

Tolerance which is part of the vision of theology or belief in Islam and it include in the framework of Islamic theology . It should be reviewed in depth and applied in the religious life because it is a social necessity for all religious communities and a way for the creation of harmony among faiths.

Tolerant attitude is critical and this should not merely be a discourse, but it must be practiced in daily life of activity to create life harmony among religions as well as possible. Especially for a scholars they have to give a good example to their follower to keep concord among religions nor to do otherwise because they are heir of the prophets as Rassulullah said :

وَأَنَّ الْعُلَمَاءَ هُمْ وَرَثَةُ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ (رواه البخارى)²

The scholars is heir of the prophets (HR. Bukhari)

As a heir of Prophets , Surely they should be able to set a good example for people in around them. as well as Islamic teachings. when they deliver what they thought and it should be out of line with their life even explicitly said Allah Al –Qur'an. Surrah As-Shaff verses 2-3 :

يٰۤاَيُّهَا الَّذِيْنَ ءَامَنُوْا لِمَ تَقُوْلُوْنَ مَا لَا تَفْعَلُوْنَ ﴿١٠٠﴾ كَبُرَ مَقْتًا عِنْدَ اللّٰهِ اَنْ تَقُوْلُوْا مَا لَا تَفْعَلُوْنَ ﴿١٠١﴾

“ Oh you who believe, not what you say you do not do hateful in the sight of Allah that you say what you do not do”³

²Muhammad bin Ismail bin Ibrahim. *Shahih al-Bukhari*. (Cairo : Dar al-Taqwa al-li Turast Cet. Ke-1. Jilid1 2001). P. 199

1.5 Objectives of study

The general objectives of this study are to analyze

1. The Hamka's interpretation about the tolerance of religion.
2. in order to know the consistency of Hamka between interpretation and his life practice

1.6 Usefulness of research

The realization of this research will be used and significant at least:

1. Enlarging insight of interpretation's study of Qur'an conceptually and it is used by way of life not only reading but also practicing it
2. By this study, it can become scientific contribution in the discipline of Qur'an's knowledge. Because Qur'an's knowledge will not die and unlimited discipline knowledge for past time only, but those are accommodate new development which is suit to the understanding of human in every period of time too.
3. This study can give the path as the same researches which are being intensively today. The interconnection between (among) one and other researches can decrease the overlapping of information.

Research is a scientific activity which has connection with analyzing and constructing that is done methodologically, systematic and consistent. ⁴ From needy aspect of the studying material, the writer use library research and not field research or laboratory research. ⁵

In this kind of writing, the writer use qualitative method to analyze the collected data.⁶ In order to make sure data and analyze it, then the characteristic

⁵Marzuki, *Metodologi Riset* (Yogyakarta: BPFE – UII, Hanindita, 1995), 7.

⁶According to Bogdan and Taylor, qualitative research methodology is research procedure which has the result of descriptive data as written words or spoken from people and behavior which can be monitored. Look: Lexy J Moleong, *Metodologi Penelitian Kualitatif* (Bandung: Remaja Rosdakarya, 1990), 1. This technical term of qualitative research according to Kirk and Miller, at first it is based on quantitative research which is then contrast with qualitative research. Read: Jerome Kirk & Marc L. Miller, *Reliability and Validity in Qualitative Research* (California: Beverly Hills, Sage Publications, 1986), 57. Qualitative data is based on *indepth interviews*, *focus group discussion*, non participate observation, and *content analysis* from the written materials. Ida Bagoes Mantra, *Langkah-langkah Penelitian Survei, Usulan Penelitian dan Laporan Penelitian* (Yogyakarta: Badan Penerbit Fakultas Geografi UGM, 2001), 47.

of this research is analytic-descriptive,⁷ that have the aim to figure it out integrally, clear and whatever it is the idea which has been shown by Hamka and it is also his thought anvil and analyze and compare it with the collected data. This analysis has its aim that make explanation and try the data out concretely.

Source of data is done by the collecting documenter studying of book materials which are synchronize with research object. To get valid and believable data, the writer has classified source of data as:

a. Primary source of data and secondary source of data. Primary source of data is a book which was written by Hamka under the title “ Al -Tafsir Al -Azhar , Toleransi dan Kemerdekaan Beragama Dalam Islam.Sebagai Dasar Menuju Dialog dan Kerukunan Antar Agama , Al-Quran Kitab Toleransi.

b. Secondary source of data is from contemporary scholar of Islam's work and intellectual works which have connection with social and religion problematic That are used to support the primary data in order to make the explanation deeper.

⁷The place to stand on every research is descriptive, that is taking data or classifying some elements which are shown as the shaper of a problem side presented. On the other word, effort says that a problem and condition as what it is so that is only about uncovering of fact. Look: James A. Black dan Dean J.Champion, *Metode dan Masalah Penelitian Sosial*, ter. E. Koeswara (Jakarta: Refika Aditama,1999), 6.

