



The Religious Values in The Novel "99 Lights In The European Sky" by Hanum Salsabiela Rais and Rangga Almahendra

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Abstract: This study aimed to analyze the religious values contained in the novel "99 Lights in the Sky Europe" by Hanum Salsabiela rais and Rangga Almahendra. The researchers cite data in the form of words, sentences, paragraphs, and dialogues in the novel, which contains various religious values between humans and their God, religious values between humans and other humans, religious values between humans and themselves, and the relationship between religion and science. The method used in this study uses a qualitative approach with the type of library research, namely by analyzing the data in the form of paragraph sentences or dialogues containing religious values. The researchers hope this novel is helpful for all of us and can be used as a source of inspiration for the nation's young generation to reach a goal without forgetting religious values.

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INTRODUCTION

The novel is part of the form of literary works. A novel is long fictitious prose, presenting characters and a series of events and backgrounds in a structured manner. Novels can express something freely, explain something in more, more detail, more detail, and involve more complex problems. The novel's depiction can be created by the presence of characters who walk in a coherent and appropriate plot, then end after a climax. Novels can be researched using several review approaches). To examine the social problems contained in the novel, one of them can use a review of the sociology of literature. A novel is a literary work or an extended prose essay that contains a series of stories from a person's life with the people around him that highlight the character and nature of each actor. Novels are divided into two types, namely fiction and non-fiction (Collie & Slater, 1987).

According to Surastina (2015:3), literature is a text that contains instructions or guidelines. The word literature is usually used to refer to

"literature" or a type of writing that has a particular aesthetic meaning that makes language a medium and a tool for expressing ideas and feelings of artists, so that literature can be equated with other branches of art, such as dance, painting, and art., etc. The novel comes from the Italian novella in German "*novelle*", and the Greek "*novellus*". Then, it is adapted in Indonesia into a novel. Nowadays, the term novella has the same meaning as the Indonesian term novelette (English: novelette), which means a work of prose fiction whose length is not too long but not too short. A novel is a work of fiction that reveals more profound aspects of humanity and is presented subtly (Nurgiantoro, 2013). Value is a determination or a quality that involves a type of appreciation or interest, so that value is an authority on the size of the subject that judges, in the sense that within the corridor of generality and prevalence within certain limits that are appropriate for the views of the individual and his surroundings (Adler & Fagley, 2005).

According to Jauhari (2010: 35), Religious values are human belief in the form of God, His essence and attributes which reflect on the level of servitude to Him; regarding the rules and norms of life-based on religious principles; and human behavior originating from inner and outer impulses based on religious criteria. Wicaksono (2014: 38) says that religious values are important and valuable for humanity. They are divine and spiritual. Divinity here is fear of God by carrying out His commands and leaving His prohibitions.

According to Hakim, Thontowi, Yuniarti & Kim (2012), religious values are the same as religion, namely values based on high and absolute divine and spiritual values. This religious value is rooted in trust and belief. This religious value is intended to strengthen the reader's mind in convincing his religion. The novel *Moon Split in the Sky America* is one of the literary works with a religious theme. This novel discusses people in the west who are too accustomed to accepting the presence of Islam in the world, especially in the United States, after the events of September 11, 2011. This novel tells about a husband and wife named Rangga and Hanum, a Muslim who works as a journalist and gets a new challenging task from his office, which prompted him to write an article entitled "Would the World Be Better Without Islam". In the novel, the author mainly describes the religious side as a position that cannot be separated from human life, especially Islam. The world without Islam would not be as bright and better than it is today.

The novel *99 Lights in the Sky Europe* has advantages over other novels. The first is a faith-building novel that invites us to practice Islam totally through behavior that reflects Islam (Rianawati & Nurasmah, 2020). Islamic behavior in question is religious values reflected through the appearance of the main character in everyday life, such as how to speak, study, socialize,

always be grateful for what is obtained, whether it is good or bad, and so on. This novel also gives a message to every human being to return to science, respect differences, not repay evil with evil, be sincere and be concerned with religion, and encourage the study of history to be wiser.

There is an interesting problem to study in this novel the religious aspect contained in it. The spiritual element in the novel *99 Lights in the Sky Europa* presents the reality from a spiritual perspective regarding the events that happened

METHOD

The research method is the steps taken by the researcher to collect information or data then the data obtained is processed and analyzed. The method used in this study is a qualitative method using content analysis and a pragmatic approach. This study aims to find and describe the religious values in the novel *99 Lights in the Sky Europa* by Hanum Salsabiela Rais and Rangga Almahendra.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

1. Human Religious Values with God

There are some religious values in the novel *99 Lights in the Sky Europa*, such as piety values and *tawakal* values.

A. Piety Values

Data 1: "Every 15-minute class break, Fatma

invite me to pray Dzuhur in the congregation." (p. 57)

Data (1) above explains the existence of human religious values by the Lord. Human religious values with God about one's piety servant to God, this is illustrated in the figure of Fatma, who invites Hanum to pray the midday prayer in the congregation by taking advantage of every time Class breaks are only 15 minutes long.

Data 2: "And this is the fundamental teaching of Islam. Giving and tithing clean up all the time, Fatma added." (p. 59)

Data 2 above explains the existence of religious values between humans and God, the spiritual values contained in this quote are about the devotion of a servant to his God, which is reflected in the figure of Fatma, who carries out fundamental Islamic teachings, giving alms (alms) and tithing. Because giving charity and tithing are self-cleaning and, at the same time, a form of gratitude by providing alms (alms) and paying zakat.

B. Tawakal Values

Data 1: "He understands his religion so easily without making it difficult. Not all Muslims have the same view that they are allowed to enter places of worship for people of other religions. But for Fatma, it all comes down to the intention in the heart."

Data (1) above explains the existence of human religious values with God. The spiritual significance of man and God contained in this quote is about a servant's laughter at his God, which is reflected in the Fatma figure who does not care about the views of others because he enters a place of worship of another religion. Fatma believes that it all depends on the intentions in one's heart, which only God knows and judges the contents of one's heart.

Data 2: "Wherever the mosque is, it has always been an inseparable part of my working days on Trans TV. It becomes a place for me to pour out my heart if the task of reporting does not have a definite plan. Until it ends up exhausting the body and feelings, believe it or not, suggestion or not, if I have been complaining with God in the mosque, it will feel fresh and light again."

Data (2) above explains the existence of human religious values with God. In this quote, the spiritual significance of man and God is about a servant's laughter at his God, which is reflected in the Hanum character, who believes that a mosque is a place where he complains to God. This illustrates that everything he submitted to God. That way, the mind, and feelings become calm again after he complains.

2. The Relationship Human with Humans

In this aspect, there are some values, such as:

A. Polite Values

Data 1: Fatma, sorry if I offended you. Why don't you think maybe your qualifications aren't quite right, or your work experience is lacking, so the company here doesn't accept you? I stammered.

Data (1) above explains the existence of religious values between humans and humans. The spiritual significance of humans with humans in the quote above explains the presence of a sense of courtesy. This is reflected in the figure of Hanum, who apologizes first before he says and if his words can hurt or offend Fatma. Yang Hanum thought that Fatma's educational qualifications or lack of work experience caused her not to be accepted at the company. This shows the religious value of Hanum's manners regarding human relations with other people.

Data 2: Therefore, I shoved a bar of chocolate with a picture of a cow wrapped

in a bell to Fatma, who was sitting next to me, "*Magst du chocolate*". Would you like this chocolate?' I asked, practicing my essential German. I opened the chocolate package a little, which immediately popped the chocolate bars from behind the inner layer.

Data (2) above explains the existence of human religious values with humans. The spiritual significance of humans with humans in the quote above explains the presence of a sense of courtesy. This is illustrated in the figure of Hanum, who opened an introductory conversation with Fatma by offering him a chocolate bar, who sat next to him. Even though they don't know each other yet, Hanum still offers chocolate to Fatma, despite Fatma's refusal. This shows the religious value of Hanum's manners regarding human relations with other people.

B. Sincerity

Data 1: "The concept of sincere giving and receiving. Take and Give. Natalie Deewan believes that the most beautiful side of a real person is generosity."

Data (1) above explains the existence of human religious values with themselves. Human spiritual significance with itself is about sincerity. Here is depicted through the figure of Natalie. Those who run a restaurant business that implements all you can eat pay sincerely. Even Natalie is sincere if there are customers who can't pay. With the simple method he applied, his Deewan stall became crowded. This shows human religious values themselves in terms of sincerity.

Data 2: "Once again, Natalie Deewan, whoever she is, is an actual Muslim agent. He promotes Islamic teachings about sincerity, not with words that just stop in the mouth. He turned it into a food stall, a source of willingness between sellers and buyers.

Data (1) above explains the existence of human religious values with themselves. Human religious values with themselves are contained in the quote above, which describes the character Natalie as a Muslim who always consistently applies spiritual teachings about sincerity. This shows human religious values themselves in terms of seriousness.

C. Responsibility

Data 1: She has to bury her hopes of becoming a woman who knows the world of work. Now she has only one determination: to be a pious woman who cares for her family and household harmony. Fatma, you take the good side. If you work, who will take care of it? My hand pointed to the fast asleep girl next to him, none other than Ayse, Fatma's three-year-old

daughter.

Data (1) above explains the existence of human religious values with themselves. Human religious values themselves responsibility. This is shown by the attitude of Fatma, who is determined to be a pious woman who takes care of her family and household harmony. Based on the attitude taken by Fatma, this shows the existence of human religious values with themselves regarding responsibility.

Data 2: I was surprised to be asked one-sidedly by Fatma like that. Latife, Oznu, and Ezra looked at each other, then clapped their hands in unison. My face turned red again. But this time, I can't refuse Fatma's request. I couldn't resist the expectant Turkish faces on me. And can't resist because they are ordinary people taking small but extraordinary steps for their religion. My heart was touched by the fighting spirit of these four Turkish women. They are not tired of studying even though they are housewives. Since then, I have 4 English students. From the afternoon until dusk after work, I teach Fatma, Latife, Oznur, and Ezra twice a week.

Data (2) above explains the existence of human religious values with themselves. Man's spiritual value with himself is described here through the character of Hanum, who is willing to teach English to his four friends, even though he is under one-sided sovereignty by his friends. Since then, twice a week in the afternoon until dusk after work, I teach Fatma, Latife, Oznur, and Ezra. Based on Hanum's attitude, there is a human religious value with himself, namely responsibility.

D. Respect

Data 1: I was a bit disappointed because my offer was rejected. But I'm happy because the rejection is based on worship that I know the true meaning. A moment later, I closed the chocolate package that had already been torn apart, then handed it back to Fatma. Take it for iftar later. You fast Monday-Thursday, huh?

Data (1) above explains the existence of religious values between humans and humans. Human religious values with humans about respect. Here it is depicted through the character of Hanum, who continues to give chocolate, which Fatma had refused to offer because he was fasting. Out of respect for Hanum, he still gave the chocolate to Fatma to break her fast later. There is a religious value between humans and humans, namely reference.

Data 2: In front of the cashier, I remembered the advice of my father, Amin Rais: 'If you are satisfied with the service at the restaurant, give the

waiter a tip for your satisfaction.' And the price of satisfaction is unpredictable. So did my husband and I, who that day ate a full meal of Pakistani appetizers, mains, and desserts without knowing how much the price tag was. Rangga handed 30 euros to a man at the cashier's desk. The cashier was wide-eyed. It seems that the fair fare in the restaurant is only 3 to 8 Euros per person. My husband said, "The food is delicious. Satisfying. And it is not commensurate with the sincerity you exemplify.

Data (2) above explains the existence of human religious values with humans. Rangga's attitude toward paying more after he and Hanum finish eating at Deewan's restaurant illustrates the religious values between humans and humans about respect. He did this out of respect for a restaurant that served good food, and he was satisfied, mainly because he had more respect for the method of sincerity applied in the restaurant by the owner. Based on Rangga's attitude, there are human religious values with humans about care.

E. Maintain The Relationship

Data 1: Fatma, today, our visit is not to a museum or a palace. Today it's your house's turn, I said firmly.

Data (1) above explains the existence of religious values between humans and humans. The spiritual significance of humans and humans in maintaining relationships is illustrated by the attitude of Hanum inviting Fatma to visit his house. After three months of their friendship, Hanum has never seen his home. Based on Hanum's perspective, there is a religious value in the relationship between humans and humans.

Data 2: I suddenly feel a family aura there. Close sibling relationship. The proof is that Fatma's duplicate keys were entrusted to her three friends.

Data (2) above explains the existence of human religious values with humans. Fatma's attitude illustrates the spiritual significance of humans and humans maintaining a relationship, which believes that the duplicate of her house key was entrusted to her by her three friends. Here, Hanum, their relationship is like a brother-sister relationship, not just a relationship between friends. Based on Fatma's attitude, there is a religious value in human relations with humans about maintaining relationships.

3. Human Relationship with Himself

There are some religious values of the human relationship with himself, such as:

A. Honest/Trust

Data 1: Hearing these words, I became ashamed of my actions. Debt 1 Euro

continues to cling to my mind. Fatma's intention to always knit goodness for the good name of Islam has been slightly tarnished by my actions today. Even if there weren't any coins, I'd still have to try to buy Oesterreich at public stalls where they were sold. Honestly, I feel bad. If everyone took the newspapers without paying, Oesterreich would be at a loss, yes, I said sarcastically. In Europe, such a business model is standard. Maybe the Austrians have continually been educated, to be honest, replied Fatma.

Data (1) above explains the existence of human religious values with themselves. Man's spiritual importance in being honest is illustrated by Hanum's attitude, which regrets his actions that can harm other parties. Austria uses a unique method of selling newspapers; newspaper buyers can directly reach the newspaper in a plastic container without a delivery man or an intermediary kiosk. Next to the plastic is a perforated panel that says 1 Euro. One of these ways Austria practiced the honesty of its citizens because anyone could reach for the newspaper without having to pay. Hanum has regretted what he did, taking the newspaper without paying. After returning from the course, he immediately spent for the newspaper because he thought he was in debt. Based on Hanum's attitude, there is a religious value in human relations with himself.

B. Patient

Data 1: One day, you will learn a lot about behaving in a country where you have to be a minority. But according to my experience so far, I don't have to indulge my passions and emotions if there are things that don't please me.

Data (1) above explains the existence of human religious values with themselves. Man's spiritual importance with himself patience is illustrated by Fatma's attitude, an extraordinary, beautiful, and far more authoritative way to not indulge in lust and emotion because of revenge. Emotions and feelings of offense are sometimes darker in humans so that the clarity of common sense becomes dysfunctional. Fatma reminded me that being an agent of Islam that is peaceful, calm, and beautiful, which brings blessings to non-Muslims, is not easy. Based on Fatma's attitude, there is a human religious value with himself.

4. The Relationship between Religion and Science

There are some religious values of the relationship between religion and science, as follows:

Data 1: My mind went back to the Islamic date class at SMA Muhammadiyah. Islamic scientists introduced the basics of algorithms, Algebra, and Trigonometry. Without these branches of arithmetic, a man named Neil

Alden Armstrong would never have been able to set foot on the moon.

Data (1) above explains the relationship between religion and science, like Islamic scientists who introduced the basics of algorithms, Algebra, and Trigonometry, which are very useful until this day.

Based on the data analysis that has been carried out in the novel "99 Lights in the Sky Europe" by Hanum Salsabiela Rais and Rangga Almahendera from a religious point of view, the following points can be stated. The religious values in this novel are illustrated through the characters who play a role, namely Hanum, Rangga, Fatma, Latife, Oznur, and Ezra. The characters in this novel have religious attitudes about human religious values with God, human religious values with humans, human religious values with themselves, and the relationship between religion and science.

The religious values of man and God in this novel are piety and trust; Human religious values with humans are respect, courtesy, responsibility, sincerity, and maintaining relationships/ties of friendship. The spiritual value of man himself is honesty/trustworthiness and patience. In the novel "99 Lights in the Sky Europe", various data discuss religious values related to spiritual values between humans and God, religious values between humans and humans, religious values between humans and themselves, and the relationship between religion and science.

CONCLUSIONS

Based on the discussion of the results of the research carried out by the researchers in the previous chapter, the researchers can conclude the following: In the novel "99 Lights in the Sky Europe": A Journey to Trace the Footsteps of Islam in Europe, some sentences describe religious values, including the importance of religion is seen from the human relationship with God. The rights and obligations of a servant to his Lord can be seen from the knowledge, attitudes, behavior, and lifestyle filled with awareness of monotheism to Allah. This can be proven by good deeds, holiness, obedience to worship Allah, and trust or surrender to Allah and others. Second, the religious values seen in human relations with humans can be seen from the attitude of politeness, sincerity, respect, responsibility, and maintaining brotherly ties. Third, the religious values seen in the relationship between humans and themselves are described as being patient and sincere in dealing with situations and circumstances experienced. The religious values are seen from the relationship between religion and science that religion and science must be in harmony and cannot be separated.

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