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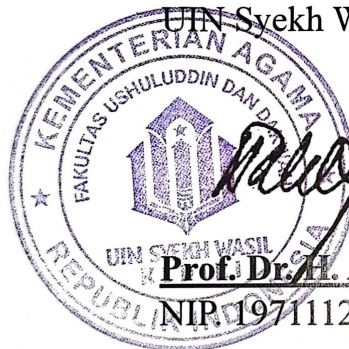
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ABSTRACT

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The Qur'an contains stories of prophets that are rich with moral values and spiritual lessons for humanity. One important story is that of Prophet Yunus, which contains fundamental wisdom about patience, steadfastness (*istiqamah*), optimism, and repentance that is highly relevant to the problems of modern life, particularly the phenomenon of despair and moral decline among the younger generation. This research aims to analyze M. Quraish Shihab's interpretation in Tafsir Al-Mishbah of the verses concerning the story of Prophet Yunus and to identify the wisdom contained therein along with its relevance to contemporary life contexts.

The research employs a descriptive qualitative approach with library research methods and *maudhu'i* (thematic) analysis of QS. Yunus [10]: 98, QS. Al-Anbiyā' [21]: 87-88, QS. Al-Shaffāt [37]: 139-148, and QS. Al-Qalam [68]: 48-50. The research findings reveal four main wisdoms: patience as spiritual steadfastness with full awareness of Allah's decree, *istiqamah* as consistency in maintaining faith and righteous deeds, spiritual optimism through *dhikr* (remembrance) and conviction in Allah's help accompanied by willingness to go through the recovery process, and repentance as sincere acknowledgment of mistakes that serves as a mechanism for mental restoration.

The relevance to modern life includes patience to overcome the fragile mental state of the younger generation, *istiqamah* as an antidote to the instant gratification culture, optimism that emphasizes the importance of the recovery process, and repentance as a spiritual solution to modern psychological crises. Tafsir Al-Mishbah interprets the story of Prophet Yunus as a transformative guide that integrates spiritual, psychological, and social dimensions, offering a balance between spiritual steadfastness and mental health to address contemporary challenges.

TRANSLITERATION GUIDELINES

A. Transliteration Letters

Arabic	Indonesian	Arabic	Indonesian
ء	,	ض	D{
ب	B	ط	T{
ت	T	ظ	Z{
ث	Th	ع	‘
ج	J	غ	Gh
ح	H{	ف	F
خ	Kh	ق	Q
د	D	ك	K
ذ	Dh	ل	L
ر	R	م	M
ز	Z	ن	N
س	S	و	W
ش	Sh	هـ	H

B. Double Consonants

Double consonants (*shaddah*) that originate from *ya' nisbah* (the *ya'* used to indicate an adjective form) are written with a single consonant followed by “iyah”. Example:

احمدية : *Ahmadiyah*

Double consonants that do not come from *ya' nisbah* are written by doubling the consonant. Example:

دَلّ : *dalla*

C. Ta' Marbutah

1. When it carries a *sukūn* (is silent), it is written as “ah”. Example:

جماعة : *jama'ah*

2. When it is *connected* (in *idāfah*) to another word, it is written as “at”.

Example:

نعمة الله : *ni'mat Allah*

D. Short Vowels

1. *Fathah* (َ) → a

2. *Kasrah* (ِ) → i

3. *Dammah* (ُ) → u

Each is written with a single vowel letter.

E. Long Vowels

1. Long *a* → ā

2. Long *i* → ī

3. Long *u* → ū

Each is written with a macron (a horizontal line) above the vowel.

F. Diphthongs (Double Vowel Sounds)

Arabic diphthongs are transliterated as:

1. (اي) → ay
2. (او) → aw

G. The Definite Article (Alif + Lam)

When *Alif + Lam* (ل) precedes either a *qamariyyah* or *shamsiyyah* letter, it is always written as “al-“

الجماعة : *al-Jāmi'ah*

الشيعة : *al-Shi'ah*

H. Capital Letters

The use of capital letters follows Indonesian Spelling Rules (EYD).

I. Words in Phrases and Sentences

Remain consistent with the above rules; each word is written separately.

Example:

شيخ الإسلام : Shaykh al-Islām

J. Others

Words already standardized in the Kamus Besar Bahasa Indonesia (KBBI) (such as *ijmak*, *nash*, *al-Qur'an*, and *hadits*) do not follow this transliteration guide and are written as they appear in the dictionary.

PREFACE

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