SCIENTIFIC VERSES (A COMPARATIVE STUDY BETWEEN HARUN YAHYA'S THOUGHTS IN HIS BOOK "MIRACLES OF THE QUR'AN" AND ZAKIR NAIK'S "THE QUR'AN AND MODERN SCIENCE")

THESIS

Submitted in partial fulfillment of the assignments and requirements for the S.Th.I degree in Ushuluddin and Humanities Faculty



By: Abqari SRN: 1201421367

ANTASARI STATE INSTITUTE FOR ISLAMIC STUDIES
USHULUDDIN AND HUMANITIES FACULTY
STUDY OF AL-QUR'AN AND TAFSIR DEPARTMENT
BANJARMASIN
2016 A.D./1437 A.H

APPROVAL SHEET

SCIENTIFIC VERSES

(A COMPARATIVE STUDY BETWEEN HARUN YAHYA'S THOUGHTS IN HIS BOOK "MIRACLES OF THE QUR'AN" AND ZAKIR NAIK'S "THE QUR'AN AND MODERN SCIENCE")

Abqari 1201421367

Having been checked out and revised properly, I hereby approve this research to be submitted and examined in front of thesis examination committee of Ushuluddin and Humanities Faculty of Antasari State Institute for Islamic Studies Banjarmasin for partial fulfillment of the assignments and the requirements to obtain S.Th. I. degree.

Supervisor I

Supervisor II

<u>Dr. Saifuddin, M.Ag</u> ORN. 19710821 199703 1 003 <u>Bashori, M.Ag</u> ORN. 19700101 199803 1 002

Chairman of Study of al-Qur'an and Tafsir Department

<u>Dr. Saifuddin, M.Ag</u> ORN. 19710821 199703 1 003

Banjarmasin, June23rd 2016

DECLARATION OF AUTHORSHIP

Name : Abqari

SRN : 1201421367

Place/ Birth : Tabalong, July 08th 1995

Department : Study of al-Qur'an and Tafsir

Faculty : Ushuluddin and Humanities

I certify that my thesis is my original work and no portion of my thesis has been copyrighted previously unless properly referenced.

If there is a breach of items above, I will take full responsibility to Ushuluddin and Humanities Faculty Antasari State Institute for Islamic Studies for any legal action that might be caused.

Banjarmasin, June 23rd 2016

Abqari

VALIDATION

SCIENTIFIC VERSES (A COMPARATIVE STUDY BETWEEN HARUN YAHYA'S THOUGHTS IN HIS BOOK "MIRACLES OF THE QUR'AN" AND ZAKIR NAIK'S "THE QUR'AN AND MODERN SCIENCE")

WRITTEN BY

Abqari 1201421367

Has been examined by thesis examination committe of Ushuluddin and Humanities Faculty Antasari State Institute for Islamic Studies Banjarmasin on Day: Tuesday, Date: June23rd2016

EXAMINERS

Name		Signature
1. Dr. M. Zainal Abidin, M. Ag (The chairman of examiners)	1.	
2. Dr. Wardani, M. Ag (The member of examiners)		2.
3. Bashori, M. Ag (The member of examiners)	3.	
4. Dr. Saifuddin, M. Ag (The member of examiner)		4.
5. Wardatun Nadhiroh, M. Hum (The registrar)	5.	

Dean of Ushuluddin and Humanities Faculty IAIN Antasari Banjarmasin, June 23rd 2016

Prof. Dr. Abdullah Karim, M. Ag ORN. 19550214 198203 1 002

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

الحمدُ لله على نعمه والهدى والصّلاة والسّلام على خير الأنّام سيدنا محمد صلى الله عليه وسلم و على آله وصحبه الكِرام ومَن تَبِعَهم بإحسانٍ إلى يوم القيامة.

All praise be to Allah the almighty for His mercy and guidance. My blessing and salutation always be upon the great prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H.), all his families, his companions, as well as his followers until the last day.

This learning experience is a part of the long process that includes many contributions from a number of people. The writer understands, it would not be able to reach this experience without any kind of help from them in various ways. The writer expresses appreciation and gratitude to those who gave their help and motivation in finishing this thesis, they are:

- Prof. Dr. Abdullah Karim, M.Ag. as the dean of Ushuluddin and Humanities Faculty IAIN Antasari, and all his staffs for their help in the administrative matters.
- Foremost, the writer owes his special debts to the supervisors of this
 thesis, Dr. Saifuddin M.Ag, and Bashori, M.Ag, and for their
 understanding, guidance, suggestions, and correction during the writing of
 this thesis.
- All lecturers and assistants of Ushuluddin and Humanities Faculty who have guided the writer in this research.

4. Head of central library of IAIN Antasari, and also the librarian at

Ushuluddin and Humanities Faculty library who have given the writer

some help to get needed literature.

5. My parents, My mother (Nurbayah) and My father (Mar'ali), are on the

top level of deserving my appreciation. They provide me with huge

spiritual equipments that make me strong when I felt so despaired in

finishing my study. And my little sister (Isnaniah) and my brother

(Muhammad al-Amin), who has give me spirit and always praying for me.

6. My friends and colleagues, with whom I shared my happiness and my

blueness and served me with a comfortable social and intellectual zone,

also deserve my acknowledgement, and especially my friend in science of

Qur'an and tafsir department, 2012 batch.

Finally the writer hopes that this thesis will be useful for the next research.

The writer believes that this thesis in far from perfection. For the improvement of

this research, the writer wishes the readers to give their criticisms and

suggestions.

Banjarmasin, Ramadhan 1437 A.H.

June 23rd 2016 A.D.

Abqari

vi

TRASLITERATION TABLE

The method of transliteration of Islamic terminology from the 'Arabic language has been carried out according to the standard transliteration table mentioned below.

١ 1. Α

ط 16. Th

2. В

ظ 17. Zh

3. T 18.

4. Ts 19. Gh

5. <u>ج</u> : J 20. F

7 6. : Η

ق 21. Q

7. : Kh

نی 22. K

۷ 8. D 23. L

ذ 9. : Dz 24. م M

10. R

ن 25. N

11. Z 26. و W

12. س S 27. Η

13. Sy 28. ç

14. Sh

ض 15. Dh 29. ي \mathbf{Y}

Mad and Diftong:

- Â/â أو 1. Fathah panjang : 4. Aw
- أي Î/î 2. Kasrah panjang 5. Ay
- Dhammah panjang Û/û 3.

ABBREVIATIONS

Student Registry Number Official Registry Number Qur'an Sura. Srn. Orn.

Q.,s.

Peace be upon him
No Date P.B.U.H.

n.d No Year n.y

ABSTRACT

ABQARI, 1201421367, Scientific Verses (A Comparative Study between Harun Yahya's Thoughts in his book "The Miracles Of The Qur'an" And Zakir Naik's "The Qur'an And Modern Science". Thesis, Study of al-Qur'an and Tafsir Department, Faculty of Ushuluddin and Humanities. Supervisor: (1) Dr. Saifuddin. M.Ag.(2) Bashori, M.Ag.

Keyword: Scientific verses, methodology, scientific facts

This thesis is a comparative study about two figures' thoughts, Harun Yahya and Zakir Naik's. This thesis uses descriptive method with qualitative data to explore both thoughts in relation to their interpretations of scientific verses. The sources will be focused in Harun Yahya's work "The Miracles of the Qur'an" and Zakir Naik's work "The Qur'an and Modern Science". The research questions are: 1) What is the methodology of Harun Yahya and Zakir Naik in interpreting scientific verses in their books? 2) What are the differences of their interpretations about scientific verses?

This research is a library research. The sources are divided into two parts, namely the primary sources and the secondary ones. The primary sources are taken from Harun Yahya's book "The Miracles of the Qur'an" and Zakir Naik's "The Qur'an and Modern Science". While the secondary ones are taken from other writings, research, information and other relevant sources.

The result of this research is concluded as below: *first*, the methodology of Harun Yahya and Zakir Naik in interpreting the scientific verses contains the discussion of their interpretation method and the characteristic of them. Their method of interpretation is categorized as thematic interpretation (*tafsîr maudhû'i*), because both have collected verses which are related to scientific facts (*âyat kauniyah*) and explained them in their books. The charateristic of their interpretation is scientific interpretation (*tafsîr al-'ilmî*), because the verse is explained using collaboration between verses and scientific fact.

Second, this research found the difference between their study such as the consideration of determining the systematic discussion in their books. Zakir Naik had more appropriate order when he determined the classification of scientific verses in comparison to Harun Yahya. For example, he arranged the verses about pertaining to the nature of space under theme "astronomy", as well as with other verses. Based on Madzhâhibut tafsîr, their interpretations are classified as tafsir bi ad-Dirâyah in the modern-contemporary period. In their books, Harun Yahya and Zakir Naik tried to return the function of the Qur'an as a book of guidance, to discover the spirit of the Qur'an.

MOTTO

خَلَقَ ٱلسَّمَوْتِ وَٱلْأَرْضَ بِٱلْحَقِّ يُكُوِّرُ ٱلَّيْلَ عَلَى ٱلنَّهَارِ وَيُكَوِّرُ ٱلَّيْلَ عَلَى ٱلنَّهَارِ وَيُكَوِّرُ ٱلنَّهَارَ عَلَى ٱلنَّهَارَ عَلَى ٱلَّيْلِ وَسَخَّرَ ٱلشَّمْسَ وَٱلْقَمَر صُّكُلُّ بَجَرِى النَّهَارَ عَلَى ٱلْيَلِ وَسَخَّرَ ٱلشَّمْسَ وَٱلْقَمَر صُّكُلُّ بَجَرِى لِأَجَلِ مُّسَمَّى أَلَا هُوَ ٱلْعَزِيزُ ٱلْغَفَّرُ ۚ

He created the heavens and the earth In true (proportions): He makes the night overlap the Day, and the Day overlap the night: He has subjected the sun and the moon (to His Law): Each one follows a course for a time appointed is not He the Exalted In power - He who forgives again and again? (Q.s Az-Zumar, 5)

TABLE OF CONTENTS

COVER PAGE i
APPROVAL SHEETii
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY STATEMENT iii
VALIDATIONiv
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTv
TRANSLITERATION TABLEvii
ABBREVIATIONSviii
ABSTRACTix
MOTTOxi
STRUCTURE OF CONTENTSxii
CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION
A. Background of the Study
B. Problem Statements5
C. The Purpose and Significance of Research5
D. Operational Definition6
E. Review of Related Literature
F. Research Methods
G. Structure of Contents
CHAPTER II SCIENTIFIC VERSES
A. Definition of Scientific verses
B. Scientific Interpretation (tafsîr al-'ilmî)19
C. Pro and Contra about Scientific Interpretation

D. Methods of Analysis Scientific Exegesis
E. Analysis Principles of Scientific Exegesis
CHAPTER III HARUN YAHYA AND ZAKIR NAIK'S BIOGRAPHY AND
GENERAL DESCRIPTION IN EACH BOOK: Miracles of the
Qur'an and the Qur'an and Modern Science
A. Harun Yahya
1. Life
2. Activities36
3. Authorship39
B. Zakir Naik
1. Life
2. Activities
3. Authorship44
C. General Description on Their Books:"Miracles of the Qur'an and
the Qur'an and Modern Science".
1. Harun Yahya and His book "Miracles of the Qur'an
A). Background
B). Its Contents
2. Zakir Naik and His Book "the Qur'an and Modern Science"
A). Background
B). Its Contents

C. Bibliography......97