are varied and can increase over time, for example awareness that is still very weak, a lot of Islamic education that does not really have a vision and mission, which in school activities does not apply. behavior taught in Islam. There is also a lot of increasingly advanced technology making the younger generation become complacent and increasingly lazy about doing activities and going out to see the situation around them, in fact the lack of motivation is actually a very important factor. To overcome these obstacles. The younger generation must be smart in doing things, must think carefully and not forget the consequences that will occur. Because if young people are negligent in even the smallest thing, it will bring big regrets later. So for this reason, Islam teaches solutions to each of these obstacles.

Understanding Morals

The word "morals" comes from Arabic, namely "Al-Khulk" which means steadfastness, character, behavior, habits, behavior. According to the term, morals are a trait that is embedded in humans which can express something happily and easily without thought or coercion. In the KBBI, morality means character or behavior. Morals in terminology means a person's behavior that is driven by a conscious desire to do good deeds. Akhlak is the plural form of the word khuluk, which comes from Arabic which means temperament, behavior or character. Three experts in the field of morals, namely Ibnu Miskawaih, Al Gazali, and Ahmad Amin stated that morals are the morals inherent in a person which can give rise to good deeds without considering reason first. The word morality is defined as a behavior, but this behavior must be carried out repeatedly, it is not enough to do a good deed once, or only occasionally. A person can be said to be moral if it arises automatically, is driven by internal motivation and is done without much thought, let alone considerations that are often repeated, so that it seems like a necessity to act.

Morals in Islam According to Experts

1. According to Miskawaih

According to him, morals are "something that is li nna'fsi daa'iyatun lahaa ila af'aaliha min ghoiri fikrin walaa ruwiyatin" which is a characteristic that is embedded in a person's soul that encourages him to carry out actions without the need for thought and consideration.

2. According to Abu Hamid Al Ghazali:
Morals are qualities embedded in the human soul from which actions arise that are carried out happily and easily without thinking about oneself and without prior reflection.
3. According to Ahmad bin Mushthafa:
Morals are a science from which the types of virtues can be known, where virtue is an embodiment of balance between three powers, namely thinking power, anger and lust or lust.
4. According to Muhammad bin Ali Asy Syariif Al Jurjani:
Morals are something that (good or bad) is firmly embedded in humans, from which actions are born easily and lightly without thinking or contemplating.

In the Qur'an Surah Al-Qolam verse 4 it is said that "And indeed you (Muhammad) have great morals". And in a hadith it is said that "I was sent only to perfect noble morals". So it is clear to Muslims all over the world based on the morals of the Prophet Muhammad SAW. The commendable morals of Rasulullah SAW must be used as a good example and role model. There are two sources that must be used as guidelines for life, namely the Al-Qur'an and the Sunnah, both of which are used as sources of Islamic morals. If humans have good, noble, praiseworthy morals, God willing, their lives will be much better. According to Islam, there are two kinds of morals, namely *akhlakul karimah* (praiseworthy morals) and *akhlak mazmumah* (despicable morals). The definition is as follows:

1. Karimah's Akhlakul
Akhlakul Karimah or what is known as commendable morals is a type of morals that every Muslim must have. Examples of this kind of morals include self-sacrifice, honesty, politeness, civility, trustworthiness, justice, patience and so on. As Muslims, we must always maintain good morals in our daily lives.
2. Morals of the mazmumah
Mazmumah morals or despicable morals are one of the bad actions that every human being must avoid. This must be avoided because mazmumah morals can harm yourself and others. Examples of types of mazmumah morals are arrogance, envy, envy, arrogance, persecution, slander and so on. As Muslims, we must avoid mazmumah or despicable morals. Every Muslim is encouraged to have good morals or morals. For someone who has this attitude, it can bring benefits to everyday life and in the afterlife. respect obligations, please help with kindness and piety, and love Educate the instincts, motivations and desires of the younger generation and fortify them with beliefs and values and accustom them to restrain their motivations, regulate their emotions and guide them well.

Moral Goals

Morals aim to make humans higher and more perfect creatures, and differentiate them from other creatures. It is something that humans must have in order to better establish good relationships with fellow humans, especially with God as the creator. Meanwhile, the study of morals or moral science aims to determine the differences between good and bad human behavior, so that humans can adhere to good morals and be kept away from bad morals, thereby creating order in social interactions. What morals want to control are human external actions, but because external actions will not occur if they are not preceded by inner movements, namely actions of the heart, inner actions and emotional movements are also included in the field regulated by human morals.

Strictly speaking, good or bad depends on the actions of the heart. In the hadith of Arba'in An Nawawi it is written that the Prophet SAW said which means: "And know that in the body there is a lump of flesh which if it is good then the deeds are good, and if bad then the deeds are bad, and know that it is the heart." This hadith clearly explains that the heart is the most important part of the human body, so whatever is planned by the right heart will greatly influence the actions that the owner will carry out. In this case, it can be compared to the body being like a government within us, while the heart is the center of government. Someone who has a strong heart and

determination, even though his body is not as strong as his heart,

Loved by the Prophet Muhammad

The first virtue of having akhlaq al-karimah is being loved by the Prophet Muhammad. It is stated in a hadith that a Muslim who had commendable qualities later became someone close to the Prophet Muhammad SAW. As in the following hadith, the Prophet said: "The people I love most and closest to where I will be on the Day of Judgment are those who have noble character. Meanwhile, the person I hate the most and the place that is farthest away. from me on the Day of Resurrection will be those who are harsh and greedy, insulting and arrogant." (HR. Tirmizi).

The weight of the scales on the Day of Judgment

A Muslim who has noble character at the end of time will be saved by Allah SWT. Apart from that, every Muslim who has good morals can also reach the level of someone who fasts and prays. This is as in a hadith, Rasulullah SAW said: "There is no deed that weighs more heavily than noble character. "Indeed, a person with noble character can reach the level of someone who fasts diligently and prays diligently." (HR. Tirmidhi) (Nugraha, 2020).

So it can be concluded that the importance of Islamic Religious Education in Forming the Morals of Students and Female Students, especially in the PAB 8 SAENTIS PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOL. Even though the morals of the students and girls at the school are still said to be lacking because there are still many students and girls who do not comply with Islamic religious norms and the rules that exist in the school. Examples of morals or behavior that is not in accordance with religious norms and school rules, which can also be called disgraceful mazmumah morals, are as follows:

1. Late for school
2. Withdraw from school
3. Not using attributes according to the rules, such as wearing white shoes, wearing barely fitting or tight clothes for female students
4. Long hair
5. Uniforms are not neat or not tucked in.
6. Resisting the teacher, such as leaving during class time, not doing assignments, missing class time, speaking impolitely, playing on the cell phone during class, not being honest when the teacher explains the lesson.
7. Smoking outside the area or area around the school while wearing a uniform.
8. Dirty talk
9. These are some examples of despicable morals that are still often carried out by some students at the PAB 8 SAENTIS PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOL.

4. CONCLUSION

Learning Islamic Religious Education is very important in the formation of students' morals at Pab 8 Saentis Private High School. So, by students receiving Islamic religious education at school, they can educate students' morals so that they are directed towards Akhlakul Karimah or commendable morals and to avoid mazmumah morals or despicable morals. And if students maintain their morals then in the future these students will become the successors of the nation who will be proud of their religion, parents and country. And will lead him to safety in this world and the hereafter, in the world he will live successfully and in the hereafter he will enter the heaven of Allah SWT.

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