

THE ROLE OF THE TA'LIM AL-HIKMAH ASSEMBLY IN IMPROVING THE RELIGIOUS UNDERSTANDING OF THE COMMUNITY IN GUNUNG TULEH DISTRICT

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ABSTRACT

Education in Indonesia is formal, non-formal and informal. Each of them has the goal of educating the nation's life and instilling values that make humans have good morals. The ta'lim assembly is an informal institution that aims as a forum for da'wah and empowerment of Muslims in the midst of society. Because the ta'lim assemblies are independent, flexible and time-limited. The purpose of this study is to produce critical analysis of the role of the al-Hikmah ta'lim assemblies in improving the religious understanding of the community in Gunung Tuleh sub-district. Hilanah in increasing religious understanding. And knowing the supporting and inhibiting factors of the al-Hikmah ta'lim assembly in improving the religious understanding of the community. This research is a descriptive qualitative research with field research methods, articles and writings related to the issues discussed. The results showed that the role of the al-Hikmah ta'lim assembly in increasing the religious understanding of the community in the Gunung Tuleh sub-district was very large and influential. and friendly relations between fellow members. The forms of activity are practicing wirid yasin, khatam Qur'an, guidance on the management of corpses, barzanji religious lectures and others. Constraints faced are health conditions, age factors and household activities.

Key Words : Role, Ta'lim Council, Religious Understanding

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A. INTRODUCTION

Humans are social creatures who cannot stand alone; they need other people for their survival. This means that in social life, he cannot survive without interacting with other humans. Various ways or containers are available and can be done to make it happen, one of which is with the ta'lim assembly.

The term majelis ta'lim is composed of two words, namely "majelis" and "ta'lim." Assembly means place, container, or environment. While ta'lim comes from the word "Allama-yu'allimu-ta'liim," which means teaching, giving information, or teaching, So majelis ta'lim is a place of teaching or recitation for people who want to explore religious knowledge. Majelis Ta'lim is a religious organization that is non-formal and based on the provision of mutual cooperation between members.¹

¹ Anja Galela, *Peran Majelis Ta'lim Ar-Rahman dalam Pembinaan Keimanan dan Ibadah Anggota Majelis Ta'lim Desa Ubung Kecamatan Liliy Kabupaten Buru*, (Ambon: Skripsi, 2021), h. 7

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Various objectives can be achieved in the ta'lim assembly, such as fostering the skills of housewives, family education, and the elderly, establishing good and harmonious friendship among members, and strengthening potential in the realization of development. The existence of Majelis Ta'lim in society is quite important because it makes a lot of constructive contributions in instilling faith and morals, increasing the progress of knowledge and skills in the congregation, and eradicating the ignorance of Muslims in order to improve religious experience and obtain happiness in the world and the hereafter.²

Judging from its history, this ta'lim assembly has existed since the time of the Prophet Muhammad, but the name is different. The recitations of the Prophet Muhammad that took place in the house of Arqam bin abil Arqam can be called a ta'lim assembly today. In Indonesia, majelis ta'lim is familiar, and in various parts of the region, there are many majelis ta'lim that are active with their activities. In practice, in developing da'wah and syi'ar Islam, the ta'lim assembly is flexible, not bound by time, and open to all levels of society, regardless of strata and gender.³

The activity of the ta'lim assembly is a very important forum for the community to increase religious understanding and the formation of a religious soul and personality, which greatly functions as a motion for the activities of the people in Indonesia. then it is appropriate that all activities with Islamic nuances receive support and attention from the community, so as to create humans who have a balance between intellectual and mental spiritual potential in facing a more advanced era.⁴

Like the al-Hikmah ta'lim assembly in Paraman Ampalu village, Gunung Tuleh sub-district, which is a forum for increasing faith and friendship between people in the form of recitation. Majelis ta'lim al-Hikmah in Gunung Tuleh sub-district is often also called Wirid Yasiin Al-Hikmah; this activity is carried out regularly every week, namely every Monday night. Due to his belief that Monday night is one of the nights that is more blessed than other nights, There are several routine activities that are often carried out by this ta'lim assembly, such as regular recitation of wirid yasiin, tahlilan and tahmid, tasyakuran, education for organizing a funeral, Barzanji down bathing children, shalawat and dhikr, Rihlah, monthly meetings of the city or provincial Ta'lim Assembly, and others.

² Feri andi, *Peran Mjelis Ta'lim dalam Meningkatkan Pemahaman Keagamaan (Study terhadap Majelis Ta'lim Nurul Hidayah Desa Taraman Jaya*, (Palembang: Skripsi, 2017), h. 12

³ Iwan Ridwan dan Istinganatul Ulwiyah, *Sejarah dan Kontribusi Majelis Ta'lim dalam Peningkatan Kualitas Pendidikan di Indonesia*, (Tangerang, Universitas Sultan Ageng Tirtayasa, 2020), *Jurnal Pendidikan Karakter "JAWARA"*, h. 18

⁴ Anggi revania Putri dan Rahmi Wiza, *Peranan Majelis Ta'lim Ainul Yaqin dalam Meningkatkan Pemahaman Agama Anggota di Kelurahan Koto Lalang Kota Padang*, (Padang: Universitas Negeri Padang, 2022), *Jurnal Pendidikan Tambusai*, h. 691

The Al-Hikmah Ta'lim Assembly is very helpful in increasing knowledge in the community, especially about religion. With this assembly routinely carried out, the surrounding community will be motivated to participate in the recitation. As said by Mrs. Sukhro, S.Ag, as the chairman and supervisor of the Al-Hikmah Ta'lim Assembly, with this assembly, mothers who were previously illiterate in reading and writing the Qur'an were motivated to learn, and mothers who rarely read the Qur'an and were far from religious worship became better than before. However, there are also several obstacles that occur in carrying out various activities, one of which is the uncertain busyness of the members.

Based on the explanation above, it can be seen that the ta'lim assembly plays a very important role in providing religious education to the community. Therefore, further research, in-depth analysis, and a more straightforward and systematic understanding of the contribution and active role of the al-Hikmah ta'lim assembly in increasing the religious understanding of the community in the Gunung Tuleh sub-district are needed.

This research is supported by other relevant research, namely "The Role of Majelis Ta'lim as Alternative Education in Revitalizing Religious Knowledge (Study of Majelis Ta'lim Al-Amanah Lubuk Ngin Village)" by Yesi Arikarani. The focus of the problem is on the role of the ta'lim assembly in increasing the return of religious activities that were once active but are no longer active. Thus, this study aims to determine the role of the ta'lim assembly in revitalizing religion in the al-amanah ta'lim assembly by describing the activity program implemented and knowing the supporters and obstacles to revitalizing religious knowledge.⁵ Different from what the author will examine because the researcher will focus more on examining the role of the Al-Hikmah ta'lim assembly in increasing the religious understanding of the people of Paraman Ampalu village, Gunung Tuleh sub-district. And the factors that influence the role of the ta'lim assembly in increasing religious understanding.

Research "Majelis Ta'lim Da'wah Strategy in Strengthening Ukhuwah Islamiyah" by Suriati. The focus of the problem is on the attitude and brotherhood of fellow believers. With so many different activities, primordial ties are decreasing. Thus, this study aims to crystallize the psychological relationship for the creation of ukhuwah Islamiyah through the ta'lim assembly.⁶

Research "The Role of the Ta'lim Assembly in Shaping Children's Emotional Intelligence (Study of Nahjussalam Ta'lim Assembly in Cijeungjing District) by Nia Nuraida and Lilis Nurteti The focus of the problem is the formation of children's emotional intelligence. This study aims to determine the role of the ta'lim assembly in

⁵ Yesi Arikarani, Peran Majelis Ta'lim sebagai Pendidikan Alternatif dalam merevitalisasi Pengetahuan Agama. *Journal El-Ghiroh*, Vol.XII, No 01 Februari 2017.

⁶ Suriati, Majelis Ta'lim Strategi Dakwah dalam Mempererat Ukhuwah Islamiyah, *Journal Al-Miskeah* Vol 9, No 2, Juli-Desember 2013

shaping children's intelligence in Ceungjing.⁷ All of the studies that the author puts forward both discuss the ta'lim assembly, but there are differences in what the author is researching. The first study focuses on revitalizing religious knowledge and reactivating religious activities that have stopped. The second focuses on strengthening ukhuwah Islamiyah with efforts to crystallize the psychological relationships of the community. The third focuses on the formation of children's emotional intelligence. It is different from what the author will research because the purpose of the author's research is to find out the role of the Al-Hikmah ta'lim assembly in increasing the religious understanding of the community in Paraman Ampalu, Gunung Tuleh sub-district, and the inhibiting and supporting factors for the role of the ta'lim assembly in increasing the religious understanding of the Paraman Ampalu community, Gunung Tuleh sub-district.

B. RESEARCH METHODS

This type of research uses qualitative research that describes the role of majelis ta'lim in increasing people's religious understanding with a case study method that focuses on case specifications of an event in an individual, group, or portrait of life. Qualitative research is research that does not conduct calculations with numbers but provides a factual and systematic description of the conditions regarding the factors, characteristics, and relationships between phenomena that are owned.⁸ Penelitian kualitatif disebut juga pendekatan investigasi, karena biasanya peneliti mengumpulkan data dengan cara observasi dan wawancara yaitu, bertatap muka langsung dan berinteraksi dengan objek di tempat penelitian.⁹ Qualitative research is also called an investigative approach because usually researchers collect data by means of observation and interviews, namely by meeting face-to-face and interacting with objects at the research site. This research was conducted at Al-Hikmah Ta'lim Assembly in Paraman Ampalu village, Gunung Tuleh sub-district. The data sources or informants in this study were the chairman, coach, and members of the Al-Hikmah Ta'lim Assembly. The instruments used are observation, in-depth interviews with a list of questions that have been prepared, and documentation. Analyzing the data is done by collecting raw data, transcribing the data, and drawing a final conclusion.

C. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

1. The Role of Majelis Ta'lim Al-Hikmah in Improving the Religious Understanding of the Community in Gunung Tuleh District

⁷ Nia Nuraida dan Lilis Nurteti, Peran Majelis Ta'lim dalam Membentuk Kecerdasan Emosional Anak (Studi Majelis Ta'lim Nahjussalam kecamatan Cijeungjing Ciamis), *Journal Tarbiyah al-Aulad*, Vol.2 No. 2, 2017

⁸ Sugiyono, *Metode Penelitian Pendidikan*. (Bandung: Alfabeta, 2014), h. 15

⁹ Danu Eko Agustinova, *Memahami Metode Penelitian Kualitatif: Teori & Praktik*, (Yogyakarta: Calpulis, 2015)

Profile of Majelis Ta'lim Al-Hikmah

Majelis Ta'lim Al-Hikmah is a ta'lim assembly located in Paraman Ampalu village and has been established since Sunday, January 15, 2017, with approximately 60 members. This Ta'lim al-hikmah Assembly is one of the many Ta'lim assemblies in the Gunung Tuleh sub-district. The chairman and coach of this al-Hikmah ta'lim assembly is Mrs. Sukhro, S.Ag. She is very active in various activities, both social and religious. This Al-Hikmah Ta'lim Assembly is often also called Wirid Yasiin Al-Hikmah. The purpose of the establishment or the initial basis for the establishment of the Al-Hikmah Ta'lim Assembly is to foster, establish, and strengthen relationships in the community, especially among mothers, improve the reading of the Qur'an among mothers because there are still many who stammer in reading it, make it easier to read the Quran, and of course increase the religious insight of the local community. This majelis ta'lim activity is usually carried out regularly every Monday or Sunday night, but does not rule out the possibility of being carried out on other days at certain activities.

Forms of Activities of Majelis Ta'lim Al-Hikmah

a. Routine Recitation of Yasiin, Tahlil, and Tahmid

Based on observations and interviews with the head and members of the Majelis Ta'lim, the routine recitation of Yasiinan, Tahlilan, and Tahmid is always held every week on Monday night. This activity is carried out from house to house. That is, each member of the Majelis Ta'lim gets a turn as host in the implementation of yasiinan in his house. This yasiinan activity begins with Asmaul Husna reading yasiin, tahlil, and tahmid, then ends with prayer.

This routine recitation provides many benefits for members of the assembly, such as creating a feeling of relief and comfort after reading the Qur'an, improving or facilitating the reading of the Qur'an that is stuttered, increasing faith and devotion to Allah SWT, and of course strengthening family relations and silaturahmi in the community.

b. Khatam Qur'an

Apart from improving the reading and tajweed of the members, the al-Hikmah ta'lim assembly also plays an important role in social society. As it happens, if there is a member of the community's misfortune (death), then the al-Hikmah ta'lim assembly participates in khatam al-Qur'an at the funeral home. As well as condolences .

c. Regular Meetings of Majelis Ta'lim across Districts, Municipalities, and Provinces

This activity is conducted monthly or every six months. Usually this activity is officially organized by the local government and attended directly by district, city, and provincial government officials and all majelis ta'lim spread across districts, cities, and provinces. From the results of direct observation by the author and interviews with members of the Majelis Ta'lim, the series of activities is in the form of yasinan, tahlilan, and tahmid, and the core event is a lecture from one of the ustadz.

This meeting provides many benefits for the mothers in this majelis ta'lim. Because there are so many lessons learned from the lectures delivered by the ustadz, both increasing knowledge about good and correct worship and encouraging people to be more diligent in worship, diligent in reading the Quran, and instilling akhlakul karimah, In addition, it can strengthen brotherhood and silaturrahi relationships among communities in the region, district, city, and province.

d. Barzanji, child bath/Aqiqah, and Thanksgiving ceremony

Majelis Ta'lim al-Hikmah is also taught in barzanji, so this ta'lim assembly is often invited to attend events held by the local community, such as child bathing (aqiqah), thanksgiving for a new house, thanksgiving for paying vows, and others. This Barzanji activity makes the congregation happy because the lyrics are very beautiful to hear coupled with the Prophet's salawat. The singing skills and talents of the women can be channeled with barzanji.

e. Instructions on how to arrange funerals

In this al-Hikmah ta'lim assembly, the organization of the corpse is also taught. Not only teaching theory but directly practicing it either together with members or directly in the field if someone dies. The urgency of this corpse organization guidance is related to bathing and shrouding. Because most of the things to pray for are, of course, already understood by the mothers. The guidance on organizing this corpse is very helpful and useful for the mothers of the al-Hikmah ta'lim assembly.

The Role of Majelis Ta'lim Al-Hikmah

a. As a forum for fostering and developing religious knowledge in community life for the formation of a soul that is devoted to Allah SWT.

Majelis Ta'lim al-Hikmah plays an important role in fostering and developing religious knowledge in the Gunung Tuleh sub-district. Many benefits are felt after the existence of this ta'lim assembly. In accordance with the words of

several members of the al-Hikmah ta'lim assembly who were interviewed. All activities carried out by the al-hikmah ta'lim assembly add insight and knowledge to the mothers of the members of this ta'lim assembly. The dominant members of the Ta'lim al-hikmah assembly are dominated by mothers who are married and elderly. In terms of the educational history of the congregation, most of them only graduated from elementary school, some from junior high school, and some from high school. Thus, this ta'lim assembly is very influential in the religious understanding of the community in the Gunung Tuleh sub-district.

With the existence of the al-Hikmah ta'lim assembly, mothers who initially rarely read the Qur'an have now become more diligent. The reading of the Quran, which is still stammering and lacking understanding of tajweed, can be smoother and better. Various activities carried out in this al-Hikmah ta'lim assembly increase the religious spirit of community members in the Gunung Tuleh sub-district. Such activities as yasiinan activities, tahlilan, tahmid, shalawatan, and others nurture the faith of the congregation to always remember Allah SWT, get closer to Allah, worship diligently, and have good morals..

- b. A forum to strengthen the bonds of friendship and Ukhuwah Islamiyah in the context of Syi'ar Islam.

The ta'lim assembly is also a network of communication, ukhuwah, and silaturrahmi between communities in order to uphold unity and syi'ar Islam. Regular meetings that are held make the congregation know each other and get a closer sense of brotherhood. Due to the busyness of both work and family, which makes the congregation and the community less close to each other, it is even rare to say hello and meet. Thus, the al-Hikmah ta'lim assembly is one way or moment for the congregation's mothers to meet, share feelings, and strengthen each other's ukhuwah.

As with the opinion of one of the congregants, the routine study of this ta'lim assembly can also be a means of conveying information, impressions, and messages to the general public. Routine recitation is usually carried out from house to house in turn, and at the end of the meeting, the host will provide a banquet in the form of food or drinks for other worshipers. This method also motivates the community to give alms according to their capacity.

- c. An Islamic park of recreation, art and creativity.

Majelis ta'lim al-Hikmah is also a forum for mental improvement, soul, and a sense of community in the Gunung Tuleh sub-district. Based on interviews with the chairman and members of the al-Hikmah ta'lim assembly, the organization of

this activity is very pleasant, relaxed, and directed. All activities carried out provide positive energy for the community. With the various activities of this al-hikmah ta'lim assembly, it creates a feeling of comfort, a sense of calm, and a sense of sincerity in carrying out daily life.

This activity also fosters the courage of the congregation (mothers) to perform and be creative in front of a large audience. Various art activities are also carried out, such as Islamic singing, tambourine, barzanji, and shalawatan, thus making the mothers more motivated to attend the ta'lim assembly. In addition, rihlah (nature study) is also held for the congregation so that they feel entertained and can relax and take a vacation while seeing the natural beauty of the creation of the Almighty.

This ta'lim assembly also plays a role in developing creativity and organization. Majelis ta'lim al-Hikmah has been able to make and plan something together and organize it well; this can be seen from the answers given by the chairman of the al-Hikmah ta'lim assembly that they often hold meetings. For example, if you are going to carry out an activity, you will gather members and hold a meeting. Such as Barzanji activities, tasyakuran invitations, child bathing or aqiqah, the monthly recitation of the grand ta'lim assembly, and so on. The congregation will be gathered and carry out deliberations about the members who will go and perform, as well as the funds and needs that need to be prepared.

2. Supporting and Inhibiting Factors of the Role of Majelis Ta'lim Al-Hikmah in Improving the Religious Understanding of the Community in Gunung Tuleh District

Majelis ta'lim al-Hikmah's efforts to increase the religious understanding of the community in Gunung Tuleh sub-district have received both support and several obstacles.

As for the supporting factors, they are born from oneself or human nature in religion. There is an awareness and desire that arises in the soul of the community or mothers to participate in the ta'lim assembly in order to improve themselves and increase their religious knowledge. In accordance with the answers from members and mothers regarding their motivation to participate in the assembly, namely wanting to get closer to Allah SWT and increase religious knowledge, mothers who feel they are still stammering and lacking in reading the Qur'an want to learn better. In addition to self-awareness, it is also influenced by the environment and family. Seeing the number of neighbors, family, and peers who participate in the activities of the ta'lim assembly, they want to come too. Mothers will invite each other to come and attend this al-Hikmah ta'lim assembly. Then, seeing the various activities held by the al-Hikmah ta'lim assembly, the community became interested and moved to take part in this recitation.

As for the inhibiting factors, there are several things that cause mothers not to attend the ta'lim assembly, including their respective busyness. Most of the mothers of

the al-Hikmah ta'lim assembly work as farmers. So that they sometimes experience obstacles due to busy work, farming, or tiredness. There is also the influence of health, so it cannot attend the ta'lim assembly activities.

D. CONCLUSION

Based on the previous description and analysis, it can be concluded:

1. The role of the al-Hikmah ta'lim assembly is to increase the religious understanding of the Gunung Tuleh sub-district community, which is quite significant. The existence of this assembly is very useful and has a major contribution to the religious order of the community. Worship is increasingly diligent, the heart and mind are calm and peaceful, the improvement of practice and faith, as well as the realization of a strong community in terms of brotherhood, upholding ukhuwah Islamiyah.
2. Forms of activities that can support religious understanding and are routine activities of the al-Hikmah ta'lim assembly include yasiinan, tahlilan, and tahmid; corpse management; religious lectures; barzanji; child bathing/aqiqah; and others.
3. Factors that support the ta'lim assembly can increase religious understanding in the Gunung Tuleh sub-district community, the spirit of the individual to change for the better, self-confidence, and human nature to get closer to the creator. Factors that become obstacles are sometimes influenced by declining health factors, age factors, and household busyness.

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