




The Importance of Islamic Education in Forming Independent Persons

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ABSTRACT

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Islamic education has become a major focus in character building and moral values in Muslim societies. In the context of globalization and the challenges of modern life, it is important to understand the role of Islamic education in shaping independent individuals. This study aims to explore the significance of Islamic education in shaping independent characters through a literature study approach with a library research method. The findings of the study indicate that Islamic education provides a strong moral foundation, teaches independence, and encourages the development of courage in individuals. Through religious values, individuals are taught to distinguish between right and wrong, take responsibility for their actions, and face challenges with a firm attitude. Thus, Islamic education has a crucial role in shaping individuals who are able to face the dynamics of life independently and courageously. This study provides new insights into the importance of Islamic education in the context of shaping independent individuals in the modern era.

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INTRODUCTION

Islamic education is education that is based on Islamic nuances or Islamic teachings. Islam is the religion brought by the Prophet Muhammad saw. which is used as a guide by mankind and becomes the legal basis for acting. Islamic education is also based on the Koran, Hadith and Ijma'.

Muslims as individuals and groups view that education and teaching are the best tools to develop individuals and groups to achieve their needs, raise their status, and their abilities. In other words, education is a process to prepare the younger generation to live life effectively and efficiently.

Islamic education has an important role in forming an independent person. Islamic education places humans as creatures of God. Thus humans are objects and subjects of education that are not free of values.

Islamic education aims to form a Muslim personality, have noble morals and become a perfect human being in the students and become a human being as a servant of Allah. The goal of Islamic education is also inseparable from the goal of human life in Islam, namely to create individuals of God's servants who are pious to Him and can achieve a happy life in this world and the hereafter. Have a basis in Islamic education consisting of social values that do not conflict with the teachings of the Qur'an.

Through Islamic education, individuals are taught to develop strong character, independence, and courage in facing life's challenges. This article will explore why Islamic education is so relevant in shaping an independent person in the context of modern society.

METHOD

This study uses library research. This means that the problems and data collection come from literature studies and journal articles as scientific presentations carried out by selecting literature related to the research. This research is carried out a series of activities of collecting, processing and analyzing data taken from written literature, so that it is clear how Islamic religious education contributes to shaping independence and courage in students. Thus this research is called library research.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Understanding Islamic Education

Islamic education is physical and spiritual guidance based on Islamic religious laws towards the formation of the main personality according to Islamic standards. Islamic education is one aspect of Islamic teachings as a whole, because the goal of Islamic education is inseparable from the goal of human life in Islam, namely to create individuals who are servants of Allah who always fear Him and achieve a happy life in the world and in the hereafter. Islamic education is principally placed on the foundations of Islamic teachings and all cultural instruments. The first and foremost foundations for the formation and development of Islamic education are of course the Qur'an and the Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad.

Islamic education can take the form of all activities carried out by a person or an institution to help someone instill Islamic teachings and values to be used as a way of life (Nasution,2016). Islamic education is also a process of changing the behavior of individual students in their personal lives, society and the surrounding environment, through teaching as a basic activity and profession among various basic professions in society.

From the above definition, it can be concluded that Islamic education is an educational system based on the Qur'an, As-Sunnah and Ijma' to form the noble morals of students.

Moral and Ethical Foundations of Islamic Education

1. Understanding Islamic Moral Education

The word moral comes from the Latin word "Mos" (Moris) which means customs, habits, rules or values in life (Syafrizal,2017). Morals are used to show good or bad behavior and manners that are in accordance with applicable values or regulations. Morals are basically all forms of assessment of character, behavior, and actions related to applicable rules.

The term Moral is often used interchangeably with akhlak. Unlike reason which is used to refer to intelligence, high or low intelligence, cleverness and cleverness. The word moral or akhlak is used to indicate good or bad behavior, manners and its conformity to the values of life.

2. Understanding Islamic Educational Ethics

Ethics comes from the Greek word "Ethos" in the singular form which means habit. Ethics is the world of philosophy, values, and morals where ethics are abstract and concerned with the issue of good and bad. This understanding shows that ethics is a theory of human actions that are weighed according to their good and bad, which is also the essence or basic nature of good and bad humans. While Islamic education is a place for humans to develop their abilities or potentials according to the teachings of Islam.

Based on the above understanding, Islamic educational ethics is an educational process that takes place ethically and continuously in a person's life through teaching and emphasizing ethics so that abilities, talents, skills and interests can be developed in balance with good and correct behavior in life in accordance with the values of Islamic teachings (Ahmad,2018).

Islamic education provides a strong moral and ethical foundation for individuals. Through learning about religious teachings, individuals learn about values such as honesty, justice, and compassion. This forms a solid foundation for the formation of an independent character, where individuals can distinguish between right and wrong, and make the right decisions in everyday life.

Islamic Education and Independence

Islamic education also teaches the concept of independence to individuals. In Islamic teachings, individuals are taught to be responsible for their actions and decisions. They are taught to develop the ability to take initiative, work hard, and overcome obstacles. This allows them to become independent individuals and not depend on others to achieve their goals.

In the Qur'an, Surah Al-Jumu'ah verse 10, independence is also explained:

فَإِذَا قُضِيَتِ الصَّلَاةُ فَانْتَشِرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَابْتَغُوا لَكُمْ تَفْلِحُونَ

Translation:

When the (Friday) prayer has been performed, scatter yourselves on the earth, seek Allah's grace, and remember Allah as much as possible so that you may be successful.

From the verse above it is also mentioned that when someone has done his duty as a servant of Allah, then immediately continue his activities and return to work. Humans are required to be independent, not lazy, willing to work, in order to fulfill their needs in the world.

Independence of thought is the ability of an individual to think independently, make rational decisions, evaluate information, and formulate deep understandings without relying too much on help or guidance from others. This skill can be developed through education, practice, reflection, and life experience.

Independence of thought is a skill that can be developed through education, practice, reflection, and life experience. It is essential in advancing an individual's ability to overcome life's challenges, contribute to society, and achieve personal and professional success.

Islamic Religious Education (PAI) can play an important role in the formation of students' independent thinking, because this subject has the potential to develop critical thinking, ethics, and a deep understanding of religious values and principles. Here are some ways in which PAI can influence the formation of students' independent thinking:

1. Understanding Ethical and Moral Values, Islamic Religious Education often teaches ethical and moral values that underlie the Islamic religion. This can help students understand the concept of right and wrong actions, and motivate them to think critically about the ethical consequences of their actions.
2. PAI can teach students to think critically about religious texts and understanding of their religious beliefs. This includes analysis of sacred texts, understanding historical context, and in-depth interpretation (Fakhrunnisa,2017)
3. PAI often encourages reflective and contemplative practices, such as prayer, meditation, or dhikr. This helps students reflect on their religious values and principles, and promotes self-understanding and independence in spiritual thinking.
4. Religious education often emphasizes social values such as justice, mutual assistance, and empathy. This can motivate students to think critically about social issues and play an active role in solving social problems.
5. PAI can encourage students to conduct independent research and investigation on religious and ethical topics. This allows students to develop problem-solving skills and independence in gathering and analyzing information (Hasnah,2024).
6. Discussions and debates on religious and ethical issues in Islamic Religious Education classes can promote critical thinking and enable students to put forward their opinions with strong reasons.

It is important to note that the effectiveness of Islamic Religious Education in promoting students' independence of thinking depends on the teaching approach, teachers who facilitate learning, and a well-designed curriculum. Islamic Religious Education teachers have a key role in guiding students to think independently and develop independence in understanding religion and ethics (Irawan,2023). With the right approach, Islamic Religious Education can be a subject that makes a big contribution in shaping students' independent thinking.

Islamic Education and Courage

According to some people, courage is fearlessness and steadfastness in the face of difficulties and dangers, when it is needed, and a firm stance when facing frightening things by taking death lightly.

Islamic religious education has great potential to support the development of students' character. One important aspect in character formation is independence, which includes students' ability to make wise decisions, overcome obstacles, and understand their life goals. Islamic religious education provides a solid ethical and moral foundation, which helps students make decisions that are in accordance with Islamic principles (Rohman,2024).

Courage is an important characteristic in Islam, which includes the ability to face challenges and uncertainties with confidence. PAI can provide students with an understanding of perseverance, courage in carrying out religious duties, and how to adapt to changes in life.

This study will explore how Islamic Religious Education can help students develop independence and courage. and how understanding religious, ethical, and moral values in Islam can shape students' character. In addition, we will discuss the role of Islamic Religious Education teachers in educating students about courage and how this can influence their attitudes towards challenges in life (Fikih,2023).

In a world full of uncertainty, the values and principles taught in Islamic Religious Education can help students become individuals who have the courage and independence to face the changes and challenges they face. Thus, Islamic Religious Education not only plays a role in understanding religion, but also in shaping students' character and morals, which in turn contributes to the development of a better society.

So it can be concluded that Courage is an important characteristic in Islam, and PAI inspires students to face challenges in practicing religious teachings with confidence and determination. They are taught not only to understand religious teachings, but also to practice them with courage.

In addition, Islamic education encourages the development of courage in individuals. Islam teaches not to be afraid of facing challenges and overcoming obstacles. Through learning about steadfastness, courage, and trust in Allah, individuals are empowered to face every situation with a firm and confident attitude.

CONCLUSION

In a complex and diverse modern society, it is important for individuals to have an independent character. Islamic education provides a strong foundation for the formation of an independent personality through learning moral values, independence, and courage. Therefore, Islamic education has an irreplaceable role in forming individuals who are able to face the challenges of life with a strong and independent attitude.

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