



The Concept Of Reading According To The Qur'an Perspective

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ABSTRACT

This study analyzes the concept of reading in the perspective of the Qur'an. This theme was taken to illustrate that reading is very important and becomes a recommendation in Islam. This study focuses on Surah Al-Alaq verses 1-5 with the interpretations that will be used consisting of Tafsir Al-Misbah, Al-Azhar, Ath-Tabari, Ibn Kathir and Al-Maraghi. The objectives in this study include (1) To analyze the basic concept of reading according to the perspective of the Qur'an. (2) To analyze the concept of reading seen from the interpretations of Al-Misbah, Al Azhar, Ath-Tabari, Ibn Kathir and Al-maraghi. (3) To analyze the relevance of the concept of reading with the deepening of library science. This research is a research that uses literature study and content analysis methods. the first step is to conduct a literature study on the interpretations that discuss the concept of reading interest according to the perspective of the Qur'an. The results of this study indicate that the basic concept of reading according to the perspective of the Qur'an lies in the letter Al Alaq, especially verses one and three. different. The relevance of the concept of reading to the deepening of knowledge Library libraries can be interpreted that libraries provide information needs of users, because libraries provide collections that contain reference materials, provide teaching and knowledge as well as a place for learning sources of life. As explained in the verse of the Qur'an that those who are knowledgeable will get protection from Allah and a bounty for His servants.

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1. INTRODUCTION

. This theme was taken to illustrate that reading is very important and becomes a recommendation in Islam. By understanding the importance of reading in the Qur'an, it is certainly able to increase people's interest in reading, especially Muslims.

In a general context, reading occupies a very important position and role in the context of human life, especially in the information and communication era like today. Reading is also a bridge for anyone and anywhere who wants to achieve progress and success, both in the environment world of school and in the world of work. Therefore, experts agree that reading literacy is a condition *quanon* (absolute prerequisite) for every human being who wants to make progress (Harras. K.A, 2010, p. 1).

If you look at Indonesia's reading interest ranking in the 2016 World's Most Literate Nations data, Indonesia's reading (literacy) ranking is in position 60 out of 61 participating countries. The World's Most Literate Nations compiled by Central Connecticut State University reviews existing reading facilities in one country, such as community reading parks or libraries, both in schools and in the community. Judging from the existing community reading facilities, it can be proven that Indonesian people's reading interest is still the lowest in ASEAN. Indonesia is only one rank above Botswana, and is below Thailand which is ranked 59. UNESCO also launched an index of reading levels of Indonesians, which is only 0.001, meaning that out of 1000 residents, only one person has a high interest in reading. The reason is because of the difficulty of accessing books.

Based on this view, of course there is a problem related to reading interest, especially for Muslims. This is certainly contrary to the basic concept of Islam through the letter Al-Alaq where there is a call to read in its content. Based on this understanding, the researcher was interested in discussing more deeply related to the concept of reading based on the perspective of the Qur'an. To facilitate the search and achieve a good synthesis, the study of the concept of reading uses five interpretations, namely the interpretation of Al-Misbah, Tafsir Al-Azhar, Tafsir Ath-Tabari, Tafsir Ibn Kathir and Tafsir Al Maraghi.

Textual understanding will not be able to lead to the values of these sciences so that the emergence of various interpretations cannot be avoided, because everyone has varying abilities in finding the meaning behind the verses of the Qur'an. However, according to al-Ghazali, the Koran is only accessible to people who have special intelligence. Each verse of the Qur'an has a very broad meaning and therefore various methods and approaches are needed to find these meanings (Wahyuni. S., 2010).

بِاسْمِ الَّذِي لَقِيَ لَقِيَ لِإِنْسَانٍ لَقِيَ أَقْرَأَ لِأَكْرَمِ الَّذِي لَمْ لَقَلَّمَ لَمْ لِإِنْسَانٍ أَلَمْ لَمْ |العلق:1-5]

Meaning: Read by (mentioning) the name of your Lord Who created. He has created man from a clot of blood. Read, and your Lord is the Most Gracious. The one who teaches (humans) through the intercession of kalam. He taught man what he did not know. [Al 'Alaq:1-5]

In surah al-Alaq 1-5, the object of reading is not specified so that the object of reading is general which includes everything that is affordable. The commandment of *iqra'* includes a study of the universe, society and oneself, as well as written reading, whether holy or not. The word *iqra'* in the first verse is accompanied by the name of God associating reading with the name of Allah, the goal is that the perpetrator always carries out scientific activities with sincerity only to seek the pleasure of Allah so that the knowledge gained makes him feel afraid of Him. Allah reminds humans through the second verse of Surah Al-Alaq which explains the creation of humans from a clot of blood so that humans do not forget themselves for the knowledge they have, they feel smaller in front of Allah and are increasingly aware that Allah's knowledge is infinitely vast (M. Q. Shihab, 2002, p. 4).

2. RESEARCH METHODE

This research is a research that uses literature study and content analysis methods. the first step is to conduct a literature study on the interpretations that discuss the concept of reading interest according to the perspective of the Qur'an.

Literature research and library research/library research, although they can be said to be similar, are different. Literature study is another term for literature review, literature review, theoretical study, theoretical basis, literature review, and theoretical review. What is meant by library research is research that is carried out only based on written works, including research results, both published and unpublished (Nasution, 2003). Literature study in this case takes some literature related to the concept of reading interest according to the perspective of the Qur'an. In this case, there are four interpretations that discuss the concept.

3. RESULT AND ANALYSIS

Based on the context of this research, the researcher wants to see the concept of reading from the perspective of the Qur'an through five interpretations, namely the interpretations of Al-Misbah, Al-Azhar, Ath Tabari, Ibn Kathir and Al Maraghi. In the process of parsing the reading concept, the researcher will parse it based on the contents described by each interpretation. Here's a matrix that explains this:

Table 1. Matrix of Reading Concepts Based on Five Interpretations

No	Tafsir	Al Alaq (1-5)	AlHajj (3)	Al Hujurat (6)	Al Mujadalah (11)
1	Al Misbah	command to read and is not limited to written text only, can read nature, read human behavior, and so on.	the need for caution in reading and avoiding blind taqlid which in the end argues for the form of Allah and His attributes	demands to make steps based on knowledge as opposed to ignorance, in addition to doing so based on logical considerations and values set by Allah SWT	divides the believers into two major groups, the first one who simply believes and does good deeds and the second one who believes and does righteous deeds and has knowledge. The degree of this second group becomes higher, not only because of the value of the knowledge it holds, but also its charity and teaching to other parties, either orally or in writing, as well as by example.

2	Al Azhar	Reading opens up an interest in the development of religion. The command to read is also in the name of God, while the name of God who will always be taken as a life support is Allah the Most Noble, Most Generous, Most Merciful and Compassionate to His Creatures.	Allah warns people about Satan, It has been decreed in Lauh Mahfuz, that whoever makes friends with him, by following his whispers, he will lead him astray from the straight path of Allah, and lead him unconsciously to the punishment of hell whose fire is always burning.	prohibits humans to immediately believe or quickly believe in a news brought by a fasiq person. The news should not be immediately justified or blamed, but the truth should be investigated first. Do not act too hastily in reporting an information or case, so that it will have a bad impact because of the decision.	Muslims who have good morals are certainly easy for him to provide space for others, this is because the heart has been opened first to accept friends, the hearts of both parties will be equally open then an open heart will facilitate all subsequent affairs.
3	Ath Thabari	Allah reminds people of the primacy of writing, because in the science of writing there is enormous wisdom and benefit, which cannot be produced except through writing, the sciences cannot be published except by writing, as well as the laws that bind humans so that they always walk on the right track	The importance of having knowledge so that you are able to sort and choose. This will keep a person away from untrue reporting which at some point will be able to distance himself from Allah's commands.	it is forbidden to be hasty or rash in taking action on a news, because it can be very fatal. Therefore, check carefully so that the news is clear.	gives an overview of the high position of people who are wide in the assembly of knowledge

4	Ibnu Katsir	<p>"A person will be more noble with the knowledge of the deen he has. Knowledge is what distinguishes the father of man, namely Adam and the angels. This knowledge is sometimes in the mind. Knowledge is also sometimes spoken. Knowledge is also sometimes in handwriting to channel what is in the mind, spoken, or described in the mind</p>	<p>there is an appeal not to argue without a science that underlies it</p>	<p>Muslims really have to research the news brought by the fasiq in order to be aware of it, so that no one makes decisions based on the words of the fasiq.</p>	<p>Allah subhanahu wa ta'ala says to educate His believing servants while commanding them that some of them be kind to others in assemblies.</p>
5	Al Maraghi	<p>the recommendation for the repetition of the command to read, because reading will not be able to seep into the soul but after repeated and accustomed. In addition, Allah teaches various sciences that are enjoyed by mankind, so that humans are different from other creatures.</p>	<p>Even though Allah has explained the events that will occur on the Day of Resurrection, many people deny it, and they even do more than that.</p>	<p>recommendation should not be quick to accept a news or issues that are not necessarily the end of the base. But most people just accept it without thinking long about the truth</p>	<p>command to provide spaciousness in bringing about every good and give a sense of happiness to everyone around him. In line with the value of moral education in attitude to every human being.</p>

Simpulan per Ayat	In Surah Al-Alaq 1-5, the concept of reading will be able to open a vast repertoire of knowledge. In the context of this verse reading becomes an important aspect of the opening of a science	In Surah Al-Alaq 1-5, the concept of reading will be able to open a vast repertoire of knowledge. In the context of this verse reading becomes an important aspect of the opening of a science	In Surah Al Hujurat verse 6, as a person who is studying knowledge is expected to be able to choose and sort out sources of knowledge so that he can stay away from the interpretation of fasiq people. Prudence in sorting and choosing reading materials is very important in the context of this verse	In Surah Al Hujurat verse 6, as a person who is studying, he is expected to be able to choose and sort out sources of knowledge so that he can stay away from the interpretation of fasiq people. Prudence in sorting and choosing reading materials is very important in the context of this verse
Simpulan		The concept of reading will basically provide various benefits for the perpetrators, apart from the knowledge gained, but also the blessings that Allah has promised in an effort to read in the context of studying. For this reason, caution in reading needs to be done to avoid self-interpretation. for that discussion of the results of the reading will be very useful to avoid this. then in this discussion effort also needs to be careful in choosing friends or opponents of discussion, so that the interpretation obtained will be far from the interpretation of ignorant or fasiq people. and one's efforts to read and study this get a high degree of reward both in this world and in the hereafter. so understanding the context of reading will give someone the blessing of knowledge and a high degree.		

The matrix above provides a summary of each interpretation of the four verses that discuss the concept of reading that is discussed based on the five interpretations. Each verse that is interpreted is given a conclusion or conclusion based on the context of the research taken, namely the concept of reading.

In Surah Al-Alaq 1-5, the concept of reading will be able to open a vast repertoire of knowledge. In the context of this verse reading becomes an important aspect of the opening of a science. In other words, the five interpretations give a high position to reading, where based on the history of the Prophet who at that time did not have the ability to read was also required to

read. In other words, the recommendation to read is very important to open perspectives, knowledge and so on.

In Surah Al Hajj, verse 3, a person who reads or who is studying is important to be selective and avoid interpretations that will actually distance themselves from Allah. The context of this verse clearly illustrates that in addition to the importance of someone to read, it is also important to be selective in choosing readings. This effort is also accompanied by a selective attitude and not drawing conclusions on their own, causing blind taqlid to reading materials.

In Surah Al Hujurat verse 6, as a person who is studying, he is expected to be able to choose and sort out sources of knowledge so that he can stay away from the interpretation of fasiq people. Careful in sorting and selecting reading material is very important in the context of this verse. In the interpretation of the five interpretations of this verse, it seems as if it is a continuation of a selective attitude in choosing readings which is also followed by not accepting reading materials at face value. For this reason, discussion is important and avoids the interpretations of fasiq people.

In Surah Al Muja is Verse 11, a person who reads or who is studying is in a high position. For this reason, the recommendation to read and study knowledge is described in an extensive way to indicate that it is necessary to calm down so that the knowledge gained becomes a blessing both for himself and for others.

Furthermore, the conclusion from the search related to the concept of reading will basically provide various benefits for the perpetrators, apart from the knowledge gained, but also the blessings that Allah has promised in an effort to read in the context of studying. For this reason, caution in reading needs to be done to avoid self-interpretation. For that discussion of the results of the reading will be very useful to avoid this. then in this discussion effort also needs to be careful in choosing friends or opponents of discussion, so that the interpretation obtained will be far from the interpretation of ignorant or fasiq people. and one's efforts to read and study this will be rewarded with a high degree both in this world and in the hereafter. so understanding the context of reading will give someone the blessing of knowledge and a high degree.

After getting the conclusion from the concept of reading in the Qur'an which is described in the next five interpretations, it is necessary to explain the relevance of the reading concept to the deepening of library science. The study of the library itself can be seen from the purpose of the library, namely, storage, research, information, education and culture. The library as a source of information must be able to provide information according to the needs of its users. To grow interest in reading, especially reading interest in students, we need to refer to the 5 S. Ranganathan law which reads "every book has a reader and every reader has a book". The library is not only a function of information but also has a cultural function, namely the purpose of reading for spiritual recreation. This function usually provides a variety of reading materials that can attract students' reading interest, such as the latest collections (updated) (Basuki, 1993. p 3).

Libraries are not mentioned directly in the Qur'an but the concepts of libraries are explained in the Qur'an. The library in the view of the Qur'an includes the study of reading interest, the function of information, the function of education, and the function of preservation. The Qur'an views the library as a very important means to be able to change a nation that initially did not understand anything into a nation that is knowledgeable and has a high civilization. This is evidenced by the mention of the roles of libraries in the Qur'an which at least consists of several concepts, the concept of reading, the concept of writing, the concept of science, the concept of education, the concept of worship, the concept of communication and information. 'an does not directly and clearly talk about the concept of librarianship because it is not a book of library science.

Likewise, Muhammad SAW was sent by Allah SWT, not as a 'librarian' who has competence in the field of library science or works in libraries. Muhammad SAW is a prophet in which there is a role model for all mankind. However, if you look closely, you will find verses from the Qur'an and the hadiths of the Prophet that hint at the principles of librarianship. One of the most important verses of the Qur'an that are closely related to the principle of librarianship are the verses in Surah al-'Alaq which are the first revelations.

Within the framework of library science, the command to read as indicated in the letter al-'Alaq is not only seen in the aspect of conformity with the function of the library as a means of learning which is indicated by the existence of reading and understanding activities of information sources or literature that become library collections in order to increase knowledge. However, the command to read can mean a suggestion to create or establish a means that allows reading activities to take place.

That is, in the command to read contained the meaning that Allah SWT. requires reading facilities so that the teaching of reading becomes a reality which in turn can increase one's knowledge. One of the facilities that can be used for reading activities is the library. Thus, establishing a library as a means of reading, a means of learning is a development of an effort to create a reading culture as commanded by Allah SWT.

The recommendation of the Qur'an to read is a suggestion that is able to arouse interest in reading. In the Qur'an the importance of reading has been explained in Q.S. al-'Alaq 1-5. The object of reading in Q.S.al-'Alaq is general (not specified). So, in this case, it is ordered to read anything, both holy readings that come from God and ordinary text readings. Reading is also an activity that must be repeated to understand the meaning of the contents of the context read.

The recommendation to read must be followed by someone's interest in reading. Interest in reading is a strong and deep concern accompanied by feelings of pleasure towards reading activities so that it directs someone to read on their own accord. The elements of reading interest include the pleasure and need for reading activities, reading awareness, frequency and number of books read (Sandjaja, 2007.p 3).

For this reason, reading interest is a strong concern accompanied by feelings of pleasure for a particular reading source, so it can be said that someone who is already interested in a reading will have continuous attention to reading activities. Such a person will always read, always take the time to read because reading becomes a necessity and pleasure for him.

إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَا التَّوْرَةَ فِيهَا هُدًى وَنُورٌ ۖ يَحْكُمُ بِهَا النَّبِيُّونَ الَّذِينَ أَسْلَمُوا لِلَّذِينَ هَادُوا وَالرَّبَّانِيُّونَ وَالْأَحْبَارُ بِمَا اسْتُخْفِطُوا مِنْ كِتَابِ اللَّهِ وَكَانُوا عَلَيْهِ شُهَدَاءَ ۚ فَلَا تَخْشَوُا النَّاسَ وَاحْشَوُا اللَّهَ ۚ وَمَنْ لَمْ يَحْكَمْ بِمَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْكَافِرُونَ

It means :

Indeed, We have sent down the Torah in it (there is) guidance and light (which illuminates), with which the case of the Jews was decided by the prophets who surrendered to Allah, by their pious people and their priests. , because they were commanded to keep the Books of Allah and they were witnesses against them. therefore do not fear people, (but) fear Me. and do not exchange My verses for a small price. Whoever does not judge according to what Allah has revealed, then they are the disbelievers.

Meaning (library):

In this letter there is a meaning that maintaining library collections is the same as preserving the books of Allah, as explained by Allah's Books even though they are

guarded, as well as books in the library, because both are priceless beings. Books are windows to the world, so we need to protect them.

مِنْ لَّهِ لَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ الْحِكْمَةَ لَمْ يَكُنْ لَكَ اللَّهُ لَيْكَ عَظِيمًا

It means :

Were it not for the grace of Allah and His mercy upon you, surely a group of them would be eager to mislead you. But they do not mislead but themselves, and they cannot harm you in the least. And (also because) Allah has sent down the Book and wisdom to you, and has taught you what you did not know. And it is a very great gift of Allah upon you.

Meaning (library):

When connected with the library, it can be interpreted that the library provides the information needs of users, because the library provides a collection that contains reference materials, provides teaching and knowledge as well as a place for learning sources of life. As explained in the verse of the Qur'an that people who are knowledgeable will get protection from Allah and bounty for his servants. Without knowledge it will be left far behind other people.

4. CONCLUSION

The conclusion of the research can be seen from the ability to answer research questions. This ability is based on the elaboration or description that has been obtained. For this reason, the conclusions in this study try to answer each problem formulation, namely:

1. The basic concept of reading according to the perspective of the Qur'an lies in the letter Al Alaq and is strengthened in the letter Al Hajj verse 3, Al Hujurat verse and Al Mujlah verse 11.
2. The concept of reading will basically provide various benefits for the perpetrators, apart from the knowledge gained, but also the blessings that Allah has promised in an effort to read in the context of studying. For this reason, caution in reading needs to be done to avoid self-interpretation.
3. The relevance of the concept of reading with the deepening of knowledge Library is interpreted when the library provides the information needs of users, because the library provides a collection containing reference materials, provides teaching and knowledge as well as a place to learn sources of life.

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