ISLAMIC VALUES IN R.J PALACIO’S
“WONDER”

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Abstract

The main problems of this research are to find the islamic values found in R.J Palacio’s “wonder”. The study used the descriptive qualitative research method. The subject of this research was R.J Palacio’s “Wonder”. The primary data of this research were expressions in words, sentences,quotations and paragraph related to Islamic Values of manners and islamic Values of behaviour in the novel. The supporting data were obtained from some sources, such as book, article, journal and film related to manners and behaviour. In collecting data, read-write technique was used. The data analysis was conducted using islamic values approach. The result of this research show two important points. First, there are 4 types islamic values of manners that found in the novel reflected by Augie (protagonist). The second there are 4 types islamic values of behaviour in novel reflected by Augie (protagonist) namely: his behaviour towards friends explained about fairing to his friend, Augie’sbehaviour towards others explained about thanking to those who helped him and helping friend when it’s hard or happy. Augie’sbehaviour towards the elder and young people explained about how Augie’s talk to talk with older people more than him, Augie’sbehaviour toward his parents explained about his obidient and always make his parents happy.

Keyword: Islamic Values, Manners, Behaviour


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1. INTRODUCTION

Rifkiawan (2016) said that in this modern age, religious values, culture and the way of life of the religious community is changing so fast, that is aroused from a sense of uncertainty the many the surprise that comes, and separates humans from certainty morals and traditional ethnicity. Lots of surprises regarding changes that have occurred, make religious relations with modern culture is increasingly blurred, so there needs to be a format a relationship that can be used as a benchmark for building good relationship. But on the other hand, Muslims must think the negative impact of modern culture, which is suspected there will be certain conflicts, moral degradation, changing human attitudes towards religion, individualistic, etc. From here religion and its adherents must take a firm stance on strategy furthermore in facing the challenges of modern culture.

Nurhidayah (2017) said the development of this world more advanced and developing, but with progress and development of the times, teenagers hit by a moral crisis. His mind also ruled by a lifestyle west. It’s growing technology, decreasing faith and piety to adolescents. Seen from how to dress up, talk, hang out lack of manners.

Morgan (2005) in Halstead (2007), it seems appropriate that a Special Issue should be devoted to Islamic Values and moral education in the Muslim world, especially since there are over 50 countries whose population is predominantly Muslim. The aim of the special issues is threefold. The first aims is to raise awareness in the west of Islamic values and of the impact of these values on the very concept of education in Islam. The use of the word ‘Islamic’ here is international, in preference to ‘Muslim’, because the former implies that the values relate to the religion itself, whereas the latter refers to the civilisation that grew up around the religion. The second aims is to explore the theory and practice of moral education in the Muslim world. The third aim is to use this better understanding of the link between Islamic Values and moral education in the Muslim world to facilitate more productive dialogue between Western and Islamic specialists in moral education.

Islamic Values are very interesting to be analyzed because they teach us a lot about how to deal with real life and how to be a good person with the good attitude or manners, especially how a Muslim should live their lives properly based on the guidelines or Islamic values itself. Islamic Values are reflected in R.J Palacio’s Wonder it discusses about a child of ten years old named Augie who suffer treachercolins syndrome which make his face deformed, but with his weakness he has extraordinary strength namely courtesy to other people, eventhough sometimes people around him find it strange but he
is never replied them. Because he knew that he would never want to be born like that, but there was nothing he could do, but accept the reality.

2. METHODOLOGY

In this research, the researcher used the analysis data and this research is descriptive qualitative research and the researcher want to describe the Islamic values that found in the novel wonder with reading the novel more than twice and discussing the material then make the conclusion from this research. Actually, there are two sources of data: the primary data and the secondary data, but in this research the sources of secondary data is the novel itself that is the author by R.J Palacio. Then the primary data is taken from books, journal and some critical works and also film.

In the step of data collection procedure, the researcher needs both primary and secondary data sources. First of all, the writer starts with reading the novel wonder more than twice to get further understanding and taking down any notes of the Islamic Values that found in the novel. The researcher also looks into secondary data such as collecting related data from books, articles, webs and other supporting material that is relevant to the topic of the study. Data analysis is the process of systematically applying statistical and/or logical techniques to describe and illustrate, abbreviate and recap, and evaluate data. While data analysis in qualitative research can include statistical procedures, analysis many times becomes an ongoing iterative process in which data are collected and analyzed almost simultaneously.

3. FINDINGS AND DISCUSSIONS

The first findings in this research discussed the Islamic Values of manners such as manners toward God (Allah SWT) explained about Be patient when dealing with things that are not liked and Being pleased with Allah provisions, manners toward family explained apologing when make the mistakes and how to be a humble when talk to the parents, manners towards society that explained about how to respecting each others and how to be a wise person in dealing a problems, manners towards oneself explained about being a courage and confident person and being a clever person.

The second findings in this research discussed the Islamic Values of Behavior such as behavior towards friends explained about fairing to friends without discriminating another friends and always shows a cheerful face to friends, behavior towards others explained about thanking to those who helped us, helping friend when it’s hard or happy and forgiving others who has do mistakes, manners towards the elder and young people
shows about looking down when talking with older people and love the young people, manners towards parents show about make the parents happy and obedient to the parents. Based on the problem of the research in chapter one, in this chapter would like to answer the result of the research namely what are Protagonist’s Islamic Values of Manner in R.J Palacio’s Wonder, what are Protagonist’s Islamic Values of Behavior in R.J Palacio’s Wonder.

1) The Protagonist’s Islamic Values of Manners

Many of moral values that contained in Islam teachings make people who are outside the religion of Islam, spontaneously and without them realizing that they have applied the values of Islamic teachings in their daily life. Many muslims in America are familiar with Americans themselves, whose moral values of Islam itself are growing and many people are not aware of applying them to their lives based on the perspective of Islam itself.

In Wonder story describes a Protagonist Augie has a abnormal face from his born, namely Treacher Collins Syndrome. How he must accept the destiny that given from God, his manner toward God that he was never angry with destiny who given to him. How to deal with real life and also how to respond the people around him that thinks he was a strange and creepy child with his deformer face. His manners and behaviour to all of people especially to God is very nice, although he has a weakness but is not a problem for him for always be kind to other people around him. Thus, to answer the first problem of the research, all Protagonist’s Islamic Values of Manners presented below.

a. Manners Toward God (Allah SWT)

Manners toward Allah SWT can be interpreted as attitudes or actions that should be carried out by humans as creatures, to Allah as khaliq. Good behavior toward Allah SWT is to be pleased with the law both in terms of syar’i and destiny, accepted it gratefully. Behavior toward Allah SWT are reflected in the novel are; be patient when dealing with things that are not liked and being pleased with Allah provisions.

b. Manners toward family

Manner towards family is an attitude that comes from ourselves to doing good to all family members. Manners towards family that reflected in novel are; apologize when make a mistakes and be humble yourself when talk to your parents.

c. Manners toward society

Every human being is a social being who must interact and provide mutual benefits to each other. How should be required to be kind to people those around people. The manners towards society that reflected in novel are:

1. Respecting each others
2. Be a wise person in dealing a problems

d. Manners toward Oneself

Manners toward oneself is something that we must prioritize, both physically and spiritually. If the manners toward oneself are good, then our manners toward others must be good. One of the manners toward oneself is the courage to do something that can make us better, responsible and also seek knowledge. Manners towards oneself that reflected in novel are:
1. Being a courage and confident person.
2. Being a clever person

2) The Protagonist’s Islamic Values of Behaviour

The protagonist’s islamic values of behaviour in this here tell about the behaviour that have Auggie to the people around him to show how people reaction to Augie and how Auggie’s behaviour with them.

a. Behaviour towards friends

Behaviour towards friends is a system that regulates the relationship between one person and another based on a behaviour of politeness, refinement, and civilized character. So the friendship will increase harmony, mutual respect between others. Behaviour towards friend reflected in novel are:
1. Fairing to friends without discriminating another friends
2. Always shows a cheerful face when meet friends

b. Behaviour towards others

Behaviour towards others is how we behave and treat others with good behaviour, respectfully and good speech. Behaviour towards others reflected in novel are:
1. Thanking to those who have helped us.
2. Helping friends when it’s hard or happy.
3. Forgiving others who have hurt us.

c. Behaviour toward the elder and young people

Behaviour towards the elder and young people is one of the behaviour that is strongly emphasized by Islam is behaviour towards older people and love the young. Behaviour towards the elder and young people was reflected in novel are:
1. Looking down when talking to an elder person.
2. Love the young.

d. Behaviour towards parents

Behaviour towards parents is the human soul which is a good deed without consideration. Behaviour towards parents is the most emphasized Islamic teaching.
Behavior towards parents reflected in novel are making them happy both from speech and obedient to the parents and don’t make them worries.

4. CONCLUSIONS

In this chapter the researcher would the conclusion from the end of this research namely the researcher found the Islamic Values in this novel, that is manners and behavior that has protagonist’s character (Auggie). Kinds of manners in this research like manners toward oneself, society, family and also manners toward God (Allah Swt) and the second found kinds of behavior that is behavior towards friend, behavior towards others, behavior towards the elder and young people, help each other when it’s hard or happy, and how to become a good person, behavior towards parents is how make the parents happy and obedient to the parents. This research tells about August is a child that has abnormal face namely treacher collins syndrome and make his face look scared then make him uncomfortable to meet someone and make he didn’t want to school. But finally August make a big decision that he want to go to school because impossible to study at home forever. He is scared to become bullying and his friend cannot accept him to become friend in class, but of his kindness can be inspiring to other people around him. finally, they can accept August and especially his friend in school. August manner and behaviour can change the outlook of positive for those people around him and also give influence positive for them.

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