

THE REPRESENTATION OF VALUES AND MEANINGS IN THE ANTHOLOGY OF COVID-19 POETRY: ON INFLAMMATION AND IN THE FIELD OF LIFE

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Abstract

The focus in this research are: (1) The representation of value in the anthology of covid-19 poetry, (2) the meaning contained in the anthology of covid-19 poetry, (3) the benefit from the values contained in the anthology of covid-19 poetry. The purpose of this research is to describe the value, the meaning, and the benefits of the anthology of covid-19 poetry. This research is a descriptive qualitative research with content analysis method through the hermeneutic approach. The data in this research is a collection of poems in The Anthology of Covid-19 Poetry : on Inflammation and in The Field of Life. As for the data collection technique is a documentation study. In the poetry studied, there are thoughts, ideas, emotions, impressions, and messages to be conveyed by the author, which are summarized into one. With the hermeneutic approach, researchers classify the values contained in the anthology of covid-19 poetry, including : (1) religious values, (2) moral values, (3) social values, (4) struggle values, (5) compassion values.

Keywords: representation, value, poetry, covid-19, hermeneutics.

1. INTRODUCTION

The Anthology of Covid-19 Poetry Book on Inflammation and in The Field of Life is a book published by Pustaka Abadi which contains poetry by Indonesian writers from a variety of educational and social backgrounds. The Covid-19 poetry anthology focuses on the author's ideas as outlined in poetry, as a delivery of thoughts that readers to easily accept. Poetry is a literary work that is inspired by societal phenomena and the author's personal experiences, and it is written in beautiful and meaningful words. In Indonesian, literature is referred to as sastra. Sastra in general has the meanings of 'Sas' instruction/teaching and 'Tra' tool/means, so literature is a text that contains instructions or a guideline that refers to the science of literature.

Literary works are always associated with the value of beauty or aesthetic value, which has the most important parts as an

attraction for writing aside from being creative, imaginative, and innovative in this case referring to an anthology of poetry with the theme of the COVID-19 pandemic in Indonesia and around the world. Pradopo (in Mabururi, 2020) Interpret poetry as an expression of thought that evokes feelings and stimulates the five senses' imagination in a rhythmic arrangement. According to Waluyo (1995) Poetry, it was revealed, is a work that contains the poet's thoughts and imagination, which is strengthened in the physical and mental structure. Representation is the process of extracting meaning from concepts in the human mind and expressing it through language.

Value is something valuable that can be used as a benchmark in weighing the good and bad of human behavior, as well as an abstract concept with references to aesthetics, ethics, and the logic of right and wrong. Soelaeman (2010) argues that value is important to humans as a subject, concerning good or bad as an abstraction,

view, or intent from various experiences with a strict behavioral selection.

Meaning is an essential part of semantic science, it is always associated with what we say. According to Amilia & Anggraeni (2019), semantics studies not only the meaning of language, but also the relationship between meanings and their impact on humans. According to Mansoer Pateda (in Muzaiyanah, 2015), the term meaning confounds words and terms. The meaning is always present in word and sentence utterances. A word has meaning or significance if it fulfills a concept or has a reference, whereas a sentence or phrase can have meaning or fullness of meaning (Parera, 2004). So it can be concluded that finding a meaning is necessary in order to understand the meaning not only explicitly, but also implicitly, so that it can be interpreted in order for the values and meanings in these poems to be well represented. Representation is a process in which an object is captured by one's senses, then processed, and the result is a concept/idea that will be conveyed/revealed through language.

It is inseparable from the current phenomenon in this Covid-19 poetry anthology research, where humans must be able to coexist with dangerous viruses that can take lives at any time. As a result, the government enacts a policy that restricts access to areas where COVID-19 is prevalent. Lockdown does not eliminate viral infections in patients with disease, but it does prevent disease spread. To pass the time during the lockdown, the Poetry Anthology Competition Team hosted a national level poetry competition with the theme of Covid-19 as a forum for writers to express their ideas about surrounding phenomena in the form of poetry, which has aesthetic values and messages for readers. Furthermore, during the data review process, this study employs a hermeneutic approach in which this case is related to determining the values in poetry by interpreting it. Dilthey (in Endraswara, 2013) emphasizes the importance of meaning in hermeneutics. As a result, hermeneutics can be defined as a theory

for interpreting meaning in a text in which the author serves as an instrument. Based on the findings of the research, it is clear that the goal of this study is to describe the value, meaning, and benefits of the covid-19 poem *Inflammation and the Field of Life* in an anthology. The findings of this study can be used as a starting point for future research. Furthermore, it is expected to inform readers that poetry has values that can be used as a reflection of life, so that the message that the poet wishes to convey is accepted and understood by the readers.

2. METHODS

The content analysis method with a hermeneutic approach was used in this study. The research method is descriptive qualitative research. Data in qualitative research is data that is certain because it actually happened, not just what was seen or said, but also the meaning behind it. Jane Richie (in Moleong, 2010) argues that qualitative research is an attempt to present the social world and its perspective in the world through concepts, behaviors, perceptions, and issues concerning the human being studied. The data comes from *The Anthology of Covid-19 Poetry Book on Inflammation and in The Field of Life*. Content analysis is research that is carried out systematically on records or documents as a data source (Arifin, 2012). This method is used to collect and analyze written data in a poetry anthology on COVID-19 inflammation and fields. In qualitative research, the main instrument (Human Instrument) is the researcher. The researcher collects data, interprets it (hermeneutics), and draws conclusions based on personal experience. The analysis of data is a determinant of a study's success or failure. The researcher identifies and interprets the values contained in the anthology of covid-19 poetry : on inflammation and in the field of life based on its classification, and then the researcher identifies the meaning and benefits of the covid-19 inflammation and life field poetry. Conclusions are drawn from the results of identifying and interpreting the data, so that the findings

are made in the form of sentences based on the analysis process that has been completed.

3. RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

The Analysis of The Representation of Values and meanings

The analysis of values and meanings in the Anthology of Covid-19 Poetry: on Inflammation and the Field of Life yielded religious values, moral values, social values, struggle values, and compassion values. The meanings and benefits contained in these values will then be presented, and the results will be described as follows.

1) Religious Value

Religious is derived from the Latin word religare, which means to tie or bind. This religious value encompasses all supernatural meanings. Syarbini (2012) revealed that religious values are obedience to religious teachings, tolerance, and living in harmony with followers of other religions. Religious values, in general, have the strongest foundation of truth when compared to other values. This value is derived from God's highest truth, and its scope is very broad, governing all aspects of human life (Sulistiyani, 2017).

In the anthology of Covid-19 poetry : on inflammation and in the field of life, Religious values are associated with humanity's obedience to its Creator. Humans are constantly reminded in their daily lives to prioritize the word of God as the owner of life, by obeying His commands and avoiding His prohibitions. The following description will discuss the report on the results of the analysis of religious values represented in the anthology of covid-19 poetry : on inflammation and in the field of life. The results of the religious values analysis can be seen in Poetry through the following quotations.

(Data
1)
Ya Allah, meski banyak dosa
Penuh noda dan bangga meski salah
Tapi kami tahu Engkau Tuhan Pemurah
RahmatMu jauh lebih besar dari amarah

Meaning :
The quote from Abd Al Haris Al Muhasibiy's poem Agama dan Musibah has a denotative meaning, The word 'Penuh noda = Kesalahan Besar' refers to the human call to admit mistakes. The quote is an association figure of speech or a figure of speech that compares two distinct things but intentionally equates them. The quote implies that he is pleading with God for forgiveness of sins because he believes that God will forgive all of his sins, As evidenced by the sentence fragment "Tapi kami tahu Engkau Tuhan pemurah", "RahmatMu jauh lebih besar dari amarah".

Benefit : Humans can recognize that life in this world is merely transitory, and there is no place to seek forgiveness other than with God Almighty, because He is the source of power and life. It is never too late to surrender to Him while you still have the chance.

2) Moral Value

Of course, moral and behavioral issues cannot be separated from the creation of poetry. Because morality is a teaching about a person's good and bad behavior regardless of age. Nurgiantoro (in Sumarsilah 2017) It has also been stated that moral values in literary works can be

interpreted as wisdom gained by readers through literature.

The following description will discuss the presentation of the results of the analysis of moral values represented in the anthology of the Covid-19 poetry book: on inflammation and in the field of life.

(Data 4) Baju tak dicuci

Piring, gelas, peralatan tak dibersihkan

Rumah tak disapu

Mobil tak disidot

Sawah tak disiangi

Meaning: The meaning in the poem Apa Yang akan Terjadi by Nikmatul Izah's quote is a picture of how someone who does not apply cleanliness in their life is emphasized in the sentence, "Baju tak dicuci, piring, gelas, peralatan tak dibersihkan, dst." The sentence is also a cynicism figure of speech that directly aims to be satirical. This quote is, of course, related to the dangers of spreading viruses, particularly the Covid-19 virus, as a result of not practicing clean living.

Benefit: Humans are disease-prone creatures, especially in the current pandemic era. The moral values listed above should serve as a warning to always live cleanly.

(Data 5) Kini menyebar

Semua orang ketakutan

Seakan tidak peduli dengan ini

Sebagian sadar sebagian pula mengabaikan

Entah sampai kapan

Meaning: The quote from Emi Ermawati's poem Asaku

Dalam Keheningan has the meaning of being selfish and not caring about the safety of oneself and others. In the sentence "Seakan tidak peduli dengan ini", The meaning of the word "ini" refers to Covid-19, which is ignored by the dangers of several individuals, resulting in a morally reprehensible attitude. The quote is also an ironic figure of speech that contains elements that are antithetical to the satirical purpose.

Benefit: Humans, as intelligent beings, are expected to always think ahead, how to care for and protect themselves and their surroundings in this pandemic era.

(Data 6) Sambut harapan dengan hidup bersih dan peduli

Harapan baru dengan prilaku terpuji dan rendah hati

Nyatakan dalam syukur dan hidup teratur

Lakukan dengan selalu ingat dan tafakur.

Meaning: The meaning in the poem C-Sembilan Belas by Sugeng Pradikto's quote is the new pattern of human life to come, by looking back to make the future better. The poem's quote is a repetition figurehead, which is a figure of speech that contains word repetition.

Benefit: Humans can learn from the above meanings and values that life should always be grateful and that they should begin to change their habits so that the surrounding environment is always clean and healthy.

3) Social Value

Social values are things or benchmarks used to determine whether or not a person's attitude is appropriate in everyday life. This value indicates how well an individual's relationship with other people is established as a member of society. When confronted with the conditions of living together in a society, a value called social values is required that can serve as a reference for a person when interacting with other people (Oktaviyanti, 2016). The following quote reflects the findings of a social value analysis.

(Data 7) Menatapmu dalam balutan APD

Mengusik jiwa terdalamku

Nafas terbentuk dalam rasa

Kemanusiaan di atas segala

Meaning: The meaning of the quote from Laily Fitriani's poem APD is the struggle of health workers as the front line in dealing with Covid-19 cases. Despite being tired, congested, and facing death, they continue to serve for the sake of humanity. The poem's quote is also a hyperbole figure of speech because it is stated exaggeratedly in comparison to reality.

Benefit: The general public can respect and assist medical personnel in dealing with Covid by following existing rules and providing assistance in any form. Because that is the true meaning of life's social values.

(Data 8) Yah kau sang corona covid-19

Kau mendunia yang mampu menaklukkan seluruh jagad raya

Seruan bisu rakyat jelata menggema tanpa bersuara

Ringkihan hati menangis dan

meminta

Kau untuk pergi

selama lamanya.

Meaning: The meaning of the poem *Celoteh Hati Bisu* by Ilmiyatur Rosidah's quote is a call to all people around the world who are feeling the effects of the corona virus outbreak. The phrase "Seruan Bisu Rakyat Jelata Menggema Tanpa Suara" means that the poor have the most influence, but their voices appear to be inaudible to the country's leaders. The poem is classified as a personification figure of speech, which is a figure of speech that includes comparisons of objects that appear to have human-like characteristics.

Manfaat : It is hoped that this poem will open the hearts and minds of the government to the fact that there are still many people who are suffering as a result of the pandemic but are not receiving adequate assistance.

(Data 9) Kata nona ramadan kemarin tak pernah seseram ini

Jalanan panjang di sudut kotanya sepi bagai kota mati

Semua orang lari terbirit-birit kala hari mulai petang

Dan sebuah fatwa mulai menghantui

Meaning: The meaning of the quote from Fitri Kharisma Putri's poem *Doa Paling Mustajab* is a shift in existing culture as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. As is the custom of gathering during the month of Ramadan, which is no longer practiced due to government regulations. The

quotes "Jalanan panjang di sudut kotanya sepi bagai kota mati" and "Dan sebuah fatwa mulai menghantui" demonstrate this. The quote in the poem is a hyperbole figure of speech, which means it says something in excess.

Benefit : If the situation is to return to normal, the community must follow the rules and follow health protocols so that the culture of friendship can be practiced again.

4) Struggle Value

The worth of struggle cannot be separated from the worth of effort and sacrifice. A struggle is defined as an effort that is fraught with difficulties and danger. Thus, putting the value of struggle into action entails making efforts that benefit humanity (Septiani, 2017). Effort is an action that requires energy and thought, whereas sacrifice is a moral act performed with sincerity and sincerity for a specific purpose. The value of struggle is mentioned in the anthology of Covid-19 poetry : on inflammation and in the field of life, and the quote is as follows.

(Data10) Bapak muda sibuk bekerja di kota seberang

Tak dapat pulang entah sampai kapan

Menggenggam asa, pandemi ini cepatlah berlalu

Kerinduan telah menggunung

Membunyah bersama lamunan di siang bolong

Mata tak menangis

Namun hati selalu teriris

Merindukan intan permata di rumah

Si bocah kecil dengan senyumnya yang manis

Meaning: The meaning in the quote from Maya Rayungsari's poem Bocah dan Rindu is the story of a family where Si Bapak are unable to meet their families due to the covid-19 pandemic, combined with their great distance. The quote in the poem is a hyperbole figure of speech, which means it says something in excess. The longing that is overflowing in children at home is depicted. It can be seen in the quotes "Merindukan intan permata di rumah" and "Si bocah kecil dengan senyumnya yang manis".

Benefit : The poem above conveys several messages, the most important of which is that time spent with family is extremely valuable, and the most important thing is to keep the family safe.

(Data 11) Menatapmu dalam balutan APD

Mengusik jiwa terdalamku

Nafas terbentuk dalam rasa

Kemanusiaan di atas segala

Meaning : The meaning of the quote from Laily Fitriani's poem APD is the struggle and sacrifice of medical personnel who prioritize humanity over their own safety. They treat Covid-19 patients while dressed in APD uniforms. The quote in the poem is an allegorical figure of speech, which is a figure of speech or illustration that expresses something.

Benefit : The struggle of those on the front lines in dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic certainly raises public and government awareness of the need for assistance and appreciation

for their dedication.

5) Compassion Value

Compassion is one of the values that is always present in literary works, particularly poetry. The compassion can be expressed to the spouse, family, relatives, and the Creator. The value of compassion is inextricably linked with the value of awareness and belief. Being aware means being alert, sure, and steadfast, referring to humans who have personality, behavior, and live consciously and confidently (Malia, 2018).

The following poem quote provides an analysis of the value of compassion.

(Data 12) Hai engkau Corona
Jangan coba porandakan
cinta kami
Hai engkau Corona
Jangan coba ceraikan kami

Meaning: The meaning of the quote from Jenny Lukito Setiawan's poem *Cinta Tegar Di Tengah Corona* is the struggle of a pair of lovers who are trying to keep the rope of love despite being hit by trials (covid). The sentence "Jangan coba porandakan cinta kami-Jangan coba ceraikan kami" demonstrates this. The quote in the poem is a hyperbole figure of speech, which means it says something in excess.

Benefit : We can deduce the meaning of the above quote from the poem, one of which is to love each other regardless of the circumstances, lest trials separate two people. In general, as a member of a society known for its tolerance and respect, I hope

that the current pandemic momentum does not destroy togetherness, both within and outside the family.

(Data 13) Ternyata dua insan sepasang
kekasih.

Menjalin kasih dengan penuh
setia dan sumpah sampai
mati.

Meski sudah mengikat kata
dan mengikat janji.

Dua sejoli tetap bergaul dan
menjaga secara syari.

Kecuali dengan media yang
tidak timbulkan syahwat
manusiawi.

Meaning: The meaning of the quote from Abd Al Haris Al Muhasibiy's poem *Acts of Perjuangan Dua Sejoli* is the relationship between lovers who love each other while upholding the religious values that they share. As evidenced by the sentence "Menjalin kasih dengan penuh setia dan sumpah sampai mati" interpreted as a steadfast loyalty in the face of adversity, While the sentence "Dua sejoli tetap bergaul dan menjaga secara syari" is meant to limit themselves in establishing relationships that are not yet legal. The poem's quotation is an Allegorical figure of speech, which is a majas in which something is expressed through figurative expressions or descriptions.

Benefit : It is best to build a romantic relationship on faith and piety to God, so that people can fortify themselves and avoid adultery.

CONCLUSION

Conclusions about the value and meaning of the Anthology of Covid-19 Poetry: on Inflammation and in the Field of Life were reached based on the presentation of the research findings. The values represented in these poems are as follows.

No.	Value	Data to-
1.	Religious	Data (1), Data (2), Data (3)
2.	Moral	Data (4), Data (5), Data (6)
3.	Social	Data (7), Data (8), Data (9)
4.	Struggle	Data (10), Data (11)
5.	Compassion	Data (12), Data (13)

Religious values, specifically values in the form of human obedience to the teachings of the religion to which they adhere by carrying out orders and avoiding prohibitions. The overall meaning of religious values is presented in the form of a complete picture of poetry that emphasizes religious aspects. During the Covid-19 pandemic, the benefits of religious values as human guidelines in living life with blessings from the Almighty. The characteristics of a person's good/bad nature or behavior as outlined in the poem are the moral values represented in poetry. Moral values are related to social values in poetry, where poetry is described about life involving humans, including existing behavior, habits, and culture, as well as changes that occur during the pandemic. The advantages of these two values are that humans can position themselves as social beings, that they are not selfish, and that they maintain good behavior.

The value of struggle is next. In literary works, particularly poetry, the value of struggle describes many stories between parents and children, but in the context of covid-19 poetry, the value of

struggle emphasizes the story of health workers who struggle to deal with Covid-19 cases while maintaining aspects of humanity. The benefits of the value of struggle can make readers appreciate medical personnel who have fought on the frontlines even more. The final value is compassion. This value describes many love stories between lovers; in the covid-19 poem, it emphasizes the meaning of the test of love in the midst of a pandemic, which naturally causes conflicts and problems. The benefits of the value of affection can reflect the meaning that in establishing love with a partner, keep holding on even if you are confronted with difficult trials. According to the above description of poetry analysis, figure of speech includes association, cynicism, metaphor, irony, repetition, hyperbole, personification, and allegory. Poetry is a literary work with many values, meanings, and applications in human life.

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