

Chapter One

Introduction

A. Background

After multi dimension crises run into Indonesia, the Indonesian lost their confidence and need morals and spirituals supports for their life¹

The attendance of the capable preachers who handle their fidgets and diminish their restless life be waited. Because the preachers are there at time not performing their *da'wah* and it just became a part of their second activities. The *da'wah* materials which they delivered are also monotone. It caused *da'wah* activities give no real contribution to the *umma'*. More than those above, that the activities of *da'wah* give in a very narrow meaning. They just deliver theoretically Allah's messages. Which are not followed by practical activities.²

The great thing left by them are planning, organizing, actuating and controlling even evaluating in their *da'wah* for method of *da'wah* they utilize speech method or one way communication and rarely use dialog method or two-ways communications³ and they make no real sample in their daily life. Or what they say are contrary to all their daily life activities so their *words of da'wah* have no power.

In such wrost condition of *da'wah*, Aa Gym (K.H. Abdullah Gymnastiar) a *da'i* who has spesific feature in his *da'wah* came into being.

¹ Gatra No 37/08/2002 page 30

² K.H. Irfan Hielmy *Da'wah bil Hikmah* Mitra Pustakan, Yogyakarta Page 5

³ Ibid page 6

His *da'wah* characteristics are comfortable, popular, practicable, powerful, full of enchantment, passionate - easy to be absorbed by all society. The sentences are quivered the hearts⁴

Aa Gym's *da'wah* spread largely among the community life at large. Many evidences found that Aa Gym *da'wah* gives some influence to them, because Aa Gym did not halt in only but he supported his audiences to perform their comprehensions⁵

Some real acknowledgement from members of communities about the influences of Aa Gym's *da'wah* toward their religiosity expressed by Prof.Dr. Yunan Yusuf it give the real contributions in his religious spirit.⁶

By his *Muhasabah*⁷ method, Aa Gym supported his audiences to introspect themselves.

" The prayer which he read at the end of his speech that was a great potency to arouse his power, therefore everyone who listens flowed their tears. There is such an awareness to correct our selves" said Yunan.⁸

Another acknowledgement expressed by Tamsil Wijaya 34 year who prove the influence of Aa Gym *da'wah* which left strongly in his awareness, the man who came from Palembang always remember the Triple B formula from

⁴ Hernowo dan Deden Ridwan (ed) *Aa Gym dan Fenomena Darut Tauhid (Memperbaiki diri lewat Manajemen Qolbu)* Mizan Page 14

⁵Op cit Gatra page 37.

⁶ Dean of Dakwah Faculty of National Islamic University of Jakarta

⁷ Pray with full of reflection of self introspection

⁸op cit Gatra no 37 page 31

Aa Gym. i.e: **Begin** from the simple thing, **Begin** from your self, **Begin** as early as possible.

"I felt more patient than before, and I'm not so easy to be jealous again to my office mates who one level with me but they got more salaries than me"⁹

Beside that there was another acknowledgement which expressed by Baihaqi 17 years, a student of class 3 of Natural sciences of 5 Senior High School in Surabaya.

"His reflection added us more sciences and aware us from our stupidity, also remind us about our attitude and our conduct." He said.

And because of Aa Gym *da'wah* Baihaqi tries to improve. This *determined will* appeared after he listened Aa Gym *da'wah* in Surabaya on last July 2002.¹⁰

Based on the explanation above there was an academic restless had growth highly in the writer's mind. And it caused a great will to conduct research this reality scientifically. And useful fact which writer found in his community (Pondok Modern Gontor II) that there were some teachers of Pondok Modern Gontor II who like Aa Gym *da'wah*. More over they have some Aa Gym *da'wah* articles and use them. These articles are : cassettes of Aa Gym *da'wah*, the book of Aa Gym *da'wah* and some time they watch television just to see Aa Gym *da'wah* or read Aa Gym coloum in Republika news paper on Fridays.

Inspired by the acknowledgements above the writer remember a sentence which Aa Gym said in his cassette entitled "*Taubat*" that some thing which

⁹ Ibid Gatra No 37 page 31

¹⁰ Ibid Gatra No 37 page 31

always listened, read, and watched will stimulate the brain to think and produce a thought in mind and it is not something impossible to give a real form in real actions.

According to the writer's thought that Aa Gym is a profile of success *da'i* who gave his *umma* a real sample of Islamic life. So it will be very useful to search his steps in *da'wah* and the *preacher* after him could follow his *da'wah* or made his *da'wah* as new inspiration for creating another new steps of Islamic *da'wah*.

The writer acknowledges that preacher in this country are so many, such: K.H.Zainuddin MZ, K.H. Toto Tasmara, Dr. Didin Hafidudin etc. but Aa Gym is *da'i* who had specific characteristics and gave real contributions to the daily *umma'* life. Beside that Aa Gym is one word one action. It means what he said to *Umma'* he himself had done. And also he gave the real and simple example which could be found in real daily life. These all made easy for his audiences to follow what Aa Gym said and made Aa Gym *da'wah* was better *da'wah* method than another *preachers*.

Elaboration of Title

To make this study clear, the writer limited this title as follow:

- *The Influence of dakwah* The changing of actions character or belief of some body as the result of *dakwah*.
- *Religious Obligations* something obligated by religion ¹¹

¹¹ Asep Rahmatullah, his Thesis of licentiate under the title *religious Attitude of the employee at Pondok Modern Gontor* 2002 page.

The practice Of Religious Obligations doing obligation of religious repeatedly and make it as behaviour of a person who did it.

-K.H.Abdullah Gymnastiar (*Aa Gym*) is a chief of a "Virtual" Islamic Boarding School of Darut Tauhid in Geger Kalong Girang Bandung and from his region he spreads out the Islamic Studi which is called *Qolbu* management¹²

-*Pondok Modern Darussalam Gontor II* was a branch of Pondok Modern Darussalam Gontor I at Mlarak Ponorogo prepared for the student who are facing Kulliyatu-l- Mu'allimin Al Islamiyah/KMI Entry Examination¹³. The campus of Pondok Modern Darussalam Gontor II is in Madusari Siman Ponorogo established since 15th of November 1995 and started operating at 14th of August 1996¹⁴

-*The Teacher Of Pondok Modern Darussalam Gontor II* are the teachers who are domiciled by the chief of Pondok Modern Gontor at Pondok Modern Gontor II and devote themselves there.

Then, *The Influence of Da'wah Toward Religiosity: Study of Aa Gym Da'wah toward The Practice of Religious Obligations of The Teachers of pondok Modern Gontor II*, wants to give an explanation about the success of Aa Gym da'wah toward his audiences especially the teachers who domiciled at Pondok Modern

¹²K.H Abdullah Gymnastiar *Meraih Kebeningan Hati dengan Menejemen Qolbu* First Edition, Gema Insani Press, Jakarta. Page 143

¹³Brochure of Pondok Modern Gontor II 2002 page 2

¹⁴ Anahdhah Bulletin of Kampus Pondok Modern Gontor II /10/09/ 2000 page 14

Gontor II in some matters related to : Congregational Prayer, Hifdul Lisan (Avoiding from *Ghibah*), cleanliness, time management, tahajud prayer, reciting of Holy Qur'an, social care, when facing the problem, generosity, taubat, muhasabah, to be a quality muslim, to face the difference among persons. And this research try to seek the relationship between two variables i.e : The Influence of Dakwah as the first variable and change of religiosity as another. This research also was in the form of comparative religion's field because dakwah activity was one of religious activity.

C.Limitation of Study

Based on the explanation above the writer tries to find out some problems, which may be limited as follow:

- The influence of Aa Gym da'wah towards the rituals of the teachers of Pondok Modern Gontor II.
- The Influence of Aa Gym da'wah towards the Practice of Islamic Religious obligations.

D. Formulation of Problem

To be concentrated to the essence of the problem which become in the thought of the writer, he tries to formulate into the following problems:

- How is the condition of religiosity of the teachers and their rituals Pondok Modern Gontor II before they get Aa Gym *da'wah*?
- How is the influence of Aa Gym *da'wah* toward their religiosity and their rituals ?

E. Purpose of Research

1. To know condition of religiosity of the teachers of Pondok Modern Gontor II and their rituals.
2. To know the influence of Aa Gym da'wah toward The Practice of Religious Obligations of teachers of Pondok Modern Gontor II and their rituals.

F. Assumption and Hypothesis

It assumed that religiosity of teachers of Pondok Modern Gontor II after they get listened Aa Gym *da'wah* is different from before. Their religiosity is better. Because they always listen, read or watch Aa Gym da'wah, and because of these activities they get some new Islamic spirituals and will enrich their awareness and their total comprehension to perform the obligations of Islam in their daily life.

Based on the assumption above, the writer formulates the hypothesis that they get new Islamic enlightenment while they are getting Islamic da'wah from Aa Gym.

G. The Use of Research

This research might give some contributions to:

1. To teachers of Pondok Modern Gontor II in order to follow their friend steps to get some new Islamic enlightments by Aa Gym da'wah.
2. To *preachers* in order to increase their *da'wah* capability by following some suitable steps from Aa Gym *da'wah* or they create some new da'wah steps which will make them succes in their *da'wah* activity.
3. As a reference for other researchers for their research.

H. Metodology of Research

This study analyzes the influence of Aa Gym da'wah toward attitude of religious changes of the teachers of Pondok Modern Gontor II, it is a kind of Descriptive Qualitative Research, then the writer in this study utilize Descriptive Method. And to do this research the writer should formulate it as below:

1. *Design of research*

In this research the writer uses Psychological Approach, where the data of it got by qualitative research.

2. *Population of Sample*

The population of this research is all the teachers of Gontor II who like Aa Gym da'wah. The amount of them are 7 persons. There are two kinds in sampling Metode; Random Sampling and Purposive Sampling. In this research the writer uses the second method i.e. Purposive sampling that the teacher who like Aa Gym da'wah only. Criterias of like is that: the respondents listen and read Aa Gym actively, some of them have the articles of Aa Gym da'wah and utilize them actively or they borrow these articles from their friends and use them actively.

3. *Kind of Source of Data*

There Are two kinds of data in this research, they are:

- a. Primary data, its source is the teacher of Pondok Modern Darussalam Gontor II.
- b. Secondary data, its source is Aa Gym books, his cassettes and other Aa Gym writings or writing about Aa Gym in many kind of mass media and also the result of another research which have the same kind with this research.

4. Method of collecting data

In collecting data, the writer uses interview method, by holding a conversation with them. This conversation is guided by an interview guide. The form of interview Guide which the writer uses is "Semi Structured " in this method the interviewer ask some Questions which had structured, then one by one were deepen to get more informations ¹⁵

4. Technic of analyzing data.

In analyzing data the writer uses descriptive analyzes, this technique analyzes the quality of data with descriptive presentation¹⁶

I. Study of Literature

The study of this research based on the desire of the writer to know the religiosity change of the teachers after they got da'wah from Aa Gym during they domiciled in Pondok Modern Gontor II. At previous time, there were a person doing who research about religious attitude in Pondok Modern Gontor one and this was be a refer of the writer but it was different. That is :

The research that was written by Asep Rachmatullah under the title *Religious attitude of the employees at Pondok Modern Gontor* A thesis for degree of licentiate in Islamic Study of Darussalam, Gontor Ponorogo 2002.

In this research the writer wants to research the religiosity of the teachers of Pondok Modern Gontor II after they got the da'wah from Aa Gym.

¹⁵ Suharsini Arikunto *Prosedur Penelitian Suatu Pendekatan Praktek* revised Edition P.

¹⁶Asep rahmatullah copied from Sutrisno Hadi *Metodologi Riset*, firstbook, Andi Offset, Yogyakarta 1995; Page 1

So there was not another person who has researched this problem in Pondok Modern Gontor II. And as the writer knows this problem never be studied before So this research were verily urgent to be researched to know the influence of Aa Gym da'wah toward the religius attitude of the teachers of Pondok Modern Gontor II in view of Aa Gym were be a great fenomenal in the field of da'wah.

J. System of Study

The writer divides the system of study in this research into five chapter as follow:

Chapter I : Introduction, which consists of background of study, elaboration of the title of study, limitation of study, formulation of problem, purpose of study, asumption and hypothesis of research, use of research, methodology of research, study of literature and system of Study

Chapter II : it is the study of theory about Da'wah and Religiosity contains definition of da'wah, aim of da'wah, purpose of da'wah, the principles of dakwah, subject and object of da'wah, subject of da'wah, object of da'wah, method of da'wah, Aa Gym da'wah, also study about theory of religiosity which contains: definition of religion, beginning of study of religion, function of religion in human life and the religiosity of them, religiosity consideration.

Chapter three : In this chapter the writer explained about his methodology of research which he used, design of research, population and sample, data and its sources, method of collecting data, method of analyzing data

Chapter IV : is presentation and analyzes. This chapter consist of a brief about Aa Gym and his da'wah, a short biography about Aa Gym, Aa Gym method of da'wah,

Beside that the writer also write about general view about Pondok Modern Gontor II, geographically, historical background of establishment and it progress, the teachers and santris in Pondok Modern Gontor II, educational aims, the Five Spirits of Pondok Modern, condition of the teachers at Pondok Modern Gontor II, some departements in Pondok Modern Gontor II, amount of the teachers, the influence of Aa Gym da'wah toward the practice of religious obligations of the teacher of Pondok Modern Gontor II -

Chapter V: This last chapter is consist of closing, conclusion, suggestion, closing