

**THE CORE OF LIFE AND LOVE BASED ON ISLAMIC STANDPOINTS
OF "COLLEGE IN AMERICA" DRAMA SCRIPT
(AN ISLAMIC LITERATURE STUDY)**

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Abstract

This article reveals the core of life and love values in "College in America" script drama portrayed by Lewis D. Eigen. and this article is to analyze the literary works. The main analysis in this article is to explain philosophical values in the drama script, which is containing two kinds of values, namely the core of life and the core of love. The main purpose of this article is an analysis of one of the literary works. The analyzing of this article is using Islamic perspectives. So that, first, the writer tries to find and analyze the philosophical values, and the second, it tries to combine and analyze it using the standpoint of Islam. Furthermore, because of this Islamic standpoint, in this article will be found many analysis by using Al-Quran. Al-Hadits and Ijma'. The writer chose "College in America" Portrayed by Lewis D. Eigen to be analyzed because this script contains many philosophical values of life and love, especially Islamic values. Especially for anyone who wants to take college abroad, this article is very useful. This script drama told the reader many philosophical values without any intention to give some advices, in other words, Lewis D. Eigen is genius because he shows Islam softly, gently, and easily.

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Abstrak

Artikel ini mengungkap nilai-nilai hidup dan cinta kasih dalam naskah drama “College in America” yang diperankan oleh Lewis D. Eigen. dan artikel ini adalah untuk menganalisis karya sastra. Analisis utama dalam artikel ini adalah menjelaskan nilai-nilai filosofis dalam naskah drama yang mengandung dua macam nilai, yaitu inti kehidupan dan inti cinta. Tujuan utama dari artikel ini adalah analisis salah satu karya sastra. Analisis artikel ini menggunakan perspektif Islam. Sehingga, pertama, penulis mencoba mencari dan menganalisis nilai-nilai filosofis, dan kedua, mencoba memadukan dan menganalisisnya dengan sudut pandang Islam. Selanjutnya, karena sudut pandang Islam ini, dalam artikel ini akan banyak ditemukan analisis dengan menggunakan Al-Quran. Al-Hadits dan Ijma'. Penulis memilih “College in America” yang Digambarkan oleh Lewis D. Eigen untuk dianalisis karena naskah ini banyak mengandung nilai-nilai filosofi kehidupan dan cinta, khususnya nilai-nilai Islam. Apalagi bagi yang ingin melanjutkan kuliah ke luar negeri, artikel ini sangat bermanfaat. Naskah drama ini banyak menyampaikan nilai-nilai filosofis kepada pembacanya tanpa bermaksud memberikan nasehat, dengan kata lain, Lewis D. Eigen jenius karena menampilkan Islam secara lembut, lembut, dan mudah.

Kata kunci: Nilai-nilai filosofis, kuliah di Amerika. intisari kehidupan, intisari cinta

INTRODUCTION

Based on Graham Little literature is a study about human life that contains human life feeling, as happiness, sadness, glory, adversity, etc. Literature also media for expressing human interest. In fact, literature and life have a quite same meaning each other. It also has an important role in educating students because studying literature is used in formal education as like what Graham Little, in his book "Approach to Literature" supposed There is the study of literature. Men have always found it essential from the primitive stages of society to the most advanced, to teach their scriptures, lore and legends to their children⁴.

In this article, the writer tries to reveal Islamic drama script. Drama is a term used that Of literature that covers dramatic It is known already that drama is a literary art. The basic difference between drama and other forms of literature and is that drama is presented in dialogue from the beginning to the end. Any information by the playwright is given in stage, direction There are dialogues in but they are interjected In the course Of the Story⁵.

Drama is same as novel, short Story and poetry, they are narrative art, and it all present story. Same as story, it has goal to give interesting and to give pleasure and entertainment.

⁴ Graham Little, *Approach to Literature: An Introduction to Critical Study of Content and Method in Writing* (Science Press, 1963). P.1

⁵ Onyeka Iwuchukwu and Abdul R Yesufu, "Elements of Drama," 2013. P.5
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According to Althernbend 1989. drama a narrative of several which mankind has learned to a Stories are represented to give pleasure and to entertain. In addition. they have a wide function of they may.

This drama "College in by Lewis D. Eigen tries to many values in life and love. And also. to compare between Islamic teachings und situation of America. and the relationship between America and Muslims people, especially in education. In order that, there are many values Of life and love can taken by the students in this drama

Lewis D Eigen is one Of the best writers in America. He many drama scripts that Contain Islamic teachings. the relationship between Islam and Other religion. and minority Some Of his drama scripts are College America, Thc Martyred Son. Dinner of the Politician Tunisians. The 100 Millions Muslims Minority, etc, He is not only a drama writer but also a book writer. Sorne Of his greatest book are The Obama Political Appointee Primer. Dictionary Of Political Quotations, The Macmillan Dictionary Of Political Quotations. and The Managers Book of Qt»tations.

Philosophical Values

Philosophical value refers to the value of philosophy. In other Words it is a field Of philosophy that deals with value in general. The content of philosophical value, even fragmentarily can already be found in ancient times. But. it is in modern times, especially after Kant made his well-known distinction between

fact and value. that philosophical value became an important field of study in philosophy.

Based on Mustofa⁶ the Study Of philosophical value. or in the widest sense of the terms. The significance Of this study are:

- I. Considering the giving meaning Of the term value.
2. Unification that has provided of the study Of variety.

Philosophy can be defined as people Ways Of thinking on understanding things or idea. facing people's life, and solving their problems Of life Usually philosophy is considered the reflection the experiences in life which concerns humanity Philosophy also defined as reflection of varieties of human experience Or as the rational, methodical, and systemic consideration Of the topics that are Of greatest concern Of humanity.⁷

Values of Life

Based on the book of "Literary Works: Life and Love" compiled by Mutmainnah Mustofa⁸. there are many values of life When someone explores them one by one. They Can help someone to develop a clearer sense of What is most important to his or herself in life. Someone can make the personal values in life In order or priority and that personal list Of values can get the one to reach the better future. The examples of values Of life are: acceptance, accessibility. amusement. appreciation. care, wisdom.

⁶ Mutmainnah Mustofa, "The Umbrella of Life and Love: Values in Literary Works," *Malang: Misykat Publisher*, 2014. P.24

⁷ Merriam-Webster Dictionary, "Merriam-Webster," *On-Line at Http://Www. Mw. Com/Home. Htm* 8 (2002): 2.

⁸ Mustofa, "The Umbrella of Life and Love: Values in Literary Works." P.27
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Face. belonging. concentration, control, ethics, fame family. freedom. friendship, humor, love. obedience. religiousness. etc.

Values Of Love

According to Al-Ghazali love is seeing with spiritual is sharper than seeing with eyes. It's because spiritual seeing is more Sensitive than eyes. An abstract beauty caught by heart is more passionate than concrete. He continued that a man is a goodness servant. that his heart will love someone who is kind to him. It is different With Allah, the mercies and blessings giver.⁹

According to Montagu. American psychologist, love is feeling Of attention, affecting, and liking deeply. Usually, love IS followed by missing desire to the object.¹⁰

RESEARCH METHODS

This study used qualitative research methods. Which according to Bogdan and Taylor qualitative methodology is a methodology that produces qualitative data and descriptive data either in the form of oral or written¹¹

FINDING AND DISCUSSION

Analysis Of Lewis D. Eigens "College in America" in this drama script in America . There are many values that contain

⁹ Dian Widiyanti, "Ensiklopedi Cinta," *Bandung: Mizan Media Utama (MMU)*, 2006. P.55

¹⁰ Widiyanti. P.37

¹¹ J Moleong Lexy, "Metode Penelitian Kualitatif," *Bandung: Rosda Karya*, 2002, 50336-71. P.3

philosophy. writer cannot mention one by one due the limited words in this articles. They are:

Honoring parents

Honoring parents is one of philosophical values Of life. In every religion teaches how to honor how to treat them the best in every condition. There are many data in this drama script concerning this value of life.

"Well you always Were and still are a good son. and you humored and honored"

In the data Imam said to Mark Mansur that Imam was proud to Mark, because he can humor and honor his father in his Old life. since young men did not do it so. To honor is an Obligation for human parents have done his best to educate and teach them about meaningful aspects in life, parents are first Stage Of school that teach them before we born to this world until now.

In Islamic Perspectives, Islam is a religion that is very concerning in honoring parents. In Islam, to obey parents' order is the next step after obeying Allah and Rasulullah order. If Muslims do not obey parents' order they will be tortured in the hell. And if they obey order they will enter paradise, after obeying Allah and Rasulullah order. Islam is one of religion that has commandment to obey as long as the commandment is not out of syari'ah. To obey parents in Islam is the obligation and to fight against them is a prohibition. Even if to say disrespect words to parents is prohibited, more than that to tight against them. As firman Allah in Surah Al-Isra' ayat 17:

"And your Lord has decreed you worship none but 111m, And you be dutiful to parents If one Of them or both of them old age in your life, say not to them a word Of disrespect. nor shout at them but address them in terms Of honour." (QS Al-Isra: 17)

And another data of honoring parents is:

"Her rather should have been informed so that he can discipline her and regain his honor." said Mahfuz ibn Ubaid.

"Have you done so?" he asked Mark.

And other data:

Mark was puzzled. "I don't get it. can understand that you believe that women should be all covered up. but why do you refer to the father's honor? If anything, it's the girl's honor that is at stake. I'm not going to call her father—it's none of my business in the first place. and second, I don't think that it affects him at all. Aiesha is over 19 years Old."

In the above statement shows tha' Mahfudz Ibn Ubaid said that Mark had to inform Aiesha father because of the way order dressing so that he can regain his honor data shows that children and daughter must follow their parents command Furthermore children must honor their parents (father and mother).

In perspective of Islam. Muslims have to honor their parents, because of that honor Muslims have to Obey their parents. In order that, they have to fulfill their duty to honor parents. For someone whom his parents passed away, he must send prayers for his to Allah SWT to protect them. When a child

became bad, it was father's fault because he is not really care on him. It will break father's honor, not children's honor. It is because the responsible one of children's environment is a father. Then, a father was blamed When children have a bad attitude. So that, children must honor their parents if they want to regain honor from Allah.

Helping Others Even the Unbelievers

Muslims can make friend with the unbelievers or the infidels, but they cannot count them like they can count on family members, clan, and fellow believers. Sometimes, kindness of the unbelievers is not sincerely, but the intention and the attention of family members, clan members, and fellow believers are unconditional. it names unconditional love. In Islam helping others even the unbelievers is no matter. The forbidden One is to follow their spiritual. religion, culture that outside the Islamic teaching. Also, When people helped them. they also deserved to help by them. As in surah *al-kafirun*. 109, p. I -6:

1. Say (O Muhammad (Peace be him)to these Mushrikün and Kâfirün)•. "O Al-Kafirün (disbelievers in Alläh, in His Oneness, in His Angels, in His Books, in His Messengers, in the Day of Resurrection, and in Al-Qadar, etc.)!
2. Worship not that which you worship,
3. "Nor will you worship that which worship.
4. shall not worship that which you are worshipping.
5. "Nor will you worship that which I worship.

6. "TO you your religion, and to me my religion (Islamic Monotheism)."

Like in the data:

"And you in turn would help and protect them if they needed such, would you

That data shows when Abdullah Mansur hesitated that his son. Mark Mansur, will live in America in adversity. In America his son lived alone with no friend. and he was afraid that no one could give him a help. Mark Mansur said that he was helped by American people And then Imam Wakil Rachid asked Mark Mansur whether he helped them in turn they helped him in any problems, He said that yes he helped him. In this case, Imam Wakil Rachid said that helping the unbelievers is no matter, but to follow their worship is the forbidden one. More than that to follow their religion and to become infidel is the most forbidden one.

Even if Muslims can rely on the unbelievers. but no One can count On like We can count on our family members. clan members, and fellow believers. Of course Muslims can make friend with the unbelievers. but We cannot Count on them like we Can count on family members. Clan, and fellow believers. Sometimes, the kindness Of the unbelievers is not sincerely, but the intention and the attention of family members. clan members, and fellow believers are the greatest love at all.

Like in the data:

".....it is a throwback to the desert, Mark. If you ran into a group of people Who

Were not friends or relatives they would doubtless rob you and might just as soon slit your throat. The family, clan and all family protected me. There is no government in the desert. No other institutions but your own will be of assistance to you. It's so ingrained that I believe that your psychologists believe we developed a response generalization to strangers if there is family or clan to provide protection."

The younger imam was a little caught Off guard. "Yes Imam. in this case I do. but I hesitate to add that. in general, one Cannot count on Other people in as well as you Can count your family, clan members and fellow believers.

Bringing up Religion. Country, and Culture

Bringing up religion, country, and culture in one's life is very importance, especially a good character of ones religion, country. and culture. There are many Obligations in Islam. such as doing five times prayer, fasting, or even to be a good characters such as honesty, Sincerity, surrender. etc. A good values in a Country. especially Indonesia, like gotong royong (work together), musyawarah. etc. A good values in a culture. such as reciting Al-Quran after maghrib prayer. girls do not go out In the night. etc. As Muslims, people do not have to forget this values in their daily life. even if they school in America, Australia. England, China. etc_ Some people When they go abroad. they are forgetting this great values. so that. they

become contaminated With their culture. They are contaminated With pop culture. clubbing culture. free sex, drugs, etc.

As in the data:

"Our bodies are not. but if you have been brought up in the desert, your head and heart are always partially there Our ancestors were there and the stories and maxims that form our culture come from the His father nodded in agreement.

When Imam Wakti Rachid exclaimed to Mark Mansur that he does not have to forget their culture In his country, he said to Wakil Rachid "I think I understand- You explain it very well. But we are not In the desert any more". so, Wakil Rachid replied "Our bodies are not. but if you have been brought up in the desert, your head and heart are always partially there. Our ancestors were there and the stories and maxims that form our culture come from the desert". It can be explained that Mark said that America was a different country. when he was in America, he would be a different version. like American people (not in desert any more). Then Wakil Rachid replied that Of course our body is in a different country. but if we can bring up the desert. we can bring the desert to there. Our history. maxims and stories Were there. From that it can be gotten philosophical values. how to bring up Country to another country. how to bring up one's religion to another religion, and how to bring up one's culture and civilization to another culture and.

Love is worrying, care. and feeling afraid

Worrying, care, and feeling is some of signs of love. They are signs and tokens that lover is always wanting the best for someone he or she loves. Worrying is feeling hesitation that Someone or something is going well or not. Caring is an attention to someone or something. Afraid is more than feeling worry, it means a fear that someone will be lost. They are all the signs and the tokens Of love.

As in data:

“I didn't realize that papa would worry about so many things. I guess should have talked 10 him more about college life before he arrived. I'm sorry papa. I just didn't think. You never had the opportunity to go to college. so all this is new to you”

In the above data, it shows that Mark's father, Mansur was always worry about his child. because his child took college in America. He thought that America is a freedom Country. and Abdullah was afraid that Mark would not be in a good Islamic environment. so that, Mark Would be in a big problem and he would be isolated from Islamic teachings. It makes a Sense that Mark's father worry about him. America is a big Country in which that a majority of the people are Christians. and Islam is one Of minority over there.

In Islam. worrying is not a mistake. In Islam. worrying to someone who loves is required. Sometimes parents are worry to their children because they are afraid of their children do something terrible in their life such as drugs abuses. rape. free

sex, unsuccessful in education. etc. In this case. Worry is not only required. but is a must. As in Sur-uh At-Tahrim:6 told beautifully how to worry about people and families not to be tortured to the hell.

O you who believe! Ward Off from yourselves and your families a Fire (Hell) whose fuel is men and stones. Over which are (appointed) angels stern (and) severe who disobey not. (from executing) the Commands they receive from Allāh. but do that which they are commanded. (At-Tahrim. 66:6)

In Other data;

I. "Your father is not sure that the environment is good for a young, impressionable young man of your age." Wakil Rachid interpreted.

This data shows care of a father to his child. first child. A care of father can be included in philosophical value of love. Father always wanted the best for their children, so that they lack of care and feel so worry to them. As 's he has to take care of his children- In Islam. father is an Imam or means the leader of his family member. Which contains father, mother, and children. One of a duty of a father is to take care to his family member condition.

Love is Appreciation, Concerning and Acceptance

Appreciation, concerning, and acceptance are signs of love. Furthermore, a lover must appreciate, concern, and accept someone that he or she loves. Appreciation is one step after

acceptance. It means when lover's focus is on what they love. When he or she looks at someone or something he or she loves, he or she feels joy in life. Concerning is same as appreciation. Concerning is a sign of appreciation. And acceptance means to label that someone or something is good. and when they make something wrong. he or she always forgives:

As in the data:

"I know that. And I really appreciate what a wonderful father I have. I really don't want to worry him. So I too thought that you might be able to relieve some of his anxiety—at least I hope you can."

From the data above. it is known that Mark Mansur was really appreciate his father Abdullah Mansur. so that. he was sad When his father tended to worry, and he was distressing When his father in anxiety. It is what is said the appreciation Of love. Appreciation is all about understanding. When people show their appreciation to someone, they are thanking them. But they are also telling them that they understand What they have.

Allah is very appreciative to His servants. Because of that, that's why Allah created the paradise and the hell. It is because His appreciation. Who became a good servant will be entered to paradise. and who became bad servant Will tortured to the hall. As firman Allah in "is Glory book:

Why should Allah punish you if you have thanked
(Him) and have believe in Him. And Allah is Ever
All Apprcciative All Knowing. (An-Nisa': 147)

And also in other data:

“...He has shared with me only that he is concerned about you—apparently the result of his trip to Ann Arbor to pick you up.”

It explains in the data above, that Abdullah Mansur concerned in Mark Mansur problem as a father. Concerning is one of value of love, love of a father and a child. Concerning shows that love is the appreciation. which is people focus on someone that they love. and what they really like about someone. If they love someone, automatically they often give their concentration to make his spouses in a happy life. in secure.

Concerning is one values Of love. Allah always loves His servants. That's Why He always concerns With His servants conditions. In Al-Quran there are many verses contains

Allah's concerning to His servants. As in the below verse about concerning woman, especially an orphan woman:

They ask your legal instruction concerning women. say: Allah instructs you about them. and about what is recited unto you in the Book concerning the orphan girls whom you give not the prescribed portions (as regards Mahr and inheritance) and yet whom you desire to marry, and (concerning) the children Who are weak and oppressed, and that you stand firm for justice to orphans. And whatever good you do, Allah is Ever of it. (An-Nisa':127)

CONCLUSION

Lewis D. Eigen is American political expert_ But. beyond expectation. he is also an expert in Islamic teachings. He is a genius because he can spread a beauty of Islam by drama dialogue that can answer many bad opinions about Islam. He can spread the beauty of Islam in easy Way "College in America" is one Of his drama script that contains many philosophical values of life and love. The writer cannot mention one by one all the philosophical values in this drama due to the limited words and article, but he just can mention only the most significance. In this drama, the writer only mentions some values Of life, they are honoring parents. helping others even the unbelievers, and bringing up the country. And some values Of love in this drama are love is worrying, care, feeling afraid, and love is appreciation, concerning, and acceptance.

The writer hopes that this article could give the reader philosophical values, especially in the essence of life and love. So that they could take lesson learned and make it guidance to apply in every day's life.

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