

## THE CONCEPT OF SCIENTIFIC AND RELIGIOUS TRUTH (CASE STUDY OF SCIENTIFIC AND RELIGIOUS TRUTH IN SETU WETAN VILLAGE)

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### ABSTRACT

This research aims to provide a more comprehensive understanding of perceptions of truth in the community of Setu Wetan Village, especially in a religious context, and how this view influences the way they seek the truth. The research was conducted in the setting of a district in Cirebon Regency. Primary data was obtained through in-depth interviews with the people of Setu Wetan Village as the main respondents. Data analysis was carried out descriptively and qualitatively with the aim of providing a comprehensive picture to the reader. The results of the analysis show that science has an inseparable role in the lives of religious communities in the village. Therefore, the development of education and knowledge is very important in improving the quality of life of the people in the Village. The research provides insights into the perceptions of truth in the community of Setu Wetan Village and how it influences their way of seeking the truth. The study emphasizes the importance of science and education in the lives of religious communities in the village. The research also highlights the relevance of local knowledge and wisdom in disaster management in Indonesia.

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### INTRODUCTION

Truth plays a crucial role in shaping people's views and behavior. In Setu Wetan Village, various approaches exist to seeking and understanding truth. Some accept information unquestioningly, while others seek confirmation from different sources (Gusmian, 2014). This research explores how Setu Wetan Village residents perceive truth, particularly in a religious context, and how it impacts their search for truth. While differences in views on scientific and religious truth are not unique to Setu Wetan Village, studying these variations in local communities is pertinent. The research aims to enhance our understanding of how knowledge is acquired in Setu Wetan Village, shedding light on diverse methods employed by its residents. Additionally, it delves into the influence of religion on truth-seeking behaviors, recognizing religion's significant role in shaping beliefs (Padli & Mustofa, 2021).

Setu Wetan Village is not the only place where differences of opinion regarding scientific and religious truth exist. However, the investigation of these differences in local communities becomes relevant and important. The main aim of this research is to contribute to our understanding of how the people of Setu Wetan Village acquire knowledge. People often rely on various methods and approaches to obtain information (Amalliah, 2018; Astuti & Mustofa, 2020). This research will provide a deeper understanding of the variations in these methods. Second, this research will explore the concept of truth and how religion influences the way society seeks the truth. Religion often plays a significant role in shaping an individual's values and beliefs, and seeing how religion interacts with the concept of truth can provide valuable insight (Atabik, 2016).

This research will answer key questions about how the people of Setu Wetan Village view the concept of truth and how this concept of truth interacts with religion in their efforts to seek the truth. This research will use appropriate methodology, including selecting the location and time of field studies, relevant sampling techniques, accurate data collection, and appropriate data analysis methods to answer these questions.

This research aims to provide a more comprehensive understanding of perceptions of truth in the Setu Wetan Village community, including how these views are influenced by religious factors and how individuals seek their truth. This research has the potential to provide valuable insights that can assist in the decision-making process in various contexts.

## **METHOD**

### **Location of Field Study**

This research was conducted in Setu Wetan Village, Weru District, Cirebon Regency. Field study activities involving the people of Setu Wetan Village, Weru District, Cirebon Regency as the main respondents.

### **Sampling Techniques**

The author used a sampling technique with a direct questioning approach to the people of Setu Wetan Village, Weru District, Cirebon Regency. This technique allows the author to gain direct insight from various levels of society who may have different points of view regarding the concepts of truth and religion.

### **Data Collection Techniques**

Data collection was carried out through two types of data, namely primary data and secondary data.

#### ***Primary Data***

Primary data was obtained directly from the people of Setu Wetan Village, Weru District, Cirebon Regency. Primary data collection techniques were carried out through in-depth interviews with respondents selected in a representative manner. Apart from that, direct observations were also carried out to gain a deeper understanding of truth and religion in that society.

#### ***Secondary Data***

Secondary data is supporting data obtained from the Setu Wetan Village Hall, Weru District, Cirebon Regency. This data may include historical information, statistics, or related documents relevant to the research topic.

### **Data Analysis Methods**

The data observed in this research is related to the perceptions of the people of Setu Wetan Village, Weru District, Cirebon Regency, regarding the concepts of truth and religion. Data analysis was carried out descriptively and qualitatively with the aim of providing an in-depth picture to the reader (Rijali, 2019).

This analysis method involves observing, recording, and categorizing information obtained from interviews and observations. The results of the analysis will be used to describe how the people of Setu Wetan Village view the truth and how religion influences their view of

the truth. Thus, this method will provide a comprehensive understanding of the relationship between the concepts of truth and religion in the community of Setu Wetan Village, Weru District, Cirebon Regency.

## **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

The research findings demonstrate the integral role of science in the lives of religious communities within Setu Wetan Village. Here, knowledge is viewed as a conduit to draw closer to God, grounded in the belief that knowledge's true source emanates from the divine, with humans being its seekers and custodians, using it as a guiding force in their daily lives (Sulaiman, 2020). This perspective underscores a profound reverence for knowledge as a divine bestowment (Naja & Kholifah, 2020).

In the context of Setu Wetan Village's religious community, science serves as a means to acquire accurate and practical knowledge for everyday living. Knowledge is perceived as a divine gift, warranting deep respect and careful stewardship. Consequently, the people of Setu Wetan Village hold education and knowledge in high regard. In their daily lives, knowledge serves as a compass for making sound decisions and taking appropriate actions. It is also a pathway to happiness and success. Within a religious framework, knowledge becomes a means to forge a closer connection with God. The villagers believe that by acquiring correct and practical knowledge, they can receive blessings from the divine.

Nonetheless, this research does not delve further into how science is perceived within a religious context in Setu Wetan Village or how it is utilized as a means to strengthen one's connection with God. Therefore, additional research is essential to deepen our comprehension of science's role in the lives of religious communities within Setu Wetan Village (Ainiy, 2022; Huda & Riski, 2022; Supriatna, 2019).

In a broader global context, the veneration of knowledge as a divine gift is also evident in other religions such as Christianity, Judaism, and Hinduism. In Christianity, science is regarded as a means to gain insight into God's will and acquire wisdom in life. In Judaism, science is seen as a path to understanding God's laws and gaining wisdom in life. In Hinduism, science serves as a tool to uncover the truth and attain wisdom (Naldoniová, 2020).

To summarize, the research outcomes highlight the inseparable connection between science and the lives of religious communities in Setu Wetan Village. Knowledge is seen as a pathway to draw nearer to God and as a divine gift deserving reverence and responsible stewardship. Consequently, the promotion of education and knowledge development holds significant importance in enhancing the quality of life in Setu Wetan Village (Gazali HB, 2014). Furthermore, the research uncovers that the people of Setu Wetan Village employ diverse approaches in their quest for truth, reflecting varying perspectives and mindsets within the community. Some readily accept information while others prefer confirmation from alternative sources, underscoring the diversity in their truth-seeking methods and mental frameworks.

### **Research Implications**

The results of this research have several significant implications. First, the understanding of the relationship between science and religion found in this research can contribute to further debates about the role of science in religious life. This can also help in strengthening the positive relationship between science and religion (Hayati, 2022; Mahmudi & Luthfi, 2020).

Second, understanding the diversity of society's approaches to seeking truth can have implications for approaches to conveying information and educating the public. It is important to understand that different approaches can be found in society, and this must be taken into account in communication and education (Ghazali, 2021).

Lastly, this research also highlights the importance of respecting multiple sources of truth. Even though science has an important role, scientific truth is not the only form of truth in life. All forms of truth hold their own value and benefits if placed in their proper place.

## **CONCLUSION**

This research has revealed the complexity in the relationship between science and religion in the lives of religious communities in Setu Wetan Village. Knowledge is seen as a divine gift obtained by humans to get closer to God. However, the worldview and mindset of religious communities play an important role in their approach to seeking the truth. This diversity in approaches reflects the diversity in society's perspectives and thinking patterns.

It is important to respect and understand this diversity in an effort to build a deeper understanding of the role of science in religious life. Additionally, appreciation of multiple sources of truth, including scientific truth, is essential to achieving a more comprehensive understanding of this complex world.

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