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The Role Of Career Women In Islamic Children's Education

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ABSTRACT. Women's career is a problem in itself from various eras, especially the patriarchal culture that is embedded in society. Where are women's activities only taking care of the household not far from wells, mattresses and kitchens. While on the other hand women also have more potential that can compete with men in the outside world. There are even some jobs that are better done by women than men. Even so, women also have more important obligations, this is in accordance with Islamic teachings that a woman's duty is to educate children and serve her husband. Based on the reality above, research seeks to explore the concept of thinking that exists in society about a woman's career and her main task in taking care of the family. So that in relation to the researcher can formulate some existing problem formulations, namely how are career women in the view of Siti Muri'ah?. Second, what is the method of educating children according to Islam? This article is made for how career women divide their duties as a mother and as an important part of society. The second is input for parents to innovate in children's education which is applied by the family, especially a woman who has a career in educating

her child. And provide information to parents, especially career women, about their children's education. This research is library research and character study. The conclusion of this study is that Islam obliges men as husbands to meet the needs of their wives and children, but this does not abort a woman's obligation as a wife morally to help her husband earn a living. In children's education, children are entrusted to both parents, meaning that not only is a mother obligatory in terms of educating children but fathers must also work hand in hand in educating their children. A family must share roles and work hand in hand in fostering a family so that the family continues to live harmoniously and prosper in the future.

Keywords: Career Women, Children's Education, Islamic Education.

INTRODUCTION

Career women and women's careers are still a controversial theme in Islamic discourse. Career women are women who have special expertise, skills and professions outside of household activities. Their activities are more moving in the public world. Meanwhile, a woman's career is a socio-cultural conception of a woman's work and profession. There is still an opinion in society that women are not worthy choose a job in the public area that is claimed as a man's world.

Women are still idealized as domestic beings who work to take care of all matters related to the family, such as taking care of children and serving their husbands. Meanwhile, women's careers are still often a problem, because gender bias still occurs in determining job descriptions for women (Siti Muri'ah: 2004).

The gender movement is an alternative in an effort to achieve justice in society. Including redefining the definition of justice that women began to feel unfair. The division of tasks, functions and roles in society refers more to the factor of gender (sex). And ironically, male gender appears as the dominant factor, as Protagoras (485-410M) said: "Man is the measure of all *things*" (men are the measure of everything). Men are conceptualized as productive beings while women are conceptualized as reproductive beings. This kind of reference is considered unfair because it can lead to marginalization, subordination, and discrimination against women. Others, various feminist movements and followed by the spread of issues of gender equality in various places, are a reaction to the patriarchalization of intuitions in society (Siti Muri'ah: 2004).

The position of women before Islam came, the position of women in various contexts was very marginalized. Women are nothing more than part of a commodity that can be transferred from one man to another. Its function, in addition to being a vessel for the continuation of even lower offspring, is to quench the thirst of men. This phenomenon emerged from various nations, including the Hijaz, Mecca and Medina areas where the Prophet Muhammad was resurrected. Therefore, it is not surprising that a social atmosphere emerges, even a social pathology that views disgrace, when a family has a daughter. Much literature reveals that a father feels very ashamed when his wife gives birth to a daughter. To get rid of this embarrassment, immediately the newborn girl was taken to the middle of a vast desert, then the baby was then buried alive. This happened among the kindah, Roi'ah, and Tamim tribes.

If for some reason the husband is unable to earn an adequate living, while the family's economic needs are unavoidable, then the wife's work in meeting these needs

can be of worship value. If a woman works to meet the needs of her family, and she does it with sincerity and avoids things that are prohibited by religion, then she has done good things.

This was ever done by the two sons of the Prophet Shu'aib as mentioned in the word of Allah in QS Al Qasas 28:29, which means: "And when he arrived at the water source of the country of Madyan he found there a group of people who were drinking (their cattle), and he found behind the crowd, two women who were holding back (his cattle). Musa said: "What do you mean (by doing so)?" The two women replied: "We cannot drink (our livestock), before the shepherds return (their livestock), while our father is an elderly parent."

The verse above does not mention a wife who works because her husband cannot work. However, it clearly states that a woman works outside the home for the sake of her family, if a wife who *incidentally* also has the responsibility to provide for the needs of her children and family. Thus it is clear that working for women is also a form of worship.

In the midst of the feminist movement, as a result of the need to support the family and the increasing education of women, the issue of gender inequality began to be voiced in Indonesia since 1960. This issue has become part of the phenomenon and social dynamics of Indonesian society which has made the position of women even better. Opportunities for them to actualize themselves are increasingly open.

METHOD

In this study, the research used a qualitative approach, namely research that is descriptive in nature and tends to use analysis. The type of research that the writer did was library research and character studies. Library research (*library research*) is research conducted in libraries where research objects are usually explored through various library information such as books, encyclopedias, scientific journals, newspapers, magazines, and documents (Mestika Zed: 2008).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The community of working women or more popularly known as career women. Career women expand their world of service, not only in the household as mothers, but also in society with various functions and positions. The view which has so far been indoctrinated that as high as a woman can go to school, will eventually go to the kitchen has also started to be questioned, the role of men as the head of the household has also begun to shift. The position of husband and wife is starting to be questioned, they are no longer in a position of being dominated and dominating. Because it turns out that in the context of career women, there are many phenomena where the wife's income is greater than the husband's income. However, this function as a career woman is not devoid of problems, it contains many problems. These issues include child care. Emotionally, children are closer to their mothers than their fathers. Therefore, the dependence of children on mothers as educators, as well as those who supervise children's development is mostly placed on mothers. While my father worked outside the home. So if the mother works outside the home it means less attention to the child.

If you examine more deeply, it is related to the conditions in this modern era where women are competing to jump in and develop their careers, that the real role of a woman cannot be separated from responsibility to the family. There is no greatest glory given by God to a woman but her role as a mother. The role of a mother is very large in realizing the happiness and integrity of the family. As the main woman's duty is to educate new generations (Quraish Shihab: 2018).

They were prepared by God for the task, both physically and mentally. Women have an important role in education, especially children because the family has an important role for the growth of children where they get the first influence from their families during a very important and critical period in children's education, namely the first years of their life (pre-school age).

Education of children in the household is the duty of all parents. But educating children from the womb to birth until the child becomes an adult is the main task of a mother, because mothers have a big role in the education of children during the womb until their children are adults. As the Word of Allah SWT in QS Al-Baqarah verse 233, means: "Mothers should breastfeed their children for two full years, that is for those who want to perfect breastfeeding."

The verse explains that the mother has a role to breastfeed her child for two full years. Breastfeeding referred to in the paragraph above is a mother who breastfeeds her child with breast milk (breast milk). Children's development will be better and maximal if during infancy they are given breast milk from the mother because in addition to having perfect nutrition for the child's growth, breastfeeding also creates a close relationship between the child and the mother, especially from a psychological perspective. When breastfeeding, a mother will bestow affection on her baby sincerely. So, breastfeeding does not only provide breast milk but also provides spiritual satisfaction between mother and child. Parents or father and mother play an important role and are very influential on the education of their children. Since a child is born, his mother is always beside him. Therefore, he imitates his mother's behavior and usually a child loves his mother more, if the task is carried out properly (Zakiah Daradjat: 2004).

Educating her children after giving birth takes a long time, effort and financially. The task of educating is indeed not the individual duty of a mother, but also the duty of a father. Mothers and fathers are people who are largely responsible for children's education from an early age (Rasyid Ridha: 1994). Mothers and fathers carry out this obligation with full sincerity. Parents' concern begins when their children are babies until they grow up. Mothers and fathers are people who know how to apply the qualities of nobility and majesty in educating children and in this way they sacrifice all their personal means and facilities.

And in essence, the implementation of children's education is a big mandate from Allah SWT. Therefore negligence and deviation of children's education from the predetermined manhaj is a betrayal of that great mandate. Given the magnitude of the responsibility of the executors of education, Allah, the Most Holy, will reward them accordingly (Jaudah: 1995).

If a mother is able to maintain the morale of her child, then the mother is able to maintain the morale of the nation. The birth of a golden generation to succeed the

nation is the result of family education, which is mostly dominated by a mother's education. The mother who first educates and introduces the world to children becomes a whole system. The role of women in the family is the main and first task, but this does not deny that women also have other obligations in society. Therefore, however, women with Islamic careers allow it, as long as the career is in accordance with the concept of education that exists in Islam, namely in accordance with the values contained in the Al-Qur'an and hadith. And women as career women must be able to play a role in all aspects of life.

Siti Muriah's thoughts about career women being able to carry out their domestic and public roles well in a balanced configuration according to Islamic teachings. ¹⁰ This is a very interesting problem in today's era because many career women in this era still set aside their duties apart from being important figures in society and also as mothers in the family. The researcher himself has an important basis for studying Siji Muriah's thoughts about women which will then be examined further in relation to the role of women who have careers in children's education.

CONCLUSION

A career woman is allowed for the reason of fulfilling the needs of her children and family as long as she does not neglect her main role in managing the household and she is able to carry out her career by maintaining her honor in accordance with Islamic law. Husband's permission is the main thing for women in a career because the heaven of wives is in the pleasure of their husbands.

Women have the potential to develop if their talents continue to be explored and implemented in society. But behind developing their potential, women have the main task of keeping the household in harmony. The trick is that career women must be ready to set aside all their time and energy to chat with their children, this is to shape children's character education and foster closeness between parents and children so that children do not lose love and attention parents in his life.

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