# The Urgency of Teaching the Qur'an in Religious Development for Converts in the Border Region of Indonesia

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The Qur'an as *the word of Allah* should be used as a guide for the life of Muslims, including by learning and practicing the instructions contained in the contents of the holy book. Learning the Qur'an is an obligation for every Muslim, because the Qur'an is an intercessor for its readers. This research method uses qualitative research with the type of literature study research, while in data collection using books, or journal articles that are relevant to the research title. As for the research results, the urgency of teaching the Qur'an, First; Peace of mind and soul. This is because Allah has made the Qur'an a *Syifaan* (medicine) for all kinds of heart ailments, Second, gaining stability, Third, awareness of one's own weaknesses and limitations, Fourth, a soft and spacious heart in accepting the truth, Fifth, getting various kinds of goodness and virtue in the hereafter. This kindness and virtue can be in the form of a high degree in the sight of Allah, as a lamp and light in the grave, getting his *intercession* (help). The urgency of teaching the Koran in religious development for converts to converts in Indonesia's border areas is important to make it easier for converts to learn Islam, especially in terms of reading the Koran and the methods used in teaching the Koran in religious development for converts in border areas using the iqro' method.

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# INTRODUCTION

The Qur'an has an important position in Islamic studies, besides functioning as a guide for human life, the Qur'an also functions as a *Furqan* (differentiator), namely being a benchmark and differentiator between right and wrong. So that it is used as a basis for understanding Islam through learning the Qur'an and religious development. As the word of Allah swt in QS Ali Imran Verse 110, Translated : "You are the best people who are placed among humans, to lead to good, prevent evil, and have complete trust in Allah.

Religious development of society in general is part of the development of the whole human being. Because complete human development must be based on religious development, because religion is the basis or nature of human life to obtain or obtain peace and happiness in community and state life, including through the teaching of the Qur'an for converts to Islam in Indonesia's border areas.

Religion places great emphasis on good deeds and prohibits wrongdoing or more precisely with *amar ma'ruf nahi mungkar*, or conversely every human being upholds *amar ma'ruf nahi mungkar*, as in QS Luqman verse 17, The translation: "O my son, establish prayer and order to do good and keep them from evil deeds and be patient with what befalls you. Indeed, this includes things that are obligatory (by Allah).

Given the importance of this, religious development needs to be studied, explored, understood and believed in, then practiced by every adherent so that one day it really becomes the property of personality in everyday life. One of the effective efforts to achieve this can be done through religious education or religious coaching which in the process touches on inner questions, questions relating to aspects of attitudes and values of life in society and as a state . So a forum is needed to foster converts to study religion, especially studying the Qur'an.

Based on the background that has been described, the researcher is interested in examining this research more deeply through qualitative methods with a literature review approach or literature review whose aim is to describe the urgency of teaching the Koran in religious development for converts to converts in border areas of Indonesia.

#### METHOD

This study uses qualitative research with a type of library research. The intent behind some uses shows how research efforts are based on scientific characteristics, especially rational, emotional, and systematic, (Sugiyono, 2016). Data sources in this study, primary data and secondary data were both used by researchers. Primary data was collected directly from research participants using measuring instruments or participant data retrieval tools as the source of information sought. Secondary data is data obtained by researchers from their research subjects. Reading through literature studies that contain original source data, especially bibliographical sources through libraries from library books and scientific articles, is a way to obtain secondary data. Books and periodicals are used as secondary data. Since getting data is the main goal of research, data collection strategy is the most strategic research process.

#### FINDINGS AND DISSCUSSION

The term coaching according to Ali Hasan (2003: 15), comes from the basic word "bina", which comes from the Arabic "bana" which means fostering, building, establishing, and gets the prefix pe and the ending an so that it becomes the word coaching which means effort. , actions, and activities. Meanwhile, according to experts that coaching has different meanings. According to the Big Indonesian Dictionary (2008: 193), coaching is an activity that is carried out effectively to obtain better results and to maintain and improve what already exists as expected. Another opinion was conveyed by A. Mangunhardjana (1991: 12), that the term coaching can also be interpreted as a learning process by releasing things that are already owned and learning new things that are not owned, with the aim of helping people who go through it to correct and develop existing knowledge and skills as well as acquire new knowledge and skills to effectively achieve life and work goals that are being undertaken.

According to Washilatur Rahmi (2008: 12), that coaching is a program where participants gather to give, receive and process information, knowledge and skills, whether by developing existing ones with the new one. So that coaching must be carried out and followed by a number of converts who participate taken into account in terms of its purpose and effectiveness. So it is necessary to create a religious development program regarding the teaching of the Qur'an. The coaching program is a procedure that is used as a foundation to determine the content and sequence of coaching events that will be held. The coaching program concerns: objectives, content, approach, and approach method Based on this understanding it can be concluded that coaching is an action and activity that functions to maintain and develop the potential that exists in a person so that they can behave better.

According to Suharso and Ana Retnoningsih (2011: 186-187), the word religion comes from the basic word religion which has a prefix to and an ending to, which means something (all actions) related to religion. Religion means belief in God with devotional teachings and obligations related to that belief. While religion is the characteristics contained in religion. According to Hendro Puspito (2006: 29), religion is a value system that regulates the relationship between humans and the universe related to belief . Religion as a reality of human experience that can be observed in human life activities. This means, religious activity arises from religious experience. From some of these opinions it can be concluded that religion aims to realize a person who always has good morals which is manifested by always carrying out the commands of Allah SWT. and try to stay away from all prohibitions and have a social and religious soul and be able to apply the norms that apply.

According to Siti Yulaikhah (2015: 27), converts are a term for people who are softened his heart. And according to the understanding of the term converts, namely people who are new converted to Islam (during the spread of Islam) and his faith was still weak. Converts can also be interpreted as people who are desired to be his heart tends or remains Islamic, inclined or expected to be provide benefits in protecting the Muslims or help them against the enemy. Meanwhile, according to Abu Ya'la al-Farra' as quoted by Moh Alil Aziz (2004: 256), Classifying converts into four part. *First*, those whose hearts are still weak when they convert to Islam and need the help of Muslims. *Second*, those who are weak in heart and be a hindrance to Muslims. *Third*, they are weak heart and expected sympathy to Islam. *Fourth*, those who weak hearted and became a community leader, so he expected to invite people to Islam.

The methods for teaching the Qur'an include the iqro' method, the al-Baghdady method, the an-Nahdiyah method and the qiro'ati method.

1. iqro method

The Iqro' method is a method of reading the Qur'an which emphasizes reading practice directly. The Iqro' guidebook consists of 6 volumes starting from the simple level, step by step up to the perfect level. The Iqro' method in practice does not require a variety of tools, because the emphasis is on reading (reading the letters of the Qur'an fluently). Direct reading without spelling. This means that the names of hijaiyah letters are not introduced by means of active student learning (CBSA) and are more individual in nature.

2. al-Baghdady's method

Al-Baghdady's method is an arranged method (*tarkibiyah*), meaning that it is a method that is arranged sequentially and is a reprocessing or better known as the alif, ba', ta' method. This method is the oldest method that has appeared and the first method to develop in Indonesia.

3. The An-Nahdhiyah Method

The An-Nahdhiyah method is a method of reading the Koran. The material for learning the Qur'an is not much different from the Qira'ati and Iqro' methods. And it should be noted that learning this method places more emphasis on the suitability and regularity of reading with a beat or more precisely learning the Koran in this method places more emphasis on the "Knocking" code.

4. The Qiro'ati method

This method is reading the Al-Quran which directly incorporates and practices tartil reading in accordance with the qa'idah of tajwid science. classical, but individually (individually). Santri/students can move on to the next class/volume on the condition that they have mastered the material/lesson package given in class and passed the test that has been tested by the school/TPA.

Based on these methods, it was found that the teaching of the Qur'an in religious development for converts to converts in Indonesia's border areas uses the iqro' method because the iqra' method is easier and easier to understand and practical.

## The Urgency of Al - Qur'an Teaching in Religious Development for Converts

Urgency comes from the Latin word " *urgent* ", which is a verb which means to push (Big Indonesian Dictionary, 2008). The term urgency refers to something that pushes us, which forces us to be resolved, thus assuming there is a problem and must be followed up. Urgency means the importance or interest, for example the urgency of teaching the Qur'an. Urgency is something that is very important or a very urgent need to be resolved.

The urgency of teaching the Qur'an is very important so that piety and good morals are instilled. As for goals the teaching of the Qur'an is to instill piety and morals and uphold the truth in order to form virtuous human beings according to Islamic teachings. In Islamic teachings reading the Qur'an is seen as a form of worship, as in the hadith of the Prophet SAW. Meaning: Having told us Abu Nu'aim has told us Sufyan from Alqamah bin Marstad from Abu Abdurrahman As Sukami from Uthman bin Affan he said: The Prophet Shallallahu alaihi wasallam said: "The most important person among you is someone who learns al -Quran and teach it". (Narrated by Bukhari)

Coaching comes from the word bina which means build or erect. Coaching means effort, empowered actions and activities in order to get better results. Coaching can also be said renewal, improvement, efforts, actions and activities that carried out efficiently and effectively for get better results. Coaching can also be interpreted as everything management efforts in the form of pioneering, laying the foundation, train, accustom, maintain, prevent, supervising, supporting, directing as well develop one's ability to achieve the goal, create a prosperous human being by holding and using all power and owned funds.

Religion according to Tajdab, et al (1994: 37), states that religion comes from the word a, meaning not and gamma, meaning messed up, topsy-turvy. So, religion means not being chaotic, no topsy-turvy, and/or regular. So, the term religion is a belief that brings orderly and undisturbed life bring prosperity

and safety man. So, religion is a way of life that must be taken by humans in their life in the world This is so that it is more organized and brings welfare and safety.

Sutan Takdir Alisyahbana (1992), religion is a system of behavior and relationships human being that is fundamental to human relations with the secret of power and magic that is not there infinite extent, and thus gives meaning to his life and to the universe that is surround it. Converts according to Yusuf (2007), explained that in the sense of sharia, converts are people whose hearts are bound to bend them to Islam, or to confirm them to Islam, or to remove their danger from the Muslims, with the aim of help them against their enemies, and the like"

Based on this understanding can concluded that what is meant by the urgency of teaching the Koran in coaching Religion for converts is an attempt to guide and maintain and develop or improve in all aspects of life someone in a religious order, especially the knowledge of how to read the Koran properly based on the study of tajwid science or it can also be said to be a business or activity which is directed to the formation of a Muslim person who moral, noble and dynamic in accordance with the teachings Islam based on the Qur'an and hadith.

#### CONCLUSION

The urgency of teaching the Koran in religious development for converts to converts in Indonesia's border areas is very important to continue to provide guidance on teaching the Koran so that converts who have just converted to Islam understand Islamic teachings well, so the role of the government, scholars, preachers is needed. so that later the spirit of piety and good morals will be instilled in accordance with Islamic teachings and make the Qur'an an intercessor in the hereafter. So for well-directed religious development, a coaching program for converts must be made . The coaching program concerns the objectives, content, approach, and methods of teaching the Qur'an. The method used or applied in teaching the Koran to converts to converts in border areas uses the iqro' method, because it is more practical and systematic.

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