



Synergy of Islamic Religious Education and Legal Science: Building a Moral and Just Generation

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Introduction

Islamic religious education and legal science have a very important role in shaping the character and morality of the younger generation. In the context of globalization and rapid social change, the

synergy between these two fields is becoming increasingly relevant. Islamic religious education not only teaches spiritual and ethical values, but also provides a strong moral foundation for individuals in living their daily lives. This is important because good character is the foundation for

individuals who can contribute positively to society. By understanding the principles of honesty, justice, and compassion taught in Islamic religious education, the younger generation can develop attitudes and behaviors that are in accordance with good social norms.(Umi Masitoh 2017)

Meanwhile, legal science serves as a guideline to create justice and order in society. The law not only regulates the behavior of individuals but also reflects the moral values embraced by society. Therefore, legal education must be in line with religious education to ensure that young people not only understand the rule of law but also have moral awareness in applying it. The integration between Islamic religious education and legal science will form individuals who are not only intellectually intelligent but also have good morals and a commitment to justice. Thus, this holistic approach will produce a generation that is able to face the challenges of the times wisely, as well as contribute positively to creating a harmonious social environment. Youth who are equipped with legal knowledge and spiritual values will be better able to make fair and responsible decisions, so that they can become effective agents of change in society. In addition, the synergy between these two fields will also strengthen a sense of empathy and social concern, which is crucial in building a community that respects and supports each other.(Wijaya et al. 2021)

Through a holistic approach, it is hoped that youth can become agents of change who are able to face the challenges of the times with integrity and social responsibility. Islamic religious education provides a strong moral foundation with ethical values that promote integrity and a deep understanding of right and wrong actions. On the other hand, legal education provides a framework for understanding

rights and obligations in society. Thus, the combination of these two education will prepare the younger generation to face various challenges in the modern era, including increasingly complex social, economic, and environmental issues. In addition, this holistic approach also encourages youth to think critically and creatively, so that they are not only able to respond to existing challenges, but also be proactive in creating innovative solutions. By integrating spiritual values and legal knowledge, youth are expected to contribute positively to society, build harmonious relationships between individuals, and create a more equitable and sustainable environment.(Solihin 2019)

Islamic religious education also plays a role in the development of spiritual awareness, which is important to help individuals face the challenges of life with calmness and maturity. Worship practices such as prayer, zakat, fasting, and hajj not only shape individual character but also instill discipline and a sense of responsibility towards others. This spiritual awareness will strengthen their commitment to the moral values taught. Islamic religious education can help students understand their role in society as well as inspire them to become responsible individuals and contribute positively to the surrounding environment. By instilling values such as empathy, tolerance, and social care, this education will form a young generation that not only has knowledge but also good character.(SANTOSO and Habib 2023)

The integration of religious values in education is becoming increasingly clear and important in the context of student character formation, especially when we consider its impact on the moral and ethical development of the younger generation. By combining Islamic religious education and legal science, we not only equip students with adequate academic knowledge, but also

instill high moral integrity in them. This is crucial, because future generations who are academically intelligent without being accompanied by strong moral values can potentially create social and ethical problems. Therefore, this step has become very important in efforts to create a just, civilized, and highly moral society, where individuals who have a good understanding of religion and law can contribute positively to their social environment. Thus, this integration is not only beneficial for individuals but also for society as a whole.

Research Methods

This study uses a qualitative approach with various data collection techniques. This research aims to explore the relationship between Islamic religious education and legal science in shaping the character of the young generation with morality and justice.(Sugiono 2017) The methods used include observation, in-depth interviews, and documentation studies to gain a comprehensive understanding of existing educational practices. Data analysis was carried out interactively, following the model of A. Michael Huberman and Matthew B. Miles, with the steps of data collection, reduction, presentation, and conclusion drawn. The research will also involve the participation of various stakeholders, including educators, legal experts, and the public, to gain a broader perspective on the synergies between the two fields. The results of this research are expected to provide policy recommendations to improve the integration of Islamic religious education with legal science, as well as create innovative programs that support the formation of the character of the younger generation in accordance with the values of justice and noble morals.(Sugiono 2018)

Results and Discussion

A. Integration of Islamic Values in Law

The integration of Islamic values in legal science in Indonesia is an important effort to create a fair legal system and based on moral and ethical principles taught in religion, where Islamic law is not only seen as a set of rules for Muslims, but also as a source of value that can enrich national law. The government's recognition of the existence of Islamic law in the national legal system is reflected in a number of regulations that have integrated sharia principles, such as in the marriage and inheritance law, which demonstrate a commitment to building an inclusive and responsive legal system to the needs of diverse communities, and affirm the importance of harmony between religious values and legal norms in achieving social justice.(Rifa'i and Choli 2019)

In this integration process, Islamic law serves as an ethical guide that is very important to solve various social and legal problems faced by the Indonesian people, who have cultural diversity and backgrounds.(Rifa'i and Choli 2019) Therefore, it is crucial to encourage constructive dialogue between various stakeholders, including academics, legal practitioners, community leaders, and religious organizations, so that this integration not only runs well but also provides tangible benefits for all levels of society. This dialogue can create a deeper understanding of Islamic values and how their application can be adapted to Indonesia's unique social context. However, the challenges faced are not few; the diversity of interpretations of Islamic teachings and the need for a deep contextual understanding of the social and cultural conditions of the community need to be addressed. Thus, Islamic values can be

effectively realized in daily legal practice, create harmony between religious norms and applicable positive laws, and strengthen social justice throughout Indonesia.(Saputri, Abadi, and Octavia 2023)

One of the main challenges in this integration is the harmonization between Islamic law and applicable positive law. This process requires dialogue and cooperation between various parties, including legal experts, scholars, and other stakeholders. The balance between Islamic values and constitutional principles that guarantee freedom of religion must be maintained so that there is no conflict between the two.(Mardhiyah et al. 2021)

Therefore, it is important to conduct an in-depth study of the social and cultural context of Indonesia so that this integration can run well. The basic principles of Islamic law, such as justice, human welfare, and the prohibition of injustice, are an important foundation in the drafting of legal regulations. Islamic law emphasizes that all human beings are equal before the law, regardless of social or economic background. These values can provide guidance for the formation of more inclusive and fair laws for all Indonesian people. Thus, the integration of Islamic values can help create a legal system that is more responsive to the needs of society.(Rahmadani and Achmad 2022)

In the process of reforming the criminal law in Indonesia, the integration of Islamic values is clearly seen in the Draft Criminal Code (RKUHP). Several principles of Islamic law, such as the principle of legality and the prohibition of shifting blame to others, have been accommodated in the RKUHP.(Sparingga 2023). This shows that Islamic values can contribute to the establishment of better legal norms and in accordance with social justice. However,

challenges remain, especially related to differences in interpretation and understanding of Islamic law among the public. Legal education plays an important role in integration. Sharia faculties in Indonesia are required to develop a curriculum that integrates general law with Islamic law. With this non-dichotomous approach, it is hoped that students can comprehensively understand both legal systems and be able to apply them in practice. This is important so that future generations can continue efforts to integrate Islamic values in the national legal system.(Premiere 2018)

The success of the integration of Islamic values in law is highly dependent on the commitment of all parties to continue dialogue and cooperation, because without close collaboration, this effort will be difficult to achieve the desired goals. Constructive dialogue between various stakeholders, including academics, legal practitioners, and religious leaders, is key to understanding and applying Islamic principles in relevant and contextual legal contexts.(Judrah et al. 2024). This effort will not only strengthen the national legal system but also make a positive contribution to the development of a more just and prosperous society. By involving various elements of society, we can create a space for exchanging ideas and experiences, so that this integration is not just a formality, but a strategic step towards the creation of social justice based on the universal values taught by Islam. In this regard, it is important to develop education and training programs that are able to instill a deep understanding of these values among the younger generation, so that they can become agents of change that bring the spirit of justice and prosperity to society as a whole.(Nurjanah, Yahdiyani, and Wahyuni 2020). The

community as a whole can gain a deeper understanding of the implementation of Islamic principles within the legal framework through constructive dialogue. This discussion is important to open up space for the exchange of ideas and perspectives, so that Islamic values are not only understood theoretically, but can also be applied in existing legal practice.(Dan and Social 2023)

In this context, collaboration between government agencies and non-governmental organizations is crucial. This collaboration ensures that these values are recognized and applied in daily life, creating a positive synergy between various elements of society.(Subakti 2022). With an inclusive and participatory approach, the integration of Islamic values in legal science is expected to create an environment conducive to fair and equitable law enforcement. This will not only increase public trust in the legal system, but also encourage the creation of a more harmonious and civilized society. When the principles of justice and welfare are implemented in real life, people will feel the benefits in their daily lives, thus creating a more peaceful and respectful social atmosphere.

B. The Role of Holistic Education in Character Formation

Holistic education is an approach that integrates various aspects of student development, including academic, emotional, social, and spiritual aspects. In the face of an increasingly complex world, relying on intellectual intelligence alone is not enough. Students need to be equipped with strong moral and ethical values in order to face life's challenges wisely and responsibly.(Ummah 2019) By prioritizing holistic education, we strive to create

individuals who not only excel in knowledge, but also have integrity, empathy, and the ability to collaborate with others. This approach encourages students to understand themselves as well as their surroundings, so that they can make a positive contribution to society. Therefore, holistic education does not only focus on academic achievement, but also on character building and the creation of essential foundations for building a harmonious, just, and respectful society.(Nurjanah et al. 2020)

Through this comprehensive education, it is hoped that it can give birth to future generations who are able to face global dynamics with a wise and loving attitude. Holistic education also strongly supports the development of social and emotional skills, which are essential elements in building healthy and productive relationships in society. Within this framework, students are taught to think critically, collaborate with others, and appreciate differences. Thus, holistic education not only prepares students for success in the academic world, but also shapes them into responsible leaders and active citizens. They will be able to make a positive contribution to the community and the surrounding environment, resulting in a broader and sustainable impact for the future. With this approach, we hope to create individuals who are not only intellectually intelligent but also rich in human values.(Hidayah 2022)

One of the main goals of holistic education is to develop students' character as a whole. Education does not only focus on academic achievement, but also on the formation of good attitudes and behaviors. Through various activities, both inside and outside the classroom, students are taught to respect differences, work together, and

contribute positively to society.(Miftakhu 2019) Thus, they will grow into responsible individuals and able to play an active role in their social environment. Education that integrates spiritual aspects is very important in building a just generation. When students are taught to understand the values of humanity and justice, they will be more sensitive to the social issues around them. This will encourage them to contribute to creating a more just and prosperous society. By having a deep understanding of social justice, students will become agents of positive change in the future.(Hidayati 2022)

In the context of holistic education, noble morals play a very important role and cannot be ignored. Education should not only focus on academic achievement and the development of intellectual intelligence, but also on the formation of students' character and morality. Individuals who are equipped with good morals tend to be more able to make the right decisions in difficult situations, as well as be an example for the surrounding environment. By instilling ethical and moral values in the learning process, students will learn to interact with the social environment in a positive and constructive way. A harmonious and respectful learning atmosphere will be created when these values are integrated into the curriculum, thus forming a generation that is not only intelligent, but also has high social awareness.(Dinda, Rais, and Suryani 2023)

The importance of instilling moral values from an early age in educational institutions becomes increasingly clear when we consider the global challenges faced by future generations. By providing a strong moral foundation, we hope to produce wise and ethical leaders who are able to face various problems with integrity and

responsibility. Through a holistic education approach that prioritizes noble morals, we not only create academically superior individuals, but also a society rich in profound human values. Thus, education oriented to character development will contribute to the creation of a better and sustainable social environment, where each individual can play an active role in building a more harmonious and mutually supportive community.

Conclusion

The integration of Islamic values in law in Indonesia aims to create a fair and moral legal system, not only for Muslims but also as a source of value for national law. The government recognizes Islamic law through regulations such as marriage and inheritance laws, which reflect a commitment to inclusivity. Islamic law serves as an ethical guide in resolving social problems, but challenges such as differences in interpretation and the need for contextual understanding remain. The integration process requires harmonization between Islamic law and positive law, as well as cooperation between various parties. Legal education is also important, with the sharia faculty expected to develop a curriculum that combines general law and Islam. The success of integration depends on a commitment to dialogue and collaboration to effectively implement Islamic values in the practice of law. In addition, holistic education that integrates academic and moral aspects is expected to give birth to a generation that is not only intelligent, but also has integrity and is able to contribute positively to society.

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