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Religion pluralism

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ABSTRACT

This article will debates about Religion Pluralism which brought by netted Liberal Islamic group. One of the Religion Pluralism issue is Different Religion Marriage. Though, Liberal group support those concept and using an argumentation from Al-Quran to strengthen their contentions and debates. Moreover, the author brought of firmly and fixed debates from Al-Quran and viewers from Holy Priest in order rejecting that slanders. Lastly, the holy discuss and agree to state for that Different Religion Marriage is a sinful things to practice. It is mentioned and confirmed regarding Al-Quran facts and belief, and no more disputation of disagree or dissension.

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Introduction

Opening

Hereby, the author wanted to discuss about the definition of Religion Pluralism through opinion from Liberal Islamic Group who support onto Different Religion Marriage. Also the critics by Holy Priest upon those concept.

Pluralism in English Dictionary was called with a peaceful, being peacefully in a society which have variety of races, culture, belief and others. So, it is known for that Religion Pluralism is a thought towards races and multiraces.¹

Other than that, pluralism thought has been introduced in Europe by W.C. Smith and known as "universal teology of religion." It then has been continued by John Hick and Hans Kung get fully supporters from all people world wide.² Furthermore, Hans Kung firmly state that all religion is the truth eventhough it has it owns different ideology.³ While for Liberalis, they stick for pluralism religion as an important compulsory things to stabilize their belief and life. In this matters, it is obviously clear as an important source to Liberalism which put tolerated in highest rank.⁴

The fact is, all religion actually based on eksklusivism, for it is naturally stick with those belief.⁵ But after a western religion group realized that they have no capability to defend the truth of

their religion rationally, so that they have to give up for a secular group concept.⁶

Other than, pluralism religion belief make their own credibility in a secularisation process. Meanwhile, a fenomenological research has been introduced by western secular scholar Bachelor to put limited into religions right and combined it with social culture influenced. Onwards, it became relatives and subjective.⁷

One of religion Pluralism issue that get support from Liberal Islamic Group is about Different Religion Marriage.⁸ Here all the explanation about the matters.

Different Religion Marriage

According to JIL,⁹ holy Al-Quran debates about forbidden of Different Religion Marriage need to be delve and search deeply. The speech also get supported by JIL Coordinator Ulil Abshar Abdalla who believed classic fiqh that forbidden different religion marriage need to be adjust and reorganize following new era.¹⁰

Translate :

And do not commit or married any infidel nor pagan, before they have faith and belief in God. As for a small kids who believed in God is better than those infidels, even they really attract your heart. And don't you allow the marriage between infidels (with muslim women) before they belief in Allah. Even

¹ British Library, (1998), *Collins Pocket Reference English Dictionary*, first Published. England : Harper Collins Publisher, pages, 367.

² Adnan Aslan (1998), *Religious Pluralism in Christian and Islamic Philosophy: The Thought of John Hick and Seyyed Hossein Nasr*, Richmond Surrey: Curzon Press, pages.260

³ Hans Kung, (1987), "What Is True Religion?." in Leonard Swidler (ed), *Toward a Universal Theology of Religion*.c.1. New York : Orbis Book, pages. 231-239.

⁴Ibid, pages. 231-239.

⁵ Khalif Muammar (2006), *Atas Nama Kebenaran Tanggapan Kritis Terhadap Wacana Islam Liberal*. Selangor: Akademi Kajian Ketamadunan., pages.62.

⁶ Ibid, pages.62.

⁷ Ibid.

⁸On the 9 March 2001, the JIL was founded by the group of young Intellectual where acted at Utan Kayu, Jakarta. The group was basically support the concept of liberalism and secularism in Republic of Indonesia. Look at Nong Darol Mahmada dan Burhanuddin (2006), *Pewaris Pemikiran Pembaruan Islam di Indonesia*. c.1. Jakarta Selatan: Jaringan Islam Liberal, pages.301

⁹ Liberal Islam Network.

¹⁰ Ulil Abshar Abdalla (2005), *Ijtihad Islam Liberal Upaya Merumuskan Keberagaman Yang Dinamis*. c.1. Jakarta: Jaringan Islam Liberal Jalan Utan Kayu N0 68H, pages.220.

a small innocent boy is better than, even they really took your soul. They surely bring you to hell, while Allah welcome us to heaven and give forgiveness as he wish and Allah state in His words (His orders) to human beings as a lessons.

(Surah al-Baqarah, 2: 221)

The next sentence sounds:

Translation:

Those who belief in Allah, if comes to you a womens who belief in Allah, meaning that you have to test (belief) them. Allah knew all about their belief:, and if you knew before their belief, do not even return them back to their (husbands) who is infidel. They no longer lawful for each others.and give (husbands) pays, and hot sinful for you to married them. Do not commit with infidels (marriage) womans. And you need to settled for each others. This are Allah orders and punishment, and Allah more brilliant and knows all.

(Surah, al-Mumtahanah,60: 10)

The above mentioned sentence includeds madaniyah which is first time brought down as an order for Islam people for not to married with infidels women. This because, the perceptions for majority of our society still think that non muslim is Kristian and Yahudi. But one question need to bring up for that whether non muslim (Kristian and Yahudi) in an infidels group. If not, the same meaning with Al-Quran?.¹¹

Half priest, that has been confirm by Imam al-Razi, thought that few sentences in Al-Quran said Kristian and Yahudi as sinful infidels, coused by Yahudi assumed Uzair as son of God, while Kristian accept Al-Masih as son of God, as it would be comment after.¹²

Translation :

The infidels from Kitab group and sinful infidels refused for any goodness to them from their God. And Allah the one who decide for whom (to be given) bless (Holy Prophet), and Allah got everything.

(Surah, al-Baqarah,2: 105)

While in Surah al-Bayyinah, one sentences means:-

Translation:

The infidels and sinful (said that them) would never change their belief until seen the proof.

For second sentence, and the others in Al-Quran says conjunctions 'and' (al-Quran : waw) between sinful infidels says. This means both says, have different meanings. Before explaining, it is better to evaluate the meaning of sinful infidels.¹³

Said infidels (kufr) in languages means covered. Terms terminology (kufr) repeated 525 in Al-Quran, all refers to means "covered" therefore covers pleasingly enjoyable and the truth, nor truth in Gods meaning (source of truth) either the truth in this tought through His Prophets.¹⁴

As holy priest owned their belief in God, really different level to each other. Also for sinful infidels, because it have a lots of it in Al-Quran:

1. Infidels in refused, mean to disobey towards God eksistensi, prophets and all tought.

2. Infidels in Juhud, mean to disobey all the God rules and terms in condition of realizing that if is true. Not much different with the first.

3. Infidels of munafik (kufur nifaq) mean to believed in Allah, prophet and all the tought by saying it through words, but disobey by soul and mind, showing belief, and at the same time hiding their sinful infidels.

4. Infidels syirik, means to bow and belief other objects, sets hope other than Allah. Though, syirik is infidels because that practice and action disobey Allah power, so to disobey our Holy Prophet and His words.

5. Infidels nikmat, means not to feel grateful of Allah, pleasingly and used that enjoyment into sinful things. Islam people also being in this same group.

6. Infidels murtad, means to became infidels after belief in Allah or out of Islam.

7. Infidels Ahli Kitab means non muslims who believe to Holy Prophet and their Holy Kitab that is been brought by their God.¹⁵

Other than, have a lots of infidels. But for this time being, we could made up conclusion as that infidels has a wide range of meaning, and also different to each of it. But we have to really understand, for all that infidels has variety range of meanings on its own.¹⁶

Allah S.WT, obviously state in His Holy Al-Quran for Ahli Kitab that their belief has regarding to sinful doing, as Allah said:-

Translation:

And it is sinful infidels for those who said: " Allah is confirmly Maryam son. " so say who could stops Allah demands, if he wants to destroyed Al-Masih sons of Maryam and his mother and all the people in this world?!"Allah the Al-mighty owns all skies and world and everythings between or inside it., He invent and creates anything that he wanted, and Allah got all powers onto everything.

(Surah al-Maaidah, 5:17)

Other than, they also saids whats mentioned in Al-Quran, sounds:-

Translation:

So being infidels for those who said." Allah in one of three" while theres no other God than Allah. If they did not stop saying that sinful bluff, terrifying sufferer are waiting for them.

(Surah al-Maaidah, 5:73)

Other than, they said the same goes for Yahudi that Allah written in:-

Translation:

Yahudi said "Uzair is the son of Allah." And Nasrani said "Al-Masih is the son of Allah." That is they copied from the infidels those days. It is sinful, how could they twisted of their belief?.

(Surah al-Taubah,9:30)

Though, what they are doing is sinful. Nor, Al-Quran is the truth from Allah, Chosen and stated it clearly. And Al-Quran never lies. Then it is known already, that whom is sinful to married with. It is been said that.¹⁷ In Samawi, for fake or cross the limit, for not even one Prophet for them to believed. It is a

¹¹ Tim Penulis Paramadina: Nurcholish Madjid, Kautsar Azhari Noer, Komaruddin Hidayat, Masdar F.Masudi, Zainun Kamal, Zuhairi Misrawi, Budhy Munawar-Rachman, Ahmad Gaus AF, Mun'im A. Sirry (editor). *Fiqh Lintas Agama Membangun Masyarakat Inklusif-Pluralis*. c.5. Paramadina : Yayasan Wakaf Paramadina bekerjasama dengan The Asia Foundation, pages.154-155.

¹² Ibid.

¹³ Ibid, pages.156.

¹⁴ Ibid.

¹⁵ Ibid, pages.156-157.

¹⁶ Ibid, pages.157.

¹⁷ Ibid, pages.158.

must to believed one of the prophets of Nabi Muhammad S.A.W. , even they born in Islam and they belief in Islam.¹⁸

Here is the conclusions of JIL group really allowed Different Religion Marriage between muslim and non muslim, who is in a group of Yahudi and Kristian. For Liberalis, sentences which debates about this sinful marriages need to be translate and it is not qat'i (final) from Allah S.W.T.

Critics Againts Different Religion Marriage

Liberalis group burst out tought and strict accusation, Islam womens ' should' marry infidels man. It is really against the muslim traditional scholars who said it is sinful doing. When research researches monitored real detail about this matters, the muslim traditional scholars also state the same with the muslim contemporary scholars. Based on Allah said:-

Translation:

And do not marry infidels womens until they belief in Allah, even they attract you. And not to marry infidels (with Islam womens) before they belief in Allah. They will dragged you to hell, while Allah welcomed you to Holy Heaven and forgiveness. And Allah asked mans to learn their lessons well.

(Surah al-Baqarah, 2: 221)

The next sounds:

Translation:

Dear people who belief in Allah, when it comes to you noble womens, then you need to test their belief. Allah knows all and everythings.

(Surah, al-Mumtahanah,60: 10)

One of Dr. Yusoff Al-Qadrawi said that, he forbidden muslimah to marry infidels, in any kinds of situation also.¹⁹ The same goes to Sayyid Sabiq when discussing about this. It is sinful to marry any infidels.²⁰ While Syaykh 'Atiyyah Saqar also being forbidden by Jumhur Ulamak and no more debates about it.²¹ The last state from Islamic legal expert Sahabul Samahah Prof. Dr Ali Jumaah, also said the same and also agreed by Fuhaqa' Salaf and Khalaf among Jumhur Ulamak.²²

Conclusion is Jumhur Ulamak forbidden Different Religion Marriage between muslim and Non muslim. This terms had been written in Al-Quran which also forbidden that kind of marriages.

¹⁸ Ibid, pages.159.

¹⁹ Yusuf al-Qaradhawi,(1985), *al-Halal wa al-Haram fi al-Islam*, Kaherah: Maktabah Wahbah, pages.179.

²⁰ Sayyid Sabiq, (1987), *Fiqh al-Sunnah*, Beirut: Dar al-Kitab al-'Arabi, c. 8, pages.98.

²¹ Shaykh 'Atiyyah Saqar, (t.t) *al-Fatawa Min Ahsan al-Kalam fi al-Fatawa wa al-Ahkam*. j.2. Kaherah : al-Maktabah al-Tawfiqiyah, pages. 191.

²² Prof. Dr. Ali Jumaah,(2006), *al-Kalam al-Tayyib Fatawa 'Asriyah*. c.1. Kaherah : Dar al-Salam, pages. 357

Closing

JIL group really allowed different religion married between muslim and Non muslim among infidels Kristian and Yahudi. For liberalis, sentences which debates about forbidden marriages, need to be translate again and it is not a punishment that qat'i (end) from Allah S.W.T.

By all that, Jumhur Ulamak forbidden different religion marriage between muslim and Non muslim (Kristian and Yahudi). This terms is regarding Al-Quran, which forbidden that marriage practice.

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