

CHAPTER IV

THE RELEVANT OF IBNU ḤAZM'S LOVE TO HUMAN LIFE

A. Characteristic of Love

One appeal of Ibnu Ḥazm's thought is its deep emphasis on love, perceptible from his work with an emphasis on the human deepest element through a thorough depiction of human emotions. Love concept of Ibnu Ḥazm Al-Andalusi presents the concept of love from various experiences that occurred during his lifetime. As social criticism in his lifetime, Ibnu Ḥazm wrote the book *Tauqul Ḥamāmah* which united between the western with the eastern world as well as united the Islamic world with the Christian world. His works translated to over 20 languages, his works was translated to over 20 languages, even when he died many people from various religious escorted his burial. So it is not excessive if the book *Tauqul Ḥamāmah* is used as handbook for the present generation to understand and learn more about love.

Lie! If you claim to love two lovers

Because true love is impossible to divide love

There is no place in a heart for two lovers

Heart should not be divided for two lovers

Similar to the sense that only recognizes Him

The One, the Creator the All-Beneficent

That is true love, not lust wrapped

He was single, did not stay away, not closer always

In the law of love, those who share the love

Like shirk which away from the truth of our faith

Similar to the believer, admit one religion

And those who disbelieve, admit two religion¹

Detailed critical examination in its section, a treatise or reference on Islamic Science, Philosophy and Science of religion, Ibnu Ḥazm emphasized the importance of feeling; as he realized the reason of humans have feelings. And he recognizes the importance of a reason, because the Qur'an itself invites reflection, in which he argued that this reflection refers mostly to the revelation of the secrets and feelings data, because the principle of the reason is themselves who entirely derived from a variety of feelings experiences. He concluded that the reason is not senses for invention or an independent research, but in accord with the feeling, it must be used in its place, an idea that forms the empirical basis.

Ibnu Ḥazm to explain the concept of love is more to man as its object. Different from other Islamic figures and Sufis, the discussed object is love of God. In his book *Ṭauqul Ḥamāmah*, he explained in detail about the signs of people who fall in love, causes of love presence, goodness and badness of love and others. Love is not just a matter of passion and lust, but furthermore, love is a means of union between two human souls who are led by God. Taken from a true story he experienced and the people who lived in his time, Ibnu Ḥazm present a scientific work written in beautiful language style along with the inclusion of the poems which adds to the uniqueness of his work.

When compared with the concept of love in psychology, as Sigmund Freud thought that man is more determined by unconsciousness , when libido (sex) are in it and controlling impulses , thoughts , consciousness , and actions.

¹ Ibnu Ḥazm Al-Andalusi, *Risalah Cinta*, Translator: Ahmad Rofi 'Usmani. Mizan, Jakarta, 2009, p.62

the concept of love of Ibnu Ḥazm more adhere to religious norms. Love is described not only a matter of passion and lust, furthermore love is capable of building the human soul to be better. Love is also capable of delivering humans to be closer to his God. While the psychologists prefer to incorporate elements of intimacy obtained from passion and lust. Love flavored with lust so that love is a desire that cannot be denied. Expression of love which invites to several sexual led the subject fly to the seventh sky. Then makes love slightly deviated from its original nature.

While the concept of love of both Islamic figures and Sufi is divine in nature (human relationship with God). Source of all sources is love of Allah. Allah causes all loves that brings human to a perfection stage of personality (*insan kamil*). Love Allah is the highest love which is located on the top stage in religion and life. Because Allah is the creator of everything, with His mercy and compassion is created humans and other creatures. Although it remains to explain the relationship of love among humans, but not as described in detail by Ibnu Ḥazm because of religious teachings is a teachings toward Allah only.

Despite having the same meaning between *ḥubb* and *maḥabbah*, Ibnu Ḥazm prefers to use the word *ḥubb*. By using the words *hub* to describe love, Ibnu Ḥazm asserted that the concept of her love grounded. Love is easily understood by everyone even common people.

My love for you, immortal for all time

No more any less by reason

My love for unreasonable except the desire to love

My love is uncaused understood by humans

If your love is unreasonable besides it is you love

So he is real, will not lost forever

If your love is driven by a reason

So he will be gone together with the dissipation of the reasons²

Maḥabbah more often be used by the Sufis. *Maḥabbah* to God is more than just any love but the love which occupies the highest position above all love. Characteristics of the believers is the first love for God than his love for anything and anyone:

وَالَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا أَشَدُّ حُبًّا لِلَّهِ

and those who believe are stronger in love for Allah³

Closeness to God can not be foreseen

Associate themselves with the God is not climbing or walking down,

Rather escape from prison of existence.

The treasure lies in the absence of God.

You fooled by the presence of.

How could you really understand the absence?⁴

Tauqul Ḥamāmāh also influenced the work of Juan Ruiz⁵. If you read the *Libro del Buen Amor* would seem obvious that Juan Ruiz learned a lot from the

² Ibid, p.30

³ Q.S. al-Baqarah [2] 165

⁴ Juliet Mabey, *Wasiat Spritual Rumi*, Pustaka Sufi, Yogyakarta, 2002, p. 27

⁵ Known as the Archpriest of Hita (1283 – 1350), was a medieval Spanish poet. He is best known for his ribald, earthy poem, *Libro de buen amor* (*The Book of Good Love*). see http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Juan_Ruiz accessed on May 10, 2014.

book. While Emilio Garcia Gomez⁶ found there are similarities between Ibnu Ḥazm thoughts on the chapter "intermediaries of love" in *Ṭauqul Ḥamāmah* and thoughts of Fernando de Rojas⁷ in his novel *La Celestina*.⁸

B. The relevant of Ibnu Ḥazm's Love to Human Life

The older the age of the world, the richer human experience, the more smart people to organize their civilization, the more colorful sophistication of science and technology, and more admirable human creativity. But in the more advanced age, humans are in very difficult conditions, needs fulfillment requires extra effort to get it. Many ways have been undertaken in order to meet their needs that make each other down, each twists, to get what they want. This is because they lost a sense of caring each other, moral crisis and had no love between them. Though love is a way to unite them, make beautiful harmony in life.

This cannot be denied that television today is a medium that affects a person's life especially teenagers. There is so much on display about love story and what's on television seemed became specific media of learning about love. While love is presented by television shows no longer cares with customs and norms as religious people. Loving style in the television imitates the western which is too vulgar and not in line with the rules of the religion. Love is depicted in a pleasure to meet the desire. With so many love stories each day served, giving tremendous influence for teenagers due to the fact that today's teen are very weak in regulating emotions. With stories every day watched without any

⁶ Emilio García Gómez, 1st Count of Alixares (4 June 1905 – 31 May 1995) was a Spanish Arabist, literary historian and critic, whose talent as a poet enriched his many translations from Arabic. See http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emilio_Garcia_Gomez accessed on May 10, 2014.

⁷ Fernando de Rojas (La Puebla de Montalbán, Toledo, Spain, c. 1465/73 – Talavera de la Reina, Toledo, Spain, April 1541) was a Spanish author and dramatist, known for his only surviving work, *La Celestina* (originally titled *Tragicomedia de Calisto y Melibea*), first published in 1499. It is variously considered "the last work of the Spanish Middle Ages or the first work of the Spanish Renaissance" see http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fernando_de_Rojas accessed on May 10, 2014

⁸ Ibnu Ḥazm Al-Andalusi, *Risalah Cinta*, p.16

guidance from parents makes them easy to get carried away by the current negative.

In addition to television, various social media such as Facebook, twitter, path, and others also provide a tremendous influence. Even the social media has become a place to vent/share about their feeling, from personal problems, love; all is there even a place to pray. This social media, makes teenagers' personality become vulnerable, peevish, and do not have strong principles. There are so many negative influences than positive obtained. Only by acquainted in cyberspace, a person can directly express feelings of love. From this happen many deviant behavior, courtship style as if they have become husband and wife, illegal pregnancy, abortion and even murder.

Such phenomena are caused due to human mindset that relies on reason and ratio mechanism and their practical and pragmatic behavior make the most of them just want to submit and believed to something and functionally visible. Ideal and spiritual things was underestimated, considered to belong to a particular undeveloped people, and has no point for improving the quality of human life. Even many of those who think that these things are a form of escape, a false reality that depict human powerlessness. Religion, virtue, morality, and love is between the manifestation of underdevelopment reality and powerlessness.

Not many people realize that no matter how much they want to break away from what they call backwardness, they still cannot escape to believe something, to follow a certain value in life, and like or dislike something. While the beliefs, value, and like it or not it is a certain quality of religion, morality and love.

While the Islam taught different things with the current situation. Islam has its own laws which should be used as guidance to its adherents. Although love is not despised and not violate the rules of religion, but what happen is

obvious. The most application of love going on now is far violate the religious rules. Therefore in a relationship, love must understand the rules of religion.

Love is never wrong. However, the meaning of love that deviated can make the substance of love changed. In now day's practice of love is associated with sexual intercourse. Without marriage, man channeling love without doubt. Understanding about the meaning of love was wrong. Love is always be keyed to sex activity like a result from the research as follows:⁹

First, in the 1980s, sexual behavior among adolescents in major cities on average amounted to 5 %. However, in 2000, free sex teen to 20 %.

Secondly, in 1990 based on research results from the Faculty of Psychology Soetjipto found that approximately 90% of adolescent premarital sex Bali.

Third , in 1995 , the results of Diponegoro University in collaboration with Central Java health office found that approximately 60,000 high school students in Central Java (600,000 respondents) engage in premarital sex .

Fourth, in 2002, the results of research Lip Vitello found that approximately 97.05 % female students in Yogyakarta lost her virginity.

Fifth, research conducted by Taufik in 2005 in Surakarta. This study was conducted on 1,250 students from 10 high schools in Surakarta, which consisted of 611 male students and 639 female students. The study found that of 462 male students who are dating, as much as 30.09 % of them claimed to have had sexual intercourse. While the 469 female students who are dating, as much as 5.33 % is claimed to have sexual intercourse.

Sixth, the survey conducted by Annisa Foundation in 2006 to approximately 412 students from 13 junior high school and senior high school, both public and

⁹ Fikri Habibullah Muharram, *Catatan Sejarah Cinta*, Gema Insani Press, Jakarta, 2012. P. 32-34

private in Cianjur and Cipanas. The survey found that as many as 42.3 % of the students have had sex before marriage.

Research conducted by Dr. Andik wijaya, DMSH of 202 adolescents in Malang city September 2001. With 51.3 % male, 48.5 % female, 6 % aged 13-15 years, 67.3 % were aged 16-18 years, and 26.7 % aged over 18 years. From these results, it was revealed that 7 % of the respondents claimed to perform oral sex activity. 100 % of them had oral sex is claimed to get the idea to perform oral sex from pornographic VCDs they see , from 73 % of a friend , 66 % of the internet , 47 % of the print media such as newspapers , tabloids , and magazines .¹⁰

If using a psychological approach, it is not appropriate. Sigmund Freud is a psychologist who first discovered the phenomenon of man is more determined by unconsciousness , when libido (sex) are in it and controlling impulses , thoughts , consciousness , and actions. When the need was increasingly stretched in adolescence , denial or repression (restraint) to this need to be transferred into the form (sublimation method or transfer) that the measures are unknowingly committed by juveniles , which in reality is more cause losses in public relations , because often there is no institution that is able to regulate the actions of this impingement .¹¹ It was explained that the distribution of libido should be with sexual intercourse. If the fulfillment of the desire for sex is not channeled, then other measures are tantamount to deviate became an outlet for teens.

Such occurred phenomena, if it is associated with the concept of love of Ibnu Hāzīm al-Andalusī, this concept could be a solution. Love is viewed from the ideality of the lovers without leaving the religious norms. Love as beautiful emotion given to humans, makes someone feel it be in incredible feeling. Ibnu Hāzīm has given a very detailed explanation about how the good love should be.

¹⁰ Ibid, p.30-31

¹¹ Khoridatul Anissa, *Making Love = Cinta itu Seks?, Membongkar Rahasia dan Mitos Cinta*, Garasi, Jogjakarta, 2009, P. 95

By studying the concept of love of Ibnu Ḥazm, it may be used as a handbook for the lovers who want to gain her love and run well without having to violate the norms and religion.

Love as a manifestation of one's self in the living his life. With love humans also lived his life as social beings that need each other to its existence. Love is the most beautiful emotion given by God to mankind. The main element of love is the conscience and intellect. Intellect is essentially duty to know what should be love. While conscience is in charge of maintaining love with sincerity that grows from mind awareness when responding to a choice consciously.¹²

Ibnu Ḥazm explained about the importance of keeping sanctity of self. People who are in love should be able to keep himself from lust, away from evil and disobedience, execute all commands and stay away from all His prohibitions. While most people prefer to commit disobedience, to act in defiance of conscience and common sense, indulgence in lust, and away from the command of God to cleanse the heart from heart illness.

Actually, the mankind was given two characters by Allah. First, the character of which only invites the kindness and invites to execute all His commands. Meanwhile, the next character is carnality; it always delivers in disgrace and humiliation. Its character is lust and the driver is desire. Concerning passion and lust Allah says,

إِنَّ النَّفْسَ لَأَمَّارَةٌ بِالسُّوءِ إِلَّا مَا رَحِمَ رَبِّي ﴿٥٢﴾

*Verily, the (human) self is inclined to evil, expert when my Lord bestows His Mercy (Upon whom he wills)*¹³

¹² Muhammad Alain, *Ajaklah hatimu berbicara*, pustaka pesantren, Yogyakarta, 2011, p. 150

¹³ Q.S Yusuf [12] 53

Indeed Allah has shown the human his way to heaven, explaining all the grace provided in it. He loves humans, and has no limit in giving His grace. All those should make clever man thanked him and always execute commands and obey Him. By keeping away from lust, then a lover will achieve at levels close to God. That if practiced in the present life by the lovers is definitely very directly proportional to the teachings of God. Because love bringing good not evil, if evil to come, it is not love but lust. *Ṭauqul Ḥamāmah* is a guideline for the lovers as study materials beside than those described in the Qur'an.