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The Genealogy of Ali Mustafa Yaqub's Hadith Understanding

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Abstract. Ali Mustafa is an Indonesian hadith expert who has had a significant influence on the development of hadith studies in Indonesia in term of the study of hadith authenticity and the study of hadith understanding. This article explores Ali Mustafa's genealogy of understanding, method of understanding, and academic experiences during his education in Indonesia and Saudi Arabia. The data sources for this paper were Ali Mustafa's work entitled Female Imam, The Meeting Point of Wahabi-NU, and Islam is not only for Muslims. Through text analysis method with a genealogical approach, it can be described that Ali Mustafa's understanding of Genealogy was strongly influenced by several sources such as NU, Wahabi, Occidentalism, and the understanding of classical scholars. Ali Mustafa understood the hadith with the textual method first, then he used contextual method if the textual method could not be used to understand the hadith. The influence of Ali Mustafa's education in Indonesia through Islamic boarding schools was stronger than his educational experience in Saudi Arabia.

Keywords: Ali Mustafa; Genealogy; Hadith Understanding

Introduction

Several Indonesian hadith experts try to reconstruct the understanding of hadith with a different style from the other hadith experts. The main factor behind the birth of this reconstruction effort is the current development that encourages the development of science due to the increasingly complicated problems that arise today. The reconstruction of hadith understanding occurs in the study of understanding hadith. Some classical methods of understanding hadith are considered inappropriate in answering contemporary problems. ¹ The

¹Patrick Sookhedeo, "Issues of Interpreting the Koran and Hadith," *The Quarterly Journal* 5, no. 3 (2006): 57–83, https://doi.org/http://dx.doi.org/10.11610/Connections.05.3.06. Yūsuf Al-Qaraḍāwī, *Al-Khaṣāiṣ Al-ʿĀmmah Li Al-Islām* (Beirut: Mu'assasah ar-Risālah, 1977), 178–212. Muṣṭafā As-Sibāʿī, *As-Sunnah an-Nabawīyah Wa Makānatuhā Fī at-Tasyrīʿ Al-Islāmī*

birth of the hadith is the Prophet's response to the phenomena that occurred in the context of the life of the Prophet, so that the hadith is very connected to the context when it was spoken by the Prophet and when it was practiced by Muslims after the death of the Prophet.²

The geographical context and areas of practice of hadith which are very different from the context of the birth of hadith in Mecca and Medina, such as in Indonesia, also encourage hadith experts to adapt the understanding of hadith to local conditions.³ Geographic context is one of the approaches used by hadith experts such as Ali Mustafa⁴ as an effort to understand the hadith more precisely. If a hadith is forced to be understood based on the geographical context of Mecca and Medina as the birthplace of the hadith, then there will be problems in practicing it.

Several hadith experts who made efforts to reconstruct the method of understanding hadith are T.M. Hasbi ash Shiddieqy, Daud Rasyid Sitorus, Muhajirin Amsar, Ali Mustafa Yaqub, Said Agil al-Munawar, and Lutfi Fathullah who are Middle East alumni. On the other hand, Komarudin Amin is also included in this rank with a Western educational background. From within the country itself, there are several figures who can be classified as hadith experts. They are Muhammad Syhudi Ismail, Ahmad Surkati, and Ahmad Hasan.⁵

(Beirut: Dār al-Kutub al-'Ilmīyah, 2004), 72–74. Dan Daniel W. Brown, *Rethinking Tradition Modern Islamic Thought Indeks* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999), 245.

²Muhammad Irfan Helmy, *Kontekstualisasi Hadis: Telaah Atas Asbab Al-Wurud Dan Kontribusinya Terhadap Pemahaman Hadis* (Yogyakarta: Mitra Cendekia, 2007), 58.

³Ali Mustafa Yaqub, *Aṭ-Ṭuruq Aṣ-Ṣaḥīḥah Fī Fahm as-Sunnah Al-Nabawīyah* (Jakarta: Maktabah Darus-Sunnah, 2016), 75. Dan Ali Mustafa Yaqub, *Cara Benar Memahami Hadis* (Jakarta: Pustaka Firdaus, 2016), 75.

⁴Fatihunnada and Afaf Nazrat Uyun Anis, "Pemahaman Hadis Doa Pengalihan Hujan Pendekatan Geografis Jakarta Menurut Ali Mustafa Yaqub," *ILMU USHULUDDIN* 7, no. 1 (2020): 37–56, https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.15408/iu.v7i1.14698. Lihat juga: Yaqub, *Aţ-Ṭuruq Aṣ-Ṣaḥīḥah Fī Fahm as-Sunnah Al-Nabawīyah*, 75.

⁵Hasep Saputra, "Genealogi Perkembangan Studi Hadis DI Indonesia," *AL QUDS : Jurnal Studi Alquran Dan Hadis* 1, no. 1 (2017): 41–68, https://doi.org/http://dx.doi.org/10.29240/alquds.v1i1.164. dan Hasep Saputra, "Perkembangan Studi Hadis Di Indonesia: Pemetaan Dan Analisis Ganeologi" (UIN Syarif Hidayatullah, 2014), 17-18.

Reconstruction of the understanding of hadith aims to enable Indonesian people to accept the practice of the prophet's hadith. In the mid-twentieth century, Islamic religious figures in Indonesia had made a real contribution to reform. This was also done by Indonesian hadith experts, including Hasbi ash Shiddiegy.⁶ He also contributed to renewal by contributing ideas in the form of understanding the Qur'an and hadith that cannot be separated from the conditions of Indonesian society. Therefore, the concept of Indonesian Figh was born. He views that Indonesian Jurisprudence cannot be separated from the root sources of Islamic teachings, namely the Qur'an and Hadith, but understanding of both cannot be separated from the Indonesian context.⁷ Hasbi ash Shiddiegy also contributed to reaffirming the difference between hadith and sunnah which has long been debated by hadith experts and figh experts. According to him, hadith is data related to the Prophet that has legal value in Islamic jurisprudence, while sunnah is prophetic data that has mutawatir value in substance transmission.8

This is different from Shuhudi Ismail who understands the sunnah as a behavior practiced by the Prophet and continues to be preserved by generations of companions and Tabin. Therefore, in understanding the hadith, three important stages are needed. First, doing a text analysis. Second, identifying the context of the hadith that emerges from the aspect of its social condition. Third, contextualizing the practice of hadith that is adapted to social conditions when the hadith will be practiced.⁹

Ali Mustafa has a contextual thought towards a very contextual understanding of hadith. This is proven by the method of understanding contextual hadith based on the geographical approach used for the

⁶Hasbi ash Shiddieqy yang lahir dari organisasi keagamaan PERSIS dengan ideologi "kembali kepada Al-Qur'an dan hadis".

⁷R. Michael Feener, "Indonesian Movements for the Creation of a 'National Madhhab," *BRILL Journal of Islamic Law and Society* 9, no. 1 (2002): 83, https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.1163/156851902753649298.

فكرة الأسناذ الدكتور محمّد | Laila Sabrina, "Muhammad Hasbi Siddiqi' View on Sunnah", حسبي الصديقي عن السنّة النبوية 2. AL-Zahra: Journal for Islamic and Arabic Studies 13, no. 2 (2016): 83, https://doi.org/10.15408/zr.v13i2.10672.

⁹Taufan Anggoro, "Analisis Pemikiran Muhammad Syuhudi Ismail Dalam Memahami Hadis," *Diroyah: Jurnal Ilmu Hadis* 3, no. 2 (2019): 93–104, https://doi.org/10.15575/diroyah.v3i2.4517.

Indonesian context, such as the hadith of the rain diversion prayer that the Prophet once said, which he considered inappropriate to be read by residents of Jakarta due to differences in geographical context between Jakarta and Medina.¹⁰

Ali Mustafa also responded to contemporary phenomena in Indonesia with an approach to hadith understanding. This can be seen in his view on the issue of radicalism by explaining moderate Islam from the point of view of the Prophet's hadith.¹¹ This approach of hadith understanding is also embedded in educational institutions that he founded with curriculum, methods, and human resources that are formed to give birth to a generation of Islamic leaders with moderate thoughts.¹² With all his achievements and accomplishments, Ali Mustafa is recognized as one of the hadith experts in Indonesia, and can even be considered as an international hadith expert.¹³ Ali Mustafa has accelerated the understanding of hadith based on the Indonesian context with all its characteristics.¹⁴

The method of understanding hadith used by Ali Mustafa also cannot be separated from his educational experience while he was in the Middle East, especially Saudi Arabia. On the other hand, Ali Mustafa's understanding of hadith also has a close relationship with his educational experience while in Indonesia which has its own identity because the

 $^{^{10}\}mbox{Anis}$, "Pemahaman Hadis Doa Pengalihan Hujan Pendekatan Geografis Jakarta Menurut Ali Mustafa Yaqub."

¹¹Fatihunnada, "Moderate of Islam Indonesia: Political Views of Indonesia Hadith Scholar," in *Proceedings of the 1st International Conference on Recent Innovations*, ed. Taqwa Hariguna (Scietpress Digital Library, 2021), 1606–1613, https://doi.org/10.5220/0009932616061613.

¹²Mohammad Syairozi Dimyathi and Fatihunnada Ilyas, "The Role of Religious Institutions in Preventing Radical Leftism," in *Proceedings of the 2nd International Conference on Islam, Science and Technology (ICONIST 2019)*, ed. Wadim Striełkowski (Atlantis Press, 2020), 24–28, https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.2991/assehr.k.200220.005.

¹³Nasrullah Nurdin, "Prof. Dr. KH. Ali Mustafa Yaqub, MA.: Muhaddis Nusantara Bertaraf Internasional," *Jurnal Lektur Keagamaan* 14, no. 1 (2016): 197–228, https://doi.org/10.31291/jlk.v14i1.481.

¹⁴ Muhammad Qomarullah, "Pemahaman Hadis Ali Mustafa Yaqub Dan Kontribusinya Terhadap Pemikiran Hadis Di Indonesia," *AL QUDS : Jurnal Studi Alquran Dan Hadis* 4, no. 2 (2020): 383, https://doi.org/10.29240/alquds.v4i2.1862.

development of Islam in Indonesia also has local awareness in interpreting religious values from religious texts.¹⁵

The transmission of hadith studies in Indonesia has been carried out by earlier Nusantara hadith figures such as Muhammad Mahfudz at-Tarmasi who had transmitted hadith from Haramain to the archipelago in the period between the end of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th century. He carried out the transmission through students, descendants, pilgrims, printers, and Haramain alumni. This is a response towards the efforts to revitalize the teachings of the Prophet in the archipelago since the second half of the 17th century with the renewal movement. ¹⁶

From this, it can be seen that the Muhajirin strengthened the paradigm of the genealogy of understanding hadith in Indonesia which was rooted in the land of Haramain from several hadith experts such as Muhammad Mahfudz at-Tarmasi.

Mujiyo states that the genealogy of understanding hadith in Indonesia is developing along with the development of other fields of Islamic studies such as fiqh and fiqh proposals whose main theme is to understand the deep meaning of the Qur'an and hadith that are appropriate to be applied in Indonesia.¹⁷

Hasep Saputra emphasizes that the genealogy of Ali Mustafa's understanding of hadith comes from various figures in the Middle East such as Mustafa A'zamī in the issue of criticism of the sanad and matan hadith to answer accusations of orientalists, Muhammad Jameel in social issues, and so on when he was educated in Saudi Arabia. In addition, the roots of understanding from classical hadith figures such as Ibn ajar Al-'Asqalānī, also color Ali Mustafa's comprehension in understanding the

¹⁵Miski M. M., "Pemahaman Hadis Ali Mustafa Yaqub Studi Atas Fatwa Pengharaman Serban Dalam Konteks Indonesia," *Riwayah* 2, no. 1 (2016): 15–31, https://doi.org/10.21043/riwayah.v2i1.1625. dan Azyumardi Azra, *Islam Nusantara, Jaringan Global Dan Lokal* (Jakarta: Mizan, 2002), 90.

¹⁶Muhajirin, "Transmisi Hadis Di Nusantara: Peran Ulama Hadis Nusantara Muḥammad Maḥfūẓ Al-Tarmasī" (UIN Syarif Hidayatullah, 2009), 291-292.

¹⁷Mujiyo, "Syarah Hadis Dalam Tradisi Keilmuan Islam: Genealogi Dan Metodologi" (UIN Syarif Hidayatullah, 2012).

hadith about the jurisprudence of worship such as the legal issue of musical instruments.¹⁸

Miski also detects similarities between Ali Mustafa's understanding of hadith and a modern Middle Eastern religious figure, namely Yūsuf al-Qaraḍāwī. Hadiths with religious nuances are understood textually, while traditions related to social issues such as about local clothing, namely the turban, are understood in a social context.¹⁹

Based on the explanation above, this paper looks back at the genealogical roots of understanding hadith in Indonesia, especially from Ali Mustafa's understanding of the three issues of aqidah, fiqh, and social so that it looks more comprehensive in potraying the genealogical roots of Ali Mustafa's understanding of hadith in Indonesia.

In connection with the description above, this article will discuss how are the genealogical roots of Ali Mustafa's understanding? How is Ali Mustafa's method of understanding in understanding the hadiths about aqidah, worship, and social issues? Furthermore, how do Ali Mustafa's academic experiences during his education in Indonesia and Saudi Arabia affect his understanding of hadith?

The two problems above need to be explained in order to provide a deeper picture of the scholarly network of *Nusantara* scholars, especially those in the field of hadith. This network will show the roots of thought in understanding hadith through the similarities and differences of Ali Mustafa's methodological understanding of hadith with other classical and contemporary hadith scholars, as well as the characteristics of each method.

This issue is limited to several important issues. In matters of faith, the issue of tawasul is used as the main study to see the understanding of Ali Mustafa's hadith in responding to the ideology originating from the Wahhabi group. In matters of worship, the issue of female imams in

¹⁸ Saputra, "Perkembangan Studi Hadis Di Indonesia: Pemetaan Dan Analisis Ganeologi," 185–87.

¹⁹ M., "Pemahaman Hadis Ali Mustafa Yaqub Studi Atas Fatwa Pengharaman Serban Dalam Konteks Indonesia." 28.

congregational prayers is the main study to see the understanding of Ali Mustafa's hadith in responding to opinions originating from liberal groups. In social issues, the issue of jihad is the main theme to see Ali Mustafa's understanding in responding to the ideology spread by Radical groups.

In analyzing the problems above, genealogical theory is very relevant to trace the originality of the roots of a character's thoughts in describing the source of religious texts with a methodology. Genealogy itself is a stream of study that focuses on historical values to describe the relationship between science, power, and authority.²⁰

Genealogy is a method of discourse or discourse analysis. In the study of sociology, genealogy is a collection of statements that can describe social reality as a focus. Genealogy explores how the flow of power runs behind the social realities of archival records. According to Foucault, genealogy is a discourse method by exercising four principles of power, namely power is a relation, power is diffuse, power is productive, and power works through normalization and regulation. On the other hand, power itself lies somewhere between the "discursive".²¹

This study also uses a synchronic and diachronic approach to see the relationship and influence of Ali Mustafa's thoughts towards other classical and contemporary hadith scholars. Synchronic states (change at a certain moment) will be placed in a diachronic (long-continuous) time frame. This study is strengthened by the Historical-critical method as a historical approach that aims to find objective facts as a whole and look for certain values contained in it.²²

The main data sources used to explore the above issues are Ali Mustafa's works entitled *Female Imam* which was written in 2006, *Wahabi-NU Meeting Point* which was written in 2015, and *Islam is Not only for Muslims* which was written in 2016. In addition, several

²⁰Franz Rosenthal, *A History of Muslim Historiography* (Leiden: E.J. Brill, 1968), 99.

 $^{^{\}rm 21}Michel$ Foucault, The Archeology of Knowledge and Discourse on Language (London: Tavistock, 1972), 234.

²²Montgomery Watt, *Islamic Fondamentalism and Modernity* (London: Routledge, 1988).

secondary sources used to analyze the problem above are authoritative hadith books such as Ṣahīh al-Bukhārī, Ṣahih al-Muslim, Sunan Abī Dāwud, Sunan al-Tirmidzī, Sunan al-Nasāī, Sunan Ibn Majah, Muwaṭṭa' Malik, Musnad Ahmad, and Sunan al-Dārimī, books of classical syarah hadith, and other references related to the development of Islamic conditions in Indonesia.

Results and Discussion

Ali Mustafa, between NU and Wahabi

Ali Mustafa grew and thrived among NU community, which is the largest religious community organization in Indonesia. He was born in Kemiri village, Subah District, Batang Regency, Central Java on March 2, 1952. Yaqub is the name of his father and Zulaikha is the name of his mother. Ali Mustafa has seven brothers. Ahmad Dahlan Nuri Yaqub is one of the older brothers who followed in his father's footsteps to devote himself as a caregiver to the Darus Salam Islamic Boarding School in Batang, Central Java.²³

Ali Mustafa received his education in several Islamic boarding schools such as the Salafiyah Syafiiyah Seblak Islamic Boarding School which was the development of the Tebuireng Islamic Boarding School, the Tebuireng Islamic Boarding School in Jombang. There, he found teachers who he considered as a model, such as KH. Idris Kamali and KH. Syansuri Badawi. He was also influenced by the figure of KH. Hasyim Asy'ari who is a hadith figure of nusantara. These two Islamic boarding schools instilled the NU culture with the Sunni Nusantara ideology in Ali Mustafa's thinking.

At the age of 24, Ali Mustafa received a call to continue his studies at the Faculty of Sharia, Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University in Saudi Arabia and earned a bachelor's degree with a license certificate in 1980. He continued his master degree at King Saud University, Department of Islamic Studies, majoring in Tafsir Hadith, until he graduated with a Master's degree in 1985. These two universities gave Ali Mustafa

²³M. Alvin Nur Choironi, "Biografi Singkat KH. Ali Mustafa Yaqub," Islami, 2018, http://www.datdut.com/bukan-wahabi/.

Wahhabi thought through a learning system and reading resources during his studies. On the other hand, he also met Muḥammad Muṣṭafā A'zamī as a teacher who was very inspiring in studying hadith, especially to refute orientalist accusations against the history and authenticity of hadith.

After he returned to his homeland in 1985, he disseminated the knowledge he gained during his education at Indonesian Islamic boarding schools and Saudi Arabian universities. In 2005, he continued his studies at the Doctoral Program (S3) at the University of Nizamia, Hyderabad, India and obtained his doctorate degree in 2008. During this phase, he met Ḥasan Hītū who is a traditional Sunni figure who is very strongly against Wahhabi thought. Therefore, Ali Mustafa got a different academic feel than before.²⁴

Ali Mustafa is one of the Indonesian hadith experts who has a considerable influence in the study of hadith in Indonesia. This is evident in several aspects. First, he had produced approximately 29 works that specifically discuss hadith and the science of hadith from the approximately 51 works he had written. Second, he had also established an educational institution that specifically studies hadith named Darus Sunnah International High Institute for Hadith Sciences which was started from a simple study of several students at the Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University in Jakarta where he lived. And now, the institution has grown very rapidly including higher education institutions and secondary schools. Third, he earned the highest degree in academics as a Professor in the field of Hadith.²⁵

On Thursday, April 24, 2016, Ali Mustafa died and was buried in the Darus-Sunnah area, behind the Muniroh Salamah mosque area at the age of 64 and left a farewell message to all students at the 13th Darus-Sunnah graduation ceremony, to be exact on the 6th June of 2015.²⁶

²⁴Ulin Nuha Mahfudhon, *Biografi Kyai Ali Mustafa Yaqub, Meniti Dakwah Di Jalan Sunnah* (Jakarta: Maktabah Darus-Sunnah, 2018), 75–94.

 $^{^{25}\}mbox{Nurdin}$, "Prof. Dr. KH. Ali Mustafa Yaqub, MA.: Muhaddis Nusantara Bertaraf Internasional."

²⁶Mahfudhon, *Biografi Kyai Ali Mustafa Yaqub, Meniti Dakwah Di Jalan Sunnah*, 229–31.

Ali Mustafa tried to find common ground between religious rituals and the concept of Islamic teachings between NU and Wahhabis because he had studied in Saudi Arabia which is known as the center of Wahhabism. Ali Mustafa tried this by comparing the main books of NU and Wahabi. The main book of NU that Ali Mustafa referred to was the book by Hasyim Asy'ari. Meanwhile, the sources of Wahhabi teachings referred to were the works of Ibn Taimyah, Ibn Qayyim, and Muḥammad Abd al-Wahhāb.

On the other hand, Ali Mustafa was also strongly against the Wahhabi sect for heresy about NU's religious rituals. Ali Mustafa had experience living in the two cultures of NU and Wahabi (Saudi Arabia), so he knew well the religious rituals of each of the two groups. Therefore, it is inappropriate for some NU circles to discredit themselves as Wahhabi agents.²⁷

The book entitled The Wahhabi-NU Meeting Point contains criticisms of the current Wahhabis who do not understand the substance of the NU group's practice, such as tawasul with the name of the prophet Muhammad, pilgrimages to graves, and so on. Therefore, the Wahhabi-NU Meeting Point actually provides evidence that Ali Mustafa is a very strong NU figure, but tries to correct the misunderstandings of the Wahhabi group in a gentle way, as if he is siding with and justifying the Wahhabi group.

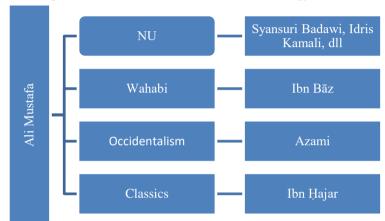
With the presence of the book, several NU activists have also submitted other criticisms. These criticisms are welcomed by some of Ali Mustafa's students in several writings. Among the arguments built to reject Ali Mustafa's accusation of being a Wahhabi agent is that Ali Mustafa's daily religious practices are closer to the amaliah of NU ideology than the amaliah of Wahhabi ideology. Ali Mustafa religious practices were like Yasinan and Tahlilan on Friday nights, visiting graves,

²⁷Redaksi, "Ini 5 Alasan Orang Syiah Dan Liberal Tidak Suka K.H. Ali Mustafa Yaqub," Datdut, 2019.

forbidding students from wearing robes, kissing teachers' hands, commemorating the birthday of the prophet Muhammad, and so on.²⁸

The Portrait of Ali Mustafa's Hadith Genealogy

Looking at Ali Mustafa's long educational experience, Ali Mustafa's roots in understanding hadith are very diverse from various figures of Islamic thought groups such as NU, Wahabi, Occidentalism, and so on. This can be seen in the genealogical map as follows:



Pigure 1. Ali Mustafa's Hadith Genealogy

This illustrates that the genealogical roots of Ali Mustafa's understanding are very diverse. He has roots in Nahdlatul Ulama's understanding of his educational experiences at the Seblak and Tebuireng Islamic boarding schools in Indonesia. He also has Wahhabi roots when he continued his education at the tertiary level at the Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University and King Saud University in Saudi Arabia. On the same occasion, he also got the roots of the Occidentalism understanding of hadith. In the course of his educational experience, Ali Mustafa also got the roots of understanding hadith from the authors of the classic Syarah hadith books because the tradition of santri in Islamic boarding schools is identical with reading the yellow book. The study of Ali Mustafa's understanding of hadith on several issues of faith, worship, and social affairs can explain more deeply about the genealogy of his understanding.

²⁸Syifa Fauziyah, "Ini 5 Fakta Tak Terbantahkan Kalau Prof. Dr. K.H. Ali Mustafa Yaqub Bukan Wahabi," Datdut, 2016. Dan Muhammad Ali Wafa, "Benarkah KH Ali Mustafa Yaqub Penganut Paham Wahabi? (1)," Nu Online, 2017.

Understanding the Hadith of the Female Imam in Salat

Ali Mustafa argues that it is not permissible for a female imam to pray in a congregation in which there are men in it. He wrote of his anxiety about the deviant phenomenon of a woman leading male congregational prayers. He asserted that for more than fourteen centuries, Muslims practiced their religion in a calm and peaceful manner, but they were shocked by the behavior and views of Amina Wadud who became the imam of Friday prayers with a congregation of men and women.²⁹ It turns out that this behavior is sponsored by a group that aspires, among other things, to free Muslim women to do Free-Sex. A number of Amina Wadud's supporters also carry the hadith of Umm Waraqah as a proof for this problem.³⁰

Among the hadiths quoted by Ali Mustafa³¹ in affirming his opinion is the hadith about the prophet's clear prohibition on female imams for male congregations in prayer with the following narration:

عَنْ جَابِرِ بْنِ عَبْدِ اللهِ، قَالَ: حَطَبَنَا رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَقَالَ: «يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ ثُوبُوا إِلَى اللهِ قَبْلَ أَنْ ثَشْغَلُوا، وَصِلُوا الَّذِي بَيْنَكُمْ وَبَيْنَ رَبِّكُمْ بِكَثْرَةِ ذِكْرِكُمْ لَهُ، وَكُثْرَةِ السَّرِ وَالْعَلَانِيَةِ، ثُرْزَقُوا وَتُنْصَرُوا وَجُعْبَرُوا، وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللهَ قَدِ افْتَرَضَ عَلَيْكُمُ الجُمُعَةَ فِي مَقَامِي هَذَا، الصَّدَقَةِ فِي السِتِرِ وَالْعَلَانِيَةِ، ثُرْزَقُوا وَتُنْصَرُوا وَجُعْبَرُوا، وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللهَ قَدِ افْتَرَضَ عَلَيْكُمُ الجُمُعَةَ فِي مَقَامِي هَذَا، فِي يَوْمِي هَذَا، فِي شَهْرِي هَذَا، مِنْ عَامِي هَذَا إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ، فَمَنْ تَرَكَهَا فِي حَيَاتِي أَوْ بَعْدِي، وَلَهُ إِمَامٌ عَادِلٌ أَوْ جَائِرٌ، اسْتِخْفَافًا بِهَا، أَوْ جُحُودًا لْهَا، فَلَا جَمَعَ الللهُ لَهُ شَمْلُهُ، وَلَا بَارَكَ لَهُ فِي أَمْرِهِ، أَلَا لَا تَؤُمَّنَ امْرَأَةً لَهُ، وَلَا حَبُولُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ، أَلا لَا تَؤُمَّنَ امْرَأَةً لَهُ، وَلا حَبُولُ سَعْمُ وَلَا عَرُولُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ، أَلا لَا تَؤُمَّنَ امْرَأَةً رَبُولُ مَلُولًا إِلَّ أَنْ يَقْهَرَهُ بِسُلْطَانٍ، يَخَافُ سَيْفَهُ وَسَوْطَهُ». 32

"From Jabir bin Abdullah, he said, "The Messenger of Allah delivered a sermon in front of us, he said: "O people, repent to Allah before you die, hasten to do good deeds before you are busy, and connect between you and your Lord by multiplying remembrance of Him, give alms either in secret or

²⁹Syukri dan Muhammad Mutawali Abu Bakar, "Pandangan Amina Wadud Terhadap Perempuan Menjadi Imam Sholat Laki-Laki: Suatu Pendekatan Tafsir Heremeneutik," *Scemata* 9, no. 1 (2020): 15–32, https://doi.org/10.20414/schemata.v9i1.1021.

³⁰Ali Mustafa Yaqub, *Imam Perempuan* (Jakarta: Pustaka Firdaus, 2007), 85.

³¹Yaqub, 24.

³²Muḥammad ibn Yazīd Ibn Mājah, *Sunan Ibn Mājah* (Kairo: Dār Iḥyā' al-Kutub al-'Arabiyyah, n.d.), 1, 343 No. 1081.

openly, surely you will be provided with sustenance, be helped and be fulfilled. Know that Allah has made it obligatory for you to pray Friday prayer at this place of mine, on this day of mine, in this month of mine, and in this year of mine until the Day of Resurrection. Whoever leaves it in my lifetime or after me, and he has a righteous or corrupt imam, then despises or rejects him, Allah will not unite him, and his affairs will not be blessed. Know that there is no prayer, no zakat, no pilgrimage, no fasting, and no good for him until he repents. So whoever repents, Allah will accept his repentance. Know that it is not permissible for a woman to lead a man, a Bedouin to lead a muhajir, and it is not permissible for a sinner to lead an obedient person, unless he forces him with power with the threat of his sword and whip."

The above hadith shows that it is invalid for a woman to be an imam over a man.³³ This is the opinion of the majority of scholars. Laws like this are not only taken from this hadith because of the weakness of this hadith, but several other arguments that explain the law.

Thus, Ali Mustafa discussed the hadith further 34 which is used as the basis by a group that allows women to be the imam of prayers for men with the following narration:

عَنْ أُمِّ وَرَقَةَ بِنْتِ عَبْدِ اللّهِ بْنِ نَوْفَلِ الْأَنْصَارِيَّةِ أَنَّ النَّيِّ صَلَّى اللّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ لَمَّا غَزَا بَدْرًا قَالَتْ قُلْتُ لَهُ يَا رَسُولَ اللّهِ الْذَنْ لِي فِي الْغَنْوِ مَعَكَ أُمَرِّضُ مَرْضَاكُمْ لَعَلَّ اللّهَ أَنْ يَرْزُقَنِي شَهَادَةً قَالَ قَرِّي فِي بَيْتِكِ فَإِنَّ اللّهَ تَعَالَى يَرُوْقَنِي شَهَادَةً قَالَ قَرَاتْ اللّهَ تَعَالَى يَرُوْقَنِي شَهَادَةً قَالَ قَرَاتُ اللّهُ عَلَيْهِ يَرُوْقُنِي اللّهُ عَلَيْهِ مَعْكَ أُمَرِّضُ مُرْضَاكُمْ لَعَلَّ اللّهُ عَلَيْهِ يَرُوْقُنِي شَهَادَةً قَالَ فَكَانَتْ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى الللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ أَنْ تَتَّخِذَ فِي دَارِهَا مُؤَذِنًا فَأَذِنَ لَمَا قَالَ وَكَانَتْ قَدْ دَبَّرَتْ غُلَامًا لَمَا وَجَارِيَةً فَقَامَا إِلَيْهِا بِاللّيْلِ فَعَمَّاهَا وَسَلَّمَ أَنْ تَتَّخِذَ فِي دَارِهَا مُؤَذِنًا فَأَذِنَ لَمَا قَالَ وَكَانَتْ قَدْ دَبَّرَتْ غُلَامًا لَمَا وَجَارِيَةً فَقَامَا إِلَيْهَا بِاللّيْلِ فَعَمَّاهَا بِاللّيْلِ فَعَمَّاهَا بِاللّيْلِ فَعَمَّاهَا مَنْ كَانَ عَنْدَهُ مِنْ هَذَيْنِ عِلْمٌ أَوْ مَنْ رَآهُمَا فَلَا عَلَى وَكَانَتْ وَاللّهَ مَنْ كَانَ عَنْدَهُ مِنْ هَذَيْنِ عِلْمٌ أَوْ مَنْ رَآهُمَ عَلَمُهُ فِي النَّاسِ فَقَالَ مَنْ كَانَ عَنْدَهُ مِنْ هَذَيْنِ عِلْمٌ أَوْ مَنْ رَآهُمَ عَلَى مُنْ عَلْمُ عَلَى اللّهُ عَلَى اللّهُ عَلَى اللّهُ عَلَى اللّهُ عَلَى الللّهِ فَعَلَامَ اللّهُ عَلَى عَنْدَهُ مِنْ هَذَيْنِ عِلْمٌ أَوْ مَنْ رَآهُمُ اللّهُ عَلَيْ اللّهُ عَلَيْهِ اللّهُ عَلَيْهِ الللّهُ عَلَى الللّهُ عَلَيْهِ الللّهُ عَلَى عَلَيْهُ اللّهُ عَلَى الللّهُ عَلَى الللّهُ عَلْمَ الللّهُ عَلَى اللّهُ اللّهُ عَلَى الللّهُ عَلَى اللّهُ عَلَى الللّهُ عَلَى الللّهُ عَلَى اللّهُ عَلَى اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ عَلَى اللللللّهُ عَلَى اللللّهُ عَلَى اللللّهُ عَلَى الللّهُ عَلَى اللللّهُ عَلَيْهِ اللللللّهُ الللللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ الللّهُ الللّهُ اللّهُ الللّهُ الللهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ الللّهُ اللللّهُ الللّهُ اللللّهُ الللللّهُ الللللّهُ الللهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ الللّهُ الللللّهُ اللللللهُ الللللّهُ اللللللّهُ الللللّهُ الللللللّهُ الللللللّهُ الللللّهُ الللللللهُ اللللللللللهُ اللللللللللهُ الللللللللّهُ ا

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³³Muḥammad ibn 'Alī As-Syawkānī, *Nayl Al-Awṭār* (Mesir: Dār al-Ḥadīth, 1993), 3, 194. Dan 'Abd ar-Raḥmān ibn Aḥmad Ibn Rajab, *Fatḥ Al-Bārī Syarḥ Ṣaḥīḥ Al-Buhkārī* (Kairo: Maktab Tahqīq Dār al-Haramain, 1996), 6, 195.

³⁴Yaqub, *Imam Perempuan*, 31.

³⁵Sulaimān ibn Asy'as ibn Ishāq Abū Dāwūd, *Sunan Abī Dāwūd* (Beirut: al-Maktabah al-'Asrīyah, n.d.), 1, 161 No. 592.

"From Umm Waraqah bint Abdillah bin Naufal al-Ansariyah, that she asked the Prophet SAW when she was going to the battle of Badr: O Messenger of Allah, allow me to participate in the war with you to care for sick soldiers. May Allah grant me martyrdom. He replied: "Stay in your homes, verily Allah will grant you martyrdom." The narrator of this hadith said: That is why she is called a shahida. She is also an expert on the Qur'an. After that, she asked the Prophet for permission to be allowed to appoint someone in her house to give the call to prayer, and then the Prophet allowed it. She had changed the status of his two male and female slaves as Mudabbar slaves (slaves who were promised freedom after the death of their master). One night, the two slaves got up and went to her, and covered her face with a cloth until the woman died, while the two slaves fled. On the next day, Umar stood in front of the crowd, and said: Whoever knows these two or sees these two slaves, bring them here! After being caught, they were ordered to be crucified. These two slaves were the first to be crucified in the city of Medina.

In another narration, from Umm Waraqah bint Abdullah bin al-Harith with this hadith, but the first one is more complete. She said: Rasulullah SAW once visited her house and he appointed a muadh in the call to prayer for her and allowed Umm Waraqah to be the imam of the family. Abdurrahman said: I saw an old man calling the call to prayer."

There are several interpretations of this hadith. Some scholars explained that Umm Waraqah became the imam of family prayers, and the people who lived in her house were women and small children. Others explain that the makmum referred to in this hadith were not only women and small children, but there was an old man.³⁶ This hadith is considered to be one proof of the shift in the role of women in the life of Arab society at the time of the Prophet SAW after women were considered unable to play a role in the life of Arab society during the Jahiliyah era.³⁷

³⁶Muḥammad Asyraf ibn Amīr al-'Azīm Al-Ābādī, 'Awn Al-Ma'būd Syarḥ Sunan Abī Dāwūd (Beirut: Dār al-Kutub al-'Ilmīyah, 1415), 2, 212. Dan As-Syawkānī, Nayl Al-Awtār, 3, 196.

³⁷Muhammad Mahsus, "Tafsir Kontekstual Dan Eksistensi Perempuan Serta Implikasinya Terhadap Penyetaraan Bagian Waris Laki-Laki Dan Perempuan," *JIL: Journal of Islamic Law* 1, no. 1 (2020): 35, https://doi.org/10.24260/jil.v1i1.19.

From the point of view of authoritative Islamic jurisprudence in the four schools of jurisprudence, the scholars agree that it is haraam for women to become male imams in congregational prayers.³⁸

In *Female Imam* book, Ali Mustafa draws a conclusion regarding the hadith of Umm Waraqah that the hadith which was mentioned as a proposition by Abū aur and al-Muzanī for the issue of female imam turned out to be a weak hadith which could not be used as a proof because it was not corroborated by other narrations. The weak point of this hadith chain is a narrator named al-Walīd ibn Juma'ī who is considered a controversial person among hadith experts. Some hadith scholars such as Yaḥyā ibn Sa'īd, Ibn ibbān, and al-Ḥākim accept his narration, but dispute his character. Abū Dāwūd, Aḥmad, and Abū Zur'ah considered him a fair person, but did not have any shortcomings in his memorization.³⁹ Suryadilaga has different opinion. He concludes that this hadith was considered valid because all of its narrators were accepted, including al-Walīd ibn Juma'ī.⁴⁰

If the hadith is accepted as authentic, then it must be understood by comparing it with other narrations which state that Umm Waraqah was allowed to lead the women in her house. 41

In this case, Ali Mustafa's thoughts are in conflict with Liberal and Feminist groups such as Husein Muhammad which was published on the Islamlib website under the title "Women may lead men". The article is based on the thoughts of Husein Muhammad who was interviewed by Ulil Abshar in 2005. The approach taken by Husein Muhammad is based on a search for the fiqh opinions of mazhab scholars, including Abū aur, al-Tabarī, and al-Muzanī.⁴²

³⁸Wahbah Az-Zuḥailī, *Al-Fiqh Al-Islāmī Wa Adillatuh* (Beirut: Dār al-Fikr, 2007), 2, 1194–95. Lihat juga: Ahmad Sarwat, "Wanita Haram Menjadi Imam Buat Laki-Laki," Rumah Fikih Indonesia, 2012, https://rumahfiqih.com/x.php?id=1330332554.

³⁹Yaqub, *Imam Perempuan*, 34–43.

⁴⁰M. Alfatih Suryadilaga, "Hadis-Hadis Tentang Perempuan Sebagai Imam Shalat," *Musawa* 10, no. 1 (2011): 1–32, https://doi.org/10.14421/musawa.2011.101.1-32.

⁴¹Yaqub, *Imam Perempuan*, 35.

⁴²IslamLib, "Husein Muhammad Perempuan Boleh Mengimami Laki-Laki," IslamLib, 2005. Husein Muhammad, *Figh Perempuan: Refleksi Kiai Atas Wacana Agama*

Women's leadership has indeed become a debate among scholars, both in the context of congregational prayers and in the context of institutional positions. Issues about the weakness of women's ability to lead men, lack of reason, weakness of faith, superiority of men over women, and so on have become a point of debate between traditionalist and feminist groups. Aṣ-Ṣan'ānī is one of the figures who reject this permission.⁴³

This explains that Ali Mustafa strongly adheres to the jurisprudence of the four schools of thought, especially the Imam Shafi'i School which is the dominant school in Indonesia. The term Indonesian Islam actually refers to the practice of actualizing the teachings of Islam in Indonesia. Even though Indonesian Muslims believe in the pillars of faith and practice the pillars of Islam and other worships that are the same as Muslims in other countries, they have their own distinctiveness in the actualization of their Islamic socio-cultural life which is not found in other countries. Indonesian Muslims have a distinctive social system and tradition by embracing Asy'arīyah and Mātūrīdīyah theology which is complemented by the Shafi'i school of jurisprudence such as the practice of tawassul, pilgrimage to graves, and so on.⁴⁴

Ali Mustafa's understanding cannot be separated from the opinion of Hasyim Asy'ari who said that an adult man should not be a makmum for a female imam.⁴⁵ This type of genealogy of understanding is called by

Dan Gender (Yogyakarta: LKiS, 2001), 32–43. Dan Syamsurijal S., "Kontroversi Imam Perempuan: Studi Maudhu'iy Terhadap Hadist-Hadist Imam Perempuan Dalam Shalat," *Al-Fikr* 2016, no. 20 (n.d.): 249, http://journal.uin-alauddin.ac.id/index.php/alfikr/article/view/2319.

⁴³Fatihunnada and Ulfa Fauziah Anis, "San'ani's View on Women Authority in the Book of Subul Al-Salam | ولاية المرأة عند الصنعاني في سبل السلام," *AL-Zahra : Journal for Islamic and Arabic Studies* 16, no. 1 (2019): 91–118, https://doi.org/10.15408/zr.v16i1.12281. dan Muḥammad ibn Ismā'īl Aṣ-Ṣan'ānī, *Subul As-Salām Syarḥ Bulūg Al-Marām* (Dammam: Dār ibn al-Jauzī, 1461), 8, 64.

⁴⁴Martin van Bruinessen, "Traditionalist and Islamist Pesantrens in Contemporary Indonesia," in *The Madrasa in Asia* (Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press, 2008), 221. Dan Azra, *Islam Nusantara, Jaringan Global Dan Lokal*.

⁴⁵Hāsyim Asy'arī, "Jāmi'at Al-Maqāṣid Fī Bayān Mabādi' Al-Tawḥīd Wa Al-Fiqh Wa Al-Taṣawwuf Li Al-Murīd," in *Irsyād Al-Sārī Fī Jam' Muṣannafāt Al-Syaykh Hāsyim Asy'arī* (Jombang: Al-Maktabah al-Masrūrīvah, n.d.), 18.

Foucault as a form of succession.⁴⁶ Ali Mustafa gave an explanation of the law of a woman who became imam of prayer for men with an explanation of fiqh in the four schools of thought and a description of the hadith that described the case of a woman becoming a male imam at the time of the Prophet. Hasyim Asy'ari is the founding figure of NU who is a representative of the religious thought of the Nahdlatul Ulama community.

On the other hand, Ali Mustafa also based his understanding of classical scholars such as Imam Shafi'i in the field of fiqh and classical hadith scribes such as Ibn Rajab,⁴⁷ al-Qasṭalānī,⁴⁸ and others.

Understanding Tawassul Hadith with Prophet Muhammad

In reviewing this matter, Ali Mustafa begins by quoting the opinion of Ibn Taimīyah in his Majmū' Fatāwā al-Imām Ibn Taimīyah that it is permissible to repent in the name of the prophet Muhammad. Ibn Taimyah does not use the term tawasul with the name of the prophet Muhammad, but uses the term repentance. Ali Mustafa saw that this was no different, so he reviewed tawasul in the name of the prophet Muhammad with a quote from Ibn Taimīyah's opinion. According to him, repenting is included in the category of praying with tawasul.⁴⁹

Ibn Taimīyah is a main figure of Wahhabism because many Wahhabi-Salafi groups base their opinions on Ibn Taimīyah.⁵⁰ Not only in the matter of tawasul, the Wahhabi-Salafi group also quoted Ibn Taimīyah 's opinion on several issues such as visiting graves and so on.⁵¹ In addition

⁴⁶Foucault, *The Archeology of Knowledge and Discourse on Language*, 108.

⁴⁷Ibn Rajab, Fath Al-Bārī Syarh Sahīh Al-Buhkārī, 6, 195.

⁴⁸Aḥmad ibn Muḥammad al-Qasṭalānī, *Irsyād Al-Sārī Li Syarḥ Ṣaḥīḥ Al-Buhkārī* (Kairo: Al-Maṭba'ah al-Kubrā al-Amīrīyah, 1323), 5, 238.

⁴⁹Ali Mustafa Yaqub, *Titik Temu Wahabi-NU* (Jakarta: Maktabah Darus-Sunnah, 2016), 57. Dan Aḥmad ibn 'Abd al-Ḥalīm al-Ḥarranī Ibn Taimīyah, *Majmú' Al-Fatāwā* (Madinah: Majma' al-Malik Fahd, 1995), 2, 150.

⁵⁰ Mansur Mangasing, "Muhammad Ibn 'Abd Al-Wahhab Dan Gerakan Wahabi," *Jurnal Hunafa* 5, no. 3 (2008): 323, https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.24239/jsi.v5i3.181.319-328.

⁵¹A. G. Muhaimin, *The Islamic Traditions of Cirebon: Ibadat and Adat Among Javanese Muslims* (Canberra: ANU E Press, 2006), 159. Dan Hamza Mustapha, *The Al-Nusra Front: From Formation to Dissension* (Doha: Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies, 2014), 1.

to the Wahhabi group from the Salafis, the Salafi Jihadi group also refers a lot to the opinion of Ibn Taimīyah from the classical community to strengthen their ideology.⁵² Ali Mustafa also refers a lot to the work of al-Albani in the study of hadith.⁵³

The practice of tawassul agreed upon by every Islamic religious group is tawassul with good deeds that have been done. This is illustrated by a person's request to Allah SWT through the intermediary of good deeds that he has done in the past, such as serving his parents, giving charity, helping others in need, praying at night, sunnah fasting, reading the Qur'an, performing Umrah. , Hajj, and so on. ⁵⁴

In practice, tawasul with the prophet Muhammad is read in religious activities of the Indonesian Muslim community in commemorating the death of someone in a series of tahlilan readings.⁵⁵ It is believed that apart from being able to provide benefits/reward to the deceased, it can also have a positive impact on the performers of the rituals presented from the aspects of belief, worship, and morals.

Ali Mustafa quoted Ibn Taimīyah 's explanation which states that the hadith of the repentance of the prophet Adam under the name of the prophet Muhammad was narrated by several hadith narrators. Imam Ibn Taimiyah said: "It is narrated that Allah wrote his name (name of Muhammad) on the Throne (Arasy) and the objects in Paradise, namely doors, qubah and leaves. In this case, there are many narrations that are in line with authentic hadiths that explain repentance in the name of Muhammad and exalt its mention at that time". 56

 $^{^{52}}$ Mordechai and David Yerushalmi Kedar, "Sharia Adherence Mosque Survey: Correlations between Sharia Adherence and Violent Dogma in U.S. Mosques," Perspectives on Terrorism 5, no. 5–6 (2011): 83, http://www.terrorismanalysts.com/pt/index.php/pot/article/view/sharia-adherence-mosque-survey.

⁵³M. Rizki Syahrul Ramadhan, "Metode Kritik Hadis Ali Mustafa Yaqub; Antara Teori Dan Aplikasi," *Nabawi: Journal of Hadith Studies* 1, no. 1 (2020): 39–40.

⁵⁴Desri Nengsih, "Tawassul Dalam Perspektif Hadis (Kajian Terhadap Hadis Kisah Tiga Pemuda Terperangkap Dalam Goa)," *Jurnal Ulunnuha* 9, no. 1 (2020): 74–92.

⁵⁵Jerry Hendrajaya and Amru Almu'tasim, "Tradisi Selamatan Kematian Nyatus Nyewu: Implikasi Nilai Pluralisme Islam Jawa," *Jurnal Lektur Keagamaan* 17, no. 2 (2019): 445, https://doi.org/10.31291/jlk.v17i2.756.

⁵⁶Yaqub, *Titik Temu Wahabi-NU*, 58.

Overall, the hadiths about this have a degree of authenticity. The following hadiths are considered mutually reinforcing to achieve the degree of authentic hadith.

"A friend asked the prophet: O Messenger of Allah, when did you become a prophet? The prophet replied: when the prophet Adam was still between the spirit and the body."

According to al-Albani, this hadith falls into the category of daif or weak. 58

The meaning of this hadith has several views among scholars. Some scholars understand this hadith that Allah created the souls before the body. Therefore, the words of the Prophet "I have become a prophet" above are a sign to the spirit of the Prophet, not the body. The essence of prophethood is known only by Allah and Allah's chosen people. The essence of prophethood is also only given to people who are chosen by Allah at the time appointed by Allah. Therefore, the prophethood of the prophet Muhammad existed before the creation of the prophet Adam. After the prophet Muhammad was born, the prophetic traits were born and given by Allah to the prophet Muhammad.⁵⁹

Ibn Ḥajar al-Ḥaitamī mentions several other understandings of the scholars. Among them is that the prophethood of Muhammad was created in the spirit world earlier than the creation of the prophet Adam. This means that the creation of Muhammad as a prophet was already famous in the realm of spirits among the Angels. Another opinion says that the prophethood of Muhammad existed before the creation of the prophet Adam in the knowledge of Allah. Another opinion comes from al-Gazālī who asserts that the meaning of this hadith is that the prophet Muhammad had already become a prophet than the creation of the

⁵⁷Aḥmad ibn Muhḥammad ibn Ḥanbal As-Syaibānī, *Musnad Al-Imām Aḥmad Ibn Ḥanbal* (Beirut: Mu'assasah ar-Risālah, 2001), 27, 176 No. 16623.

⁵⁸Muḥammad Nāṣir al-Dīn ibn al-Ḥājj Nūḥ Al-Albānī, *Silsilat Al-Aḥādīs Aḍ- Pa'īfah Wa Al-Mauḍū'Ah Wa Aṣaruhā as-Sayyi' Fī Al-Ummah* (Riyadh: Dār al-Ma'ārif, 1420), 1, 474; 2, 115; 12, 468; dan 12, 469.

 $^{^{59}}$ Abd al-Raḥmān ibn Abī Bakr As-Suyūṭī, *Al-Ḥāwī Li Al-Fatāwā* (Beirut: Dār al-Kutub al-ʻIlmīyah, 2004), 2, 100–101.

prophet Adam in destiny, not in creation, while in creation, the prophet Adam was born before the prophet Muhammad.⁶⁰

Furthermore, Ali Mustafa explains Hasyim Asy'ari's opinion by explaining the similarities between Hasyim Asy'ari and Ibn Taimīyah. In comparing and unifying the opinions of Hasyim Asy'ari and Ibn Taimīyah, Ali Mustafa also received criticism from Nur Khalik Ridwan (2015) that Hasyim Asy'ari himself viewed Ibn Taimīyah and Muḥammad 'Abd al-Wahhāb as people who forbid what the muslim people agreed upon.

This can be seen in the book of Aswaja's Treatise⁶¹ which mentions: "Traditional groups that still exist hold fast to the doctrines desired by the salafush sholih, adhere to one particular school of thought, adhere to the circulating mu'tabarah books, love the stanza experts, the saints, and pious people, hope blessing for those who are still alive and those who have died, perform rituals of worship such as pilgrimage to the grave, mentalqin for the dead, shadaqah for the dead, and believe in intercession or help, the benefits of prayer, doing tawasul, and so on".⁶²

Ali Mustafa has an opinion that is close to NU ideology, such as the results of a study by the Bahtsul Masail NU Institute from the Salafiyah Syafi'iyah Islamic Boarding School Nurul Huda Mergosono Malang⁶³

about the permissibility of tawasul because of the miracles of the prophets, the Karāmah of the guardians, and the Ma'ūnah of the pious scholars were not interrupted by their death. This was confirmed by Yūsuf ibn Isḥāq an-Nabhānī in the book of Syawāhid al-Ḥaqq as follows:

⁶⁰Aḥmad ibn Muḥammad Ibn Ḥajar Al-Ḥaitamī, *Asyraf Al-Wasā'il Ilā Fahm as-Syamā'il* (Beirut: Dār al-Kutub al-ʻIlmīyah, 1998), 34–35.

⁶¹Hāsyim Asy'arī, "Risālat Ahl Al-Sunnah Wa Al-Jamā'ah," in *Irsyād Al-Sārī Fī Jam' Muṣannafāt Al-Syaykh Hāsyim Asy'arī* (Jombang: Al-Maktabah al-Masrūrīyah, n.d.), 9.

⁶²Nur Khalik Ridwan, "Tanggapan Atas Tulisan KH Ali Mustafa Yaqub Soal Wahabi-NU," Nu Online, 2015.

⁶³Admin, "Tahlil Dan Tawasul Untuk Mayit," Nurul Huda, accessed February 11, 2021, https://ppssnh.malang.pesantren.web.id/cgibin/content.cgi/masail/aula/tahun_1996/05.single.

وَيَجُوزُ التَّوَسُّلُ كِمِمْ إِلَى اللهِ تَعَالَى، وَالإِسْتِغَاثَةُ بِالأَنْبِيَاءِ وَالمُوْسَلِيْنَ وَالعُلَمَاءِ وَالصَّالِيْنَ بَعْدَ مَوتِهِمْ لأَنَّ مُعْجِزَةَ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ وَكَرَمَاتِ الأَولِيَاءِ لاَتَنْقَطِعُ بِالمُوتِ. 64

"It is permissible to rely on them (the prophets and guardians) to ask Allah, and they may ask for help through the intermediaries of the Prophets, Apostles, scholars and pious people after they died because of the miracles of the Prophets and the Karomah of the guardians were not cut off by death."

In this matter, Ali Mustafa are at odds with the Wahhabis. His opinions and comments strongly oppose Wahhabi accusations of NU worship practices such as tawasul in the name of the prophet Muhammad which are considered heretical, shirk, and infidels.

If we look more deeply, actually the *Wahabi-NU Meeting Point* book is an attempt to straighten out Wahhabi accusations against some of NU's worship practices. Therefore, his thoughts on this issue are not in line with the thoughts of the Wahhabi group that has spread among Indonesian Muslims recently.

This confirms that Ali Mustafa has NU ideological roots that allow and encourage the practice of tawasul in the name of the Prophet Muhammad in particular, or in the name of pious people and guardians in general by adhering to Ash'arīyah and Mātūrīdīyah theology which is complemented by the Imam Shafi'i school of fiqh.⁶⁵ The tradition of scientific transmission in NU's intellectual culture is very strong in figures and institutions such as Bahtsul Masail NU to preserve Islamic teachings through the continuity of thoughts and ways of thinking from classical scholars.⁶⁶

⁶⁴Yūsuf ibn Isḥāq An-Nabhānī, *Syawāhid Al-Ḥaqq Fī Al-Istigāsah Bi Sayyid Al-Khalq* (Beirut: Dār al-Kutub al-'Ilmīyah, 2007), 118.

⁶⁵Azyumardi Azra, "Islam Indonesia: Kontribusi Pada Peradaban Global," *Prisma* 29, no. 4 (2010): 83–91, https://www.prismajurnal.com/issues.php?id=54666a8e-56c0-11e3-a6cc-429e1b0bc2fa&bid=29ac1eea-56b8-11e3-a6cc-429e1b0bc2fa.

⁶⁶Hilmy Pratomo, "Transformasi Metode Bahtsul Masail Nu Dalam Berinteraksi Dengan Al-Qur'an," *Jurnal Lektur Keagamaan* 18, no. 1 (2020): 132, https://doi.org/10.31291/jlk.v18i1.620.

Ali Mustafa's understanding cannot be separated from the opinion of Hasyim Asy'ari who says that tawassul is one of the traditions of the Aswaja group. This type of genealogical understanding is called by Foucault as a form of succession. Ali Mustafa gives an explanation of the law of tawassul with a description of the hadith that describes the prophet Adam pleading with Allah by mentioning the name of the prophet Muhammad as a form of tawassul. Hasyim Asy'ari is the founding figure of NU who is a representative of the religious thought of the Nahdlatul Ulama community who has the character of ahlus sunnah wal-jama'ah.

Understanding the Hadith of Jihad and Terrorists

Ali Mustafa argues that the terrorist behavior that recently occurred in Indonesia such as the Bali bombings and others is not included in the practice of jihad according to Islam. Ali Mustafa has considerable attention to the phenomenon of radicalism and terrorism in Indonesia.⁶⁷

The Bali bombing was one of a series of terrors that occurred in Indonesia in the name of religion. The terror that made several other countries increased their anticipation of the emergence of terror in their countries. Australia was one of the countries that had taken steps to be prepared to deal with potential terrors such as the Bali bombings which injured 75 Australian citizens in Bali.⁶⁸ This act of terror is not only aimed at spreading terror in the community, but also to gain financial benefits through the internet.⁶⁹

The main hadith which is used as the basis for discussing the concept of jihad in Islam is the hadith about the absence of jihad after the hijrah period with the following narration:

⁶⁷Adriansyah Nz, "Shifting Paradigm Pemahaman Hadis Di Indonesia (Studi Interpretasi Kontekstual Ali Mustafa Ya'Qub Terhadap Hadis-Hadis Hubungan Dengan Non-Muslim)," *Jurnal Ilmu Agama: Mengkaji Doktrin, Pemikiran, Dan Fenomena Agama* 20, no. 2 (2019): 2019, https://doi.org/10.19109/jia.v20i2.5077.

⁶⁸Paul Barnes, "North of 26 South and the Security of Australia, Views from The Strategist," *Australian Strategic Policy Institute*, 2019, 11–12, https://www.jstor.org/stable/resrep23032.

⁶⁹Louise I. Shelley, "Illicit Trade and Terrorism," *Perspectives on Terrorism* 14, no. 4 (2020): 9, https://www.jstor.org/stable/26927661.

عَنِ ابْنِ عَبَّاسٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا، قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: «لاَ هِجْرَةَ بَعْدَ الفَتْح، وَلَكِنْ جِهَادٌ وَنِيَّةٌ، وَإِذَا اسْتُنْفِرْتُمْ فَانْفِرُوا». 70

"There is no emigration (hijrah) after the conquest of Mecca, but the obligation of jihad and intention. And if you are asked to run, then run."

In addition to the hadith about jihad and hijrah above, Ali Mustafa also discusses other traditions related to the concept of jihad during war in Islam⁷¹ with the following narration:

عَنْ أَبِي عِمْرَانَ الْجُوْدِيِّ، أَنَّ أَبَا بَكْرٍ رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ بَعَثَ يَزِيدَ بْنَ أَبِي سُفْيَانَ إِلَى الشَّامِ، فَمَشَى مَعَهُ يُشَيِّعُهُ، قَالَ يَزِيدُ بْنُ أَبِي سُفْيَانَ: إِنِي آكْرَهُ أَنْ تَكُونَ مَاشِيًا وَأَنَا رَاكِبٌ. قَالَ: فَقَالَ: "إِنَّكَ حَرَجْتَ غَازِيًا فِي سَبِيلِ اللهِ، وَإِنِي أَحْتَسِبُ فِي مَشْيِي هَذَا مَعَكَ. ثُمُّ أَوْصَاهُ، فَقَالَ: " لَا تَقْتُلُوا صَبِيًّا، وَلَا امْرَأَةً، وَلا شَيْحًا كَبِيرًا، وَلا مَرِيضًا، وَلا رَاهِبًا، وَلا تَقْطَعُوا مُثْمِرًا، وَلا تُخْرِبُوا عَامِرًا، وَلا تَعْرِقُوا نَخْلًا، وَلا تَعْرَقُوهُ ".⁷²
تَذْبُحُوا بَعِيرًا وَلَا بَقَرَةً إِلَّا لِمَأْكُلِ، وَلا تُغْرِقُوا خَلْلًا، وَلا تُحْرِقُوهُ ".⁷²

"Abu Bakar sent Yazid ibn Abi Sufyan to the land of Sham, then he walked with him to escort him. Yazid ibn Abi Sufyan said, "Indeed, I do not like you walking, while I am riding a horse. He (the narrator of the hadith) said, and then Abu Bakar replied: Verily you will go out to fight in the way of Allah, while I seek reward when walking with you. Then Abu Bakar advised him by saying: Do not kill children, women, old people, sick people and priests. Do not cut down fruit trees. Don't damage the building. Do not slaughter a camel or a cow except for food. Don't drown the wasp's nest and burn it."

The two hadiths above do provide an illustration that jihad is a teaching of the Islamic religion that is still recommended, including jihad by waging war against religious enemies.⁷³

In his view of terrorists, Ali Mustafa tries to provide a deep understanding of the Islamic response to Jihad and terrorists because most people think that this terrorist movement stems from an

⁷⁰Ibn Mājah, *Sunan Ibn Mājah*, 4, 15 No. 2783.

⁷¹Yagub, *Islam Is Not Only for Muslims*, 147.

⁷²Aḥmad ibn al-Ḥusain ibn 'Alī Al-Baihaqī, *As-Sunan Al-Kubrā* (Beirut: Dār al-Kutub al-'Ilmīyah, 2003), 9, 153 No. 18152.

⁷³Aḥmad ibn 'Alī Ibn Ḥajar Al-'Asqalānī, *Fatḥ Al-Bārī Syarḥ Ṣaḥīḥ Al-Bukhārī* (Beirut: Dār al-Ma'rifah, 1397), 6, 39.

understanding of the concept of Jihad in Islam, so they attach the label of terrorists to Islam only because of the behavior of some muslims who understands Jihad from his own point of view. It is also used by news media to improve the reputation of newspapers by framing several issues related to terror and Islam.⁷⁴

On the other hand, suicide bombers in terrorist activities also believed that the terror they carry out was a jihadi behavior that will give honor to themselves with the label of martyrdom.⁷⁵ This illustrates that terrorists actually do not understand the concept of jihad in Islam well, let alone understand well the texts of the Qur'an and hadith that discuss jihad, so they are easily provoked to commit acts of terror only with the lure of heaven.⁷⁶

Ali Mustafa tries to explain the true concept of jihad in Islam by mentioning three striking differences between Jihad and terrorism in Islam, 1) Jihad in Islam is obligatory, while terrorism in Islam is haraam; 2) Jihad in Islam must be based on orders from a leader or president, while terrorism can be carried out by individuals without obtaining permission and orders from the leader or president; and 3) Jihad in Islam has provisions that must be obeyed, such as not being allowed to fight civilians who do not participate in fighting Islam, meaning that only people who are fighting Islam can be fought and killed, while terrorists will justify any means to achieve their goals by fighting and killing everyone indiscriminately and for a definite reason.⁷⁷ A comprehensive method of several narrations was carried out by Ali Mustafa in understanding the hadiths about jihad, terror, and intolerance of

⁷⁴P. Ari Subagyo, "Representasi Frame Dalam Latar Belakang Wacana Tajuk Tentang Terorisme," *Litera: Jurnal Penelitian Bahasa, Sastra, Dan Pengajarannya* 15, no. 1 (2016): 173–88, https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.21831/ltr.v15i1.9777.

⁷⁵Herlina dan Ahmad Ali Nurdin Nurani, "Pandangan Keagamaan Pelaku Bom Bunuh Diri Di Indonesia," *Journal of Islamic Studies and Humanities* 3, no. 1 (2018): 99–100, https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.21580/jish.31.2936. dan Ali Mustafa Yaqub, *Ijtihad, Terorisme, Dan Liberalisme* (Jakarta: Pustaka Firdaus, 2015), 51.

⁷⁶Agus Handoko, "Analisis Kejahatan Terorisme Bergedok Agama," *Salam* 6, no. 2 (2019): 176, https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.15408/sjsbs.v6i2.11041.

⁷⁷Yaqub, Islam Is Not Only for Muslims, 146–47.

interactions with other religious groups.⁷⁸ The meaning of the jihad hadith according to Ali Mustafa has received the spotlight of hadith reviewers because the misunderstanding of the concept of jihad in Islam can lead to a bad assessment of Islamic teachings.⁷⁹

In this case, Ali Mustafa Yaqub can provide the right answer to the accusations of some observers who view Islam as a terrorist religion. He also provides a deep understanding of the true concept of Jihad in Islam, so that it can be understood by the Indonesian Muslim community. Therefore, they are able to maintain the existence of moderate Indonesian Islam, and understand that it is not easy to spill the blood of fellow human beings on the basis of religious differences. Since several suicide bombings in the Bali I and II bombings, the Marriot Hotel, the Ritz Carlton, the Medan bombing, the Sigi attack, the Makasar Cathedral church bombing, and other suicide bombings, Indonesian people have begun to discuss the concept of Jihad in Islam. This theme seems to be a daily consumptive topic that really needs to be emphasized, considering that the Jihad ideology of radical groups still persists in Indonesia.⁸⁰

In this matter, Ali Mustafa has opposing thoughts with radical groups such as Laskar Jihad (LJ), East Indonesia Mujahidin (MIT), Jamaah Ansharud Daulah (JAD), and others who have entered Indonesia, although they have not shown a terrorist movement.⁸¹ Ali Mustafa strongly criticized jihadist groups in Indonesia because of a misunderstanding in understanding the hadith, so that actions appeared in the name of jihad, then resulted in creating Islamophobia in Indonesia.⁸²

Jihadist groups also use the bai'at hadith to instill doctrinalism of their followers. Bai'at is a symbol of one's religious submission to the

⁷⁸Azis Arifin, "Penerapan Metode Ali Mustafa Yaqub Dalam Memahami Hadis Intoleransi Antar Umat Beragama," *Jurnal Holistic Al-Hadis* 6, no. 1 (2020): 14–17.

⁷⁹Lasman Azis, "Jihad Perspektif Hadis," *Al-Tasyri'iy* 2, no. 1 (2019): 1–8.

⁸⁰Harris Yonatan Parmahan Sibue, "Upaya Penanggulangan Terorisme Di Indonesia," *Isu Sepekan* 1, no. 1 (2021), https://berkas.dpr.go.id/puslit/files/isu_sepekan/Isu Sepekan---I-P3DI-April-2021-215.pdf.

⁸¹V Arianti and Nur Aziemah Azman, "The IS Threat in Indonesia," *Counter Terrorist Trends and Analyses* 11, no. 7 (2019): 2–4.

⁸²Asena Karipek, "Portrayals of Jihad: A Cause of Islamophobia," *Islamophobia Studies Journal* 5, no. 2 (2020): 214, https://doi.org/10.13169/islastudj.5.2.0210.

leader. If a person does not take bai'at in his life, then he is declared dead in a state of being lost.⁸³

Ali Mustafa is heavily influenced by the NU ideology in fighting the radical ideology that developed in Indonesia. Muhammadiyah and Nahdlatul Ulama (NU) are examples of the most productive organizations to oversee dialogue among the Islamic community with a view for tackling and resisting attacks from radicalism. ⁸⁴

Ali Mustafa's understanding cannot be separated from the opinion of Hasyim Asy'ari who says that the Khawarij group which is the root of the understanding of radical and terrorist groups is a deviant group that misunderstands the concept of jihad in Islam.⁸⁵ This type of genealogical understanding is called by Foucault as a form of succession.⁸⁶ Ali Mustafa gives an explanation of the law of jihad with the practice of terror with a description of the hadith about the concept of jihad on the battlefield in Islamic teachings and the hadith about the rules for carrying out jihad orders on the battlefield. Hasyim Asy'ari is the founding figure of NU who is a representative of the religious thought of the Nahdlatul Ulama community who has the moderate Ahlus Sunnah wal-Jama'ah character in understanding Islamic teachings.

Conclusion

The genealogy of Ali Mustafa's understanding is strongly influenced by several sources such as NU, Wahabi, Occidentalism, and the understanding of classical scholars. NU through its main figure, Hasyim Asy'ari, becomes the dominant source for understanding Ali Mustafa's hadith, especially on issues of aqidah and fiqh. In social issues such as jihad, Ali Mustafa still has roots in NU's understanding which is strong with moderate character.

Ali Mustafa tried to understand the hadith in stages, started with the textual method to maintain the authenticity of the revelation in the

⁸³Carlos Igualada and Javier Yagüe, "The Use of Bay'ah by the Main Salafi-Jihadist Groups," *Perspectives on Terrorism* 15, no. 1 (2021): 45.

⁸⁴Tarmizi Taher, Membendung Radikalisme (Jakarta: CMM Press, 2004), 5.

⁸⁵ Hāsyim Asy'arī, "Risālat Ahl Al-Sunnah Wa Al-Jamā'ah," 24.

⁸⁶Foucault, *The Archeology of Knowledge and Discourse on Language*, 108.

hadith when it was spoken by the Prophet, then continued with the contextual method to provide a more rational understanding when the hadith was put into practice. Contextualization of hadith is an attempt to understand religious texts comprehensively by comparing them to the texts of the Qur'an and other traditions and paying attention to the conditions of the birth of hadith and contextual conditions, so that it provides a picture of understanding of the matters which is difficult to understand. If this step is not taken when understanding the text, then it is considered as leading opinion on religious texts.

Ali Mustafa was influenced by current development in understanding hadith contextually by referring to aspects outside the hadith text such as the causes of the birth of hadith, local and temporal, sentence causality, and socio-cultural. On the other hand, Ali Mustafa was also heavily influenced by the Nahdlatul Ulama ideology which adheres to the Shafi'iyah school of jurisprudence and the Ash'ariyah and Maturidiyah beliefs, and has moderate principles in religion. Therefore, the influence of Ali Mustafa's education in Indonesia through Islamic boarding schools is stronger than his educational experience in Saudi Arabia.

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