

Biography Of Hasan Ayyub And His Contributions In The Field Of Writing: An Analysis

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Abstract

Hasan Ayyub is a preacher in the Islamic world who is famous for one of his contributions in the field of writing. He was born in Egypt and has inspired many individuals in the Islamic world. His expertise in da'wah, especially in delivering lectures, as well as his skills in writing have helped spread Islamic knowledge. Hasan Ayyub has produced many important works that cover various aspects of Islamic religious knowledge, especially in the field of Fiqh. His famous works include "al-Khulafā al-Rāshidūn," "al-Fiqh al-Shāmil" and "Qasas al-Anbiyā" as well as the leading Islamic encyclopedia, "al-Mawsū'ah al-Islāmiyyah al-Muyassarah." His contribution in this field of writing has made a significant contribution to the understanding and dissemination of Islamic knowledge. The research methodology includes document analysis and semi-structured interviews. The findings of this study shed light on his biography and contribution in the development of scholarly works that include preaching and teaching in the world of da'wah as well as explaining his tendencies in the field of Fiqh.

Keywords: Hasan Ayyub, Writing, Contribution, Islamic Knowledge, Scholar

Introduction

Islam is a religion that encourages its people to take inspiration from the lives of previous figures who have made great contributions to humanity. Appreciating the services of these past figures is a practice that reflects the values of goodness in the development of human civilization. In evaluating a figure, we need to know him well and fairly so as not to make a mistake in making an evaluation. According to Aniqah and Zuliza (2020), the contribution of a Muslim figure can have a great impact on the development of Islam and the pattern of life among the community. In this era of information explosion, among the figures who have a significant influence is Hasan Muhammad Ayyub. He is a figure who made great contributions in the field of education, da'wah, writing, and the development of Islamic knowledge in Egypt, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. His books have become widely used references, including in religious institutions in Malaysia (Federal Territory Mufti Office, 2019). There is a continuation in the

publication and printing of his books even after his death, indirectly showing the great impact produced by him and this can be seen from the printing of the publication in Maktabah Darul Salam, Cairo, Egypt which reached the fifth printing for the work of *Tabsīṭ al-'Aqā'id al-Islāmiyyah* in 2021 and likewise with other works. Therefore, it is important to do further research on this figure. In this context, there is still a lack of research and writing about the importance of Hasan Ayyub, especially in Malaysia.

Therefore, the study of the figure of Hasan Ayyub in Malaysia is important and needs to be done. This article will discuss aspects of the character's biography, academic achievements and his contribution to the development of scientific works. This includes aspects of teaching, academic writing, and his involvement in the world of preaching. Hassan Ayyub has made a significant contribution in the field of Islamic studies not only in Egypt, but even to the entire Muslim world. His writings in various fields have been used as a reference by many students of knowledge. Thus, this study aims to highlight his importance and contribution as an appreciation and to raise motivation among the Muslim community. His writings should be explored to ensure that his legacy can be used by every Muslim community that wants to increase their potential in Islamic studies.

Literature Review

The detailed achievements of this prestigious figure are limited to the available primary sources. At the beginning of the 20th century, the appearance of a prominent figure named Hasan Muḥammad Ayyub should be noted. Born in 1918 AD, corresponding to the year 1336 Hijrah, this influential figure grew up with his family in the village of Fīsha al-Kubra in Menouf Center, Menoufia Province, Egypt (Fahmi, 2022). Hasan Ayyub is an Islamic preacher from Egypt whose name is well known on the official website of the Muslim Brotherhood Islamic movement in various countries, especially in the Middle East region. However, detailed information on the parents' background and genealogy is difficult to obtain due to the limitations of available resources. According to Fahmi (2022), Hasan Ayyub has five children, namely Farouk, Bakar, Khaled, and two other younger sisters. The author is faced with the challenge of obtaining accurate information about the dates of many events in Hasan Ayyub's life due to the death of his children to be used as a primary source. However, through the analysis of Hasan Ayyub's education that started from his childhood to adulthood, it is believed that he was born into a family that was very devout in religious matters.

Academic Qualification

In the beginning, Hasan Ayyub spent his childhood memorizing the Qur'an, as is the common practice among religious students in Egypt. After that, he continued his formal education at al-Azhar, starting from the level of *i'dādi*, then *ibtidā'i*, and then *thanawi*, until he reached the level of *jāmi'ah* at the leading institution of al-Azhar al-Syarif. He was one of the first generation of students from the village of Fīshā al-Kubrā who enrolled in al-Azhar, as explained by Fahmi (2022). Based on the researcher's analysis, the desire and ability of families to send their children to schools or madrasahs that focus on religious subjects is a clear indicator that their parents have a strong tendency and give priority to religious aspects, moreover, it seems that it is very contrary to the social thought and current of community thought at that time which slightly contradicted the implementation of religious sharia, due to the influence of European colonialism and the Western secularization process that brought the concept of secularism. There has been a lot of secularization of values and its effects, there have been various trends in ethical philosophy in the West that have led to various

confusion and moral damage such as human rights issues, LGBT, adultery and so on (Imran, 2022).

Hasan Ayyub completed his bachelor's degree in the field of Usuluddin at al-Azhar University in Egypt in 1949 AD (Ikhwan Online, 2008). At the time, it was common for religious students at the university level to discuss and advocate for local political issues, and the situation reflected the growing Islamic movement in the mid-20th century. Hasan Ayyub was among the early generations of the Muslim Brotherhood since its inception (Muhammad, 2022). It is also believed that Hasan Ayyub was involved in studies that shaped his epistemology informally through public lectures and usrah-usrah in the Islamic movement related to Egyptian politics (Ayman, 2021). This is more evident where the founder of the Muslim Brotherhood movement, Hasan al-Banna, is also an alumni of al-Azhar University, focusing on the early establishment of the Muslim Brotherhood movement here, especially in the Usuluddin lecture (Official Website of Muntada Hur al-'Ayn , 2008).

Publication and Expertise

Hasan Ayyub, a figure full of enthusiasm in preaching and contributing to the development of Islamic society in the 20th century, has left a valuable legacy through his writings. The works include a variety of topics covering the history of the Islamic caliphate, social concepts in Islam, Islamic law, spiritual journeys, the law of Hajj and Umrah, the stories of the prophets, struggles and sacrifices, as well as comprehensive knowledge about various aspects of Islamic life. Hasan Ayyub's written works which are often a reference source for the Muslim community in the Arabian Peninsula and it can be evaluated in terms of reprinting his books based on the analysis of researchers at Maktabah Darul Salam, Cairo, Egypt prove and reflect his knowledge in various fields that there is a connection with the life of the Muslim community. His writings such as this include contemporary topics that make his works a valuable reference for academics, scholars, and Muslims around the world in the future.

Through various topics studied in his writings, Hasan Ayyub's works provide deep insight and a broad understanding of Islamic teachings, as well as inspire Muslims to practice them in their daily lives. The intellectual legacy left by him continues to provide benefits, encourage critical thinking, and pave the way for the development of Islamic civilization. Therefore, an in-depth study of Hasan Ayyub's works is a must for researchers and researchers, as well as an important contribution in appreciating the intellectual heritage of this influential figure. There are many of his works that are noteworthy and can be described at length. After being analyzed, among them are:

i. Qaṣaṣ al-Ṣafwah al-Mumtāzah Anbiyā' Allāh Wa Rusulih

This book aims to provide understanding to Muslims about the history of human development from the time of Prophet Adam AS to the time of Prophet Muhammad SAW. The main sources of reference are the Qur'an, the hadith of the Prophet Muhammad, as well as the words and actions of the companions and tabi'in. This book does not just tell the story of legendary kings, but rather highlights historical events related to prophets and apostles and their communities. Readers can understand their moral values, sacrifices, and patience in facing trials in order to gain God's pleasure. This book provides many benefits to the reader, emphasizing that human history is divided into two main groups: the first group consisting of the prophets, messengers, and saints of God, and the second group who are rebels and opponents of the truth. The author, Hasan Ayyub, hopes that readers can benefit from this work and focus more on the verses of the Quran and hadiths to make their own interpretation and appreciation of the lessons contained therein.

ii. Al-Khulafā' al-Rāshidūn al-Qādah al-Awfiyā' Wa A'zam al-Khulafā'; Abū Bakr – 'Umar – 'Uthmān – 'Alī

This book is a sirah book that describes the journey, morals, and best deeds of people after the Prophet Muhammad SAW, especially about the famous companions in the government after the death of the Prophet SAW. They are Abu Bakr al-Siddīq, Umar al-Fārūq, Uthman Dhū al-Nūrayn, and Ali Karramallahu Wajhah. Through this book, readers can understand how their leadership handled Muslims at that time. This book also shows other examples that have the same leadership style as the four companions, such as Umar Abdul Aziz who is highly dedicated to instruct people to obey Allah Taala without neglecting the affairs of the world. In addition, this book shows a wise government, obedient to religion, and sincere in spreading Islam after the death of the Prophet Muhammad, without being oriented only to worldly power. This book leads readers to understand how these four caliphs spread Islam by opening Islamic cities around the world, sending missionary messengers, and creating shelters that are merciful, just, good, safe, and prosperous for all mankind under the banner Islam as a monotheistic religion that brings truth. This book provides a deep understanding of the leadership legacy of these four caliphs and their great influence in spreading the teachings of Islam throughout the world (Hasan, 2003).

iii. Al-Sulūk al-Ijtimā'i Fi al-Islām

This book presents important topics in Islam emphasized by Hasan Ayyub. It needs to be taught in the family, spread in the community, and discussed in Islamic gatherings. This book is divided into four main sections related to Islamic law. The purpose is to convey an explanation that has not been discussed by Islamic experts and to overcome the doubts that exist in society. In addition, this book aims to foster awareness about the formation of the Islamic soul in Muslim individuals. Hasan Ayyub emphasized the importance of Islamic values and principles in their lives, with the hope that society will always be filled with kindness, mercy, high human values, and high civilization. This book actually consists of four volumes, but the author has combined all these discussions in one volume for ease of reading and reference. Overall, Hasan Ayyub wants to convey through this book a true picture of how to live in society based on the Quran and hadith (sunnah) (Hasan, 2002).

iv. Al-Jihād wa al-Fidā'iyah Fi al-Islām

This book is Hasan Ayyub's call to youth in Palestine, Arab countries, and all Muslims to prioritize the issue of jihad. The purpose is to raise Islamic leaders who lift up the name of Allah and invite the Muslim community to fight in His way. In this book, he presents the types of jihad, the development of the jihad order, and the reasons for it. He started with the prohibition of war, then allowed war, ordered to fight polytheists, and finally ordered to fight infidels. This book also discusses the importance of jihad, the importance of sacrificing one's wealth in the path of God, and the characteristics of mujahideen emphasized by Hasan Ayyub. In addition, this book discusses the laws related to war or jihad, such as the law of war as farḍu 'ayn, the law of permission from parents to fight, and the law of war with unjust leaders. It also touches on the issue of fidā'iyah or self-sacrifice such as suicide bombers and related laws. This book then discusses the role of Muslims in Palestine, wills, the early history of Muslims, aid to Muslims, the birth of women fighters, and ends with the precious will of Sayyiduna Umar al-Khattab. Hasan Ayyub explained that his writings are relevant to the issues faced by Muslims today and compiled the history of the Khulafā' al-Rāshidūn in an easy-to-understand format, with the hope that the youth would better understand their religion and raise the word Islam (Hasan, 1983).

v. Riḥlah al-Khulūd (Riḥlah Ila Dār al-Ākhirah)

This Riḥlah al-Khulūd book is a work of spiritual tazkiah written by Hasan Ayyub. It is a continuation of his previous book, al-Jihad wa al-Fidā'iyah Fi al-Islām and is another important contribution to the field of Islamic jurisprudence. This book is based on primary sources, including al-Quran, al-Sunnah, and the ijthad of leading imams who uphold the pure principles of Islam. Hasan Ayyub expressed his concern about the dangers that may be faced in this era, where each individual has to prioritize their own spiritual safety. Riḥlah al-Khulūd covers a variety of important topics, including individual responsibility towards oneself, family relationships, and preparation for the afterlife. This book also discusses topics such as the Day of Resurrection, the world of Barzakh, the Day of Retribution, the Day of Intercession, Heaven, Hell, and similar topics that are relevant to the afterlife. Hasan Ayyub hopes that his book can provide spiritual guidance to readers in facing the challenges of modern times. This book is a valuable resource for Muslim individuals who want to understand the teachings of Islam more deeply and achieve eternal happiness in the hereafter.

vi. Tabsīṭ al-'Aqā'id al-Islāmiyyah

This book is a scholarly work that discusses various aspects of belief in Islam. It includes belief in Allah Almighty, His Angels, His Book, and His Messengers, as well as topics such as the Last Day and traveling in the Realm of Barzakh. The entire content of this book is supported by dalil naqli (based on the Qur'an and hadith) and dalil akli (based on rational reasoning), as practiced by previous and contemporary scholars. The author combines the writing style of Salaf and Khalaf scholars in his book. It summarizes all aspects of the faith carefully and presents it clearly through the presentation of strong arguments. Each chapter of this book ends with a summary and the author's own interpretation. In addition to discussing issues that are easy to understand, this book also touches on complex topics such as the miracles of the Quran, ghosts, monotheism, and divisions in the Islamic faith. The author tries to make the book easy to understand with a simple language style. This book also explains the close relationship between faith and morals, making it a valuable resource for readers who want to understand and strengthen their faith in Islam.

Research Methodology

This study is qualitative, preceded by an interview process for the data collection method. Then use document analysis design for data analysis method. The interview method was conducted to obtain Hasan Ayyub's biodata. While the document analysis process is done on the concept of Hasan Ayyub's thinking and his mastery in a field of knowledge based on the writings in his books. The data analysis method applied in writing the analysis of this study is descriptive in order to explain and prove the tendency of a field of knowledge that dominates Hasan Ayyub based on the writings in his books.

Analysis Of Hasan Ayyub's Field Of Expertise

Hasan Ayyub's writings are still more focused on the field of Islamic law and related to Fiqh such as Fiqh al-'Ibādāt bi-Adillatihā fī al-Islām, Fiqh al-Ushrah al-Muslimah, Fiqh al-Mu'āmalāt al-Mālīyah fī al-Islām, Fiqh al-Ḥajj wa al-'Umrah, Al-Fiqh al-Shāmil, Fiqh al-Jihād fī al-Islām, al-Ḥadīth fī 'Ulūm al-Qur'ān wa al-Ḥadīth as well as leading Islamic encyclopedias, al-Mawsū'ah al-Islāmiyyah al-Muyassarah which is mostly related to small treatises on Fiqh. This shows his strong inclination and expertise in this discipline. He is known as a person who specializes in Fiqh of the Maliki school and is also referred to as Faqīh Mālikī according to Fahmi (2022). It is clear that Hasan Ayyub's main expertise is in the field of Fiqh, which is proven by his many involvements and also shows his dominant dominance in this field. Other areas such as Aqidah

and Hadith are not his main focus, but that doesn't mean he doesn't understand them at all. Each individual tends to master a certain field, and Hasan Ayyub's expertise in Fiqh here is quite impressive. It is quite difficult for a person to master various fields these days. Because of that, it is normal to make mistakes in understanding other areas and it is a habit when talking about something that is not mastered. Therefore, it can be concluded that Hasan Ayyub's writings reflect his dedication and mastery in the field of Fiqh, especially in the Maliki school. His emphasis on Aḥkām Fiqhiyyah highlights his important contribution to the understanding and application of Islamic Fiqh, while his expertise in other areas of Islamic knowledge may not be so significant and there is a possibility of bias towards him.

Conclusion

Hasan Ayyub who died in 2008 in the village of Menoufia, Cairo, Egypt, was a prominent Islamic preacher known for his outstanding contributions in the field of preaching and writing. He played an important role in spreading Islamic knowledge and inspired many great figures from various countries. With extraordinary skills in giving lectures and outstanding skills in writing, Hasan Ayyub is very famous in the field of Fiqh. He wrote many scientific works focusing on various aspects of Islamic Fiqh. His contribution in the field of writing has had a great impact on the understanding and dissemination of knowledge in the Arabian Peninsula. This study sheds light on his biography and his contribution in building a scholarly work that includes profound lessons for the world of Islamic preaching.

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