

## ISLAMIC VALUES ON “AJARI AKU ISLAM” MOVIE (ISLAMIC LITERATURE)

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### Abstract

This article reveals Islamic values in “Ajari Aku Islam” Film. The core of the article is to explain the philosophical values of the film on the perspective of love and life values. The main analysis of this article is using Islamic Perspectives, therefore it will be found some analysis using alquran and hadits in this research. It is found in this article that the movie Ajari Aku Islam contains many Islamic messages that have categories namely establishing prayer, forbidden to touch with non-muhrim, keeping the gaze and covering the aurat, studying the religion of islam, good manner, forgive to allah, help each other, friendly to everyone.

Keywords: Islamic values, Ajari Aku Islam. The core of life, the core of love

### Abstrak

Artikel ini mengungkapkan nilai-nilai Islam dalam film "Ajari Aku Islam". Inti dari artikel ini adalah menjelaskan nilai-nilai filosofis dari film tersebut dalam perspektif cinta dan nilai-nilai kehidupan. Analisis utama dari artikel ini adalah menggunakan perspektif Islam, oleh karena itu akan ditemukan beberapa analisis dengan menggunakan alquran dan hadits dalam penelitian ini. Ditemukan dalam artikel ini bahwa film Ajari Aku Islam mengandung banyak pesan-pesan Islam yang memiliki kategori yaitu mendirikan sholat, dilarang

bersentuhan dengan non-muhrim, menjaga pandangan dan menutup aurat, mempelajari agama islam, sopan santun, memaafkan, saling tolong menolong, ramah kepada semua orang.

Kata kunci: Nilai-nilai Islam, Ajari Aku Islam. Inti dari kehidupan, inti dari cinta

## INTRODUCTION

According to Graham Little about literature in his book “*Approach to literature*” literature is human life study. It studies about human expression and feeling, such as adversity, glory, sadness and happiness that felt by human. Literature is a tool to express interest of human. Life and literature have a little same meaning because literature is a story of human life. It cannot be separated each other. Literature has also a significant part on life. It educates students about important part of life. Since literature studies history (primitive part of society), and human always found lesson in history, so they can teach scriptures to their children about life and love.<sup>1</sup>

In this study, the writer studied about one of Islamic best selling Indonesian film “*Ajari Aku Islam*”. Film is a very suitable medium to make an impact on the general public. Historical records state that one of the influential media in life is film. Therefore films are very effective in spreading Islamic ideology. Many moviegoers are influenced by the characters in the film. When a film becomes Islamic, then this is one of the broadcasting media for the Islamic religion.<sup>2</sup>

Film as a medium has strengths and weaknesses. The advantage is that the film can be accessed anywhere and anytime, either via TV or social media such as YouTube, and it's free. However, the drawback is that making a film requires a lot of money, the procedure for making it is also very long and involves a lot of people.<sup>3</sup>

The film “*Ajari Aku Islam*” is a film that contains uswah hasanah for the

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<sup>1</sup> Graham Little, *Approach to Literature: An Introduction to Critical Study of Content and Method in Writing* (Science Press, 1963). P.1

<sup>2</sup> Alamsyah Alamsyah, “Perspektif Dakwah Melalui Film,” *Jurnal Dakwah Tabligh* 13, no. 2 (2012): 197–211.

<sup>3</sup> RISMAWATI RISMAWATI, RAHMAWATI HARUNA, and SYAMUN SYAMUN, “REPRESENTASI NILAI DAKWAH PADA FILM AJARI AKU ISLAM,” *Washiyah: Jurnal Kajian Dakwah Dan Komunikasi* 1, no. 3 (2020).

community and contains the values of life and teaches about life to take lessons from. This film is an Indonesian religious film that tells about the spiritual journey of a character named Kenny (Roger Danuarta), a Chinese youth who loves an Indonesian Muslim girl, played by Cut Meyriska. This story is based on the true story of film scriptwriters, namely Haris Suhud and Yunita R. This film was directed by Deni Pusung and is under the auspices of the production studio RA Pictures and Retro Pictures was released in 2019.<sup>4</sup>

In the view of researchers that the film "*Ajari Aku Islam*" is very good for teaching the values of life about Islam and in it teaches many important moral values for a Muslim. This film also teaches people how to love their God (*Hablun Minallah*), love their fellow human beings (*Hablun Minannaas*) and love their environment (*Hablun Minal bi'ah*). Therefore the researcher wants to examine this film in the aspects of the values of life and love.

### Philosophical Values

Philosophical values are related to philosophical values in general. We can find the values of life from the values passed down from our ancestors. But at this time, especially after Immanuel Kant's discovery of the difference between values and facts, the values of life have become one of the important values in philosophy.<sup>5</sup>

According to Mutmainnah Mustofa, these philosophical values include: with regard to giving the meaning of the word value and secondly the unification of a variety of studies.<sup>6</sup>

Philosophy is the way people think in understanding ideas, how they solve problems, which is usually philosophy related to someone's life experience related to humanity. Philosophy is also interpreted as someone's experience that is rational with

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<sup>4</sup> RISMAWATI, HARUNA, and SYAMUN.

<sup>5</sup> Tjitra Ramadhani, "Philosophical Values in Great Expectations," in *The 6th LITERARY STUDIES CONFERENCE*, vol. 11, 2018, 183.

<sup>6</sup> Mutmainnah Mustofa, "The Umbrella of Life and Love: Values in Literary Works," *Malang: Misykat Publisher*, 2014.

method and systemic relations from the human aspect.<sup>7</sup>

### Values of Life

Based on the book "Literary Works:

Life and Love", edited by Mutmainnah Mustofa.<sup>8</sup> There are many values in life if you explore them one by one. They help someone to have a clearer understanding of what is most important in life. Personal values can determine the order and priorities of life, and this list of personal values It helps us achieve a better future.

Acceptance, accessibility, amusement, recognition, care and wisdom, face, Affiliation, Caseration, control, ethics, glorious family, Freedom, Friendship, Humor, Love, obedient, religiousness, wait

### Values Of Love

Al-Ghazali stated that love is sharper than the eye can see. This is because the spiritual sight is clearer than the eye. The abstract beauty captured by the beans is more fervent than the concrete, he continued, and the man is a good servant. His heart will love those who are kind to him. He is different from Allah who gives mercy and blessings.<sup>9</sup>

## RESEARCH METHODS

This research is a qualitative research. According to Bogdan and Taylor qualitative research is a research that produces data that is qualitative in nature and the data used is either oral or written. the data used by the research is data from the written text/film entitled "Teach Me Islam" and then analyzed regarding its philosophical values.<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> Merriam-Webster Dictionary, "Merriam-Webster," *On-Line at Http://Www. Mw. Com/Home. Htm* 8 (2002): 2.

<sup>8</sup> Mustofa, "The Umbrella of Life and Love: Values in Literary Works." P.27

<sup>9</sup> Dian Widiarti, "Ensiklopedi Cinta," *Bandung: Mizan Media Utama (MMU)*, 2006. P.55

<sup>10</sup> J Moleong Lexy, "Metode Penelitian Kualitatif," *Bandung: Rosda Karya*, 2002, 50336–71. P.3

## ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION

### A. Overview of Ajari Aku Islam Movie

Ajari Aku Islam is an Indonesian religious film that tells the story of the spiritual journey of Kenny, a young Chinese man who loves a Muslim Malay girl, Fidya. The scriptwriters of this movie are Haris Suhud and Yunita R Seragi. The movie is directed by Deni Pusung and is under the auspices of RA Pictures Production Studio and retro Pictures. The film was released on October 17, 2019 and screened live in three countries namely Indonesia, Singapore and Malaysia.<sup>11</sup>

### B. Islamic Values of Life and Love in the Movie “Ajari Aku Islam”

After conducting the research, the researcher found that the movie contains islamic values contained in sharia, creed and morals. In addition, the message in this movie is stated to be very complex because it covers various elements of human life, namely relationships with humans, and relationships with social beings. Some categories of islamic values messages are as follows:

#### Prioritizing Prayers Over Anything

At the minute 00:06:58 shows that Fidya leaves her activities and leaves her



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<sup>11</sup> Muhammad Subarkah and Rizky Amelya Furqan, “Pesan Dakwah Pada Film Ajari Aku Islam,” n.d.

baggage to carry out Allah's commandments, namely prayer.



In the movie, it teaches someone that as busy as someone is, it is not appropriate to leave the commandments of Allah Almighty. As Allah SWT says in the Qur'an as follows:

أَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتُوا الزَّكَاةَ وَمَا تُقَدِّمُوا لِأَنفُسِكُمْ مِنْ خَيْرٍ تَجِدُوهُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ

110. And establish prayer and give zakah, and whatever good you put forward for yourselves - you will find it with Allah. Indeed, Allah of what you do, is Seeing.

And the movie explains that all efforts will be in vain if they are not accompanied by prayer.

The denotation meaning in this movie is that Fidy leaves all her activities to pray. While the connotation meaning is that fidy prioritizes Allah's commands so as not to forget her obligations as a Muslim woman to pray.

### No contact with non-Muhrims

At the minute 00:29:29 shows that Kenny wants to say thank you with the intention of shaking hands but fidy and salma give a gesture of shaking hands by raising both hands.

Islam teaches that a man should not hold or touch the hands of a woman who is not muhrim as in the words of Rasulullah SWA as follows

as follows:

عَنِ الْبَرَاءِ بْنِ عَازِبٍ قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ مَا مِنْ مُسْلِمَيْنِ يَلْتَقِيَانِ فَيَتَصَافَحَانِ إِلَّا غُفِرَ لَهُمَا قَبْلَ أَنْ يَتَفَرَّقَا [رواه ابن ماجه حسنه أحمد والترمذي وابن ماجه]

From al-Barra ibn 'Azib (narrated), he said: "No two Muslims meet and shake hands with each other except that their sins will be forgiven before they part" [Ibn Majah, No: 3693].

Di dalam hadits tersebut menjelaskan bahwasanya berjabat tangan dengan seseorang yang bukan mahramnya sangat di haramkan dalam islam sehingga apabila ada laki-laki

### Guarding the gaze and covering the aurat.



At the minute 00:36:44 describes keeping the view and keeping the aurat where in the movie fidya does not want to walk first in front of Kenny.

As in the word of Allah as follows:

قُلْ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ يَعْضُوا مِنْ أَبْصَارِهِمْ وَيَحْفَظُوا فُرُوجَهُمْ ذَلِكَ أَزْكَى لَهُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا

يَصْنَعُونَ

30. Tell the believing men to reduce [some] of their vision and guard their private parts. That is purer for them. Indeed, Allah is Acquainted with what they do.

The verse above explains that Muslims and Muslim women are obliged to keep

their eyes. What is meant by keeping the gaze is keeping the gaze from the parts of the female or male body that are forbidden to be seen for fear of causing evil (lust).<sup>12</sup>

The denotation meaning in the picture at 00:36:44 is Kenny who is walking in front of fidya.

The connotation meaning is fidya who refuses to walk first when Kenny asks fidya to walk first because fidya knows that in Islam teaches to keep the view.

## Learning about Islam

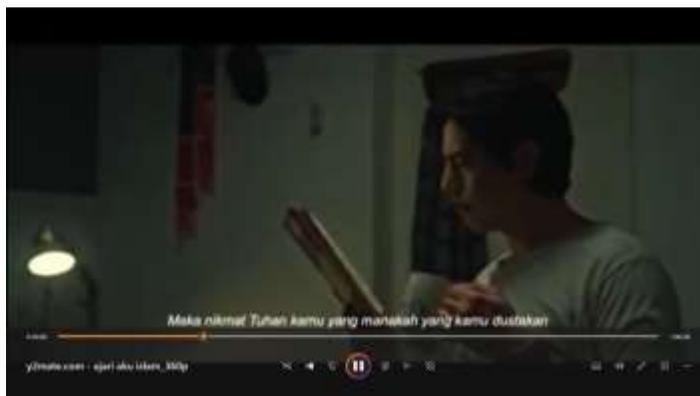


At the minute 00:18:52 depicts Kenny trying to learn to love Islam by reading the books he has bought with Fidya and Salma after returning from the mosque (Fidya and Salma).

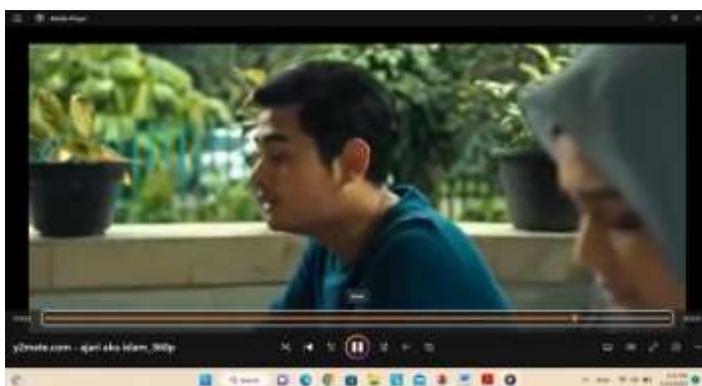
By looking at the picture above, we can conclude that Kenny wants to learn Islam, starting with studying books related to Islam.

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<sup>12</sup> Nurul Huda, “Berjabat Tangan Dengan Lawan Jenis,” *Substantia: Jurnal Ilmu-Ilmu Ushuluddin* 17, no. 1 (2015): 29–40.



## Loving Allah SWT



At the minute 01:10:12 depicts Fidyah sitting with Fahri on the front porch of the house talking about loving someone appropriately, not to exceed love for the creator (Allah).

Not to exceed love for the creator (Allah). With this guideline, Fahri happily helped Kenny to study Islam.

As Allah says in the Qur'an

قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحْبِبْكُمُ اللَّهُ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ

31. Say, [O Muhammad], "If you should love Allah, then follow me, [so] Allah will love you and forgive you your sins. And Allah is Forgiving and Merciful."

The verse explains that if we really love Allah then it is obligatory for us to follow

His commands and avoid His prohibitions. Like Fahri who carried out Allah's orders by spreading Islam or helping people who wanted to learn about Islam.

## Good Manners



At minute 00:08:37 illustrates that Kenny entered the mosque wearing shoes so that there was a congregation who admonished him to take off his shoes because the mosque is a clean and holy place.

The congregation's attitude did not offend Kenny, so Kenny carried out the congregation's order to take off his shoes and apologized for the mistake he had made.

In the movie, it explains that one's manners are very important because even though Kenny made a mistake (wearing shoes when climbing the mosque).

mistake (wearing shoes when climbing the mosque) a congregation still reprimanded him with words that did not hurt Kenny's heart. And that includes very good manners.

In the movie Ajari Aku Islam at the minute 00:11:46 describes Kenny who almost touched Fidya's hand. So that Fidya spontaneously said the sentence istighfar with Kenny's behavior towards her.

After seeing this picture, we can conclude that Fidya has good morals. Because Islam teaches that if someone makes a mistake or commits a sin, then they should be able to do something about it.

As Allah said in Alquran:

وَأَسْتَغْفِرِ اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ غَفُورًا رَحِيمًا

106. And seek forgiveness of Allah. Indeed, Allah is ever Forgiving and Merciful.

### Helping Others.



At the minute 0:10:29, it depicts Kenny buying up all of Fidya and Salma's merchandise without coercion from both of them with the aim of helping them in making donations to residents affected by the earthquake.

Helping is one of the attitudes taught in Islam, or known in other languages is taawun.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا لَا تُحِلُّوا شَعِيرَ اللَّهِ وَلَا الشَّهْرَ الْحَرَامَ وَلَا الْهَدْيَ وَلَا الْقَلَائِدَ وَلَا  
ءَامِينَ الْبَيْتِ الْحَرَامِ يَبْتَغُونَ فَضْلًا مِّن رَّبِّهِمْ وَرِضْوَانًا وَإِذَا حَلَلْتُمْ فَاصْطَادُوا وَلَا يَجْرِمَنَّكُمْ  
شَنَءُ إِن قَوْمٍ أَن صَدُّوكُمْ عَنِ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ أَن تَعْتَدُوا وَتَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْبِرِّ وَالتَّقْوَىٰ وَلَا تَعَاوَنُوا

عَلَى الْإِيمِ وَالْعُدْوَانِ وَأَتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ شَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ

2. O you who have believed, do not violate the rites of Allah or [the sanctity of] the sacred month or [neglect the marking of] the sacrificial animals and garlanding [them] or [violate the safety of] those coming to the Sacred House seeking bounty from their Lord and [His] approval. But when you come out of ihram, then [you may] hunt. And do not let the hatred of a people for having obstructed you from al-Masjid al-Haram lead you to transgress. And cooperate in righteousness and piety, but do not cooperate in sin and aggression. And fear Allah; indeed, Allah is severe in penalty.

## CONCLUSION

The movie Ajari Aku Islam is religious in which it contains or has an interesting story and has many da'wah messages listed in it.

The movie Ajari Aku Islam also teaches us a lot to always be friendly and always be humble towards everyone. Regardless of the differences between ethnicity, race, and religion because humans are social creatures who cannot live without someone's help.

The movie Ajari Aku Islam contains many da'wah messages that have categories in Shari'ah, Akidah and Akhlak. Like the following:

1. Establishing prayer
2. Forbidden to touch with non-muhrim
3. Keeping the gaze and covering the aurat
4. Studying the religion of Islam
5. Good manners
6. Forgive To Allah
7. Helping each other
8. Friendly to everyone.

The movie Ajarkan Aku Islam also shows tolerance when there are two different religious teachings, namely Islam and Chinese. These two religious teachings are the religious background of the movie Teach Me Islam. This means that this movie teaches not to care about differences, even when it comes to religious differences.

As illustrated in Ajarkan Aku Islam, Fidyah still follows the teachings of her religion in the form of Islamic Sharia and adheres to the teachings of Islam. Although

Fidya and Kenny both love each other, Fidya's actions show that upholding the teachings of Islam is an important part of life.

## **SUGGESTIONS**

After conducting research on Teach Me Islam, researchers can make several suggestions:

1. For educators if they want to use interesting media to provide education in accordance with creed, morals and worship, the movie Ajari Aku Islam can be used.
2. For students if you want to increase knowledge about aqidah, morals and worship, this movie can be examined, but stay on the side of information, do not imitate something that is not worth imitating and always under the supervision of parents or teachers.
3. This movie can also be an educational material for parents how parents educate their children to be good people for themselves, their families, society and religion.
4. For further research, referring to the results of this study, researcher makes recommendations to deepen research in detail about a subject, aqidah, morals or sharia values, along with other theories or approaches. The reason is because this research is still too broad and the research is general and the discussion is rather broad because the discussion is aqidah, morals or sharia.

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