

The Role of Majelis Taklim in Improving the Understanding of the Aqidah of Ahlussunnah Wal Jama'ah (Case Study: Jama'ah of the Syahamah Taklim Palu)

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ABSTRACT

This study aims to determine the role of the majlis taklim in improving the understanding of ahlussunnah wal jama'ah creed for the people of Majelis Taklim Syahamah (syabab ahlussunnah wal jama'ah) at Palu City, Central Sulawesi. The discusses or problem are: first, what are the understanding of the jama'ah about the ahlussunnah wal jama'ah creed before studying at Syahamah?. Second, how the role of Majelis taklim Syahamah in improving the understanding of the ahlussunnah wal Jama'ah creed in the Majelis Taklim Syahamah?. Third, what are the form of increasing the understanding of the ahlussunnah wal jama'ah creed after after studying at the Majelis Taklim Syahamah?

This type of research was included in the type of qualitative research in the form of field research. The data collected through direct observation, interviews, and documentation. Data analysis used a qualitative descriptive method with the analysis process of data reduction, data presentation, data verification, and checking the validity of the data.

1. Introduction

Based on the history, Majelis taklim is the oldest institution in Islam, there are many majelis taklim of the people in Indonesia where the majority of the population is Muslim, because the existence of Majlis taklim as a non-formal educational institution and a non-governmental organization which is based on the principles of mutual help and compassion, it is very appropriate to say that the taklim has an important function and role in guiding the people of their jama'ah to explore and understand Islamic teachings that they can practice daily.

In the city of Palu, Central Sulawesi, there is one of the developing Majelis Taklim, namely Syahamah (Syabab Ahlussunnah Wal Jama'ah). Syahamah is a non-formal Islamic educational institution, which is involved in education, da'wah and social affairs. Established in 1999, which is based on the islamic teachings of Ahlussunnah Wal Jama'ah (Asy'ariyah and Maturidiyah) and follows the mu'tabar fiqh scholars, such as the Hanafi, Maliki, Syafi'i and Hanbali. Syahamah has a precious purpose, that are spreading the knowledge of Ahlussunnah Wal Jama'ah, which is related to the manhaj of the salaf scholars, teaching religious knowledge in a talaqqi way; learn directly from teachers and maintain the tradition of sanad (scientific lineage)

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which is the tradition of the people who followed prophet Muhammad shallallahu 'alaihi wasallam by prioritizing the teaching of the obligatory knowledge for each mukallaf, from creed, Islamic law, morals and also provision of the basics language.

Lack of one's understanding of the ahlussunnah wal jama'ah creed and to protect someone from community that are different from ahlussunnah wal jama'ah creed, therefore the efforts made by Syahamah in increasing understanding of the Ahlussunnah Wal Jama'ah creed are providing teaching and understanding about the propositions naqli from the Qur'an and Hadith and in aqli that can be accepted by reason, guiding them to join many Islamic community that teaching the creed of ahlussunnah waljamaah.

2. Literature Review

2.1 Islamic Religious Education Learning

According to Muhammad Fadhil al-Jamali quoted by Abdul Mujib and Jusuf Mudzakkir stated "Islamic religious education is an effort to develop, encourage, and invite humans to progress based on high values and noble life, so that a more perfect person is formed, both related to reason, feelings and deeds" (Abdul Mujib, 2010). The description shows that Islamic Education is an activity that directs deliberately one's development, in accordance or in line with Islamic values. In addition, Islamic Education can be described as a system that brings people towards the happiness of the world and the Hereafter through knowledge and worship. Because Islamic education brings people to the happiness of the world and the Hereafter.

2.2 The Functions and Objectives of Islamic Religious Education

According to (Abdul Majid, 2010), the function of Islamic Religious Education is. 1) Development, namely to increase the faith and piety of students to God that has been instilled in the family environment. 2) Instillation of values, as a guideline for life to achieve happiness in this world and hereafter. 3) Mental research, to adjust to the environment both physical environment and social environment. 4) Improvement, to improve the error and duration of students in belief, understanding and experience in everyday life. 5) Prevention, to fortify students from negative things in everyday life. While the purpose of religious Islamic education is to form human kamil or future generations as heirs, namely to enhance moral values to achieve akhlakul karimah (Abdul Mujib, 2010)

2.3 The Scope Of Islamic Religious Education

The scope of Islamic Religious Education is to include harmony, harmony, from the balance between human relationships with fellow humans, human relationships with themselves, and human relationships with other creatures in their environment. According to PERMENDIKNAS RI NO. 22 of 2006 the scope of Islma Junior High School religious education includes the Qur'an and Hadith, Aqidah, Morals, Fiqh, Islamic Date / History.

3. Methodology

The method used in this study is descriptive qualitative. Descriptive qualitative research is used to provide an overview of the role of Majelis Taklim in Improving Understanding of Islamic Aqidah.

The researcher activities cannot be separated from the existence of data which is the raw material for information to provide a specific description of the object of this research. Data are empirical facts collected by the researcher for the benefit of solving problems or answering research questions. Research data was obtained from various sources collected using various techniques during the activity.

4. Results and Discussion

The results of this research are as follows:

1. The jama'ah understanding of the Ahlussunnah Wal Jama'ah creed before Studying at Syahamah (Syabab Ahlussunah Wal Jama'ah) Palu City, Central Sulawesi, is still lacking, so it needs to be improved through learning and studies carried out by the Syahamah (Syabab) Ahlussunnah Wal Jama'ah).
2. The role of Syahamah can increase understanding of their jamaah about Ahlussunnah Wal Jama'ah creed by organizing an Islamic study program that is attended by the general public from various backgrounds and different professions.

This activity is held carried out at the secretariat of Syahamah Palu. It also organizes a cycle program (debriefing and training forum) that discusses the books of scholars and intensive classes which is one of the learning programs of Majelis Taklim Syahamah Palu, this program aims to increase the effectiveness of learning.

3. The form of increasing understanding of Ahlussunnah Wal Jama'ah creed, as we can see the jama'ah after studying at Syahamah (Syabab Ahlussunnah Wal Jama'ah) they can understand material about the Ahlussunnah Wal' Jama'ah creed. The materials are the thirteen attributes of Allah and many things that can destroy the creed of Ahlussunnah Wal Jama'ah and Laws for Apostates.

In language context Majelis Taklim consists of two words namely "majelis" means a seat or session. "Taklim means lesson". Majelis Taklim means a Muslim community that specifically organizes education and teaching about Islamic teachings. According to the term, Majelis taklim is an educational institution organized by the community and guided by religious scholars, which aims to foster and teach the relationship between humans and Allah, humans and fellow human beings, which aims to foster a society that fears and believes in Allah.

The existence of Majelis taklim in society has brought benefits and good impact to the people, especially those who are members and their jama'ah. Thus, this Majelis taklim plays a role in fostering the creed of their jama'ah. In another hand, This is also in line with the aim of the Majelis taklim, which is to guide the ummah so that they can carry out worship in accordance with Islamic religious teachings. This role needs to be maintained and maintained properly in the activities carried out by Majelis taklim, moreover this Majelis taklim is one of the pillars of da'wah in society which has a strategic position in fortifying the creed of the people from various influences that can undermine their creed, this will more pronounced in this era because currently challenges and disturbances of creed are increasingly rampant, besides that there is also an increase in the activities of polytheism and disobedience in people's lives in the world which can no longer be controlled. On this basis, the Majelis Talim has a very strategic role because of its direct presence in the community.

In language context, the word Ahlussunnah Wal Jama'ah consist three word. There are; Ahl, as-Sunnah, and Jama'ah. The meaning of word 'ahl' in language context refer to family, group or community. One of the language experts, al-Imam Ar-Raghib al-Ashbahani in Mufradat Alfazh al-Qur'an said that the use of the word Ahl is commonly used in associations of several people who may be united by one ancestry, one religion, one job, one house, one country, or any one association. But basically, in Arabic when it is said "Ahl ar-Rajul", then what is meant is that the person is part of a family member who both come from one place or one house. And while the word ahl in a more specific meaning is in the sense of lineage or descent, as when it is said "Ahl Bay ar-Rajul", then what is meant is that the person is part of the members who come from one descendant. As for absolute use, as when it is said "Ahl al-Bayt", then what is meant is specifically the family of the Prophet and his descendants.

The word as-Sunnah in language has several meanings. In al-Qomus al-Muhith, the linguist al-Fairuzabadi writes down some of the meanings. The word as-sunnah, with dzammahkan in its sin letters, among its meanings; face (al-Wajh), forehead (al-jab-hah), journey of life (as-shirot), tabi'at (ath-Thabi'ah), the road to Medina, and the laws of Allah, the meaning is all the commandments and His prohibition (Hukmullah).

Likewise, the word as-sunnah in the sense of shari'ah also has various definitions, including, as-sunnah in the meaning of the life history of the Prophet Muhammad and his teachings, as-sunnah in the meaning of the hadith narrated from the Prophet; from all his words, deeds, decisions, or personal characteristics. Both in the sense of the physical picture or in the meaning of the morals, and as-sunnah in the meaning of something that if it is done then the doer will get a reward, but if it is left there is no sin.

While al-jama'ah in terms of language is an association consisting of three or more members, as when it is said in Arabic "Jama'ah an-Nas" then it means a human association consisting of three or more people, or when it is said " Jama'ah ath-Thuyur" means a gathering of birds consisting of three or more.

Thus al-jama'ah in the sense of shari'at has various definitions, including; al-jama'ah in the sense of someone who performs a prayer that binds and includes his prayer to the prayers of other people, with certain conditions and pillars; namely congregational prayer. Al-Jama'ah can be in the sense of an association of Muslims under one leader or an Imam who has been legally sworn in by Ahl al-Hilli Wal al-'Aqdi with certain conditions. This meaning is as in a hadith of the Prophet that whoever leaves al-Jama'ah and rebels against the Imam, after the Imam is legally appointed then that person dies in that state, then he dies in a state of jahiliyyah death. It means to die with a great sin. (HR. Muslim)

5. Conclusion

Majlis Taklim Syahamah as a non-formal educational institution which is a forum for the community to study Islamic religion, especially in matters of Akidah Ahlussunnah Wal Jama'ah. Therefore it must remain consistent in carrying out studies and other activities in order to increase understanding of the Ahlussunnah Wal Jama'ah Aqidah

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