The Teachings of Character in Local Wisdom Study On: Labuhan Alit Parangkusumo Rituals

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Abstract: The Labuhan Alit Parangkusumo ritual is carried out every 30th of the month of Rajab on the Javanese calendar. The symbolic meaning in the Labuhan Alit ritual can be revealed from the uba rampe (ritual equipment), and the behavior patterns shown by ritual actors and participants. The Labuhan Alit ritual can make people into one unit regardless of religion, race, and ethnic. The ritual actors and participants become one unit as guardians of the existence of the Yogyakarta Palace and the Labuhan Alit Parangkusumo ritual. This paper focuses on the local wisdom function of the Labuhan Alit ritual as a source of education and teachings for the community in maintaining inter-religious harmony. Important teachings that can be learned in the Labuhan Alit Parangkusumo ritual are: the motto of rukun (living in harmony, mutual respect), sabar (patience, being able to control oneself, not complaining in facing problems), tawakal (always submitting to God), legawa (relieving, being able to accept situations sincerely). This guideline is still being maintained and used by the community in dealing with various problems. The teaching contained in the Labuhan Alit Parangkusumo ritual provides lessons that, if in society there are differences and conflicts between religious communities, then in dealing with these conflicts each individual is required to behave rukun, sabar, tawakal, legawa to maintain the harmony of social life. This study makes a significant contribution to existing knowledge about local wisdom in the community by empirically determining some of the values contained in local wisdom that are needed by the community in dealing with problems and conflicts between religious harmony. This study has documented values and teachings for the community, especially the interests of teachers in local wisdom-based learning.

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