

THE VALUES OF ISLAMIC RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN THE NOVEL "JANJI" BY TERE LIYE AND ITS RELEVANCE TO EDUCATION

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Abstract :

The purpose of this study is to find and understand the values of Islamic religious education found in "Janji" by Tere Liye, as well as how these values can be internalized by readers as moral messages. By understanding these values, readers are expected to build a character that is not only academically intelligent, but also moral and caring towards society. The novel "Janji" shows that literature has the ability to deliver interesting and inspiring moral messages, especially regarding the character crisis plaguing the younger generation. This research focuses on the importance of overcoming the character education crisis by transforming religious values to strengthen students' morals and ethics. In this context, novels as an educational medium can serve as a tool to instill positive attitudes and values necessary for students' character growth. This study finds and analyzes the elements of Islamic religious education values in the novel by using qualitative methodology and text analysis techniques. The results show that character education values are incorporated into the curriculum, the role of teachers, character development programs, and social activities and community support. This writing is expected to provide useful recommendations for educators and educational practitioners on how to incorporate religious values into the learning process. This will result in a more thorough education program with a focus on moral and cognitive aspects.

Keywords : Religious values and character education.

Abstract:

Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah untuk menemukan dan memahami nilai-nilai pendidikan agama Islam yang ditemukan dalam "Janji" karya Tere Liye, serta bagaimana nilai-nilai ini dapat diinternalisasi oleh pembaca sebagai pesan moral. Dengan memahami nilai-nilai ini, pembaca diharapkan dapat membangun karakter yang tidak hanya cerdas secara akademis, tetapi juga bermoral dan peduli terhadap masyarakat. Novel "Janji" menunjukkan bahwa sastra memiliki kemampuan untuk menyampaikan pesan moral yang menarik dan menginspirasi, terutama mengenai krisis karakter yang melanda generasi muda. Penelitian ini berfokus pada pentingnya mengatasi krisis pendidikan karakter dengan mengubah nilai agama untuk menguatkan moral dan etika siswa. Dalam konteks ini, novel sebagai media pendidikan dapat berfungsi sebagai alat untuk menanamkan sikap positif dan nilai-nilai yang diperlukan untuk pertumbuhan karakter siswa. Penelitian ini menemukan dan menganalisis elemen nilai pendidikan agama Islam dalam novel dengan menggunakan metodologi kualitatif dan teknik analisis teks. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa nilai-nilai pendidikan karakter dimasukkan ke dalam kurikulum, peran guru, program pengembangan karakter, dan kegiatan sosial dan dukungan masyarakat. Penulisan ini diharapkan dapat memberikan rekomendasi yang bermanfaat bagi pendidik dan praktisi pendidikan tentang bagaimana

memasukkan nilai-nilai agama ke dalam proses pembelajaran. Ini akan menghasilkan program pendidikan yang lebih menyeluruh dengan fokus pada aspek moral dan kognitif.

Kata Kunci: Nilai-nilai agama dan pendidikan karakter

INTRODUCTION

Education is a lifelong process that includes the development of individual knowledge, skills, and attitudes. Education does not only occur in the classroom, but also through social interactions, daily life, and the surrounding environment (Aly et al., 2024). The main purpose of education is to prepare individuals to face the challenges of life and contribute to society. With education, independence, critical thinking, and adaptability will grow into important aspects of a person. In a broader perspective, education also includes ethical and moral principles that are necessary to build one's character. A good education not only emphasizes academic aspects, but also builds a solid personality. Therefore, education is essential to create a generation that is not only intellectually intelligent, but also a person of integrity and responsibility (Flaskerud, 2024), (Fitriyah et al., 2023).

A set of values, attitudes, and behaviors that distinguish a person from others is called character. This character includes moral things such as honesty, hard work, and empathy. Good character is essential in everyday life as it affects the way a person interacts with others and makes decisions. One of the main focuses in education is character development, with the aim of educating people who are not only smart but also have a positive and responsible attitude (Basri et al., 2024). Formal and informal education both have a significant influence on student character formation. Formal education usually implements programs that support character building, such as extracurricular activities, ethics lessons, and cooperation in groups. While informal education, family and community environments also play an important role in individual character formation

Character education is a process that aims to develop and shape positive values, attitudes, and behaviors in individuals, so that they can become good, responsible, and integrity individuals (Ashmawi, 2024). This process includes teaching about moral, ethical, and social values that are important for daily life. Character education is not only carried out at school, but also in the family and community environment. In character education, emphasis is placed on developing aspects such as honesty, discipline, cooperation, empathy and a sense of responsibility. Methods used in character education include active learning, reflection, and real experiences that can help individuals internalize these values. Thus, character education plays an important role in shaping individuals who are not only academically intelligent, but also have high moral qualities and are able to contribute positively in society (Sopacua et al., 2024), (Mubarak et al., 2022).

In the period of globalization, which is characterized by technological advances and rapid social transformation, it is a challenge to maintain and instill moral values. In this case, character education is very important as a solution to build moral and ethical qualities that are fundamental to individual growth, the main reason being that character education can make changes to a

person's personality such as fostering values such as honesty, responsibility, and empathy, which are essential in daily life and social interactions. As evidence, research by (Sauri et al., 2022) states that the presence of character education programs such as "Character Counts!" in elementary schools not only minimizes negative attitudes such as bullying, but can also increase students' positive attitudes towards learning and their social ties. Thus, character education not only facilitates students' individual development, but also contributes to the creation of a healthier and more productive learning environment, which in turn supports better mental well-being, academic achievement, and social bonding.

Character education is one aspect that is very useful in human development, especially in modern times that are full of moral challenges. In this context, the values of Islamic religious education have a strategic position in shaping one's personality. The novel "Janji" by Tere Liye does not necessarily only offer an interesting story, but there are many Islamic religious learning values that can be taken for character building and life lessons. Tere Liye, as one of the best-selling authors in Indonesia, is known to have the expertise to insert moral messages in his works. The novel "Janji" is one example where Islamic values are integrated into the storyline. Through the characters, readers are invited to reflect on how important religious values are in everyday life.

In this novel, there are various themes related to character education such as honesty, responsibility, and tolerance. Each characteristic in this novel is not only the driving force of the story, but also a representative of the values promoted by Islam. By mastering these values, readers can apply them in real life. Islamic religious learning emphasizes the meaning of good morals and noble character (Gusvita & Rahman, 2022). The novel "Janji" reflects this by depicting a situation where the characters are faced with moral choices. Through the conflicts experienced, readers can learn about the consequences of their actions and how religious values can guide them.

The relevance between the values of Islamic religious education in the novel "Janji" by Tere Liye and character education is very good to be studied. The formation of students' personalities is greatly assisted by strong religious principles. Therefore, the analysis of the novel "Janji" can share new knowledge about how the values of Islamic religious education can help in building good character. Not only that, this novel also shows that the principles of religious education can be applied in various social contexts. It is important to understand how these principles can build good relationships between individuals and groups. The messages in the novel "Janji" invite readers to appreciate each other even though they come from different backgrounds. The way Tere Liye describes the difficulties faced by the characters is one of the interesting aspects of this novel. In the midst of their struggles, readers are invited to see the meaning of intensity and trust in life. This is in line with the principle of religious education, which instructs its followers not to give up easily in experiencing obstacles (Aimmah, 2022).

In this opportunity, the author will find the values of Islamic religious education in the novel "Janji" and analyze its relationship with character

education in this study. It is expected that this method will contribute to the development of a more comprehensive educational program that prioritizes moral and cognitive aspects. By understanding these values, readers are expected to internalize the moral messages contained in the novel. This is very important to build the character of the younger generation who are not only academically intelligent but also moral and care about society (Ika et al., 2022).

In addition, the purpose of this study is to provide an overview of how literature, particularly novels, can be an effective tool for teaching. It is hoped that the novel "Janji" will show how literature can convey moral messages in an interesting and inspiring way to build a good personality in the midst of a character crisis. This study will also discuss the research method used by the author to analyze the values of Islamic religious education in the novel. The author will use a qualitative approach to gain a better understanding of the novel's themes and how they relate to character education.

In Tere Liye's novel "Janji", the main purpose of overcoming the character education crisis through the transformation of religious values is to strengthen students' morals and ethics. It is expected that students better understand the importance of behaving honestly, responsibly and compassionately by incorporating the religious values contained in this novel. The novel "Janji" provides living and inspiring examples that can be modeled by students in their daily lives so that they are not only academically intelligent but also have high morals. This method is expected to shape a generation with strong morals and character by allowing students to apply these principles in every aspect of their lives, both in school and outside of school.

In conclusion, this research is expected to provide advice to educators and educational practitioners on how to incorporate religious values in the learning process. Therefore, character education based on religious principles will be more efficient and in accordance with the needs of modern society (Wulandari et al., 2024), (Apriliana, 2024). For this reason, it is important to learn more about the principles of Islamic religious education contained in the novel "Janji" and its relationship with character education. By carrying out this research, the author hopes to increase the understanding of how literature can serve as a fun and interesting learning resource to shape the character of the next generation. This study identifies the values of Islamic religious education contained in the novel "Janji" by Tere Liye using a qualitative approach and text analysis techniques. The main focus of this research is to find and analyze the components that refer to the values of Islamic religious education, as well as how these components relate to character education.

RESEARCH METHOD

This study identifies the values of Islamic religious education contained in the novel "Janji" by Tere Liye using a qualitative approach and text analysis techniques. The main focus of this research is to find and analyze the components that refer to the values of Islamic religious education, as well as how these components relate to character education. The data in this study were obtained by reading the text of the novel thoroughly to help researchers understand each value that the author is trying to express.

The researcher used the literature study method in data collection, this method collects information from various sources, such as articles, books, and journals related to Islamic religious education values and character education. In addition, researchers also looked at how these values were applied to the characters in the novel. The analysis process is done inductively, starting from looking at the representation of values in the text to come to a conclusion about its relationship with character education.

After passing through the data collection and analysis stage, the researcher combines the values found by using thematic analysis. The discussion of each theme is done thoroughly and relates it to relevant theories of Islamic religious education and character education. The purpose of this study is to increase our understanding of how literary works, especially novels, can help build character with the wisdom contained therein.

Finally, it is expected that this research will provide great academic benefits to the world of education as well as open a new discourse on the importance of incorporating religious values in character education. Consequently, the findings of this research will be useful for readers who want to have a deeper understanding of the meanings and values contained in literature, especially in the context of Islamic religious education.

FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

Islamic Education Values in the Novel "Janji"

Islamic religious values cover various aspects of life that aim to build a good personality and society. (Husna, 2021)The following are some of the values of Islamic religious education contained in the novel promise by tere liye:

1. Honesty

Honesty is one of the most important values in human life. Honesty in Islamic religious education is not only speaking the truth, but also consistency between words and deeds (Abidin, 2021). In the novel Janji by Tere Liye, honesty is one of the mandates that the author wants to convey. The characters in Janji are often faced with situations where their honesty is tested, and they must choose between telling the truth or taking shortcuts. Although difficult, the decision to remain honest shows strong character and integrity. Honesty is the foundation of healthy relationships (Apriliana, 2024). Honesty builds trust in social interactions, such as with friends, family, and society (Apriliana, 2024). This novel shows how honesty can build stronger relationships between characters. The characters can overcome disagreements and understand each other better when they share the truth with each other. Honesty also has broader consequences in spiritual terms. One of the traits most loved by Allah in Islam is honesty. The characters in Janji realize that by acting honestly, they can maintain good relationships in this world and gain blessings in the hereafter. Honesty serves as a reminder that every choice has consequences, and choosing to be honest is a step towards a more meaningful life.

2. Responsibility

Responsibility can be defined as something that must be fulfilled by a person in various aspects of their life (Muhammad Syukran et al., 2022). This includes the ability to accept and recognize the consequences of decisions and actions taken. Not only personal responsibility but also social responsibility, where a person is expected to contribute to their family, community and environment (Mabrur & Mubarak, 2024). A sense of responsibility indicates a personality that upholds the value of awareness of their role in society. Responsibility in a moral and ethical context also includes the obligation to act in a fair and righteous manner (Ningrum & Pamela, 2022). This means thinking about how others are impacted by our actions and how we strive to do our best in every situation. Values such as honesty, fairness and empathy are often associated with responsibility, all of which contribute to the development of one's character and reputation (Ganis Aliefiani Mulya Putri et al, 2022). Individuals can improve relationships in their environment by understanding and carrying out their responsibilities. The first responsibility is towards oneself. Maintaining physical and mental health, developing their potential, and making wise decisions are all responsibilities that must be carried out. Individuals must be able to understand their own strengths and weaknesses and continuously strive to learn and develop (Shukla & Gupta, 2022). One can achieve better life goals by taking responsibility for oneself. Like the characters Baso, Kahar and Hasan in the novel Janji where they are responsible for their decision to find Bahar, even though they are often faced with difficult situations. The family is the smallest part of society, and has very important responsibilities according to their respective roles. Each family member has duties to fulfill; for example, parents are responsible for educating their children, and children are responsible for respecting and supporting their parents (suhermanto, 2023). These responsibilities help create a healthy and harmonious family environment where everyone who participates feels valued and loved. In addition to responsibilities towards themselves and their families, everyone has responsibilities towards society as a whole (Septoyadi et al., 2023), (Mubarak, 2022). This includes participating in social activities such as helping people in need, and helping others. Social responsibility shows concern for the environment and others and efforts to improve society (Safruddin et al., 2022). Environmental responsibility is becoming increasingly important in today's earned run average era. It is hoped that everyone will protect and preserve nature so that future generations can enjoy it. Waste reduction, wise use of resources, and support for sustainable practices are all elements included in the responsibility to the community environment (Haris et al., 2023). By practicing these responsibilities, we can help address global environmental issues as a whole. Responsibility is an important cornerstone of human life. By understanding and practicing responsibility in various aspects, individuals can contribute positively to themselves, their families, communities and the

environment. Responsibility is not just about fulfilling obligations, but also about creating a good impact on others and the world as a whole.

3. Tolerance

In Tereliye's *Janji*, the theme of tolerance emerges among the elements that shape the characters and relationships between characters. In the context of novels, tolerance can be defined as a way in which individuals can respect each other despite having different backgrounds, religions, and worldviews (Afriyanto & Anandari, 2024). In addition, a relationship between various characters creates an interesting dynamic, where each person learns to accept the large number of unique differences that make up other individuals. Tolerance itself can be represented as an attitude of mentality in which one positively regards differences in identity, usually known as religion, ethnicity, race, or worldview (Rubino et al., 2023). This concept is very important for characters who live in a heterogeneous society. Superior tolerance does not mean ignoring others' positions or agreeing with everything. Rather, tolerance is the ability to befriend others in any situation and allow them to work together to achieve harmony with each other. Tolerance is essential in a social context to reduce conflict and enhance cooperation between different groups. Social relationships are stronger when people become more tolerant of each other. Tolerance is a very important component of education. Teaching tolerance to children can foster a more open and inclusive character. Children and young people can grow into people who respect and appreciate diversity by understanding the importance of appreciating differences (Budianto, 2023). This will help build a more peaceful and united society where everyone feels valued and accepted. The interaction between the main character and other characters from different backgrounds is one of the real examples of tolerance in the novel *Janji*. Readers can see how mutual respect and understanding help overcome differences through discussions and conflicts that arise (Zulfa et al., 2024). This shows that differences can help understand each other rather than hinder, with good communication and empathy. The novel also shows how important a tolerant attitude is in dealing with social problems and challenges. In difficult situations, characters often have to cooperate and support each other, despite their differences. This shows that tolerance is about accepting and working together to achieve a common goal (Mubarak et al., 2022). The author also shows how tolerance can have positive impacts such as a peaceful and harmonious environment in a diverse society. Readers can see the benefits of mutual respect, which helps defuse conflict and tension, in various scenes. This is where tolerance is essential to create a better environment where everyone can contribute without feeling pressured by differences. Finally, *Janji* emphasizes that tolerance is an unrelenting process that requires everyone's effort and commitment (Munif, 2023). Through the journey of the characters, readers are reminded that tolerance is not only important in an individual context but also on a broader scale, such as

society and nation. The stories in the novel of promise show that by building an attitude of tolerance, we can create a more peaceful and united world.

4. Empathy

Empathy is not just about feeling, but also about understanding the situational and emotional context faced by others. It involves the ability to put oneself in another's shoes, feel what they feel, and see the world from their perspective (Munif, 2023). To build strong and healthy personal relationships, this perspective is essential. When someone shows empathy, they are not only listening to what is being said, but also listening to the emotional nuances contained behind the words. This can help the other person feel valued and understood, which can reduce loneliness and improve mental health. Therefore, empathy can serve as a tool to strengthen social bonds in a broader context and create more peaceful communities (Safruddin et al., 2022). An empathic attitude in conflict situations can help ease tensions and pave the way for constructive conversations. Individuals can reduce prejudice and discrimination and create a more inclusive environment by understanding others' perspectives (Nurfadhillah, S., et al, 2022). Therefore, cultivating empathy benefits not only individuals but also society as a whole, as it creates a more understanding and supportive world. Empathy becomes one of the main themes in the novel *Tereliye Janji* that drives the storyline and character development. In this novel, the characters are often faced with situations that require a deep understanding of the experiences and feelings of others. Readers can see how empathy helps build strong bonds between characters, even though they come from different backgrounds with the communication they have with each other. The protagonist of this novel strives to understand the difficulties and sorrows of the people around him, which is an example of strong empathy. He not only listens to their stories or complaints, but he also feels the emotional burden they carry. With this attitude, the character is able to provide greater support, creating an environment where people appreciate and help each other. *Tereliye* also shows how empathy can resolve conflicts and change social dynamics. When characters encounter problems or different perspectives, their ability to empathize is often the key to finding solutions. Empathy not only helps one understand the other, but also helps to reach agreement and balance amidst differences. Thus, *Janji* novels teach the importance of empathy to build better relationships and society (Ayu, 2024).

5. Religious

Religiosity is an idea that refers to a person's level of attachment to religious practices, beliefs, and values. It covers various aspects, from regular worship to a deep appreciation of religious teachings. Those who are religious often feel connected to something greater than themselves, such as God, community, or tradition (Mukhibat et al., 2024). Often, these bonds provide meaning and purpose in a person's life, as well as

influence their daily behavior. Religiosity has a very important social aspect. Religious communities often offer support for their members and create a sense of community and solidarity. Individuals have the opportunity to strengthen social bonds and deepen their understanding of religious principles through activities such as shared worship, recitation, or social activities initiated by religious communities (Idoko, 2023). Religiosity can also help one's ethical and moral growth. Religion often provides guidance on what is considered good and right, which helps people make wiser choices. Many people learn to have an attitude of empathy, compassion, and justice through religious practice. All of these traits contribute to the formation of positive character and behavior in society. Thus, religiosity has a wide influence on individuals and communities. Tereliye's novel contains strong religious values. The spiritual and religious aspects are seen in the story through the life journey of the characters and the way they face various difficulties. Individuals with character have these values to live their lives with meaning and purpose. The concept of sincerity and perseverance is one of the prominent religious values. Often, the characters in these novels face challenges that test their faith and belief. During difficult times, they learn to rely on God and believe that every difficulty has a reason. This shows the religious teachings on the importance of patience and tawakal in life.

The Relevance of Islamic Religious Values in the Novel "Promise" to the Formation of Character Education

The values of Islamic religious education are very important to build a character, especially in building students' morals and morals. According to Islamic teachings, commendable qualities such as honesty, responsibility, empathy, and tolerance are essential. In the world of education, students not only gain an understanding of theory, but can also apply these values in daily life if the curriculum integrates these values (Suhermanto, 2023). As a basis for good character, this method helps them become honest, wise, and respectful of others. There are five principles of Islamic religious education in the novel Janji by Tere Liye that are closely related to character formation:

1. Honesty

An honest person will be looked upon well by others. If a person has a good reputation, he will get many opportunities that will make his life easier such as an invitation to cooperate in business, a promotion in the workplace or stronger social relationships. Quotes in the novel promise that illustrate the value of honesty:

"I didn't mean to. I was kicking the bullet." Bahar honestly explained. Delima smiled at Bahar, nodding as well. He knew that Bahar never lied, so Bahar wasn't bragging to please his interlocutor. (See, p. 321)

The above quote implies honest behavior in speaking. Although the circumstances he faced might have made him awkward, Bahar honestly admitted his mistake. The courage to admit mistakes, even

when inadvertently shows that he values relationships with his friends. This shows that acting honestly is the first step in redressing difficult circumstances. Meanwhile, Delima believes in Bahar's honesty due to the fact that Bahar does not like to lie. Then the value of the honesty of the character of Bahar can be seen in the explanatory quotation from another character, namely Etek.

Etek was silent for a moment, looking at Muhib next to him who was silent. "You want to know who is the most honest, never lying person I've ever known?" Bahar. Who is the person who hates liars the most, thieves? Also Bahar. I can guess what has happened. Muhib has lied and stole money from the repair shop. The child is indeed very stupid. Unchanged. (See, p. 303)

Based on these quotes, it is clear that the character of Bahar in the novel *Tere Liye Janji* has an honest character throughout his life. Because he was an honest person, he also wanted others to do the same. The value of honesty in the novel *Promise* is related to school education, such as the rule prohibiting cheating during exams. This attitude will foster good character to behave honestly and encourage an honest environment. Therefore, the student can be a role model for his or her peers and show that being honest is more important than getting high grades the wrong way.

2. Responsibility

Responsible helps many things in life. In a personal context, Responsibility helps a person become more disciplined, confident, and make wiser decisions. Meanwhile, a responsible attitude in the social environment can improve relationships between individuals and groups because it makes others feel valued and reliable (Jusrin et al., 2022). Job responsibilities also increase productivity and collaboration in the workplace, creating a work environment that respects and supports each other. Overall, doing responsibility both for yourself and the community and the surrounding environment. The character of responsibility contained in the novel *Promise* is in the form of the words of one of the following characters:

"Regardless of whether Buya knows it or not, we still seem to have to fulfill our duties," Hasan interrupted the debate.

This means that the character of Hasan is responsible for what is entrusted to him. This is relevant in character formation through organizations in schools, such as the Student Council (Intra-School Student Organization), helping to determine student responsibilities. Students are taught to plan activities and manage budgets through involvement in the Student Council, from this involvement they are required to actively participate through their respective roles and be responsible for their duties and understand the importance of cooperation. Students have the opportunity to take the initiative and be

responsible for social events, such as seminars, social events, and social service programs (Jusrin et al., 2022). Therefore, taking part in this organization not only gives them a sense of responsibility, but also teaches them leadership traits and abilities that will benefit them in the future.

3. Tolerance

The attitude of respect for a difference is called tolerance. Tolerance needs to be instilled early in every individual, because with a tolerant attitude it will create a harmonious environment. The form of tolerance in the novel Janji.

"I want to go to the kitchen, to make sure the other helpers are ready to work. Sorry to stop your worship. You'll be able to get your hands on it soon. I'll bring you a hot drink. Do you guys want to?" (See, p. 83)

From the above quote, Aunt Li taught religious tolerance by apologizing to three friends for stopping their worship. In school, this attitude is certainly very relevant to study group activities. Supporting students' tolerance is essential to create an inclusive and harmonious learning environment (Tambak & Sukenti, 2023). Students from different backgrounds can work together to achieve common goals through collaborative projects, such as creating posters about cultural diversity or organizing social events. Students have the opportunity to understand each other's perspectives and experiences through these activities, which helps them learn to appreciate differences. Open and empathetic group discussions also help students overcome stereotypes and prejudices. Therefore, group activities improve students' social skills in addition to fostering mutual respect and tolerance (Rubino et al., 2023).

4. Empathy

Empathy is the profound ability to understand and feel what others are feeling. Empathy is an important bridge to build harmonious and respectful relationships in life. By being empathetic, we not only raise social awareness but also create a more open and supportive environment. By having an empathetic attitude, we can learn to see the world from the perspective of others, which in turn strengthens relationships between individuals and creates a better society (Mukhibat et al., 2024). Behavior that shows concern for others is known as a helpful attitude. Behavior that reflects an empathetic attitude in the novel Janji.

"Bahar gave up the money. A sheet of lease-lease paper is signed. The orphans regained their homes that day, and did not have to roam the streets. But Bahar, he has to cancel his Hajj." (See, p. 473)

The above quote describes Bahar's light-hearted behavior in helping orphans. Bahar helps the homes of those who are about to be evicted. With lightness, Bahar handed over all his savings to help the orphanage return. One of the best ways to foster students' empathetic

attitude in the school environment is to teach them to help each other, according to the behavior of the Bahar character who helps orphans. This attitude can be instilled through social service activities such as collecting money to help the oppressed (Amin, 2024). Through these activities, students gain a better understanding of the suffering of others and an awareness of the importance of helping each other when situations become difficult. Students from a variety of backgrounds work together, organize events, and collect donations during the planning and execution process. Therefore, they not only gain an understanding of social responsibility but also cultivate a sense of empathy and caring, which is the basis of tolerance. During the fundraising activities, students were given the opportunity to talk about the impact of disasters experienced by communities and the importance of solidarity between citizens. These discussions open up a space for students to share their opinions and experiences, so they can appreciate different perspectives. In addition, this activity instills important values of tolerance in daily life and fosters a sense of unity among students. Students learn that caring for fellow human beings is a universal value that must be upheld, even if they come from different backgrounds, by taking tangible actions to help others (Saepudin et al., 2023).

5. Religious

Attitudes and behaviors that are considered religious include obeying and implementing the religious teachings that a person adheres to. The embodiment or content of religious values in the novel Janji are:

"Baso laughed. The three of them squatted on the terrace of the village mosque. After praying. No matter how naughty they are, they still pray even though they are called 'qashar, extra fasting.'"

In the above story, three friends continue to carry out their obligations as Muslims by performing prayers. This religious attitude is very relevant to the habit of congregational prayer and reading the Qur'an at school (Muhaemin et al., 2023). These two activities are very helpful for students to develop religious attitudes. Congregational prayer not only strengthens one's personal relationship with God, but also creates a sense of solidarity and togetherness among community members. Students gain knowledge about discipline, responsibility, and the importance of supporting each other when praying together. These activities create a positive and spiritual environment where students can share experiences with each other and engage in meaningful interactions to strengthen their faith. In addition, reading the Qur'an regularly enhances the religious character of students. This activity not only helps them understand the teachings of Islam, but also teaches them important moral and ethical values such as compassion, patience, and honesty (Budiyanti et al., 2024). By getting into the habit of reading the Qur'an, students can consider its content and meaning so that they can apply its teachings in their daily lives. When done in groups, these activities can

also strengthen bonds between students and encourage productive discussions about religious teachings. This encourages the creation of an atmosphere conducive to spiritual and intellectual growth.

Implications of Islamic Religious Education Values in the Novel "Promise" on Character Education in Indonesia

In the novel *Janji* by Tereliye, which contains Islamic religious values such as honesty, responsibility, tolerance, empathy, and religiosity, it has a significant impact on character education in Indonesia. These values not only serve as the moral foundation for the characters in the story but can also be applied to the education of society as a whole about character education (Septoyadi et al., 2023). First, the novel emphasizes the importance of honesty in every aspect of life. Honest character is very important to build trust, but it is undeniable that honesty is a challenge and a difficult choice. Instilling the principle of honesty in the young generation from an early age is very important to prevent corruption in the future.

When children are educated about the values of honesty and integrity, they will grow up to be individuals who recognize the importance of ethics in every aspect of life, including in the government environment. This is expected to reduce corruption, which is already a major problem in many countries, including Indonesia. In the context of education, an honest attitude also helps improve the quality of education (Afriyanto & Anandari, 2024). Honest students tend to focus more on their learning process because they are not tempted to cheat on assignments or exams. As a result, they gain a deeper understanding of the issue and acquire the necessary skills for the future. Ultimately, honest education will produce people who are not only academically good but also moral and integrity. Second, responsibility is also an important theme in the novel *Promise*. To form a strong character in the younger generation, a responsible attitude is essential. Once they understand the importance of responsibility, they will be more disciplined in fulfilling academic and personal obligations.

This understanding can result in reliable individuals who not only complete tasks well, but also appreciate the time and effort required to achieve goals. This will result in reliable next-generation leaders. Having a responsible attitude is one of the main characteristics of a good leader (Fluerentin, 2024). If the young generation is instilled with the values of responsibility from childhood, they will be ready to take responsibility in the future. Not only will they learn how to manage their own responsibilities, but they will also learn how to lead and inspire others in their environment. Third, the tolerance reflected in the way the characters interact in the novel shows how important it is to respect differences. Character education that prioritizes tolerance in society is very important, this is very relevant in multicultural Indonesia (Dwi, 2024).

Children must be taught how to respect and appreciate differences to build a harmonious society. The implications of tolerance can reduce conflict and increase harmony between groups. Young people can become more open and inclusive if they understand and appreciate differences. This not only promotes peace at the local level, but also creates an environment that supports cooperation and collaboration between different groups of people. Fourth,

empathy is also a very strong value in the Promise. The characters in the novel show the ability to feel and understand the feelings of others. In character education, teaching students to feel empathy for others can help increase social awareness and become a solution to social problems (Sundari, 2024).

Empathy is key to increasing social awareness among the younger generation. They tend to be more sensitive and responsive when they can sense and understand the experiences of others, especially those related to issues such as poverty, injustice, and environmental damage. Therefore, empathy not only opens their eyes, but also encourages them to do good things for society. This can be participation in charity programs, environmental campaigns, or human rights advocacy, all of which contribute to the betterment of society. With empathy, young people have great potential to find new and creative ways to solve various social problems. When young people take part in the problem-solving process in an empathetic way, they not only look for ways to solve the problem, but also consider how it impacts others. Therefore, the innovations made are not only successful, but also sustainable and adhere to the principles of social justice. Fifth, the values of religiosity that influence Indonesia in various aspects of social, political, and cultural life (Brentjes, 2024).

These values can strengthen morality and ethics among the younger generation, encouraging them to behave well and responsibly. This can reduce negative behaviors such as corruption and violence and increase mutual respect among diverse communities. As a result, the religious young generation has the ability to contribute to change and create a more harmonious and inclusive social environment. In politics, religious beliefs can influence the way the younger generation views justice in leadership. Those who are religious tend to be more sensitive to social problems and are more active in fighting for the rights of the community. This can lead to the younger generation being more involved in politics, where they are not only voters but also actors in the decision-making process. Religious values can also strengthen local traditions and wisdom, encourage the younger generation to appreciate cultural heritage, while building a strong national identity in a cultural context. So, religiosity has a big role in determining a better future for Indonesia. The application of these principles in character education can help reduce negative behaviors shown by adolescents (Mulianti, W. O., & Sulisworo, 2023).

Students are more likely to avoid deviant behaviors such as bullying, drug abuse, and criminal behavior when the principles of honesty, responsibility, tolerance, empathy, and religiosity are applied regularly. Therefore, character education based on religious values can help create a better society. If these values are incorporated into the formal school curriculum, it can allow for broader character development. Schools in Indonesia can use materials that emphasize religious values in their education. This helps students understand the theory and apply it to everyday life. Cooperation between family and formal education in shaping character education is important. Parents can play an important role in instilling these values in their children's homes. Families can support the teachings that children receive at school by talking about the characters in the novel Promise and how they apply those values. In addition,

literature and media can be useful tools for disseminating these values (Ma'arif et al., 2023).

Novels like *Promise* can be used as reading material in schools to spark conversations about religious characters and principles. This way, students can learn through stories and understand how these principles can be applied in the real world. Finally, the novel *Janji* can contribute to the application of Islamic religious values in character education in Indonesia, which can be a step forward towards a better generation. Character education can produce people who are not only academically intelligent but also have integrity and social concern by combining the principles of honesty, responsibility, tolerance, empathy, and religiosity. This is an important basis for the formation of society.

CONCLUSION

Tere Liye's novel "*Janji*" contains important values taught by Islam, such as honesty, responsibility, tolerance, empathy and religiosity. These values serve as the core of the story as well as moral advice that readers can implement in their daily lives. In the novel "*Janji*", the principles of Islamic religion are essential for building character education. By describing various situations faced by the characters in the novel, readers are invited to think about how they apply these values in their own lives. Thus, the novel can be a source of inspiration and learning for students, who are expected to internalize the moral principles and apply them in a broader social context. In the novel "*Janji*", the principles of Islamic religious education influence character education in Indonesia. The cultivation of these values should be carried out by families and formal educational institutions. Students' character building process will be strengthened if parents and teachers work well together in instilling these values at home and at school. Thus, it is hoped that the younger generation will grow into people who are not only academically intelligent but also have noble and strong traits that can make a useful contribution to society.

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