#### **CHAPTER V**

## CONCLUSIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

In this chapter, the writer provides conclusions of the findings and discussion of the previous chapter. The writer also provides suggestions for readers, further research, and musicians who read this research.

#### A. Conclusions

The writer has conducted a study on the message of gratitude in Maher Zain's song lyrics on the album "Forgive Me" by studying the signs in it. Furthermore, the writer concluded that the song lyrics in the Forgive Me album include expressing gratitude by heart, expressing gratitude verbally, and expressing gratitude through actions.

- 1. In the studied songs in the album Forgive Me, the writer found some denotative and connotative meanings in the lyrics. Myth meaning of each song was generated from the story in each song. Denotative, connotative, and myth meanings that have been found, and these brought the writer to the analysis of gratitude messages which is the main question in this study.
- 2. Gratitude is actually comes from heart. everything that is in a person's heart cannot be proven true through his words or action because it could be the opposite. Therefore, words of thankfulness and praise, and actions done by someone basically cannot measure how much a person

is grateful. Even though, from messages of gratitude in this album, we can learn how to be grateful by our heart, say thank you and praise the giver, and do actions that can represent our gratitude in order to give appreciation to the giver of favors. In the album Forgive Me, the writer has found messages of gratitude as follows:

- a. In the song Number One for Me, there is shown gratitude by heart for having that kind of very good mother and everything he learned from her, then manifested by his action to educate his child well in his old age as his mother did.
- b. The song I Love You So represents gratitude through heart, words, and actions. The lyrics describe the feeling of gratitude in the heart for having the precious love of God and said the grateful feeling to Him then manifests them through dedicating everything only to Him.
- c. In the song My Little Girl, there is delivered expression of gratitude by heart because of the little girl's birth and then manifests it through action in the form of raising the child well to please God.
- d. The lyric in the song Forgive Me describes someone's regret for mistakes made repeatedly. The lyric "Forgive me... My heart is so full of regret" indirectly shows the gratitude for realizing God's guidance and mercy, then manifests it in the act of asking for forgiveness and the determination to repent.

- e. The lyric in the song Paradise shows the expression of gratitude through inner feeling, namely good feeling because of being in a place of God's favor called Paradise. The other lyric shows the expression of gratitude verbally by saying thanks to God.
- f. The whole story in the song So Soon indirectly shows how to be grateful by inner feeling and manifest it through actions even after losing something that means a lot to us, because their previous existence was also a gift for us.
- g. In the song Guide Me All the Way, expressions of gratitude by inner feeling and by action are indirectly delivered in the whole story of the song. the lyricists taught that every word of thank you and even lots of worship are not enough to be called the best service for all of God's blessings. The song indirectly shows the feeling of gratitude for God's guidance as one of the blessings.
- Lyric in the song Freedom delivers an expression of gratitude verbally for God's help. The lyric "Standing firm together Against oppression holding hands" shows how people manifest their gratitude through action in fighting for the freedom to get back their land as a test from Him.

The resulting study of the gratitude messages in Maher Zain's song lyrics in Forgive Me album which is presented by the writer has

been linked to sources such as the Qur'an, journals, and articles related to research topics from reliable sources.

#### **B.** Suggestions

After the study of messages of gratitude in the lyrics of Maher Zain Song in the album Forgive Me was conducted, I as the researcher have many suggestions for readers, further research, and for the musician, namely:

- The writer suggests to the readers, especially those who love to listen to songs, to use them not only for entertainment or relaxation but also positive take lessons from the lyrics.
- 2. For the next researcher who chooses the same topic, the writer suggests you to use more sources to create new findings and share them with others. You may try to use the semiotic theory of Roland Barthes in your study.
- 3. The writer has a suggestion for musicians to be more selective in writing songs. Songs containing positive values are better for listeners in all age groups. Especially for Islamic musician, creating songs and referring them to the Islamic sources such as Al-Qur'an, hadith, etc is very good and be one way to spread the teachings of Islam.

# APPENDIX

## SONG LYRICS IN THE ALBUM FORGIVE ME

The album Forgive Me was released by Awakening Music in 2012. It consists of 14 songs, 8 of them were studied by the writer because the songs were written in English and contain gratitude messages. These songs were sung by a singer named Maher Zain and this is his second released album in Awakening Music. The studied songs were written by many songwriters, namely: Maher Zain, Bilal Hajji, Bara Kherigi, and Mohamed El-Kazaz.

The followings are information about the songs I have studied obtained from official YouTube account of Awakening Music and Maher Zain.

1.	Song Title	: Number One for Me
	Lyricist	: Maher Zain & Bilal Hajji
	<b>Released Year</b>	: 2012
	Album	: Forgive Me
	Label	: Awakening Music

I was a foolish little child Crazy things I used to do And all the pain I put you through Mama now I'm here for you For all the times I made you cry The days I told you lies Now it's time for you to rise For all the things you sacrificed Oh, if I could turn back time rewind If I could make it undone I swear that I would I would make it up to you Mum I'm all grown up now It's a brand new day I'd like to put a smile on your face every day Mum I'm all grown up now And it's not too late I'd like to put a smile on your face every day And now I finally understand your famous line About the day I'd face in time 'Cause now I've got a child of mine And even though I was so bad

I've learned so much from you Now I'm trying to do it too Love my kid the way you do There's no one in this world that can take your place Oh, I'm sorry for ever taking you for granted, Ooh I will use every chance I get to make you smile, Whenever I'm around you Now I will try to love you like you love me Only God knows how much you mean to me

2.	Song Title	: I Love You So
	Lyricist	: Maher Zain, Bara Kherigi & Bilal Hajji
	<b>Released Year</b>	: 2012
	Album	: Forgive Me
	Label	: Awakening Music

I pray to God

My heart, soul, and body Every single day of my life With every breath I solemnly promise To try to live my life for You O Allah! You did revive my soul And shone Your light into my heart So pleasing You is now my only goal Oh I love You so I love You so Now I know how it's like to have Your precious love in my life Now I know how it feels to finally be at peace inside I wish that everybody knew How amazing it feels to love You I wish that everyone could see How Your love has set me free Set me free and made me strong O Allah! I'm forever grateful to You Whatever I say could never be enough You gave me strength to overcome my uncertainties And stand firm against all the odds My love, my life, my days, my nights, my wealth, my prayers - all for You And I swear that I will never put anyone or anything before You

3.	Song Title	: My Little Girl
	Lyricist	: Maher Zain
	<b>Released Year</b>	: 2012
	Album	: Forgive Me
	Label	: Awakening Music

You are a miracle You are a blessing from above You brought joy to my soul And pleasure to my eyes In my heart I can feel it An unexplainable feeling Being a father The best thing that I could ever ask for Just thinking of you, makes me smile Holding you, looking in your eyes I'm so grateful for having you And everyday I pray I pray that you'll find your way You know I love you I love you My little girl, my little girl I ask God to bless you, and protect you always My little girl, my little girl You're like a shining star So beautiful you are My baby girl You light up my world I pray that I'll get the chance To be around and watch you grow And witness your first steps And the first time when you will call me dad I could spend hours watching you Ohh you're so innocent, so lovely and so pure Oh God I can not express my gratitude But I'll raise her good, cause all I want is to please you And now I pray, You'll guide her ways forever

4.	Song Title	: Forgive Me
	Lyricist	: Maher Zain & Bara Kherigi
	<b>Released Year</b>	: 2012
	Album	: Forgive Me
	Label	: Awakening Music

I'm about to lose the battle and cross the line I'm about to make another mistake And even though I try to stay away Everything around me keeps dragging me in I can't help thinking to myself What if my time would end today, today, today? Can I guarantee that I will get another chance Before it's too late, too late, too late Forgive me... My heart is so full of regret Forgive me... Now is the right time for me to repent, repent, repent. Am I out of my mind? What did I do? Oh, I feel so bad! And every time I try to start all over again My shame comes back to haunt me I'm trying hard to walk away But temptation is surrounding me, surrounding me I wish that I could find the strength to change my life Before it's too late, too late, too late I know O Allah You're the Most-Forgiving And that You've promised to Always be there when I call upon You So now I'm standing here Ashamed of all the mistakes I've committed Please don't turn me away And hear my prayer when I ask You to

Song Title	: I Love You So
Lyricist	: Maher Zain, Bilal Hajji
<b>Released Year</b>	: 2012
Album	: Forgive Me
Label	: Awakening Music
	Lyricist Released Year Album

I remember when I first met you I felt that God answered my call There was that one place I always thought about And I just wanted to be there with you The place that no eye has ever seen The place that no heart has ever perceived I had a great feeling inside of me That one day I'll be there with you And now that we're here feeling so good About all the things that we went through Knowing that God is pleased with us too It's not a dream, this is so true Feeling the peace all around Seeing things we could never imagine Hearing the sound of rivers flow And we know we'll be here forever The feeling is indescribable Knowing that this is our reward Do you remember the hard times we went through? And those days we used to argue But there was not one thing that could bring us down 'Cause we always had in our minds I remember us praying at night And just dreaming about this together I'm so blessed to have you in my life And now we can enjoy these blessings forever Paradise is where we are now Paradise, a dream come true Paradise, O what a feeling! Paradise, thank You Allah!

6.	Song Title	: So Soon
	Lyricist	: Bara Kherigi, Maher Zain & Mohamed El-Kazaz
	<b>Released Year</b>	: 2012
	Album	: Forgive Me
	Label	: Awakening Music

Every time I close my eyes I see you in front of me I still can hear your voice calling out my name And I remember all the stories you told me I miss the time you were around I miss the time you were around But I'm so grateful for every moment I spent with you 'Cause I know life won't last forever You went so soon, so soon You left so soon, so soon I have to move on 'cause I know it's been too long I've got to stop the tears, keep my faith and be strong I'll try to take it all, even though it's so hard I see you in my dreams but when I wake up you are gone Gone so soon Night and day, I still feel you are close to me And I remember you in every prayer that I make Every single day may you be shaded by His mercy But life is not the same, and it will never be the same But I'm so thankful for every memory I shared with you 'Cause I know this life is not forever Oh, there were days when I had no strength to go on I felt so weak and I just couldn't help asking: "Why?" Oh, but I got through all the pain when I truly accepted That to God we all belong, and to Him we'll return, oh

7.	Song Title	: Guide Me All the Way
	Lyricist	: Maher Zain
	<b>Released Year</b>	: 2012
	Album	: Forgive Me
	Label	: Awakening Music

I know that You could easily Take away everything You've given me And I try to remember Not to take anything for granted 'Cause I know that one day Suddenly this will all come to an end So my last wish is for You to be pleased with me Allah, Ya Allah Guide me all the way to Your Jannah Ya Allah, Ya Allah Don't let me go astray 'cause I need You By my side, I wish to be close Close to You throughout my life Ya Allah, O Allah! Be with me all the way I know that sometimes I do I do forget that my next breath could be the last Forgive me 'cause I can't thank You enough Forgive me when I doubt Your love Now I pray for that day When all this stops and comes to an end So my last wish is for You to be pleased with me Day by day passes And I think that my time could be near So I pray: O God let this world be in my hands And not in my heart 'Cause soon I'll have to leave it

8. Song Title : Freedom Lyricist : Maher Zain Released Year : 2012 Album : Forgive Me Label : Awakening Music

> Gathered here with my family My neighbours and my friends Standing firm together Against oppression holding hands It doesn't matter where you're from Or if you're young, old, woman or man We're here for the same reason We want to take back our land O God, Thank You For giving us the strength to hold on And now we're here together Calling You for freedom, freedom We know You can hear our call, oh We're calling for freedom, fighting for freedom We know You won't let us fall, oh We know You're here with us No more being prisoners in our homes No more being afraid to talk Our dream is just to be free, just to be free Now when we've taken our first step Towards a life of complete freedom We can see our dream getting closer and closer We're almost there *I* can feel the pride in the air And it makes me strong to see everyone Standing together holding hands in unity Shouting out loud demanding their right for freedom This is it, and we're not backing off! O God we know You hear our call

#### **PROFIL OF AWAKENING MUSIC**



Awakening Music (Formerly known as Awakening Records) was established in 2000 as a media and publishing company. A pioneer in the music industry that has created modern Islamic nasheed music that is inspiring and thick with the delivery of religious and peace messages. Awakening strives to provide the very best in live and recorded entertainment for those seeking value-driven, faithinspired music. Awakening is headquartered in London, promoting the finest of modern Muslim talent from all over the world. The artists: Maher Zain, Humood AlKhudher, Mesut Kurtis, Raef, and Ali Magrebi are currently signed to the label (Previously Sami Yusuf, Hamza Namira, and Harris J among others).

Label Name	: Awakening Music
Parent Company	: Deventi Group
Established	: 2000
Founder	: Sharif Banna, Bara Kherigi, Wali-ur Rahman, and Wassim
	Malak
Country	: United Kingdom
Headquarter	: Stanford, London
Website	: <u>https://www.awakening.org/</u>
Social Media	: - Instagram: @awakeningrecords
	- Facebook: Awakening Music
	- YouTube: Awakening Music
	- Twitter: @AwakeningRec

Artists	: Maher Zain (since 2008), Humood Alkhuder (since 2015),
	Mesut Kurtis, Raef (since 2014), Sami Yusuf, Ali Magrebi.
Achievements	: - 1500 concerts in 64 countries
	- Raising \$25 million for charity
	- 56 million fans across its social media platforms
	- 6,8 billion views on YouTube
	- Awarded the world's best Muslim media company at an
	International Business Summit convened in partnership with
	Deloitte in Dubai.

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## **BIOGRAPHY OF MAHER ZAIN**

Maher Zain is a Muslim Swedish R&B singer and songwriter, born 16 July 1981 in Tripoli, Lebanon. He released his debut album Thank You Allah, an internationally successful album with strong Muslim religious influences, in 2009.

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Born	: Lebanon
Birth	: 16 July 1981
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Album	:
	- Thank You Allah (2009)
	- Forgive Me (2012)
	- One (2016)
	- Nour Ala Nour – Mini Album (2021)
<b>Certifications</b>	:
	- 8× Platinum, Warner Music Malaysia (Album Thank You Allah)
	- 2× Platinum, Sony Music Indonesia Album Thank You Allah)
	- 4× Platinum, Warner Music Malaysia (Album Forgive Me)

Sources:

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## **BIOGRAPHY OF BILAL HAJJI**



Birth name	: Bilal Hajji
Variations	: Bilal "The Chef", B. Hajii, B. Hajji, Bilal "The Chef" Hajji, etc
Occupation	: Songwriter, Record Producer, Composer
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Location	: Sweden
Year	: 2005 - present
Credits	: 735 (Allmusic)
Social Media	: Instagram @bilalthechef

Sources:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bilal\_Hajji https://www.discogs.com/artist/1277606-Bilal-Hajji?anv=Haiji&filter\_anv=1 https://www.allmusic.com/artist/bilal-hajji-mn0002359285/credits

# **BIOGRAPHY OF BARA KHERIGI**

Name	: Bara Kherigi
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Born	: Tunisia
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Occupations	: Co-Founder & Firector of
	Awakening Music, Songwriter
Location	: Tunisia, Egypt, the UK
Favorite	: Crossfit, reading, music, food,
	and all things beautiful and delicious.
Credits	: 23 (discogs.com)
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	- Writing & Arrangement (14)
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