



# An Analysis Religion Values In The Novel Ground Zero By Agustinus Wibowo

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## Abstrak

This research conducted by title analysis religion values in the novel *ground zero* by Agustinus Wibowo. This research were aimed (1) To analyze the religion values in the novel *ground zero* by Agustinus Wibowo; (2) To analyze the causes of religion values in the novel *ground zero* by Agustinus Wibowo. The method used was descriptive qualitative design. The source of the data is uses the primary data and secondary data. This research found that; (1) there was two kinds of religion value found in the ground zero novel namely; (1) positive religion value there are religion value of source of hope and optimism form that found on the data 01 and 21; promotes feelings of belongingness. This can be found on the data 3, 10, 12, 22, and 24; boosts self-esteem, and this can be found on the data 16, 17, and 25' provides protection from existential threats. This can be found on the data 9, and 11; promotes healing of mind and body, this can be seen on the data 27; an improved mental and physical health, this data can be found on the data 20; encourages charity and altruism, this data can be found on the data 26; and (2) negative roles of religion. In this case, that content of anxiety created through scientific and religious views. This can be found on the data 34; content of bad religious programming on data 19; content of the data 34 too; rationalisation for hatred and prejudice. This can be found on the data 18; Power hungry religious leaders, this can be seen on the data 13, 14 and 16; segregation of humanity, this can be seen on the data 2, 5, 7, and 18. (2) The cause of Religion value those found by Agustinus Wibowo in his trip was religion symbol that had been found in the trip and about the people with different religion who had met with him along of way.

## INTRODUCTION

Human beings as one of the three alive-creatures besides animal and plant have a particular ability, which makes him so special, that dominates the others. They are able to adapt, to survive and to analyze the universe phenomenon, which make their quality of life better and better since the past. They have the whole ability because God has granted them brain. Their curiosities are so great that they learn more and more. Besides, something that makes them more special than the others is they know the way to express their feeling, thought, and emotion. Something to provide "a place" for all of the people's expression is literature.

Literature is the knowledge which is earned by human beings arise conduct and it is used to reflect and express experience. Another opinion said that literature is one of the great creative and universal means of communicating the emotional, spiritual, or intellectual concerns of mankind. It seems that something human being does deals literature, especially in communicating. To communicate to each other may be done by a means, such as by a letter, speaking directly, by phone etc. Even something they wrote or said, no matter what its content, could be called a literature. Well, in this life, in purpose or not in purpose, they have involved in a literature.

Literature a form of the idea of a person through the view of the social environment that surrounding by using beautiful language. Literature comes as a result of reflection on the phenomenon exists. Literature as fiction have deeper understanding, not just a fiction or fantasy of the author only, but also of creativity author in exploring and cultivating the ideas in his mind. Literary works comes as a tangible imaginative creativity a writer with a process that is between one author with other authors, especially in the creation of fiction. The process is individualized, meaning that the means used by each author can be different. Differences include several things including, the method, the emergence of the creative process, how to express what is inside of the author, and the language used.

One novelist who is able to greet the reader through his writings that are not only stuck in style, but in his work he is also capable of rendering the reader's emotions through the religion value in the novel is Agustinus Wibowo. Therefore, based on what has been described previously, the authors are interested to analysis religion values contained in one of his novel this title *ground zero*.

This novel is tell about some characters that can show several religions value. They have some important questions in their life. The questions that possible people think that are about the kind of religion value, the relationship between the value with the characters at there, and the process of religion value in the novel. Then, Agustinus Wibowo as one of the main one who has the religion value about the long way of the novel, to get the life meaning, and many religion that he found in his way, this was a difficult thing to appear the religion meaning on his ways.

The above problems are then answered by this novel one by one in sequence with a series of events of the past with a wise and simple answer anyway. The reason for choosing the religion values in this novel as the object of research because the author of the novel *ground zero* unknown to many provide inspiration for the readers, it means that there are positive values that can be taken and realized by readers in their daily lives, particularly in terms of religion.

Therefore, in this research the researcher focus to analysis religion values in the novel *ground zero by Agustinus Wibowo*. Seeing that in this novel many religion values contained therein which can serve as an example for the reader to be applied in everyday life.

## METHOD

### Method of the Research

This study used descriptive qualitative design, because all of data that was analyzed in this research was verbal data or non numeric data (Moleong, 2000: 78). They were contents with the word, phrase, sentences or paragraph that find in the novel.

### Design of the Research

In accordance with the issues and objectives to be achieved in this study, the writer used descriptive qualitative design. Thus, in this study explained the concepts of the relationship between one another, and used the words or sentences, not numbers or statistics in a logical structure and used a deep understanding. Everything was presented clearly or in accordance with the reality to be found in this study (Moleong, 2000: 89).

According to the theory of the qualitative explains that, the research was essentially a simple process in consists of three parts: noticing, collecting, and thinking about interesting things. qualitative research as the research procedure in which the values was descriptive data like written words, or verbal from the people and the behavior which can be able to investigate.

It aims to gather an in depth understanding of human behavior and the reason that govern such behavior. so the qualitative method aims to provide the information and give descriptive of the data would be analyzed in order to understand about the problem in the research.

### Source of the Data

The data source will be taken from two sources they were;

1. Library source. In this source the writer took he data from the novel. The novel of this study was ground zero by James Agustinus Wibowo. The data obtain with words, sentences that contents of forms and cause of appeared of religion value.
2. Documentation. In this source the writer took the data from documents that content of religion value such as religion books that content of the research question act. In this section, the writer get the following main points:
  - 1) Connect with us something unknown or uncertainty in life,
  - 2) Finding meaning and purpose of life,
  - 3) Realize the ability to use the resources and strength in oneself,
  - 4) Having a sense of attachment to the self and the supreme.

## FINDING AND DISCUSSION

Based on the above finding of the study, there are religion value of source of hope and optimism form that found on the data 01,20 and 22, because both of data explained us about positive attitudes are good for our psychology and tend to better adhere to optimism treatment plans. For many people, religion is a major source of hope and optimism. The next value was promotes feelings of belongingness. This can be found on the data 3, 10, 12, 21, and 23, because all of data content about the despite the higher purpose of religion being a tool for spiritual progression, religion has always been and continues to be largely a social activity. For example religious people, will typically be more inclined to visit regular religious programmes which are a group activity.

The next religion value was boosts self-esteem, and this can be found on the data 16, and 24. These data was showed about optimism, self-esteem has been shown to be a predictor of good physical spirit. We gain self-esteem from feeling as if we are people of value. Religion can offer a particularly potent and resilient sense of self-worth because God's love in most traditions is often perceived as non-contingent. In other words, many religious traditions assert that God, like a good parent, loves and values us no matter what we do. Many sources of self-esteem (e.g., beauty, success, popularity) are not so reliable.

The next religion value was content of provides protection from existential threats. This can be found on the data 9, and 11. Because, as a human was uniquely able to ask existential questions. Where did we come from? Why are we

here? Is there any meaning to our existence? What happens to us when we die? Many scholars think that the capacity to ask such questions is why religion exists at all. For many, it is not satisfying to accept the possibility that human existence is by chance, and people are no more significant or enduring than any other organism. Religion offers feelings of existential meaning, purpose, and transcendence. Research supports this assertion as increased religiosity is associated with increased feelings of meaning and decreased existential anxieties.

The next religion value of religion content of promotes healing of mind and body, this can be seen on the data 26, because it was a relatively recent branch of science that enforces beliefs that physicians have held for many centuries, perhaps well before the times of the ancient Greeks. The premise is that a patient's mental state influences diseases and healing. Specifically, PNI studies the connection between the brain and the immune system. Religious people will most likely possess a strong belief in the idea of being healed successfully through God or other divine beings and so as a result, religious and spiritual people have been shown to have a higher ability to experience healing of their own mind and body.

The next religion value can be an improved mental and physical health, this data can be found on the data 19, because a review of more than 40 scientific studies has found that religion appears to soothe the body as well as the soul, and as a consequence people who are highly religious tend to live longer than others. Several reasons have been given as to why this is the case, and they include a healthier lifestyle, a positive mental attitude and the social support provided by religious communities.

The next religion value was about encourages charity and altruism, this data can be found on the data 25, because many religious teachings have taught about the importance of giving up ones time and money to those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Certainly over the last few thousand years the majority of charity work was co-ordinated and performed almost exclusively through religious institutions whereas large secular charitable bodies are a phenomenon of more recent times. And the last positive religion value was about food for the soul, this was on the data 6. Religious traditions provide many teachings to help heal the individual. When individuals are healed, families are healed, and when families are healed, society is healed. So religion feeds the hunger of the soul and your soul has more needs than your physical body does.

Not only about positive religion value can be found on this novel, but also about the negative roles of religion. In this case, that content of anxiety created through scientific and religious views. This can be found on the data 24, because everyone knows that stress and anxiety can compromise health and well-being. Perhaps ironically, religion, which can help reduce anxiety, can also cause it. The reason is that some religious beliefs are at odds with scientific knowledge and research in cognitive dissonance theory indicates that people are distressed by these types of situations and go to great lengths to resolve them in some way. For example, if a person strongly desires to believe that God created humans in their present form but is confronted with an increasing amount of evidence that another perspective (evolution) is more accurate, the individual may be distressed.

The next negative religion value content of bad religious programming on data 18, because there are many examples of religious ideas which are bad for mother earth, bad for creating human unity and bad for the advancement of society. The next negative religion value about injustice and wars, this data content of the data 4 too. Because, the war and terror was very bad condition and humanity has gone to war and fought with itself over many different non-religious things including minerals, resources and land. Much of the conflict and war in the 20th century was also as a result of non-religious atheist ideologues with Hitler leaning on the work of atheist philosopher Frederick Nietzsche and Stalin leaning on Karl Marx for support. Nevertheless it is unfortunate that people have used religion since its creation as an excuse to go to war with one another and use religion as a tool to justify their oppressive actions.

The next negative religion value about rationalisation for hatred and prejudice. This can be found on the data 17, because this data talking about the inversing of positive and negative attitude in spiritual value condition. Many religious institutions have been responsible for contributing towards social injustice and hatred towards members of their own communities who may for example support different interpretations of holy texts or may hold different views around morality such as supporting homosexual marriages.

The next religion value in this novel depend on the negative value is about Power hungry religious leaders, this can be seen on the data 13, 14 and 16. Because all of data talking about the people who have power hungry religious to the Buddha as a god. Religion is usually started by pure, enlightened beings like Jesus, Nanak, Buddha whose aims are to help humanity understand higher spiritual truths and make the world a better place. Then much later the followers of those spiritual masters will formalise the teachings into a set of religious doctrine and build institutions with seats of power usually aimed at controlling people. As with any other secular or political institution those centres of religion because breeding grounds for power hungry, ego centric, self righteous personalities which do more harm to society than good.

The last negative religion value was about segregation of humanity, this can be seen on the data 2, 5, 7, 15 and 24. We have seen civilization advance from the precivilization of Neolithic farming villages to the first cities to states to nations and now to transnational communities like the EU or the Sunni/Arab hegemony in the Middle East. The harmony and cooperation that religion (arguably) facilitates within those boundaries is offset (and some would say outweighed) by the animosity that the religious rivalries created between e.g. the Christian states and the Muslim states. Humanity appears to have the capability to finally transcend all tribal differences and merge into a single global community which would usher in an era of unprecedented harmony and cooperation, but religion appears to stand militantly in the way.

The other spiritual of religion value in this Novel found by Agustnus Wibowo in his trip was about the Buddhist and Hindus; where, the religion value of buddha can be felt in the each home of people in Tibet, when the writer of this novel go at there. This Buddhist art is the artistic practices that are influenced by Buddhism. It includes art media which

depict Buddhas, bodhisattvas, and other entities; notable Buddhist figures, both historical and mythical; narrative scenes from the lives of all of these; mandalas and other graphic aids to practice; as well as physical objects associated with Buddhist practice, such as vajras, bells, stupas and Buddhist temple architecture. Buddhist art originated on the Indian subcontinent following the historical life of Siddhartha Gautama, and thereafter evolved by contact with other cultures as it spread throughout Asia and the world

The about the Hindus depend on Lord Shiva never consumed Bhaang. The essential point to understand is that the Shiva Tattva (the most fundamental all-pervading element in creation) resides in each and every one. An intoxicant like Bhaang too cannot do anything to Lord Shiva's bliss, because he is above and beyond all such trivial influences. But chanting his name can have a positive influence on us and elevate us.

The next important value of relational spirit that found by Agustinus Wibowo was about the truth of Muslim as a good religion. Based on the finding of the study, showed that shall now discuss how Islam judges the development or decay of the soul. In his capacity as the vicegerent (Khalifah) of God, man is answerable to Him for all his activities. It is his duty to use all the powers which he has been given in accordance with the Divine will. He should utilize to the fullest extent all the faculties and potentialities bestowed upon him for seeking God's approval. In his dealings with other people he should behave in such a way as to try to please God.

In brief, all his energies should be directed towards regulating the affairs of this world in the way in which God wants them to be regulated. The better a man does this, with a sense of responsibility, obedience and humility, and with the object of seeking the pleasure of the Lord, the nearer will he be to God. In Islam, spiritual development is synonymous with nearness to God. Similarly, he will not be able to get near to God if he is lazy and disobedient. And distance from God signifies, in Islam, the spiritual fall and decay of man.

From the Islamic point of view, therefore, the sphere of activity of the religious man and the secular man is the same. Not only will both work in the same spheres; the religious man will work with greater enthusiasm than the secular man. The man of religion will be as active as the man of the world indeed, more active in his domestic and social life, which extends from the confines of the household to the market square, and even to international conferences.

What will distinguish their actions will be the nature of their relationship with God and the aims behind their actions. Whatever a religious man does, will be done with the feeling that he is answerable to God, that he must try to secure Divine pleasure, that his actions must be in accordance with God's laws. A secular person will be indifferent towards God and will be guided in his actions only by his personal motives. This difference makes the whole of the material life of a man of religion a totally spiritual venture, and the whole of the life of a secular person an existence devoid of the spark of spirituality.

Hence, faith is first mentioned as a necessary component of achieving Love for God. It is misplaced when feelings for created things, or beings, causes a diversion from focusing on the Conscious Reality that created all. The Conscious Reality that sustains all. Faith is the decision of the believer to worship that which is unseen and un-seeable in this life.

The next was basic of Islamic beliefs is to believe in one God who has the Most Beautiful names and noblest qualities; One who neither begets, nor was begotten. The belief in this core possesses several advantages: Firstly, it frees the human being from full submission to (worshipping) any natural being or any human being of whatever position and rank, and this freedom saves him from being confined to any material limits. Secondly, it results in mobilizing all human talents and power for one purpose and saves him from all that destroys his life and activities, such as polytheism, being spoiled, etc. Thirdly, it leads a human being towards the infinite goal and carves a long and endless path for his ambitions in which he can progress from cradle to grave and even after death. Thus, death does not stop a human's progress towards goals.

Fourthly, it will keep one away and safe from other people's troubles and objections so that infinity and immateriality will direct his efforts, activities, and acts of giving. And Fifth, it will mobilize collective power in a competitive harmony and will prevent collective polytheism in order to prevent the society from division and thereby wasting the power of its members. Related with the faith, Now Agustinus sees how the things talked about concerning justice and Islamic conduct are prevalent as to people in other religions. in this part of imam's teachings. In other words, he who tyrannizes an infidel, has shown animosity towards the holy Prophet. These types of teachings clearly show that Islam is an all-pervasive religion which has had a pleasant behavior towards people of different religions and never needs the teachings and principles of other religions in this regard.

## CONCLUSION

Based on the finding and discussion above, the writer can give some conclusion. They were:

1. There was two kinds of religion value found in the ground zero novel namely; (1) positive religion value there are religion value of source of hope and optimism form that found on the data 01,20and 22; promotes feelings of belongingness. This can be found on the data 3, 10, 12, 21, and 23; boosts self-esteem, and this can be found on the data 16, and 24' provides protection from existential threats. This can be found on the data 9, and 11; promotes healing of mind and body, this can be seen on the data 26; an improved mental and physical health, this data can be found on the data 19; encourages charity and altruism, this data can be found on the data 25; and (2) negative roles of religion. In this case, that content of anxiety created through scientific and religious views. This can be found on the data 4; content of bad religious programming on data 18; content of the data 4 too; rationalisation for hatred and

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