

## THE ANALYSIS OF A TRANSLATION OF *MUSYAKALAH* VERSES IN THE HOLY QURAN PUBLISHED BY THE INDONESIAN DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS

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**Abstract:** *Musyakah* is one of the Arabic linguistic styles included under the category of *majaz*. This style is commonly used in Al-Quran. The Indonesian translation of Al-Quran is a case where many of the figures of speech are translated literally, thereby causing serious semantic problems. The research adopted a descriptive-semantic method. The findings of this research are: (1) There are only eleven ayahs in Al-Quran using *musyakalah* style, namely: Alhasyr ayah 19, Ali Imran ayah 54, Annaml ayah 50, Alanfal ayah 30, Asysyura ayah 40, Albaqarah ayah 15, Almaidah 116, Aljatsiah ayah 34, Attaubah ayah 79, Annisa ayah 142, and Albaqarah 194; (2) The *musyakalah* ayahs translated literally are: Aljatsiah 34, Almaidah 116, Asysura 40, Annaml 50, and Alhasyr 19, whereas the *musyakalah* ayahs translated interpretatively are Albaqarah 194, Annisa 142, Attaubah 79, Albaqarah 15, Alanfal 30, and Ali Imran 54; (3) Of the eleven *musyakalah* ayahs, only Alhasyr ayah 19 that is translated correctly and does not have the potential of creating misinterpretation. Meanwhile, the interpretation of the other four ayahs can potentially cause misinterpretation or are against the basic principles of Islam. The six remaining ayahs are translated interpretatively and thus do not have the potential to be misinterpreted; (4) The findings suggest that *musyakalah* ayahs are more appropriately translated interpretatively. Therefore, the following is recommended: (1) Considering the different characteristics of Arabic and Indonesian languages, studies on Al-Quran translation into Indonesian should continuously be carried out; (2) In order to avoid misinterpretation, it is better that the translation of *musyakalah* ayahs uses *tafsiriyya* (interpretative) approach; (3) The *harfiyya* (literal) and *tafsiriyya* (interpretative) approaches should be developed for other styles beside *musyakalah*.

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### INTRODUCTION

In the science of *Balaghah*, there are several types of linguistic styles linked to relations between meanings. The related meanings in the context of linguistic styles include *hakiki*, *majazi*, close meaning (*qarib*), and distant meaning (*ba'id*). *Hakiki* meaning is the original and basic meaning of a word, or what is also called denotative meaning. Meanwhile, *majazi* meaning is the second or connotative meaning. *Qarib* literally means close meaning or similar to *hakiki* meaning. Finally, *ba'id* meaning is distant meaning, which is used in the next sentence, but does not have connotative meaning. In Arabic language, various styles are concerned with the relation between meanings, including the styles of *majaz*, *kinayah*, *tauriyah*, *jinah*, *istikhdam*, and *musyakalah*. *Majaz* and *kinayah* are the objects of *bayan* studies, while *tauriyah*, *jinah*, *istikhdam* and *musyakalah* are included under the studies of *badie'*.

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*Majaz* is the use of a certain word intended not for its real meaning because of relation and *qarinah* (indicator) that the word does not mean what it actually means (Qashshab, 2012: 111). *Kinayah* is a phrase expressed for the conventional meaning (generally understood meaning), but it can also be understood denotatively. *Majaz* and *kinayah* have similarities and dissimilarities. The similarity lies in the fact that both should be interpreted in *majazi* manner (second meaning), while the difference lies in the use of *hakiki* meaning. *Majaz* cannot be interpreted in *hakiki* way, while *kinayah* may be using *hakiki* meaning. Meanwhile, *tauriyah* is a word with double meanings, namely *qarib* and *ba'id* meanings, and in this context, *ba'id* meaning is more appropriate. *Jinas*, on the other hand, is a word that is mentioned twice in the same context, but the meaning of the first mention will be different from that of the second mention. *Istikhdam* is a style in the form of the use of a word with two meanings. The word is used for the first meaning, but then is repeated by *dhomir* (pronominal) that will return to the first word, but with different meaning.

According to the literature, *musyakalah* is taken from the word *syakl*, which means similar or identical. Meanwhile, etymologically, *musyakalah* is

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“Uttering an expression along with another expression whose position functions as a counterbalance.” (Kafi, 2008; Maidani, 1992; Maraghi, 1991)

Meanwhile, Qashshab (2012: 47) explains that *musyakalah* is mentioning something not with the proper word because of its position as a counterbalance, both explicitly and implicitly. The beauty of *musyakalah* style lies in the model of expression and the high level of language. The reader or listener will think that the word or phrase has a meaning similar to that of the first word or phrase. However, upon closer observation and focused analysis, the reader will find that the second word has a dissimilar meaning to that of the first. This phenomenon is what makes message understanding inherent in the reader or listener.

Previously, the scholars of *Balaghah* argued that *musyakalah* was a part of *majaz lughawi*. According to Zaenuddin and Nurbayan (2007: 117) *musyakalah* is of the third type, neither belonging to the *hakiki* meaning nor to *majazi*. *Musyakalah* is the original linguistic style of Al-Quran and is rarely found. *Musyakalah* is the mediator of *hakiki*, *majaz*, and *kinayah*. *Musyakalah* can also accommodate *majaz*, *mursal* and *isti'arah*, as it can meet various requirements. *Musyakalah* also shares some similarities with *jinas*, the difference lies only on the type of meanings. The second word in *jinas* is interpreted literally, different from the first word; meanwhile, in *musyakalah* the second word is interpreted interpretatively, distinct from the meaning of the first word. From the explanations, it is clear that *musyakalah* is tangent with various other styles that are the areas of *Balaghah* studies.

The broad meanings and the various semantic aspects that have certain relation to *musyakalah* is in itself a problem to be solved. Therefore, this research

will discuss the semantic analysis of the translation of *musyakalah* ayahs in Al-Quran.

Semantic is the technical term referring to the study of meaning. It is a theory of meaning, namely a systematic branch of language that investigates meanings. (Pateda, 1989: 12). In addition, Tarigan (1995: 7) says that semantic is the analysis of meaning. It analyzes symbols or signs that state the relation of one meaning to another and its influence on human and the society. Therefore, semantics encompasses word meaning, its development and changes.

In semantic study, there are two components: (1) The components that make meaning, in the forms of linguistic sounds, and (2) The components that are interpreted from the meanings of the first component(s). Both components are signs or symbols, while what are signed or symbolized are what exist outside the prevalent language, or called referent (Abdul Chaer, 1989: 2).

There are three ways employed by linguists and philosophers in their efforts of explaining meanings in human language, namely (a) By giving the essential definition of the word; (b) By defining the essential meaning of sentences; (c) By explaining the communication process. In the first manner, the meaning of the word is taken as a construct, in which the meaning of sentence and communication can be explained. In the second way, the meaning of sentence is taken as the basis, while words are understood as systematic contributors of the sentence's meanings. In the third manner, both the meanings of sentence and words are explained in their limited use in the communication act (Wahab, 1995: 9).

According to Muhammad Ahmad Abul Faraj (1966) in his book *Al Maajim Al Lughawiyah fi Dhaoi ilmil Lughahatil Haditsah*, meaning is divided into three types, namely: (1) lexical meaning, namely the meaning restricted by linguistic sounds. Sound changes have an implication in meaning changes. The same is true for positional changes that will affect meanings; (2) *siyaqi* (contextual meaning), is the meaning used in a context of utterance; (3) *ijtima'I* (social meaning), which is the meaning of words understood by an individual in a society. All members of the community understand and have learned the meanings since early age.

The interpretation of *musyakalah* expressions—just like *majaz*—often causes conflicts among linguists, ultimately in relation to the theme of God. The same is true for *musyakalah* style that is identical to *majaz*. The only difference is that almost all linguists share a similar view on *musyakalah*. In this research, *musyakalah* ayahs in Al-Quran will be analyzed in terms of their Indonesian translation. The problems in this research are formulated into the following questions: (1) How many *musyakalah* ayahs are there in Al-Quran?; (2) How are the *musyakalah* ayahs translated, literally (*harfiyya*) or interpretatively (*tafsiriyya*)?; (3) How many ayahs are translated literally and how many are translated interpretatively?; and (4) Which translated *musyakalah* ayahs have the potentials to raise semantic and theological problems?

### Research Method

The research was conducted to reveal the essence of linguistic expression of *musyakalah* in Al-Quran and the Indonesian translation. By finding about the essence of *musyakalah* style, it is expected that the research can contribute to the development of translation theory, more specifically the translation of *musyakalah* ayahs in Indonesian. The literal translation of Al-Quran's *musyakalah* ayahs can trigger interpretation problems among readers. In addition, the literal translation of these ayahs is not in accordance with the appropriate *aqidah* and can encourage the readers to misinterpret the ayahs. Therefore, correct translations should be found, ones that do not violate the rules of Arabic and the essence of religion.

### Research Corpus

In this research, data is divided into primary and secondary data. The primary data is the sources of data made as the object of study, namely the ayahs of Al-Quran using *musyakalah* style and their translations in Indonesian. Meanwhile, the secondary data are in the form of interpretation books which provide additional data and explanations for the primary data. The books consist of *Alkasysyaf* by Fakhruddin Arrazi and *Almunir fil Aqidah qasysyari 'ah wal manhaj* by Wahbah Zuhaili. These two exegeses are quite adequate to reveal *musyakalah* ayahs, considering the two *mufassir* (commentators) have conducted a large number of linguistic studies.

### Research Stages

The main object of this research is Al-Quran ayahs using *musyakalah* style. The ayahs are needed as the text, without disregarding their position as Allah's commands. As the object of this research is text, the research can be categorized as qualitative research.

The research attempts to describe the translations of Al-Quran ayahs using the *musyakalah* linguistic style. More specifically, the stages taken in this research are: (1) Identifying the –ayahs of Al-Quran using *musyakalah* style; (2) Explaining the translations of the ayahs employing *musyakalah*; (3) Analyzing the translations of *musyakalah* ayahs by looking at the translation method; and (4) Analyzing the differences in the translation methodologies and their implication on the semantic meanings.

## FINDINGS

### *Musyakalah* ayahs in Al-Quran

Al-Quran is the holy book that was born when the Arabic people were admiring the prominence of literature. Therefore, Al-Quran serves as guidance for human beings and has the miracle of competitive force and the power to defeat something that used to be the pride of the Arabic people in that era, namely the sublimity of

literature. Al-Quran is not a literary book, but it has high literary value. The sublime language has been acknowledged by the people during the era of its birth. In the beginning of its revelation, many people admired the language of Al-Quran and therefore decided to embrace Islam. Their great concern of the sublime language of Al-Quran that could attract the Arabs, the social figures of Quraish banned their family members and friends to listen to Al-Quran recitation.

The clerks of *ulumul quran* admitted that the language of Al-Quran contains the sublime value of literature. It contains various linguistic styles commonly used by the Arabs at that time. Various linguistic styles, such as *tasybih*, *majaz*, *isti'arah*, *kinayah*, *ijaz*, *jinias*, *musyakalah*, and the like can be found in Al-Quran.

*Musyakalah* is one of the linguistic styles found in Al-Quran. From the analysis of Al-Quran ayahs using the *musyakalah* style, fourteen ayahs are found, namely surah Alhasyr ayah 19, Ali Imran ayah 54, Annaml ayah 50, Alanfal ayah 30, Asyasyura ayah 40, Albaqarah ayah 15, Almaidah 116, Aljatsiah ayah 34, Attaubah ayah 79, Annisa ayah 142, and Albaqarah 194. The ayahs can be seen in more detail in the following table:

No	Chapter and Ayah	Musyakalah Ayahs	Indonesian Translations
1	Alhasyr ayah 19	هَلَلَّا أَوْسِنَ مُهَسِفُنْ أَمْ هَاسِنِ أَفْ	Dan janganlah kamu seperti orang-orang yang lupa kepada Allah, lalu Allah menjadikan mereka lupa kepada diri mereka sendiri. (And, be not like those who forgot Allah, as a result Allah caused them to forget themselves, it is they who are the transgressors.)
2	Al Imran ayah 54	رَكَمَ وَاورُكَمَ وَا رُيَخُ هَلَلَا وُهَلَلَا نِي رِكَامَ لَّا	Orang-orang kafir itu membuat tipu daya, dan Allah membalas tipu daya mereka itu. Dan Allah sebaik-baik pembalas tipu daya. (The disbelievers schemed, and Allah schemed against them. And Allah is the best of schemers.)
3	Annaml ayah 50	ارْكَمَ اوْرُكَمَ وَا ارْكَمَ اَنْ رُكَمَ وَا	Dan mereka pun merencanakan makar dengan sungguh-sungguh dan Kami merencanakan makar (pula), sedang mereka tidak menyadari. (So they plotted a plot: and We plotted a plot (too), while they perceived not.)
4	Alanfal ayah 30	رُكُمَ يَوْنُورُكُمَ يَو رُيَخُ هَلَلَا وُهَلَلَا نِي رِكَامَ لَّا	Mereka memikirkan tipu daya dan Allah menggagalkan tipu daya itu. Dan Allah sebaik-baik pembalas tipu daya. (They planned - and Allah also planned - Allah is the best planner of all.)

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5	Asyasyura ayah 40	مَائِيَسْ أَرْجُو أَهْلُتُمْ مَائِيَسْ	<i>Dan balasan suatu kejahatan adalah kejahatan yang serupa,</i> (The recompense for an injury is an injury proportionate to it)
6	Albaqarah ayah 14-15	نُحْنُ أَمْ نَلَا هُلَّا - نُوِيْزُهُ تَسْمُ مُهَبُّ مَائِيْزُهُ تَسْمُ	<i>...Kami hanya mengolok-ngolok saja (14). Allah akan (membalas) olok-olok mereka. (. . . verily we did but mock [14]. God will [requite] them for their mockery)</i>
7	Almaidah 116	يَفِ أَمْ مَلْعَتُ مَلْعُ أَلْوِيْسُ فَن كَيْسُ فَن يَفِ أَمْ	<i>...Engkau mengetahui apa yang ada pada diriku, dan aku tidak mengetahui apa yang ada pada diri Engkau...</i> [. . . You know what is in my heart, and I know not what is in Yours . . .]
8	Aljatsiah ayah 34	مُكَّاسِنَنْ مَوِيْلَا عَاقِلُ مَّتِيْسِنْ أَمْ كَمْ أَذَهُ مَمْ كَمْ وَيْ	<i>Pada hari ini Kami melupakan kamu sebagaimana kamu telah melakukan pertemuan (dengan) harimu ini. (Today We will forget you as you forgot the meeting of this Day of yours)</i>
9	Attaubah ayah 79	مُهْنِمُ نُوْرُخْسِ يَفِ مُهْنِمُ هُلَّا رِخْسِ	<i>... maka orang-orang munafik itu menghina mereka. Allah akan membalas penghinaan mereka itu, dan untuk mereka azab yang pedih.</i> (. . . so the hypocrites ridicule them. Allah will throw back their ridicule on them and they shall have a painful punishment.)
10	Annisa ayah 142	نِيْقِفَانْ مَلَا سِنْ وَهُوْ هُلَّا نُوْعِدَاخِي مُهْ عِدَاخِ	<i>Sesungguhnya orang-orang munafik itu menipu Allah, dan Allah akan membalas tipuan mereka<sup>364</sup>).</i> (Surely the hypocrites deceive Allah, and Allah will revert their deception to them)
11	Albaqarah ayah 194	يَدْتَعَا نَمْ فِ أُوْدْتَعَا فَمُ كَيْ لَع أَمْ لَمْ تَمْ بِي لَع مَمْ كَيْ لَع يَدْتَعَا	<i>Barangsiapa yang menyerang kamu, maka seranglah ia, seimbang dengan serangannya terhadapmu.</i> (If anyone commits aggression against you, attack him just as he has attacked you)

Source: Extracted from Hosen (1989)

## DISCUSSION

1. The use of the sentence of “Allah menjadikan mereka lupa kepada diri mereka sendiri” (Allah caused them to forget themselves, it is they who are the transgressors).

The sentence above is found in surah Alhasyr ayah 19, which is a translation of 'لَمْ يَسْفُتْنِ أَنْ يَنْسُوا أَنْفَهُمْ'. Literally, the sentence means "Allah caused them to forget themselves, it is they who are the transgressors". The real meaning is the substitute of the sentence "Allah ignores them". The word 'يَسْفُتْنِ' in this ayah is interpreted as 'لَمْ يَسْفُتْنِ'. The use of the word 'يَسْفُتْنِ' which means 'لَمْ يَسْفُتْنِ' is to balance the previous sentence, namely 'لَمْ يَسْفُتْنِ'. The linguistic style used is *musyakalah*. The translation of the above ayah adopts the method of *harfiyya* or literal translation, which is in line with the explicit words in the ayah. However, the translation of the above ayah does not cause any semantic problem and does not violate the *tauhid* principles. According to Zamakhsyari (1096), people who forget Allah SWT (*subhaanahu wata'ala*) have ignored two things, namely Allah and they themselves. Hence, on Judgment Day they will be ignored by Allah. This is a warning for human beings not to take for granted their obligations, ignore the consequences of the action, be too immersed in the worldly life, and pursue their passions. These people act as if they could not distinguish heaven from hell and the inhabitants of the two places. The successful people are the inhabitants of heaven, namely those who have fulfilled their obligations, abide by Allah's commands, and stay away from what is prohibited by God.

2. The use of "*Allah membalas tipu daya mereka*" (Allah schemed against them)

The above sentence is the translation of 'وَلَا يَرْكُمُوهُمْ' found in surah Ali Imran ayah 54. It is a *tafsiriyya* or interpretative interpretation. The word 'يَرْكُمُوهُمْ' linguistically means to deceive. Meanwhile, etymologically it means the scheme that put other people at a disadvantage. The action does not deserve to be affiliated to Allah SWT, except by employing *musyakalah*. The first word of 'يَرْكُمُوهُمْ' is the essential word, and the second word of 'يَرْكُمُوهُمْ' means 'عَازِجًا' (the return for the scheme they have made). The use of 'يَرْكُمُوهُمْ' alone in the second sentence is in the form of *musyakalah*, as the counterbalance of the first sentence. The word 'يَرْكُمُوهُمْ' is borrowed to mean 'عَازِجًا', aimed to mean that scheming will negatively affect the people who do it.

3. The use of "*Dan merekapun merencanakan makar dengan sungguh-sungguh dan Kami merencanakan makar (pula), sedang mereka tidak menyadari*" (So they plotted a plot: and We plotted a plot (too), while they perceived not).

This ayah is contained in surah Annaml (ayah 50), which is concerned with the event of Prophet Shalih AS who invited his people to worship Allah. Some of them joined the Prophet, while some others rejected the invitation.

The disbelievers asked Shalih to send *adzab* (punishment) from God, if he was truly the representative of Allah. Shalih asked his people, why they asked for punishment instead of blessing from God. These people then plotted to kill the Prophet and his followers, but Allah sent punishment to them.

In this ayah, there are two phrases using the word ‘رُكْمٌ’ which means plotting, namely the phrase ‘الرُّكْمَ أَوْ رُكْمًا وَ’ which means “and they plotted”, and then balanced with the phrase ‘الرُّكْمَ أَنْ رُكْمًا وَ’ that means “We plotted a plot, too”. In the second phrase, the word ‘رُكْمٌ’ is used. This word linguistically means planning bad deeds secretly. Still in the same phrase, the word ‘رُكْمٌ’ is associated with Allah, so that the meaning is no longer a plot, but an *adzab* (punishment) for those who have plotted against Allah and His Prophet. The use of the word ‘رُكْمٌ’ with the aforementioned meaning is a form of *musyakalah* or the balancer of the word in the previous sentence or phrase (Zuhaili, 2009: 246-347).

This translation is *harfiyya* in nature and can create an impression that Allah plots a plot. Plotting is a bad deed and is not appropriate to be associated with Allah. If the ayah is translated literally, semantic and theological problems will arise.

4. The use of “*Allah menggagalkan tipu daya mereka. Dan Allah sebaik-baik pembalas tipu daya*” (The disbelievers schemed, and Allah schemed against them. And Allah is the best of schemers)

The sentence is the translation of ‘نَبِيٌّ رُكْمًا لِرُيْخِ هَلْ لَوْ هَلْ لَوْ رُكْمًا يَوْمَ’ found in surah Alanfal ayah 30. The translation is *tafsiriyyah*, which is a translation that does not refer to the words contained in the text. This kind of translation is very good and appropriate, as it will not cause any semantic and theological problem.

The adjectives that are not appropriate to be associated with Allah are only found in the style of *musyakalah*. Essentially, the adjectives or attributes are not associated with Allah. The use of the word ‘رُكْمًا’ which means scheme in the ayah is basically not associated with Allah, and Allah is free of the attributes. Therefore, to associate the word ‘رُكْمًا’ with Allah entails a different interpretation that Allah will avenge the people for their schemes with punishment that is caused by their own deeds.

5. The use of “*Dan balasan suatu kejahatan adalah kejahatan yang serupa*” (The recompense for an injury is an injury proportionate to it)

The sentence is a translation of ‘أَهْلُ لَتْمٍ مِّمَّا يَسْءَلُونَ عَزَّ وَجَّوْ’ found in surah Asyasyura ayah 40. It means Allah will repay people’s deeds commensurately. Basically, it is not the case for Allah. The recompense is punishment and a part of the effort to realize justice, an appropriate



trigger for those who disobey Allah's commands. Allah's deeds in repaying the evil deeds of evil people are not called evil or injury. The use of the word "عَوْنِيَّاتٍ" associated with Allah is in *musyakalah* style. The word "أَهْلُ ثَمِّ عَوْنِيَّاتٍ" is given to balance the previous word that is similar and essential. The first word of "عَوْنِيَّاتٍ" means immoral deed, while the second "عَوْنِيَّاتٍ" means repaying the immoral deed.

The above translation is *harfiyya* (literal) and can potentially trigger semantic and theological problems. This is so because when one does injury or evil deeds, s/he will then be punished according to his or her deeds. The punishment is not called injury or evil deed.

According to Thabataba'i (1997, Volume 18: 56), the linguistic style is *majaz mursal* with *alaqah sababiyyah*. People who do evil deserve to receive evil deeds. The use of the word "عَوْنِيَّاتٍ" to replace 'عَازِجًا / recompense', therefore will take the doer away from attempts of doing evil and hurting him/herself, because his or her soul will reject evil treatment. Recompensing evil deeds essentially is not an evil deed/injury, because it is the just recompense for the evil deed. The act of recompensing injury is called injury, as it is basically an injury. A perfect human being will forgive the injury inflicted by others. Forgiving is far more perfect and important than recompensing.

6. The use of "Allah akan (*membalas*) olok-olok mereka" (Allah will [requite] them for their mockery)

The above sentence is translated from the Arabic sentence "عُزِّهِتْ سَيِّئُهُ لِّلَّذَّالِّينَ" found in surah Albaqarah ayah 15. The translation is categorized as *tafsiriyya*, as it does not rely on the words in the text. The sentence cannot be interpreted as it is, but it should be interpreted that Allah requites people who mock Him with abjection and shame. Allah is the Most Holy Being and is free of any bad attribute, including mockery. The use of *fi'il mudhari* in the convention of Arabic language means *hal* (the present); it does not refer to any inherent attribute. *Fi'il mudhari* also contains the meaning of *istiqbal* (the future), which means in the Judgment Day those who mock Allah and the believers will receive the consequences and punishment in the form of shame, humiliation, and punishment. The use of the word "عُزِّهِتْ سَيِّئُهُ" associated to Allah is not interpreted literally, but to balance the previous phrase of "نُؤَيِّزُهُ تَسْتُمُّنُ حَنَامَ نِإٍ". The expression is called *musyakalah*. Zuhaili (2009: 93) in his exegesis explains that in addition to using the *musyakalah* style, the word has *muqaranah* meaning, a comparison of two actual things.

The *tafsiriyya* translation, as is found in the Al-Quran translation published by the Indonesian Department of Religious Affairs, does not cause semantic and theological problems.

7. The use of “*Engkau mengetahui apa yang ada pada diri-Mu, dan aku tidak mengetahui apa yang ada pada diri Engka*” (You know what is in my heart, and I know not what is in Yours)

The sentence is translated from ‘...مُمْلَعًا أَلَوْ يَسْفَنَ يَفِ أَمُّ مُمْلَعَتٌ...’ contained in surah Almaidah ayah 116. The translation employs *harfiyya* method, as it explicitly refers to the words in the text. The word ‘سَفَنًا’ which means heart or soul is used to refer to the mind and what is inside human beings. The term human is commonly used to refer to human soul and body or substance. The meaning of the sentence ‘*Engkau mengetahui apa yang ada pada diriku*’ is “You know what I believe and I know not”. The use of ‘سَفَنًا’ which means soul/mind is sensible because the soul/mind is where knowledge lies. The sentence ‘...مُمْلَعًا أَلَوْ يَسْفَنَ يَفِ أَمُّ مُمْلَعَتٌ’ reverses the meaning of the previous sentence ‘...يَسْفَنَ يَفِ أَمُّ مُمْلَعَتٌ’. The use of both sentences in the same context and place aims to unite both. More particularly, it aims to show the special features of the “substance” of Allah that is different from His beings. The combination of ‘سَفَنًا’ and ‘لَلْا’ means the knowledge that Allah has is never known by others. I (Jesus) do not know what You know. The above Quranic expression is very beautiful, using *musyakalah* style.

The sentence ‘مُمْلَعًا أَلَوْ يَسْفَنَ يَفِ أَمُّ مُمْلَعَتٌ’ originates from the sentence ‘...مُمْلَعًا أَلَوْ يَسْفَنَ يَفِ أَمُّ مُمْلَعَتٌ’. In this sentence, Allah does not use the word ‘سَفَنًا’ to mean what it really means, but as a comparison for the previous phrase. The meaning of the excerpt is ‘You know the essence of my substance (body) and what accompanies it, while I do not know yours and all that it encompasses, which is the attribute of perfection. You know what is hidden, what is inside a servant, and Your knowledge encompasses anything that has and has never existed, and the essence of the existence itself.’ The original sentence is ‘...يَسْفَنَ يَفِ أَمُّ مُمْلَعَتٌ’. The word ‘سَفَنًا’ is not used to refer to Allah SWT, except for the sentence using *musyakalah*.

Zamakhshari (2009) argues that the meaning of this ayah is “O, God the Most Holy, may you be purified of anything associated with You. It is not my place to say something that is not the right of my heart and soul. You know my knowledge and I do not know Your knowledge.” This is *musyakalah* style, as can be observed in the phrase ‘...يَسْفَنَ يَفِ’ as a comparison for the phrase ‘...يَسْفَنَ يَفِ’. The last phrase of this ayah, ‘...مُمْلَعَتٌ أَلَوْ يَسْفَنَ يَفِ’ is the reinforcement of the two phrases. This is so because things pertaining to the soul are *ghaib* (unseen) matters, known only by Allah the Most Knowing of the unseen, which cannot be known by anyone.

The translation employs the *harfiyya* method, or translating the text as it is. Such a translation will give an impression that Allah has a soul, just like

human beings do. This understanding can cause *mujassimah*, which is very much in opposition with the view of *tauhid* clerks.

8. The use of “*Pada hari ini Kami melupakan kamu*” (Today We will forget you)

The sentence is a *harfiyya* translation of ‘مُكَاَسِنَنَّ مَوْيَلَا’ found in surah Aljatsiah ayah 34. The word ‘نَايَسِنَلَا’ in its general meaning cannot be associated with Allah SWT. The sentence means that Allah will requite and punish the disbelievers in hell because they were ignorant of Allah’s commands on Earth. The use of the word ‘نَايَسِنَلَا’ associated with Allah to mean to requite and punish the disbelievers in the Hereafter aims to counterbalance the subsequent sentence: ‘مُكَمْوَيَءَاقِلْ مُتَيَسِنَ أَمْكَ’ اَذَه. This is a form of *musyakalah*. Allah SWT is free of forgetfulness as is revealed in surah Albaqarah 255.

According to Thabari (1990, Volume 21: 108), the above sentence means today we let you all be in hell, as the recompense for your previous deeds, in which you did not prepare yourself with good deeds for today’s meeting.

Meanwhile, according to Zamakhsyari (2008: 1008) the sentence means later in the Hereafter, Allah will let the disbelievers in humiliation and punishment, as a recompense for their ignorance of Allah SWT during their life on Earth. They are likened to abandoned and un-useful objects, just how they have forgotten, ignored, and not paid any attention to Allah SWT. They forget the Hereafter like they forget the things they throw away and never to be remembered again.

The translation of surah Aljatsiah 34 above seems to use the *harfiyya* method. This translation needs further explanation in order to avoid misinterpretation because Allah does not possess the attributes of forgetfulness and drowsiness.

9. The use of “*Allah akan membalas penghinaan mereka*” (Allah will throw back their ridicule on them)

This sentence is a *tafsiriyya* translation of ‘مُهْنَمُءَلَلَا رَخَسْ’ found in surah Attaubah ayah 79. This ayah is concerned with the event happening to the Prophet’s friend. One day, the Prophet invited his companions to make *sodaqah* (charity). One of the companions, Abdurrahman bin Auf, went to see the Prophet. He said, “I have eight thousand dirhams. Four thousands of it I claim for Allah, and the rest is for my family.” The hypocrites insulted and ridiculed Abdurrahman bin Auf, arguing that he did so in order to reap compliments. In the ayah, there is the phrase of ‘مُهْنَمُءَلَلَا رَخَسْ’. Lexically, it means Allah ridicules the hypocrites. This is definitely not appropriate, as it is not in line with what Allah has explained in Al-Quran that Allah is purified from any bad attribute. The use of ‘رَخَسْ’ associated



wage a war against you, attack them just as how they have attacked you. The sentence uses the word 'يَدْتَعَا' associated with the disbelievers and Muslim people. The association of the word with Muslim people means that the Muslim people are allowed to counterattack. This is self-defense, not an attack, and is not something that can taint the holy month. In addition, this does not cross the boundary. The use of this word associated with Muslim people employs the *musyakalah* style (Zamakhsyari, 2009: 117).

### **Contribution of Research Findings towards the Development of Translation Theory**

The Indonesian term for translation, *terjemah*, is taken from an Arabic word, *tarjamah*. Arabic language also borrows the word from Armenian, *turjuman* (Didawi, 1992: 37). The word *turjuman* is in the same form as *tarjaman* and *tarjuman*, which means transferring an utterance from one language to another language (Manzhur, n.d.: 66).

Meanwhile, Qhaththan, Manna (1973) defines translation as follows: "Translation is explaining the source speech or observing the composition." Catford adds (1965: 20) saying, "Translation is replacement of textual material in one language (SL) by equivalent textual material in another (TL) ".

According to Az-Zarqani (677) in his book *Manahilul Irfan*, there are two types of: *harfiyya* and *tafsiriyya* translations. Essentially, there are no differences between *harfiyya* and *tafsiriyya* translations.

From the above definitions, it can be inferred that: (1) Translation aims to transfer a message from a source language to a target language by finding equivalents of forms in both languages; (2) As text is what is translated, then translation also means the replacement of source language text with the equivalent target language text. The latter definition implies that translation is commonly done not at the level of sentence, but at the level of discourse.

Experts do not only differ in their opinion of translation, they also have different views of and terms for types of translation. Az-Zarqani (1411) divides translation into two types, namely: (1) *Harfiyya* translation, which is a translation that is concerned with the similarities to the original text in terms or arrangement and order. Such translation is made by locating synonyms or similar words from the original language; and (2) *Tafsiriyya* translation, namely a translation that does not pay attention to the similarities to the original text in terms of arrangement and order, but most importantly describes the meaning and aims well and perfectly.

Mansyur and Setiawan (2002), in relation to Al-Quran translation, state that for certain ayahs, *harfiyya* translation is prohibited, ultimately if it will cause changes in the meaning. *Tafsiriyya* method is more appropriate, because translation is essentially the transfer of meaning from the origin language to the target language.

This means that translation must be complete and cannot change the intended meanings.

In addition, according to Syihabuddin (2005: 3), there are four obstacles in the translation of Arabic texts into Indonesian, which are: (1) The translation itself that is hard; (2) substantial difference between Indonesian and Arabic languages; (3) translator's lack of mastery of the target language, thereby causing the symptom of interference; and (4) translator's lack of knowledge of translation theory.

The translation process involves various academic aspects in order for the translation to function at its fullest. The aspects cover translation method, mastery of two languages or more, mastery of the field of knowledge to be translated, and other related things.

A translator's mastery of two or more languages, in particular, gives birth to a sociolinguistic system known as bilingualism that is caused by a contact of two languages. In relation to the translation of Al-Quran, this bilingualism entails Arabic and Indonesian languages.

The analysis on *musyakalah* ayahs translation in the translated Al-Quran published by Indonesian Department of Religious Affairs shows that there are two types of translation, namely *harfiyya* and *tafsiriyya*. The five *musyakalah* ayahs translated with *harfiyya* method are: Aljatsiah 34, Almaidah 116, Asysura 40, Annaml 50, and Alhasyr 19. Meanwhile, the six *musyakalah* ayahs translated with *tafsiriyya* method are Albaqarah 194, Annisa 142, Attaubah 79, Albaqarah 15, Alanfal 30, and Ali Imran 54.

Of the five literally translated *musyakalah* ayahs, only four bear the potential for misinterpretation or even violate the basic principles of Islam that are taken from Al-Quran and Hadith as the resources. Only one ayah that is literally translated, namely surah Alhasyr ayah 19, that does not have the potential for misinterpretation. On the other hand, the *musyakalah* ayahs translated with *tafsiriyya* method are properly translated and thereby do not pose any problems of misinterpretation or violation of basic Islamic principles. Based on this analysis, it is recommended that *musyakalah* ayahs be translated with the *tafsiriyya* method.

## CONCLUSION

From the findings on *musyakalah* ayahs and their translation in the book published by the Indonesian Department of Religious affairs, it can be concluded that:

There are 11 ayahs of Al-Quran employing *musyakalah* style, namely: Alhasyr ayah 19, Ali Imran ayah 54, Annaml ayah 50, Alanfal ayah 30, Asysura ayah 40, Albaqarah ayah 15, Almaidah 116, Aljatsiah ayah 34, Attaubah ayah 79, Annisa ayah 142, and Albaqarah 194.

Five *musyakalah* ayahs are translated literally (*harfiyya*), which are: Aljatsiah 34, Almaidah 116, Asysura 40, Annaml 50, and Alhasyr 19. Meanwhile, there are

six *musyakalah* ayahs translated interpretatively (*tafsiriyya*), namely: Albaqarah 194, Annisa 142, Attaubah 79, Albaqarah 15, Alanfal 30, and Ali Imran 54.

Of the eleven *musyakalah* ayahs translated literally, only Alhasyr ayah 19 that is translated correctly and does not have the potential of creating misinterpretation. Meanwhile, the interpretation of the other four ayahs can potentially cause misinterpretation or are against the basic principles of Islam, and the six remaining ayahs are properly translated with *tafsiriyya* or *inrepretative method* and will not potentially cause misinterpretation. Considering the finding in point 3, the most appropriate method of translating *musyakalah* ayahs is *tafsiriyya*.

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