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Analysis of The Content of Da'wah Messages in The Book "Islam As Science" By Kuntowijoyo

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This research aims to analyze the messages of da'wah in the book "Islam as a Science" by Kuntowijoyo. This book was chosen because it is one of the monumental works of an Indonesian Muslim intellectual who seeks to convey Islamic teachings in a way that is relevant to modern society. The research methods used are content analysis and hermeneutics to identify the main themes and understand the context and meaning of the da'wah messages conveyed. This research finds that the da'wah messages in the book include aspects of Aqidah (faith), Syariah (Islamic law), and Akhlaq (morality). These messages are comprehensively explained, providing guidance for Muslims on how to live life according to religious teachings. The analysis results show that this book not only conveys religious information but also plays a role in moral education and behavioral change for individuals and society. By analyzing the book "Islam as a Science," this research provides insights into how da'wah can be effectively delivered in a modern context, addressing the challenges of technology and rapid social change. This research is expected to contribute to the development of relevant and efficient da'wah strategies for the present time.

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1. Introduction

Islam, as one of the world's major religions, plays a critical role in guiding human affairs, encompassing the relationships individuals have with their Creator, fellow humans, and the environment around them. The Qur'an, regarded as the ultimate source of guidance for Muslims, provides a comprehensive framework on how life should be conducted in accordance with divine principles. Within this framework, the concept of da'wah emerges as a vital element, aimed at spreading Islamic teachings and fostering significant social, cultural, economic, and religious transformations within society.

The significance of da'wah in Islam is deeply embedded in the teachings of the Qur'an and the hadiths. These religious texts underscore the responsibility of Muslims to disseminate the principles and values of Islam to others, emphasizing that da'wah transcends mere information dissemination. It encompasses moral education and the promotion of behavioral changes that align with Islamic virtues. Consequently, da'wah serves not only as a conduit for religious instruction but also as a mechanism for nurturing the moral fabric of individuals and the broader community.

However, the landscape of da'wah in the contemporary era is marked by unique challenges. Rapid technological advancements and swift social changes present new obstacles and opportunities for the effective delivery of Islamic teachings. In this modern context, it becomes imperative to explore how da'wah can be conducted in a manner that resonates with the current societal dynamics and technological milieu. One promising approach to address this is through the examination of Islamic literature, particularly works that seek to contextualize Islamic teachings for modern audiences.

Kuntowijoyo, an esteemed Indonesian Muslim intellectual who lived from 1936 to 2005, is renowned for his profound and critical insights into Islam and its intersection

with societal issues. His works strive to articulate Islamic teachings in ways that are accessible and relevant to contemporary society. Among his significant contributions is the book "Islam as a Science," which stands out as a monumental work in Islamic literature. This book delves into various facets of Islam comprehensively, offering a nuanced exploration of its principles and their application in modern life.

The choice to analyze Kuntowijoyo's "Islam as a Science" stems from the need to understand how da'wah can be effectively communicated in today's world. This book is a rich source of Islamic thought, providing valuable perspectives on how Islamic teachings can be interpreted and applied in the context of modern societal challenges. By scrutinizing the da'wah messages embedded in this work, we aim to glean insights into effective strategies for delivering Islamic teachings in a manner that is both impactful and relevant.

In undertaking this research, the primary objective is to identify and analyze the core messages of da'wah presented in Kuntowijoyo's "Islam as a Science." This involves a thorough content analysis and hermeneutic examination to uncover the thematic elements and contextual meanings of the da'wah messages conveyed in the book. Through this analysis, we hope to contribute to the broader discourse on da'wah, offering perspectives that can inform the development of effective and contextually appropriate da'wah strategies in the contemporary era.

Ultimately, this research aspires to bridge the gap between traditional Islamic teachings and the evolving realities of modern life. By understanding how Kuntowijoyo's work addresses the challenges of conveying Islamic principles in today's world, we can gain valuable insights into the dynamic process of da'wah. This understanding is crucial for fostering a more profound and meaningful engagement with Islamic teachings, ensuring that they continue to inspire and guide individuals and communities in navigating the complexities of the modern age.

2. Research Method

This study employs a qualitative approach, utilizing content analysis and hermeneutic methods to examine the da'wah messages in Kuntowijoyo's book "Islam as a Science." The qualitative approach is selected as it allows for a deeper understanding of the meanings and interpretations of the da'wah messages conveyed in the text.

Content analysis is used to identify and analyze the main themes that emerge from the text. This method is effective for exploring hidden messages and identifying communication patterns within the text. The content analysis involves coding the text to categorize data into meaningful themes, which enables the identification of patterns and relationships between these themes. This systematic and objective approach helps in uncovering specific characteristics of the da'wah messages.

In addition to content analysis, the hermeneutic approach is applied to understand the context and meaning of the da'wah messages. The hermeneutic method allows for a deeper interpretation of the text by considering the socio-cultural and historical context in which it was written. This approach helps in gaining a more profound understanding of how the context influences the da'wah messages conveyed by Kuntowijoyo.

The primary data source for this study is Kuntowijoyo's book "Islam as a Science." This book is chosen as the main object of analysis due to its significance in the field of Islamic studies and da'wah. In addition to the text, in-depth interviews with da'wah experts and readers of the book are conducted to gain broader perspectives on the interpretation and understanding of the da'wah messages.

Secondary data sources include relevant literature such as books, journal articles, and research reports on da'wah, content analysis, and hermeneutics. These sources support the analysis and interpretation of the primary data. Additionally, statistical data and reports from relevant research institutions are used to provide context and background for the study.

Triangulation is employed to ensure the validity and reliability of the data. This technique involves combining multiple data sources or methods to obtain a more comprehensive and accurate understanding of the phenomenon being studied. In this research, triangulation is achieved by integrating text analysis with in-depth interviews, providing a robust and multifaceted view of the da'wah messages in Kuntowijoyo's book.

By using these methods, the research aims to provide a comprehensive and in-depth understanding of the da'wah messages conveyed in "Islam as a Science," offering insights into effective and contextually relevant da'wah strategies in the contemporary era.

3. Result and Discussion

This study examines the da'wah messages in Kuntowijoyo's book "Islam as a Science" through a qualitative content analysis. The analysis reveals several core themes related to Islamic teachings, including Aqidah (faith), Syariah (law), and Akhlak (morality).

Aqidah

Aqidah, or faith, is a fundamental aspect of the book. Kuntowijoyo emphasizes the importance of a strong foundation in faith as the basis for all Islamic teachings. The book discusses the need for Muslims to develop a deep understanding of their beliefs and to strengthen their relationship with God. This theme is reflected in various sections of the book, where the author elaborates on the principles of Tawhid (the oneness of God) and the significance of maintaining a sincere and unwavering belief in the divine.

Syariah

Syariah, or Islamic law, is another significant theme in Kuntowijoyo's work. The book outlines the importance of adhering to Syariah as a means of achieving justice and order in society. Kuntowijoyo argues that Islamic law provides a comprehensive framework for personal conduct and social governance. The discussion includes various aspects of Syariah, such as its role in family life, economic transactions, and ethical behavior. The

author emphasizes the need for Muslims to integrate Syariah principles into their daily lives to create a just and harmonious society.

Akhlak

Akhlak, or morality, is a central theme in the book. Kuntowijoyo stresses the importance of ethical behavior and character development as essential components of Islamic teaching. The book highlights various moral virtues, such as honesty, humility, patience, and compassion. Kuntowijoyo argues that these virtues are crucial for personal development and social harmony. The discussion on Akhlak also includes practical advice on how to cultivate these virtues and integrate them into daily life. The author provides numerous examples from the life of the Prophet Muhammad and his companions to illustrate the application of these moral principles in real-life situations.

Integration of Islamic Knowledge

One of the unique aspects of Kuntowijoyo's book is its emphasis on the integration of Islamic knowledge with contemporary scientific and philosophical thought. The author argues that Islam as a science encompasses not only religious teachings but also a comprehensive worldview that includes various fields of knowledge. Kuntowijoyo advocates for an interdisciplinary approach to Islamic studies, where religious knowledge is integrated with scientific and philosophical insights. This approach, according to the author, can provide a more holistic understanding of Islam and its relevance to modern life.

DISCUSSION

The findings of this study reveal that Kuntowijoyo's book "Islam as a Science" provides a comprehensive and nuanced discussion of Islamic teachings. The emphasis on Aqidah, Syariah, and Akhlak reflects the author's commitment to presenting a holistic view of Islam. The integration of Islamic knowledge with contemporary thought highlights the dynamic and evolving nature of Islamic scholarship. This approach can serve as a valuable resource for contemporary Muslim scholars and students seeking to understand and apply Islamic teachings in a modern context.

Furthermore, the book's focus on ethical behavior and character development underscores the importance of moral virtues in Islam. This emphasis on Akhlak aligns with the broader objectives of Islamic da'wah, which aims to promote moral and ethical conduct among Muslims. The practical advice and examples provided in the book can serve as a guide for individuals seeking to cultivate these virtues in their daily lives.

4. Conclusion

Kuntowijoyo's book "Islam as a Science" offers a rich and insightful exploration of Islamic teachings. The themes of Aqidah, Sharia, and Akhlak provide a comprehensive framework for understanding and practicing Islam. The integration of Islamic knowledge with contemporary thought highlights the relevance of Islamic teachings in the modern world. This study contributes to the ongoing discourse on Islamic scholarship and provides valuable insights for scholars, students, and practitioners of Islam..

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