

CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of Study

Fighting in the path of Allah or Jihad is important in Islam, to separate the right and the wrong, the method to preserve Islamic religion and Moslem. And it is also a big part in spreading of Islam. Moreover it is one of the ways to become an eminence. That are the reasons Jihad is compulsory for Moslems from the beginning of revelation until the Day of Judgment¹. Whosoever leaves jihad does not want to strive in the path of Allah then Allah will abandoned them and turn their condition to be miserable². Allah said:

وَجَاهِدُوا فِي اللَّهِ حَقَّ جِهَادِهِ ۗ

*And strive in His cause as ye ought to strive, (with sincerity and under discipline).*⁴

In the chapter of *At-Tawbah*, verse: 111, Allah said: “Allah hath purchased of the believers their persons and their goods; for theirs (in return) is the garden (of Paradise): they fight in His cause, and slay and are slain: a promise binding on Him in truth, through the Law, the Gospel, and the Qur'an: and who is more faithful to his covenant than Allah? then rejoice in the bargain which ye have concluded: that is the achievement supreme.”⁵

¹ Syaikh Abdullah Azzam, *Tabiyah Jihadiyah*. Translated by Abdurrahman, (Solo: Pustaka Al-Alaq, 2002) Second book. p,70 . Original book chapter, Abdullah Azzam, *Fie Tarbiyah Al-Jihadiyah wal Bina' juz Ats-Tsani*, (Pakistan: Maktab Khidmad Al-Mujahidin . 1983).

² Wahbatul Dzuhaili, *Fihi Al islami wa adillatuhu*, eghth book, (Damaskus:Darul Fikr, 1997). 5847

³ Al-Hajj, Verse: 78

⁴ The text is copied from *DivineIslam's Qur'an Viewer software v2.913*

⁵ At-Tawbah, verse: 111

Today's facts are the unbelievers and Jew striving to erase the obligations of jihad from the teachings of Islamic religion. Such as, they created new Islamic religions with new teachings to erase the practice of Jihad in this religion. In Pakistan they appointed a fake apostle named Mirza Gulam Ahmad. So then they began their actions by using their dummy. Mirza Gulam Ahmad said: Jihad is not used anymore in Islamic teachings. He also said that he has compiled books that could fill fifty bookshelves to aid England. Finally he said, truly Angles has descended to support England to infiltrate Iraq.⁶

They also spread the deluded sect called Brahmanism. The leader is Braham and Braham announced that Abbas has taken England to Iraq. Moreover he declared himself as the God. He covered his face with a mask, so then human would not taint his divine power. England exiled this person to Palestine in area called 'Aka. That is the area where Jew entered Palestine. They brought this deluded sect (Brahmanism) into Palestine to set out the plan further and to spread his doctrine among the Moslem community, that the divine religions are one, which in Musa, Isa, and Muhammad pbuh. There were not any differences between Jew and Moslems and between the Christianity and Moslems, so why are the Moslems fighting against the Jew?⁷

After occurrence of war in Afghanistan, United State of America bring more than 5100 young men of Afghanistan to be sent to school in United State of America, and taught them understanding to banish obligation of jihad of Moslems generation specially in Afghanistan, United State also have opened 600 schools, that also done

⁶ Syekh Abdullah Azzam, *Tarbiyah Jihadiyah Wal Bina'*, second book. *op. cit.* p. 61

⁷ *Ibid.* 61

by England. Russia people have kidnapped more than 5200 children of Moslems to be educated by communist faith and inculcate atheism⁸.

The Jihad in Islam is to give all of our strength and efforts to sustain Allah's religion and it includes the definition of murder⁹. In this regard, human generally think that Jihad is no more than murder. This definition spread on human opinion commonly. It bases on the story of Islam that was spread by raising the sword to murder the enemies. So if we talk to them about Jihad they directly think about murder¹⁰.

Terrorism that happened recently in our state or suicide bomb done by Amrozi and Imam Samudra group in Bali, and any other Moslems in this world, making people wonder about the reality of jihad which taught by Allah. Because the doers outspokenly confess that they are Moslems and their work is Jihad, while many of the bomb victims are the innocent people.¹¹ This Increases the confidence of enemies' of Islam to proof that Islam is the religion of fight, murder and terrorist.

Abdullah Azzam was born in Janine, North Palestinian year 1941, and this area is near of the 'Aka where the unbelievers entered Palestine. He knew well the condition of Moslems in Palestine and Afghanistan. He was the scholar of Moslems who pays great attentions to free Jihad from influence of Jewish and Christian colonialism.

⁸ ibid. 53

⁹ Muhammad ibn Mukarrom Madzur Al-Afriki Al-Masriyi, *Lisanul Arab, fi Al-Maktabah Assyamilah*, the second publishing, <http://www.waqfeya.net/shamela>. Taken. 2007-03-29.

¹⁰ Muhammad Khirzin, *Jihad Menurut Sayid Qutub dalam tafsir Fi Dzilalil Qur'an*. (Solo: Era Intermedia, 2001), p.13

¹¹ HM Roem Rowie. *Jihad Menurut Al-qur'an (perspektif Tafsir as-Sya'rawi) Bagian Pertama*", dalam Majalah Gontor, Edisi 11 Tahun III, Shafar 1427/Maret 2006, (Jakarta: PT Gontor Media Jaya), p.28

Abdullah Azzam has an important role of Jihad movement in Afghanistan, because he is mediator Afghanistan mujahedeen and all supporters of Arab Countries. He leads numbers of operation to give aid and service, education, health, and also military to refugees (Afghanistan mujahedeen and their family).

Based on the explanation above, writer wishes to know the true jihad in Islam in the view of Abdullah Azzam, who is a Moslems scholar mainly holding on Qur'an and prophetic tradition in his Jihad teachings and concepts. And he was the leader of Mujahedeen, he practiced jihad not only with weapon in the war field but also with his pen. Many books had been compiled by his hand on Jihad and Islamic law.

B. Problem Formulation

Based on the background of study above, the research in this problem will be limited into one point:

1. What is the correct concept of jihad in Islam in the view of Abdullah Azzam?

C. Purpose of Study

1. To understand comprehensively the correct concept of jihad in Islam in the view of Abdullah Azzam.

D. Significance of Study

It is hoped that this research will benefit the following:

1. Personally for the writer to know the correct concept of jihad in Islam in the view of Abdullah Azzam.

2. While for the others, hopefully with the existence of this research can add and broaden their knowledge in jihad based on the original teachings of Islamic religion.

E. Literature Review

These are the thesis that discussed about Jihad and the position of the writer in these thesis:

1. The thesis on "*The concept of Jihad according to Syekh Sayyid Qutub*", by Arif Rahman Hakim. He utilized the interpretation method to reach the result of his study. The related verses with jihad in qur'an he interpreted by using the interpretation book "*Fi Zilalil Qur'an*", compiled by Sayyid Qutub alone.
2. The book written by Syaikh Yusuf Al-Uyairi, *Maqomul Nissa' Fil Jihad*, Translated by Fajrun Muttaqim, *Muslimah Berjihad!* (Solo: Media Islamika, 2007). Globally this book talked about the position of women in Jihad, based on the Four Scholars Doctrines. This book doesn't talk about the men's position in Jihad.
3. The book written by Dr. Hj. Enizar, M.Ag. "*Jihad! The Best jihad for Moslems*" (Jakarta: Amzah, 2007). This book compiled by an Indonesian scholar discusses about Jihad. The book explains globally the meaning of jihad considering many Moslem scholars' ideas in its explanation.
4. The dissertation written by Dr. Muhammad Chirzin, M.Ag. "*Jihad Dalam Al-Qur'an*" (Yogyakarta: Pustaka Pelajar, 2004). This dissertation clearly explained about jihad in Islamic teaching and talked about the importance of Jihad in Islamic religion and the life of Moslems, that jihad

could not be separated from Islam and Moslems. Finally tells the story of Moslems a long time ago who got the victory and better life after practicing jihad.

The writer now will write The Concept of Jihad According to Abdullah Azzam, the writer sees that no one of the writers above who has written this chapter before. In his study the writer utilizes many kinds of interpretation books, and Moslem scholars' ideas. He explains clearly the idea of Abdullah Azzam in jihad and compares it to other Moslem scholars understanding.

F. Theoretical Framework

To make easily the writer does his research, then the writer uses some methods which suitable for his research. There are descriptive method, analytical method and comparative method.

In descriptive method contains of general definitions of Jihad and historical survey of Jihad.

In analytical method contains of source and root of idea, Abdullah Azzam's definition of Jihad and interpretation of Jihad according to Abdullah Azzam.

In comparative method contains of the comparative study of the ideas of Moslems scholars in Jihad particularly in the method, kinds, times and superiorities of Jihad.

Based on that, the writer chooses this research under title "The Jihad Concept According to Abdullah Azzam" in order to understand for the reader by Abdullah Azzam's idea of Jihad. Therefore, the writer establishes a theoretical framework in his research.

Abdullah Azzam is an important and influential Moslems scholar of Jihad¹². In Jihad movement, he has made major contributions, while in the movement of jihad he has great influence. He is probably the only one of the Moslems Jihad scholar who follows and aids Moslems immediately in the war field of the second half of the 20th century.¹³

G. Research Method

1. Source of data

This work is a library research. The data of this research will be collected from primary sources and secondary sources. The primary sources to the data are Abdullah Azzam own works closely related to the problem of Jihad.

- a. Azzam, Abdullah, DR., 2003. *Tarbiyah jihadiyah juz 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 09, 11, 12*. Translated by Abdurrahman Cetakan Pertama (Solo: Pustaka Al-alaq, 2003). The original book of Arabic language. *Fie At-Tarbiyah Al-Jihadiyah wal Bina'*, section: 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 09, 11, 12, (Pakistan: Maktab Khidmat Al-Mujahidin, 1980.)”
- b. Azzam, Abdullah, DR., *Kado Istimewa Untuk Sang Mujahidin*, Translated by Abdul Fattah El Bourie (Solo: Pustaka Al-alaq, 2006). The original book of Arabic Language, Under the title : “*Ittihafu Alaa Al'Ibad Fie Fadhaa-il Al-Jihad* (Pakistan: Maktab Khidmat Al-Mujahidin, 1983).”

While secondary sources are the works of other scholars dealing with the subject discussed.

¹² Imam Samudra, *Aku melawan teroris*. (Solo: Jazera, 2004), p.117

¹³ Syekh Abdullah Azzam, loc. cit. p. 35

2. Method of Collecting data

The data in this research will be collected by using the documentary method, which consisted of documents, books, encyclopedias, etc.

3. Analysis Data

The method of analysis is using the descriptive method. The data of the research will be formulated and analyzed and finally to draw conclusion.

H. System of Study

To have a systematic exposition of this research, the writer classifies it into four chapters:

Chapter One is Introduction, contains of Background of Study, problem formulation, purpose of study, significance of study, literature review, theoretical framework, research method, and system of study.

Chapter Two is Abdullah Azzam and Jihad, contains biography of Abdullah Azzam such as his birth, his complete name, his education, his influences, his states of the knowledge seeking, his books. Secondly Jihad in Islam which contains of: Jihad, The History of Jihad, the legislation of Jihad in Islamic law, compulsorily of Jihad.

Chapter Three is The Concept of Jihad According to Abdullah Azzam, in this chapter the writer firstly will explain the definition of Jihad according to Abdullah Azzam and then he will elaborate Abdullah Azzam's concept of Jihad which contains of: The definition of Jihad according to Abdullah Azzam, superiority of dying in the way of Allah, the phases of Jihad, the kind of jihad.

Chapter Four is Closing, contains of conclusion, recommendation and closing.