

Analysis Of Bilal's Characteristics In Bilal's Film: A New Breed Of Hero By Ayman Jamal: Don't Have To Be Noble To Give Meaning

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ABSTRACT

Bilal: A New Breed of Hero is the first feature-length animated film from the United Arab Emirates and a Barajoun Entertainment film to win the award for Best Inspiring Movie in the Animation category. Bilal bin Rabbah himself was one of the companions of the Prophet Muhammad. Even so, this film was made by not highlighting Islamic studies in depth so that it can be accepted by various groups, not only Muslims. This film tells the story of Bilal's struggle from childhood to old age to be able to free himself and other people from Umayyah slavery. Bilal struggles for freedom, truth and justice which is impossible for him because he has been a slave all his life without being able to put up a fight. This study aims to determine the characteristics of the main character in the film Bilal: A New Breed Of Hero, namely Bilal bin Rabbah who fights for human independence from other human possessions in the path of truth, namely the teachings of Islam, and fights for the rights that should be owned by every human being. By using descriptive qualitative research methods, the existing data were collected by watching and recording the main points of the film Bilal: A New Breed of Hero. The results of this study indicate that the characteristics possessed by Bilal Bin Rabbah are: (1)Courageous (2)Never give up (3)Have a high fighting spirit (4)Firm stance (5)Patience (6)Forgiving (7)Ready to face risk (8)Loves to Help (9)Hard Worker (10)Cares for the Surroundings.

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INTRODUCTION

The media for conveying messages to the wider community has become increasingly diverse considering that technology continues to progress from time to time (Baym, 2015). One of the mass communication media that is always intensively produced and favored by many parties is broadcast media in the form of films. Film is a medium of artistic expression as a place for artists and filmmakers to express ideas and story ideas. Film has a power that is essentially and substantially will have implications for the communicant of society. In addition, film as a communication medium has a significant influence on the formation of people's mindsets by sharing the content presented. Apart from being a medium of communication, the purpose of making films is also to educate the public through the characteristics of the characters who have different characters in the film (Miller, 2014).

One of the Islamic educational films that is interesting to watch and examine the characteristics of the main character is the film Bilal: A New Breed of Hero. In the film Bilal: A New Breed of Hero, the depiction of the characteristics of Bilal bin Rabah who is the main character in

this film is very strong and courageous. This can be seen throughout the film. According to the KBBI, a characteristic itself is a characteristic in accordance with a certain character. The character of a person with the character of others is certainly different, and each individual has unique characteristics (Barrick, Mount, & Li, 2013). The animated film Bilal: A New Breed of Hero itself premiered in late 2016 in its home country and several Middle Eastern countries, and in 2018 it was widely circulated under the slogan "Power Of One." Bilal's films have won several awards such as "The Best Inspiring Movie" at the Cannes Film Festival, and the best innovative film award at the BroadCast Pro Middle East Award. As the title suggests, the film Bilal: A New Breed of Hero is a true story from the history of Islam, known as the muezzin, Bilal bin Rabah, but in this film many Islamic nuances are disguised with the aim of embracing a wider audience.

Bilal bin Rabah is a child of husband and wife Rabah and Hamamah who was born in the as-Sarah area about forty-three years before the hijrah. His body is thin, his hair is curly and his skin is black. Bilal's mother, Hamamah was a black slave woman who lived in Mecca. Bilal grew up in the city of Ummul Qura (Mecca) as a slave belonging to the family of Banu Abduddar. When their father died, Bilal bequeathed to Umayyah bin Khalaf, an important figure of the infidels who was a wealthy merchant in the area. Bilal's melodious voice makes people amazed. When he grew up, Bilal bin Rabah became the first muezzin or the person who called the call to prayer and was one of the companions of the Prophet Muhammad SAW who had an interesting and inspiring story about a struggle to maintain faith. A story that does not get bored to be told throughout the ages over and over again. This story has an interesting plot with a strong depiction of Bilal's characteristics so that it makes everyone from all walks of life curious to hear and find out.

Bilal: A New Breed of Hero tells the story of a seven-year-old boy who dreams of becoming a knight. However, Bilal and his sister, Ghufaira, were kidnapped from their hometown and sold into slavery. Since then, Bilal has entered a world full of violence and injustice. When they became slaves, Bilal and his sister seemed to have no right to their own life. They were forced to obey their master's orders, otherwise Bilal and his sister would be tortured. By becoming a slave, Bilal's desire to become a knight was hindered, because he could not practice and learn to develop himself into a knight. Despite experiencing various difficulties, the power to open the way of life and free himself from the chains of shackles can be achieved by Bilal with sincerity. Bilal's friends also have a role in Bilal's success in achieving freedom. They add faith and belief in Bilal to be liberated is getting stronger. Bilal's personality really inspires many people to be consistent in fighting for their rights as a human being. The figure of Bilal who is tough and has a noble heart deserves to be an example for mankind. However, this is not only limited to the character of the figure of Bilal bin Rabah, there are many other characters that can be seen from the film Bilal: A New Breed of Hero. Therefore, this study was made to analyze Bilal's characteristics in more depth and detail.

METHODS

Research is needed to raise and explore a problem in a scientific paper (Hasan, et al, 2011). The research is then described in an analysis to obtain conclusions according to the initial objectives. Research methods or research techniques are used to identify a research and also include the most important components in a study. The research method is a step that is owned and carried out by researchers in order to collect information or data and conduct investigations on the data that has been obtained. The research method provides an overview of the research design which includes, among others: procedures and steps that must be taken, data sources, and by what steps the data is obtained and then processed and analyzed (Cho & Lee, 2014).

The research method used in this research is descriptive qualitative. This type of qualitative descriptive research is a research method that utilizes qualitative data and is described descriptively. Descriptive qualitative research is research conducted by observing and presenting data based on objective facts in accordance with existing data without using numbers (McCusker, et al, 2015). This study also reveals attitudes, conflicts, relationships, and views that occur in a respondent's scope. The purpose of descriptive qualitative research itself is to describe, explain, and answer the problems to be studied in more detail by studying an individual or a person, a group of people, or an event or event. Humans are research instruments, and the results are written in the form of statements or words that are in accordance with the actual situation in qualitative research (Sanjari, et al, 2014). The rationale for using this method is because this research wants to know about existing phenomena and in natural conditions, not under controlled, laboratory or experimental conditions. The focus of this study is to determine the characteristics of the main character in the film *Bilal: A New Breed of Hero*.

Data sources are divided into two, namely primary data and secondary data. Primary data is data obtained by researchers directly from original sources, while secondary data is data obtained by researchers from existing sources (Onwuegbuzie, et al, 2012). The data in this study were analyzed using a structural approach. The primary data source in this study was the animated film *Bilal: A New Breed of Hero* by Ayman Jamal in 2015. While the secondary data were obtained from a literature review of books and journals, previous research, internet sources, and other data sources relevant to this research. The data collection technique in this study is a content analysis technique in which the author will analyze the scenes contained in the film *Bilal: A New Breed of Hero* in order to analyze the characteristics of the main character.

FINDINGS

Bilal was a slave whose daily life he spent serving his Umayyah master's family in Damascus. According to historical facts, Bilal has a beautiful voice. In addition, Bilal is a friend of the Prophet Muhammad who has a courageous character, never gives up, has a high fighting spirit, is firm in his

stance, patient, forgiving, ready to take risks, likes to help, works hard, cares about those around him. The following is an explanation of each of Bilal's characteristics that can be an example for mankind from various circles.

1. Brave

Dare is one of the characters that can describe a Bilal. Even though Bilal is a slave but throughout the course of the story we can see the courage that Bilal has. One example of the courage that Bilal did was to protect his sister, Ghufairah, from the ignorance of Safwan, the son of his master. At that time Safwan intended to make Ghufairah the target of the bow that Safwan would release. When Bilal saw this, he tried to protect his sister from being bullied by Safwan, he even attacked Safwan so that Safwan would stop bullying his sister. Whereas by opposing and attacking Safwan, Bilal will be sentenced to lashes by his master. In addition, Bilal's courage is also shown when Bilal has different beliefs from his master. If his master worships idols then Bilal does not want to do the same thing because it is very contrary to the beliefs that Bilal believes in. By having a different belief Bilal will be considered a threat and will be punished by his master. Bilal even dared to state firmly and straightforwardly that he did not want to worship idols and did not want to have the same beliefs as his master. After saying this, Bilal was immediately sentenced. He was punished by placing a very large and heavy stone on his body. Even so, when he was serving his sentence, Bilal remained in his position. He remained brave in his belief and did not want to give up on it. He did not care even if he had to be sentenced to a very heavy sentence and humiliated in public. Bilal still dared to say that he did not want to worship idols and did not believe in it. Bilal's courage can be an inspiration and an example for the audience to always be brave with their own actions and decisions. Believing that the courage you have can bring success like Bilal.

2. Never Give Up

Never give up is one of the characters that can lead to success. Never giving up is also one of the characters owned by Bilal in the film Bilal: A New Breed Of Hero. This can be seen when Bilal is learning to ride a horse. At first it was very difficult for Bilal to get on the horse. He had tried many times but still failed too. Until finally he found a way to attract the horse's attention so that Bilal could climb on his horse. When you have succeeded in riding a horse, you cannot make Bilal adept at riding a horse. He must often take the time to practice riding a horse in the midst of his duties as an umayah slave. In addition, when Bilal was free and no longer a slave, Bilal also learned a lot and practiced using the sword. Learn and practice using the sword not to hurt others, but to protect yourself and those around him. At first, Bilal had no skill in using a sword. However, because Bilal is a person who never gives up, he continues to study and practice until he can use the sword expertly. Thanks to Bilal's persistence and sincerity in practicing using the sword, he managed to win the war against the Umayyah troops. This is where the unyielding character of Bilal in the film Bilal: A New

Breed Of Hero can inspire the audience so that they don't give up easily in the face of adversity. Must believe that there is always a path to success when we are willing to keep learning and practicing.

3. Have a High Fighting Spirit

In the film Bilal: A New Breed Of Hero, it is told that the main character, Bilal, becomes the slave of Tuan umayah. By being a slave, of course, Bilal has limitations on the rights that should belong to Bilal. Like he who does not have time to hone and develop himself and must always obey his master's orders, if he refuses then Bilal will be punished. Even so, Bilal is still enthusiastic to continue fighting against these unfair actions. Bilal still has dreams and passion to finally be able to live freely and free from the slavery of the umyah master. Although at first it was difficult to break away from being a slave to the umayah master, he finally managed to do it thanks to the passion and dream he had. In addition, Bilal's spirit can also be seen when he is practicing horseback riding, he is not immediately successful and proficient but he experiences continuous failure. However, Bilal continued to be enthusiastic until he finally became proficient in horseback riding. Bilal's spirit can also be seen since he was a child. In the past he was very eager to learn and practice using the sword because he had dreams of becoming a knight. When he grew up and was free from the slavery of Umayyah, Bilal was still passionate about learning and practicing using the sword to be able to continue his dream of becoming a knight. This dream was blocked when he became a slave. However, when he was free from the slavery of the umyah master, he was finally able to practice using the sword and continue his dream of becoming a knight. Bilal's spirit can motivate the audience to continue to be enthusiastic in achieving their goals. Although when you want to achieve success or ideals there must be obstacles and obstacles, but the spirit must be maintained.

4. Strong Determination

Teguh establishment is one of the characters shown by the main character in the film Bilal: A New Breed Of Hero, namely, Bilal. In the midst of the beliefs of the people of Mecca where they all worship idols, Bilal remains steadfast in not wanting to worship these idols. Even though at that time his brother had also ordered Bilal to worship idols, because his younger brother hoped that by believing and worshipping the idols Bilal would make the lives of Bilal and his sister even better. When the steadfastness of Bilal who does not believe and does not want to worship idols is known by Umayyah, Bilal is finally punished. However, even though Bilal was sentenced, he remained in his position not to believe in idols and not to worship these idols. Thanks to his steadfast stance, Bilal was finally free to become a slave and was free to choose a belief that was in accordance with the wishes of Bilal's heart. However, only Bilal was freed, his younger brother remained in Mecca and became the slave of the Umayyah master. Bilal's determination to believe in himself was also tested when his brother in Mecca was in danger. However, in the end, Bilal remained steadfast in his stance on his beliefs. Until finally he and the Islamic troops were able to defeat the troops led by the

Umayyah master, so that Bilal could return to Mecca and look for his brother. From the determination that Bilal has, the audience can learn that firmness of opinion is very necessary in living life. Therefore, Bilal's character can motivate the audience so that they can have a firm stance like Bilal.

5. Be Patient

The Umayyah were known for their arrogance and ruthlessness. The reason, he called on small traders to make statues to be worshiped by the public. The statues were made as symbols or icons of the Umayyah divinity, and usually these statues were called idol statues. Umayyah who was crazy about wealth made him think that money is God who can give everything that humans want. He forced the people he used as slaves to worship the idols he produced while giving up whatever money they had to show their form of faith. Umayyah did not hesitate to teach a lesson by torturing slaves who did not comply with his orders. Muslims like Abu Bakar and Ali bin Abu Talib still have families and tribes defending them. However, the oppressed people from among the slaves and slaves did not have anyone who could help them from the various unfair treatments they received, so the Quraysh tortured them without mercy. The Quraysh disbelievers wanted to use the torture of slaves as an example and a lesson for everyone who wanted to follow Muhammad's teachings.

Bilal felt that the persecution of the Umayyah polytheists was heavier than anyone else because he was the first Umayyah slave to convert to Islam. Various kinds of violence, torture, and cruelty plagued his body. Umayyah ordered his soldiers to hit Bilal's bare back with a whip, but Bilal only said, "Ahad, Ahad" which means Allah is One. They pressed Bilal's chest with a big hot stone, Bilal only said, "Ahad, Ahad." They intensified the torture, but Bilal kept saying, "Ahad, Ahad." They forced Bilal to praise idols, but Bilal instead praised the name of Allah and His Messenger. They kept insisting, "Follow what we say!" Bilal replied, "My tongue can't say it." This answer made the torture they gave Bilal even more intense and harsh. The hatred of the Quraysh infidels towards the teachings of Islam brought by the Prophet Muhammad at that time even more convinced Bilal. He believed that the religion brought by the Prophet Muhammad was a real truth for him.

When tired and tired of torturing, the tyrant, Umayyah bin Khalaf, would tie Bilal's neck with a rough rope and hand him over to a number of unscrupulous men and children to drag him down the street and drag him along the Abthah of Mecca. Meanwhile, Bilal enjoyed the torture he received for defending the teachings of Allah and His Messenger. He kept repeating his grand statement, "Sunday.. Sunday .." He kept repeating it without feeling bored and tired. Once, Abu Bakar Radhiyallahu Anhu made an offer to Umayyah bin Khalaf to buy Bilal from him. The Umayyah raised prices many times over. He thought that Abu Bakar would not want to pay for it. However, Abu Bakar agreed even though he had to spend nine gold uqiyah. After the transaction, Umayyah said to Abu Bakar, "Actually, if you bid even one uqiyah , then I will not hesitate to sell it." Abu Bakar replied, "If you offer up to a hundred uqiyah even, then I will not hesitate to buy it."

Even though he was repeatedly tortured, Bilal remained steadfast, patient, calm, and did not waver in his Islamic faith. Bilal's patience has brought him to the pleasure that Bilal had never been able to feel before. Freed from the nickname of slaves and free from all the unfair treatment that Bilal had always felt before. Patience itself is a trait of refraining from momentary emotions or limiting the soul from the desire to do things that are contrary to the teachings of the truth (Islamic teachings) in order to achieve something or a good or better goal. Not everyone is able to control their anger and remain tolerant or patient. It is not easy to remain patient in conditions that do not wear the heart and mind. However, being patient can make the mind calm and more relaxed. Therefore, the ability to control oneself is also seen as an attitude that has high values and reflects the strength of the soul of the person who has it. The higher the patience a person has, the stronger he will be in dealing with all kinds of problems that occur in the life he is living. Therefore, Bilal was able to hold fast to his belief to maintain the Islamic faith even though he had to accept very heavy and painful torture from the Quraysh infidels. Bilal continued to be patient in praying even though his prayers had not been answered while he kept on dhikr and prayed for Allah's forgiveness and help relentlessly until finally Allah's help came to him. Bilal's sincerity in embracing Islam is so strong that he is able to be patient in carrying out obedience to Allah SWT, patient in facing calamities, and patient in leaving immorality that will only lead to destruction. Patience is also part of faith, so whoever he is patient will have peace and serenity to live anywhere, because he has perfected his faith to get the pleasure of Allah Ta'ala.

After being freed from his role as a slave, Bilal lived in Medina far from the reach of the Quraysh who often tortured him. Now, he devotes all his attention to accompanying the Prophet and his lover, Muhammad SAW. Bilal so longed for Mecca and its villages, longed for its valleys and mountains because that was where he felt the pleasures of faith. There he enjoyed all forms of torment to gain the pleasure of Allah. It was there that he succeeded in resisting the lusts and temptations of the devil. Bilal managed to get through it all with his patience and piety. The togetherness of Bilal bin Rabah with Rasulullah SAW is like a shadow that never leaves its owner. When the Prophet Muhammad finished building the Prophet's Mosque in Medina and set the call to prayer, then Bilal was appointed as the first person to pronounce the call to prayer or also known as muezzin in Islamic history.

6. Forgiving

In carrying out social life in society, humans never escape from making mistakes because it is human nature as a place to be wrong and does not have perfection because only God is the Most Perfect. Humans can do wrong to other humans such as to relatives, relatives, colleagues, neighbors, and so on. Mistakes are a natural thing when interacting with other people. However, mistakes become unnatural if you can't respond to those mistakes with a process of forgiving each other. "Every

son of Adam is not free from mistakes, and the best of those who make mistakes are those who repent." (HR Tirmidhi). When the process of mutual forgiveness and forgiveness has become a habit in social life, the community will truly become a harmonious society, which is surrounded by love and affection or in Arabic called *mawaddah wa rahmah* who always overshadows them.

Forgiving means people who are willing to forgive others. Forgiving attitude means the attitude of like to forgive the mistakes of others without the slightest feeling of hatred and desire to repay them. Forgiveness is not just a formality that is spoken, but must be accompanied by grace and sincerity without any desire to avenge the crimes that have been committed by the other person. There are some people who think that apologizing is an easy matter, but not everyone is able and able to forgive other people's mistakes to him. This is true, forgiveness is not an easy thing for every human being to do. Especially if the mistakes that other people have done to us are too much into tolerable limits. But it should be noted, if we find it difficult to forgive, then there will be a lot of grudge in our hearts, moreover we will find it difficult to forget other people's mistakes for what was done to us. Anger when other people do evil and hurt us sometimes makes the heart feel very heavy to forgive and let go. But actually if we leave all problems to Allah Subhanahu wata'ala, then forgiveness will be lighter. Just believe that Allah is the best Judge who will give justice to all His people. Maybe right now it feels unfair if we just forgive all the faults of others, but behind it all there is God's law that will apply both in this world and in the hereafter.

So many commands from Allah SWT to forgive each other, therefore we should try to apply the nature of forgiveness. Like Bilal bin Rabah, even though he received so many tortures and trials from Umayyah while defending the Islamic faith, he was still able to forgive Umayyah's actions without holding any grudges. Bilal was sincere and convinced that the path he had chosen was correct, so he did not hesitate and had no doubts about defending his belief in the community, which at that time the majority embraced the beliefs of their ancestors who worshiped idols under the orders and supervision of Umayyah. To be able to believe in the teachings of Islam, Bilal spends his spare time contemplating the words Hamamah, his mother, told Bilal when he was a child. Hamamah told Bilal that to be a formidable knight does not mean having super powers, but having freedom. Free from the shackles that chained Bilal's heart. The feeling of shackles means feelings of revenge, envy, jealousy, and all feelings that are not appropriate to have in order to live a calm and free life. In the end, Bilal managed to free himself and his heart from the shackles that originally chained his heart after he contemplated for a long time. His success came from Bilal's forgiving nature. If Bilal cannot forgive all the mistakes of others that have been made to him, cannot forgive everything, and submit himself to Allah SWT, then Bilal will not get freedom from this bondage. In addition, Bilal was advised by Abu Bakar that a strong person is one who is able to control his anger, and can forgive the mistakes of others that have been done to him when he can take revenge on those who hurt him. That

advice seems to be very much Bilal holds and applies in his life as a reminder when he is angry. From the movie Bilal: A New Breed of Hero we can see that when we are free from the shackles we can do whatever we want freely without any restrictions. To support the achievement of desires and goals, we need strong determination. A complete and strong determination will be formed when we have believed in a belief. When Bilal was convinced that he embraced Islam, no matter how heavy and painful the torture he received was, it would not be an obstacle or limit for him to leave his faith.

7. Ready to Face Risk

As a slave, of course, his master treated Bilal inhumanely. The employer who has no sense of humanity is named Umayyah. He was a well-known polytheist in the city of Mecca because he was a wealthy merchant who sold idols and forced slaves to worship the idols while giving gifts of whatever money the slaves had. Umayyah was one of those who strongly opposed the teachings of the Prophet Muhammad and often planned bad things with his friends to harm the Prophet Muhammad. Umayyah obsession with wealth and money made him arrogant and wanted to rule as if he was God who gave life to His creatures. The arrogant person always underestimates and demeans others, does not want to acknowledge the greatness and success of others, and rejects the truth. The opinions of others are considered useless, and do not want to accept suggestions from others. Such is the picture of the Umayyah figure who was the master of the slaves in Mecca at that time. In fact, it is the arrogant nature that will lead to destruction. The nature of arrogance is a heart disease that is hated by Allah SWT, because it makes a person want to continuously show his greatness in front of others.

Bilal, who knew that there were other teachings that were more reasonable and humane, immediately wavered in his faith. At first he joined in worshipping idols for years. In the end, Bilal believed in and embraced the teachings of Islam brought by the Prophet Muhammad SAW. Every job or choice of course has risks that must be accepted and borne by the parties concerned. Likewise with Bilal, from his decision to leave the teachings of his ancestors and switch to the teachings of Islam to become a Muslim, of course there is a price he has to pay. Bilal's courage to declare that he had converted to Islam and became a Muslim in the community, which at that time the majority embraced the beliefs of their ancestors or worshiped idols, of course made Umayyah angry and did not accept that his slaves chose other religious teachings. This made Bilal have to bear the risk of accepting all the torments from Umayyah which were more severe than before he converted to Islam. Even though Bilal knew that he would be severely tortured by his master (Umayyah) after he decided to embrace Islam and declared himself a Muslim, he did not waver in his Islamic faith and instead increased his faith in Islam.

From the story, it can be seen that the figure of Bilal bin Rabah is ready to accept and carry out the responsibility or risk for the choices he makes. His determination makes him brave to face

whatever becomes an obstacle in achieving his goals. The courage of Bilal bin Rabah is unquestionable. This has been proven by Bilal when he converted to Islam and was ready to bear all risks including the torture of his employer at that time. As is well known, the monotheistic sentences contained in the call to prayer at that time were very hostile to the polytheists so that anyone who openly proclaimed them clearly would be threatened with their safety. In addition, in the scene where Bilal gives the food he has to a child who is hungry and wants to steal money, it appears that Bilal is willing to help and help fellow humans even though he knows he might be the one who will be in danger. There is also another scene where Bilal bravely protects his sister, Ghufaira, from the threat of danger, namely that Ghufaira is about to be targeted by Safwan, the son of Umayyah. Bilal, who saw that his brother was about to be hurt, immediately rushed to protect him and did not hesitate to fight Safwan even though he was the son of his master. By fighting against Safwan as an Umayyah child, of course, Bilal will get a punishment in the form of lashes, but Bilal still bravely and sincerely faces the punishment. This shows that Bilal is a person who is ready to accept and take risks for his actions.

Character ready to take and face risks can make an individual challenged to all the possibilities that exist, make himself and others encouraged to do things that are beyond expectations. The courage to take and face a risk will make a person prepare for the worst possibilities such as failure and others. Of course, things that will happen will provide varied changes from small to large scale. If only Bilal did not dare to take risks and was ready to face it, maybe the story of Bilal's struggle to free himself as a slave would never exist.

Every human being is born with their own nature and nature. It is shown in the film Bilal: A New Breed of Hero that the figure of Bilal bin Rabah has various characters and natures that are commendable and worthy of being an example for mankind. Nowadays, many people give sweet promises when they want to get a position they want, but when they get the position they will forget the promises they made earlier. In fact, not infrequently of those who are not ready and do not want to accept the risk for what they have done. After watching the film Bilal: A New Breed of Hero, it is hoped that it will open the minds of the audience and they can introspect whether he has acted according to his dignity as a human being and as a servant of God Almighty.

8. Hard Worker

Someone with high hard work has a character that is quite prominent thanks to all the struggle and perseverance they do in their work. Hard work itself means work activities that are carried out by someone in earnest without knowing the word tired and giving up until they reach the predetermined target. Like the character Bilal in the film Bilal: A New Breed of Hero who shows his hardworking side. This can be seen when Bilal is learning to ride a horse. He worked hard over and over again to ride the horse. Until finally he found how to ride the horse. But when he had ridden the

horse, Bilal was still not proficient in riding a horse, so he tried hard to train to be proficient at riding a horse. Another example is when Bilal worked hard to practice swordsmanship with Hamzah to become a knight. At that time, Bilal had difficulty learning to fight swords, but thanks to his hard work, it finally paid off and then Bilal became reliable in terms of sword fighting.

Bilal was a slave who was bought by the Umayyah master to be employed in his palace, therefore Bilal had to obey the orders of the Umayyah master and if he refused then Bilal would be punished. Bilal worked hard to get out of slavery, because according to him, humans in this world are equal in rank, no one is more noble or no one is lower. Thanks to his hard work in fighting the injustices done by the Umayyah master, Bilal was finally free from slavery. Bilal's hard work should be used as an example for the audience to always be serious and never get tired in achieving the desired target.

9. Helpful

As social beings, humans will not be able to survive alone without the help of others. Therefore, the attitude of helping is important in the life of fellow living beings. As a human being who has a heart and mind, of course, you will feel sorry when you see other people in trouble. However, it would be even more noble if we could reach out to help and provide assistance to other living beings who are in such trouble. By helping people who are in trouble and need help, we have fulfilled our obligations as Muslims. As Muslims, we must always be useful to others by helping people who are in trouble, but what needs to be noted is that we must always help each other in goodness and it is forbidden to help each other in doing immoral acts that lead to sin. To help those in need does not always have to be rich first, by giving things that we think are trivial and small will be useful and have a big impact for them. As Bilal did in various scenes in the film *Bilal: A New Breed of Hero*.

Even though Bilal is a slave, he still helps others who are in trouble. One time Bilal saw a child who was starving and wanted to steal the money that was in the idol. Bilal said to the boy "We must not steal", then Bilal gave the bread he had to the boy. Bilal would rather lose what he had to help the little boy who was starving. Another example of Bilal's character who likes to help is when he helps his sister, Ghufairah from an arrow attack that will be released by Shafwan, the son of Tuan Umayyah. Therefore, Bilal's character can motivate the audience to help others who are experiencing difficulties indiscriminately like Bilal.

10. Caring for the Surroundings

In the film *Bilal: A New Breed Of Hero*, there are many scenes that show Bilal's character as the main character of the film who cares about his surroundings. The character of caring for the environment is a character that describes the level of empathy and social sensitivity of a person for the suffering experienced by others. The side of caring for the surroundings that Bilal shows is found

in the following scene. First, when Ghufaira was walking to wash clothes, her steps suddenly had to be stopped due to Safwan's orders. Safwan intends to make Ghufaira the object of his archery practice. When Safwan was aiming his arrow at Ghufaira, Bilal who saw the incident immediately approached Safwan and even attacked him to protect his sister. Bilal really loves and cares for Ghufaira as his younger brother who is also the only family that Bilal has. It also makes him very protective of his sister.

Second, one day, Suhaib Ar Rumi and several other slaves were drawing water from a well and suddenly a master's soldier whipped them. According to the master who was one of the Quraish disbelievers, the well water came from idols, but Suhaib did not give anything in return for the goodness of the idols that brought pleasure in the form of the well water. That's what made the master angry and whipped Suhaib and other slaves who were also drawing water from the well. Seeing this incident, Bilal spontaneously ran to Suhaib and tried to stop his master's whipping. However, Bilal's rebellion caused him to be whipped by the master's soldiers.

Bilal's concern for his surroundings did not stop there. Bilal also cares about the difficulties faced by a small child who is hungry but has no money to buy food. Because of his great empathy, Bilal gave the bread he had to the little boy, even though he knew that if he gave the little boy his own food, he would starve.

Fourth, as a Muslim, of course, Bilal has the main obligation, namely to perform the five daily prayers. Prayer must be done in a holy place. Therefore, a mosque was built where Bilal participated in building the mosque so that Muslims in Medina could worship properly in a proper place.

Fifth, Bilal also showed his faith as a devout and obedient Muslim, and had concern for his surroundings by participating in the war against the Umayyah forces who wanted to destroy those who followed the teachings of the Prophet Muhammad. In the war, Bilal tried to exert all his strength and skills in fighting using the sword in order to protect other Muslim troops, and win the war. If only Bilal didn't care about his surroundings, maybe he chose not to join the war where he had to be willing to sacrifice his life for the sake of the people even though he had become a Muslim.

Those are some scenes that show Bilal's character who cares about his surroundings. As civilized and intelligent human beings, of course, we should also apply the same thing as what Bilal did. If we are apathetic towards our surroundings, our human side will be eroded by each other's selfishness so that the level of individualism will continue to increase.

CONCLUSION

Of the many films circulating in the community both nationally and internationally, there are several films that are Islamic in nature. For example like the movie Bilal: A New Breed of Hero. Bilal film is a film based on a true story that tells the history of Bilal bin Rabah. Bilal bin Rabah was one of the many companions of the Prophet Muhammad. Physically, Bilal is a well-built, stocky man with black skin. His hair was curly black, and this man had a serene look in his eyes. One thing that is quite special about the figure of Bilal bin Rabah is his voice. People enjoyed how he recited the holy verses of the Koran and made the call to prayer. The other companions of the Prophet Muhammad enjoyed interacting with him. They never saw him as a former slave, but as a fellow Muslim.

Based on the description that has been discussed above, it can be concluded that the characteristics of Bilal's character in the film Bilal: A New Breed of Hero include being brave, never giving up, having a high fighting spirit, steadfast in his stance, patient, forgiving, ready to take risks, likes to help, hardworking, and care about the surroundings. This figure of Bilal can be an example for mankind to have a strong belief in fighting for the truth even though his life is being threatened. These days, many people know the truth, but do not dare to speak it or even hide it. With the presence of the Bilal film, it is hoped that it can inspire people from various circles to always do good by staying on the path of truth in accordance with the characteristics of Bilal bin Rabah.

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