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THE CHALLENGE OF ISLAMIC EDUCATION IN THE MILLENNIAL ERA

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ABSTRACT

As it is understood that nowadays science and technology are developing rapidly. This is to become a means to create a prosperous human life. Modern technology has created free communication across countries, continents to break through to remote villages through media such as (radio, television, internet). , and so on). Globalization is also one of the influences of the development of technology. As a result, visual media are used as powerful tools in instilling or even destroying moral values, which then affect a person's mindset. In addition, the influence of the west also greatly affects the Muslim community who are uprooted from Islamic roots. Unconsciously, western culture or things related to the west will often conflict with Islamic values. This writing is made to provide an overview to the community, especially the millennial community, to remind each other and synergize to become a young generation with superior character.

Keywords : challenges, Islamic education, millennials

INTRODUCTIONS

The conditions and situations today are very different from the past. The present era is more called the millennial era, which is generally born between 1980-2019. In this millennial era, technological developments are so rapid, that they have an impact on society, both good and bad. One of the impacts will affect the younger generation in accepting the concept of Islamic religious education. (1) The millennial generation in general prefers to hang out with their friends rather than having to recite the Koran with their friends. millennial era. Often young people ignore information about the religion of Islam. Even though they have sophisticated information technology to obtain information, they do not use it optimally.

They prefer to play online games rather than having to dig up Islamic religious information. It can be said that the identity of the Islamic religion has almost been ignored or even disappeared from the minds of the younger generation. What if the younger generation without Islamic religious education? Will it be the superior generation to advance Islam?

An education is a provision to support life. Likewise with Islamic education, Islamic education has the concept of change and renewal of human life. Therefore, if Islamic education is lost, then unconsciously the younger generation will still be trapped by bad influences. As a young generation or millennial generation, they should be aware that they are obliged to instill Islamic values in their live.

The concept of Islamic education here is not about the education of Islamic religious sciences, but more emphasis on instilling Islamic values into every Muslim, especially the millennial community and setting strategies to face the challenges that occur. Islamic education in addition to containing the mission of passing on Islamic teachings as contained in the Qur'an and al-Sunnah from previous generations to current and future generations also contains enlightenment and a process of renewal and change from a bad situation to a better one, from a situation that is not good. unsuitable to a more suitable state. So that in addition to the continuity of the vision, mission, and goals of Islamic teachings that are perennialist in maintaining peace and tranquility, progress has also been made. This is in line with one of the characteristics of Islamic teachings, namely *shalihun li kulli era wa food* (according to the conditions of the times and places).

The purpose of writing this article is to provide answers to the challenges that occur in Islamic education in the millennial era. The community, especially the millennial generation, will know the phenomena that are developing, especially in Islamic education. This paper can also be used to anticipate problems that occur in the community. In addition, it aims to make the millennial generation aware of the importance of studying and seeking information related to Islamic religious education. This is nothing but for the benefit of himself and others. The writing of this article also provides several solutions and also strategic efforts to face the challenges of Islamic education in the millennial era. young people who think about the form of self-effort in shaping their existence according to the teachings of religious concepts and the concept of activity that can be applied by the younger generation in the millennial era.

METHODS

The writing of this article uses a qualitative research type of literature review with the Literature Review method, which is a concept that uses a journal as a reference in accordance with a predetermined title. The data obtained is in the form of relevant literature data regarding Islamic religious education in Indonesia related to the developing millennial generation which is then analyzed using a descriptive analytical research approach. That is by describing or explaining thoughts and ideas comprehensively which includes theories, concepts and facts. Description analysis is also presented with in-depth discussion. Besides that, it also uses a qualitative approach. A qualitative approach is based on the literature and uses relevant references in formulating concepts offered to the younger generation.

In addition, it also uses quantitative research methods through online surveys via google form. This research method has a target of 30 respondents who are certainly from the millennial community. This survey was carried out by asking several questions related to "Challenges of Islamic Education in the Millennial Era". with the argument.

DATA AND RESULTS

In the results of the survey through interviews with Islamic boarding school children, 75% of the respondents were 17 years old, and the rest were 17 years old and over to 19 years old. All respondents are of course Muslim and are still students and students.

In the survey through interviews given to respondents, several questions were asked including 1) "Are you interested in studying Islamic education in Indonesia?, if not, give reasons", 2) "In your opinion, you are more interested in seeking information about Islamic religious education or seeking information that is going viral? Give reasons!", 3) "what are the obstacles that make you reluctant to dig up information about Islamic education in depth?", and the last question is 4) "what efforts can be made to overcome the challenges that occur in Islamic education in the millennial era? " Some of the answers are broadly written in the following summary.

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<p>In your opinion, are you more interested in finding information about Islamic religious education or looking for information that is currently viral? Give the reason!</p>	<p>Most answered that they were more interested in finding information that was going viral than looking for information about Islamic religious education.</p> <p>Some of the reasons given by respondents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Because they feel they have received Islamic education in schools and universities. • Because it is more fun to see information that is going viral than having to look for more in-depth information on Islamic religious education.
<p>What are the obstacles that make you reluctant to explore information about Islamic education in depth?</p>	<p>Some answers from respondents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pay less attention to information about Islamic religious education and prefer to play online games and view information that is currently viral on certain social media. • If there is no task regarding Islamic religious education, it is not so important to find out information about Islamic religious education. • If there are no interesting problems related to Islamic religious education, they are not interested in looking for information related to Islamic religious education. • Emphasizes academic education in general over Islamic religious education, because Islamic religious education is only a subject or compulsory subject as a formality, the rest is more important education.
<p>What efforts can be made to overcome the</p>	

challenges that occur in Islamic education in the millennial era?	<p>Some answers from respondents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide learning with new and not boring methods, so that the millennial generation can learn Islamic religious education with fun. • Presenting more new information about Islamic education to raise the spirit of the younger generation or millennials in instilling Islamic values. • Improving the quality of Islamic religious education teachers in order to raise the spirit of the younger generation in advancing Islamic religious education. • • Inviting fellow friends to always improve themselves and remind each other to always have faith and fear of Allah SWT.
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In the first question, "Are you interested in studying Islamic education in Indonesia?", almost all respondents answered "Yes, interested". But when entering the second question, many are more interested in information that is going viral than information about Islamic religious education. The conclusion is that they have a sense of attraction, but are not completely attracted. Maybe it can be said that it is only temporary curiosity and does not want to know more about Islamic religious education.

DISCUSSION

The millennial generation is a generation born in 1980-2019. This generation has entered the era of globalization. So that information technology is increasingly developing sophisticated and modern. One of the big influences for the millennial generation is social media. Not infrequently the millennial generation must have social accounts media to communicate or find information. But over time, with the existence of sophisticated information technology such as the internet, it is easy for the millennial generation to get all information from outside and inside and easily influenced. The thing that is quite dangerous is when the millennial generation knows forms of culture, information from outside or the west that can be implemented in their daily lives. (2) As millennials or the next generation, we should have a sense of enthusiasm to continue to improve ourselves and explore as much information as possible. -much so that we don't get caught up in bad treatment. Millennials may occasionally seek entertainment by hanging out with their friends, playing online games. But it would be nice if they were together or hanging out, chatting about important things, exchanging opinions and thoughts. So, it does not necessarily just stick to the useless ones but will get new knowledge and information. A good millennial generation is where we remind each other that we are both created by Allah SWT, therefore we must always have faith and fear of Allah and always instill Islamic values in us.

There are so many young or millennial generations who do use information technology such as cellphones for positive things. But there are also a lot of young people or millennials who use cell phones for negative things. This is a challenge that occurs and can damage values. Islamic values in the millennial era. Such matters are by the purpose of Islamic education, which is to prepare the community, especially the millennial generation, to become Muslims who are responsible for overcoming various kinds of life problems. One of the efforts made is the awareness of the millennial community itself to take part in overcoming the problems or challenges that occur. (3) The effect of the joint venture will provide convenience in overcoming all problems by reminding each other and providing structured Islamic education.

In responding to things like this, parents are one of the figures who have an important role for their children, especially the millennial generation. Parents are one of the main factors to provide a good upbringing to their children. As parents, they must have an awareness of the responsibilities that must be carried out on their children so that parents must be good at educating their children, especially about Islamic religious education. If the child is accustomed to receiving Islamic religious education from an early age, then the child

will grow up to become a good Muslim generation. Parents also need to better understand the nature of their children. Do not let parents wrongly educate and do not give maximum attention to their children, especially regarding Islamic religious education. Therefore, if the challenges of changing times that affect Islamic religious education in the millennial era occur, parents can provide insight so that children are not trapped in bad treatment. And to anticipate the occurrence of these challenges, namely having been given knowledge or descriptions of Islamic religious education from an early age, so that children are trained and accustomed to instilling Islamic values in themselves. As stated in the Qur'an in the letter **At-Tahrim** verse 6, namely "O you who believe, protect yourselves and your families from the fire of hell ...". Regarding the meaning of the snippet of the Qur'anic verse, the scholars say, "Teach your children to do good, educate them to do obedience, and prevent them from evil so that they are far from the torment of hellfire. (4)

In addition to parents, one of the efforts to overcome the challenges of changing times that affect Islamic religious education is to improve the quality of teachers in teaching Islamic education. Quality teachers are teachers who master the subject matter proficiently, expertly, and deeply. Able to convey learning activities effectively and fun. Able to create an atmosphere that is not boring for students. This is one strategy to overcome the challenges that occur. What is done in creating high-quality teachers is by increasing the Teacher Training Institute, training, workshops, and teacher internships. (5) Some of these efforts can be made to improve the quality of teachers so that students, especially the millennial generation, can receive Islamic religious education well and can be instilled in them in their daily lives. (6)

Previously, the concept of religious education was a neatly arranged religious teaching. The contents of this religious teaching were well packaged in a systematic, structured, and comprehensive manner. Religious education can be found in educational institutions. Therefore, the younger generation or millennial generation is required to attend study routines in educational institutions. (7) Through religious education learning, the younger generation will get information about the existence of God. In addition, it can also be a provision for the younger generation in living life. The younger generation may live to have fun, but the substance of life should not be forgotten. Especially the Muslim generation in the millennial era must be a superior person who always instills Islamic values. The concept of Islamic education clarifies its role to develop the potential that exists in humans because the potential given by Allah SWT will ultimately be accounted for before Allah SWT. Therefore,

we as millennials must carry out all the commands and teachings of Allah SWT. Understand and obey the rules of religious law as well as the laws of societal norms. These legal values will serve as a warning for us to carry out daily activities together with other community members. Because that value binds to everyone, not just yourself. (8) Religion is also not only for oneself but also for others. The formulation of educational goals plays a very important role. Because it functions to direct activities, encourage work, provide value and help achieve success. Islamic education is also tasked with maintaining, instilling, and developing the continuity of the functioning of Islamic values sourced from the Sui Al-Qur'an and Al-Hadith books. As stated in the Qur'an in Surah Al-Asr as follows,

إِلَّا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ وَتَوَّصُوا بِالحَقِّ وَتَوَّصُوا
بِالصَّبْرِ

"Except for those who believe and do righteous deeds and exhorts to obey the truth and exhorts to persist in patience" (Qs. Al-Ashr/103:3).

There are three things that Muslims need to know, especially for the millennial generation, namely first, Muslims should not be stupid people, they must get an education. Second, Muslims must carry out their obligations by religious teachings and are guided by the Qur'an. Third, Muslims must-have skills and skills as a means to obtain their rights. (10) Islamic religious education provides a very clear understanding. It's up to us as the younger generation, to explore it in depth or only to receive formal Islamic religious education. There are so many millennial Muslim generations who are only Muslim because they are descended from their parents. But they do not want to continue the whole Islamic generation in its entirety. Only with the veil, but has bad ethics and is inappropriate in Islam. As a millennial generation, they should have the self-awareness to rise, always instill Islamic values in themselves and apply them in daily life.

CONCLUSIONS

From some of the narrative writings above, it can be understood that the millennial generation or the younger generation has a strategic role in its era. An era that requires a period that favors the younger generation. It can be realized that a millennial generation is a place of hope for everyone. If the millennial generation does not have the enthusiasm to study Islamic religious education, there will be no future generations who have superior characters, especially in advancing Islamic values. In this millennial era, the challenges of changing times can be felt. Starting from sophisticated information technology, the influence of a western culture that enters the country, online games, and social media. Some of these things are challenges for the millennial generation, especially in Islamic religious education. In response to this, the role of parents is very important to make their children have superior character. From an early age, parents must introduce their child to the Qur'an, so that until adulthood he will stick to the Qur'an and will always remember Allah and instill Islamic values in his body and mind. In addition to parents, self-awareness of the millennial generation is also very much needed. We will not be able to change ourselves because of others unless the desire to change arises from ourselves. The millennial generation should be able to think positively and be future-oriented. Not only think about worldly pleasures. As a millennial generation, we must be grateful for being born with an Islamic state. Thus we must maintain the good name of Islam by studying Islamic religious education in-depth for a prosperous life. Fellow millennials must also remind each other to always have faith and fear of Allah SWT and remind them of the truth.

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