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The Role Of Islamic Educational Philosophy In Shaping Students' Spirituality

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Abstrak

Spiritual adalah sifat yang berkaitan dengan sesuatu yang bukan merupakan materi, misalnya yang menjadi ciri pada manusia, misalnya kecerdasan, jiwa, kerangka suara. Spiritualitas juga menyiratkan hal-hal yang berkaitan dengan sifat atau kualitas atau kondisi atau kecenderungan mental dan etika orang, serta makna aslinya yang bertentangan dengan makna luar atau makna yang sebenarnya. Tujuan utama dari filsafat pendidikan islam adalah melahirkan individu-individu yang berkarakter hebat, berpengetahuan, dan berperan dinamis dalam masyarakat. Pendidikan dalam Islam bertujuan untuk menciptakan potensi manusia secara menyeluruh, baik secara mendalam maupun terpelajar, dengan memadukan ilmu pengetahuan dan nilai-nilai ketaqwaan. Tujuan pengajaran Islam juga mencakup pembentukan karakter yang kokoh, dengan pusat pada pengabdian, kepercayaan, kesetaraan, dan rasa hormat bersama. Secara keseluruhan, filsafat Pendidikan Islam sangat mempengaruhi spiritualitas siswa karena secara langsung mengajarkan mereka untuk selalu menghubungkan setiap aspek kehidupan dengan keimanan dan pengabdian kepada Allah. Dengan pendidikan yang berakar kuat pada nilai-nilai spiritual dan agama, siswa tidak hanya mendapatkan pengetahuan akademis, tetapi juga mengalami perkembangan spiritual yang mendalam.

Abstract

Spiritual is a trait related to something that is not material, for example, that is characteristic of humans, for example, intelligence, soul, sound frame. Spirituality also implies things related to the nature or quality or condition or mental and ethical tendencies of a person, as well as their original meaning that is contrary to the outer meaning or the actual meaning. The main goal of the Islamic educational philosophy is to produce individuals with great character, knowledge, and dynamic roles in society. Education in Islam aims to create human potential as a whole, both in-depth and educated, by combining science and devotional values. The teaching objectives of Islam also include the formation of a solid character, with a center on devotion, trust, equality, and mutual respect. Overall, the philosophy of Islamic Education greatly influences the spirituality of students because it directly teaches them to always connect every aspect of life with faith and devotion to Allah. With an education that is firmly rooted in spiritual and religious values, students not only gain academic knowledge but also experience profound spiritual development.

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Introduction

Islamic philosophy plays an important role in shaping students' spirituality, especially in providing a foundation for moral, ethical, and critical thinking that is in harmony with religious values. In the history of Islamic intellectual development, philosophy not only functions as a tool for rational understanding of religious teachings but also as a bridge between science and spirituality. Al-Farabi, Ibn Sina, and al-Ghazali contributed to the development of concepts regarding existence, God, and the relationship of man with the universe about the formation of spiritual personality. In this modern era when students are faced with various social and cognitive challenges, Islamic philosophy can be a guide to understand more deeply the meaning of life and its role as individuals in society. The teaching of Islamic philosophy also focuses on overall spiritual development, thus helping students internalize the values of truth, justice, and wisdom. Therefore, the deepening of Islamic philosophy in the field of education has great potential to strengthen students' spirituality and transform them into spiritually mature human beings.

Islamic philosophy teaches the importance of a balance between reason and revelation in achieving truth, which forms a solid spiritual foundation. In the context of education, this approach is very important because it encourages students not only to think critically but also to reflect on the meaning of life-based on religious teachings. This teaching can form a resilient personality that can face the dynamism of modern life, full of rapid changes and external pressures. Applying Islamic philosophy to the curriculum helps students understand the role of spirituality in their daily lives. They are encouraged to blend rational knowledge with ethical and moral values they believe in. This helps children develop deep self-awareness, improve self-reflection skills, and strengthen their relationship with God. In addition, Islamic philosophy emphasizes the importance of seeking truth and wisdom and developing a balanced soul between material and spiritual aspects.

Thus, Islamic philosophy provides a foundation for students to become human beings who think deeply, have noble character, and are endowed with strong spirituality. Overall, the role of Islamic philosophy in education is very important in shaping students' spirituality. It ensures a mental balance between reason and faith, deepens your understanding of life, and helps you grow into a wise, ethical, and spiritually aware person.

Method

This research utilizes library studies. Literature study is a tool used to collect data and information with the help of various types of materials in the library such as documents, books, and magazines. Thought writing is also hypothetical thinking, reference, and other logical writings related to culture, values, and standards created in the social environment.

Results and Discussion

Spiritual is a trait related to something that is not material, for example, that is characteristic of humans, for example, intelligence, soul, sound frame. Spirituality also implies things that have to do with the nature or quality or condition or mental and ethical tendencies of a person and their original meaning that is at odds with the outer meaning or the actual meaning. (Ulum, 2020)

Salim (2019) said that the Islamic philosophy of education helps individuals to understand the teachings of Islam more deeply and apply them in daily habits. Therefore, individuals can develop strong moral and spiritual habits to be able to achieve happiness in this world and the hereafter. (El-Yunusi et al., 2023)

Elkins et al. (1988) said that the most profound understanding of spirituality comes from the Latin word *spiritus*, which means "the breath of life". In his sense, the deepest feeling of existence is the way of existence and encounter that arises from concern for the measurement of the other world. The deepest sense of existence is characterized by certain values that are seen in oneself, others, nature, life, and everything that is considered 'the Essential'. (Amir & Lesmawati, 2016; p.67-73)

Spirituality is a study that describes the essence of the search for transcendent meaning. (Asmanto, 2015)

Spirituality is the essence of the ethical soul (ethical consequences). An ethical spirit is otherworldly boundaries and beliefs that empower a person to act well and anticipate him to do bad. The character has an impact on the control and supervision of the individual in each of his activities and becomes the basis of a person's behavior. The faith that exists in the heart will have an impact on character-based activities such as facing Islamic standards (ethical judgment), ethical obligations, and ethical rewards. (Maragustam, 2021)

According to Gutan Lanti A\$ I (1988), philosophy comes from the ancient Greek noun "philosophy" which means "love of wisdom". The meaning of wisdom is more than just

knowledge because wisdom involves more than just knowledge and has deep sensitivity and depth. Meanwhile, John S. Brubacher (1962) stated that *Elsafat* from the Greek words *flos* and *sofa* means "love of wisdom and science". (Syar'i, A. 2005)

The philosophy of Islamic education is very influential on the spirituality of students because it has foundations that are directly sourced from Islamic teachings, which comprehensively regulate human life, including spiritual aspects. Some of the reasons why Islamic philosophy of education has a great influence on students' spirituality include:

1. Tawhid-Based Teachings

The philosophy of Islamic education is based on the concept of monotheism, namely the oneness of Allah. Tawhid is the main foundation in Islamic teachings that forms students' spiritual awareness. Through Islamic education, students are taught to always be aware of the existence and power of Allah in every aspect of life. This understanding deepens their sense of faith and dependence on God, which directly strengthens their spirituality.

2. Moral and Ethical Values

The philosophy of Islamic education teaches the importance of morals and ethics based on the Qur'an and Hadith. Education emphasizes Islamic morals such as honesty, patience, gratitude, and humility, helping students to cultivate strong spirituality. In Islam, good morals are a manifestation of one's faith, so education that emphasizes morals will have a direct impact on the spiritual depth of students.

3. The Importance of Achieving Closeness to Allah (Ihsan)

The Islamic philosophy of education encourages students to achieve *ihsan*, which is to worship and live life as if they are always under the supervision of Allah. This concept of courtesy creates a deep connection between the individual and the Creator, which strengthens the student's spirituality. They are taught to live their lives with the awareness that God is always present and watching over them, which builds up spiritual awareness constantly.

4. Unity of Knowledge and Faith

Islamic philosophy of education does not separate between knowledge and faith. Knowledge is considered a way to get closer to God, and all knowledge learned must lead to the knowledge and glorification of God. Thus, Islamic education integrates cognitive and spiritual aspects. The learning process is not only understood as an intellectual activity but also as a worship activity, which directly affects the spiritual development of students.

5. Holistic Educational Goals

The Islamic philosophy of education emphasizes educational goals that focus not only on intellectual achievement but also on the formation of a pious soul with an Islamic character. This education aims to produce a balanced human being between intellectual, emotional, and spiritual, known as the concept of *insan kamil* (perfect human being). With this holistic education, students' spirituality grows along with the development of other aspects.

6. Habits of Worship in Daily Life

In the philosophy of Islamic education, worship is not only seen as a ritual but also as a daily activity that can increase spirituality. Islamic education emphasizes the importance of carrying out prayers, *dhikr*, reading the Qur'an, and doing good to others as part of learning. This habit strengthens students' spiritual connection with God and fosters spiritual awareness on an ongoing basis.

7. Education as a Trust

In the view of Islamic educational philosophy, the educational process is considered a mandate from Allah. Teachers, parents, and students all have the responsibility to carry out this mandate responsibly. Awareness of the mandate encourages students to have seriousness and commitment in undergoing education as a form of worship to Allah. This instills a deep sense of spiritual responsibility in the student.

8. Application of the Values of the Hereafter in World Life

Islamic education encourages students to always prepare themselves for the afterlife so that every action in this world must be considered from the perspective of the value of the hereafter. By emphasizing the importance of life after death, students are encouraged to live with strong spirituality, because they realize that this life is only temporary and is a means to obtain Allah's pleasure in the hereafter.

9. Environmental Impact and Community-Based Learning

The philosophy of Islamic education encourages learning based on the Islamic community. Interaction with an Islamic environment, both at school and outside of school, strengthens students' spirituality. Learning that emphasizes cooperation, mutual respect, and living life by Islamic law creates an atmosphere conducive to spiritual development.

Human beings have spiritual potential, According to general lessons, human beings are made up of soul and body. The soul in this sense is the control of human thought. The control of thinking here depends in part on the five abilities related to material objects because the brain is physical.(Masrur, 2013)

Overall, the philosophy of Islamic education greatly influences the spirituality of students because it directly teaches them to always connect every aspect of life with faith and devotion to Allah. With an education that is firmly rooted in spiritual and religious values, students not only gain academic knowledge but also experience profound spiritual development.

Ahmad Anas (2003) said that spiritual aridity is becoming more widespread, it is found in modern society, so religious experiences are increasingly coveted by people to get the sweetness of spirituality (the taste of spirituality). (Yahya, 2022)

Islamic philosophy of education has an important role in shaping students' spirituality because this philosophy focuses on developing a complete personality, both intellectually, morally, and spiritually. In the context of Islamic education, spirituality is not only understood as a religious aspect, the formation of character based on Islamic values and piety to Allah.

Here are some key points about how Islamic educational philosophy helps shape students' spirituality:

1. Purpose of Education in Islam

Education in Islam aims to form a human being who is balanced between the worldly and ukhrawi (hereafter) aspects. The main goal is to produce individuals who believe and fear Allah and have noble morals. This is in line with the concept of insan kamil (perfect human being), where education plays a role in developing physical, intellectual, emotional, and spiritual potential.

2. Formation of Morals

Islamic education emphasizes the formation of morals or morality. Spirituality cannot be separated from morality, because daily behavior is a manifestation of one's spiritual condition. Through the teaching of good morals, students are taught to have an attitude of honesty, patience, sincerity, and kindness to others, which ultimately forms a deep spiritual awareness.

3. Instilling Qur'anic Values

The Qur'an and hadith are the main basis of Islamic education. Qur'anic values such as faith, piety, justice, compassion, and responsibility are instilled in students through religious learning and the integration of these values into daily life. This encourages students to reflect and understand their relationship with God and other beings, strengthening their spiritual aspects.

4. The balance between Knowledge and Faith

Islamic education teaches that knowledge is not separated from faith. The knowledge gained is not only for worldly interests but also to get closer to Allah. Thus, the educational process not only encourages the mastery of worldly knowledge but also teaches students to utilize the knowledge in a spiritual context, strengthen faith, and contribute positively to society.

5. Spiritual Practice: Worship and Spiritual Experience

Worship practices, such as prayer, fasting, and dhikr, are an integral part of Islamic education that directly contributes to the formation of spirituality. Through these spiritual practices, students are taught to always maintain a relationship with God, reflect on the purpose of life, and form an awareness of God's presence in every aspect of life.

6. Holistic Education

The philosophy of Islamic education is holistic, where education is not only directed at the development of cognitive or intellectual abilities but also at the formation of the heart and soul. It includes the teaching of ethical values, spiritual awareness, and responsible behavior before God and fellow humans.

7. The Importance of Teachers as Spiritual Guides

In Islamic education, teachers are also spiritual guides. A teacher must be an example in behavior and worship, which can inspire students to emulate Islamic values in their daily lives.

Spiritual education is a part of education that has a strong impact on a person's identity because everyone has an otherworldly life within him. A good spiritual education will certainly coordinate people on great activities, create honorable traits, and enjoy helping others. The deepest sense of upbringing that is taught accurately will make a person have a calm and idealistic soul, face life with a positive spirit, and view the world as a forum to realize greatness together. In this way, the most profound sense of instruction will make students develop in character based on otherworldly existence. (Suraji & Sastrodiharjo, 2021)

Spiritual values must be firmly instilled in students or students through Islamic teaching. In this case, the most important imperative accentuation that agrees with al-Attas is to educate, which is mandatory, namely, information that contains the measure of divinity, the improvement of human relations with God, the relationship between human beings, and other ethical values that form students' perspectives on life and the universe. (Yaqin, 2018)

The main goal of the Islamic educational philosophy is to produce individuals with great character, knowledge, and dynamic roles in society. Education in Islam aims to create human potential as a whole, both in-depth and educated, by combining science and devotional values. The teaching objectives of Islam also include the formation of a solid character, with a center on devotion, trust, equality, and mutual respect.(Fithriani's Philosophy of Islamic Education Views on Humans, 2016)

Overall, the Islamic philosophy of education seeks to create a generation that is not only intellectually intelligent but also has a strong spirituality. By instilling Islamic values from an early age, students can grow into individuals who have deep spiritual awareness, which serves as a foundation in facing various life challenges and achieving happiness in this world and the hereafter.

Conclusion

Thus, the philosophy of Islamic education has a great influence in shaping and strengthening students' spirituality. This happens because the philosophy is based on the teachings of monotheism, the integration of knowledge and faith, as well as the emphasis on noble morals based on the Qur'an and Hadith. Islamic education focuses not only on intellectual achievement but also on the formation of a godly character and a strong spiritual relationship with Allah.

Through a holistic learning process, Islamic education creates a balance between the world and the hereafter, between science and spiritual values. Thus, students are not only formed into intelligent individuals but also have deep spiritual awareness, which will be an important provision in facing life's challenges and carrying out their role as servants and caliphs on earth.

With a strong spiritual foundation, students are expected to be able to develop themselves in a balanced manner, both intellectually, morally, and spiritually, so that they can become Kamil people who contribute positively to themselves, society, and religion.

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