THE EFFECTS OF COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY ON THE COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS LIFE IN ACEH SINGKIL REGENCY

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Abstract; *This study aims to discover the effects of communication technology on the community religious life in Aceh Singkil regency. The research focuses on how are the positive impacts of using communication technology derived by the community religious life in this regency, and also its negative impacts regarding this point of view. This is descriptive qualitative research which is provided with no number at all. The participation and observation method are used in this inquiry to find out the real data from participant in the object of research area. As a findings, In fact, sometimes many parents who do not have time for their children, many parents who work day and night and do not pay attention to how his son. They only think that the important thing to have a lot of money so that all the needs of their children can be met, even many of them who give very much money to their children, so that his son can waste money to buy these communication technology goods. Furthermore, Responsibility in teaching emphasizes teachers' duty in planning and implementing instruction. In this task, teachers are required to have a set of knowledge and technical skills of teaching, in addition to mastering the science or materials to be taught. Responsibility in giving guidance emphasizes the task of the teacher in providing assistance to students in solving problems it faces. In other words, religious education as effective way to fortify the younger generation now faced with the development of modernization, fortify themselves with noble morals. The last finding is explaining that government creates and enacts policies that enable people to know the latest information.*

Keywrods; *Communication Technology, Community Religious Life, Aceh Singkil Regency*

INTRODUCTION

At the beginning of this millennium there are many great changes that astounded and shocked mankind. Major events have taken place that will overhaul the future world order that worries modern humans, especially the scholars, practitioners and strategies of the world that have been dominated by the West today. Among the great events was the sudden collapse of the system of socialism-communism, the

severe pain of the dying capitalist system and the resurgence of Islam as a new power
of the world after a decline of centuries under the imprial grasp.[1]

In the era of globalization today the people of Aceh Singkil Regency have
changed the influence of technology especially the influence of communication
technology such as television, mobile phone, Radio and Computer is something that
can not be avoided, we have far Being polite, some of our teenagers in Aceh Singkil do
free sex, LGBT also, life is lavish but all-out ease. On this basis this researcher intends
to conduct research on the effects of communication technology on the community
religious life in the regency of Aceh Singkil", which is detailing the following issues:

1. The positive effects of communication technology on community religious
   life in the regency of Aceh Singkil?

2. The negative effects of communication technology on community religious
   life in the regency Aceh Singkil?

LITERATURE REVIEW
Communication Technology In Religious Life

The existence of mass media in presenting information tends to trigger change
as well as bring much influence on the determination of people's lifestyle. The various
information presented is assessed to have positive and negative tangible effects. Slowly
but effectively, the media shapes the public's view of how one sees one's personality
and how one should relate to the everyday world. The media shows the community
how a standard of living is appropriate for a human being, thus indirectly causing
people to judge whether their environment is viable or whether it has met the
standards and this picture is much influenced by what is viewed, heard and read from
the media. Messages / information submitted by the media may be supporting people
better, making people feel good about themselves, feeling quite or otherwise deflating
their confidence or feeling inferior from others. Shifting patterns of behavior caused by
the mass media can occur in the family, school and in community life.

Behavior changes other behavioral patterns of lifestyle. Lifestyle changes in
terms of imitation or imitation are excessively self-absorbed a figure being idolized
based on information obtained from the media. Usually someone will imitate

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[1] Al-Mascaty Hilmy Bakar, *Menjadi Muslim Modern Bersama Alquran*, (Jakarta: Gema
Insani Press, 2003), P. 1 - 2.

everything associated with his idol is good in terms of dress, appearance, haircut or speech that reflects his / her idol.[2] Advances in communication technology leads to the globalization of communication felt tend to directly affect the level of society civilization.

We are all aware that the recent development of communications technology is moving very rapidly and has had both positive and negative impacts on the living order of people in various countries.[3] The advancement of the information field brings us into the age of the communications revolution. Some even call it the "Communication Blast".[4] Technological advances have an impact on changing religious life in society. Communities that have been facilitated by technology into a society that wants to try new things by following the ever-present technological trends.

Advances in communication technology are present due to innovators who want to improve existing communication technologies. Innovator innovation is developed based on relative advantage, compatibility, complexity, trialability and observability.[5] Current technological advancements have been complemented by the internet presence. The presence of interactive communication technology in the global era such as internet has changed the nature and scope of communication media in everyday life.[6] Growing and living side by side with everyday human beings, Whether we realize it or not, our activities from waking up, going to night, surrounded by technology. Waking up and then watching the news on television is an activity related to communication technology. Reading the morning paper is also a result of communication technology. The speed of receiving information today is the result of the development of communication technology. The process of conveying information is called communication.

The relatively flexible communication technology is quickly adopted by the community. Recent technological advances have presented media for storing digital

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[2] Tonny Trimarsanto, *Instant Mania Manusia Modern,* (Jakarta: Kedaulatan Rakyat, 1993), P. 8.

[3] Riyono Praktiko, *Komunikasi pembangunan*, (Bandung: Edisi pertama, Remaja Rosda Karya, 1979), P. 36.

[4] Subrata, "*Media Massa Dalam Era Globalisasi*", (KOMPAS: 27 Oktober 1992).

[5] Everett M. Rogers, *Diffusion of Innovations*, (New York: 3rd Edition, The Free Press, 1983), P. 213 - 232.

[6] David Holmes, *Communication Theory: Media, Technology and Society,* (London, Thousand Oaks, New Dehli: SAGE Publications, 2005), P. 4.

files and called "cloud computing". Straubhaar et al. (2012) says "cloud computing" makes it easy for you to store documents instead of using hard drives, but with simple computers, keyboards and the internet. "Google docs" and "spreadsheets" are examples for storing documents online. When we forget or lose "hard drive" to save documents, we can download the documents we have saved online.[7] The globalization of communication has influenced the media globalization as well as technology.

Advances in communication technology can not be separated from innovators who continuously improve communication technology. The presence of growing communication technology should be used wisely so that humans are not dependent on communication technology. Forecasting the advancement of communications technology that we can see from the "World Future Society" and "Wired Magazine" illustrates that communication technology will continue to grow and humans as users of communication technology should be able to use it wisely so as not to be controlled by communication technology.

METHODOLOGY

This research uses descriptive qualitative research method. Qualitative data is very interesting and is a source and description of a broad and well-grounded and contains an explanation of the processes that occur within the local scope.[8]

One of the considerations in choosing a research problem is the availability of informant data sources. This qualitative research is more understanding (understanding) to phonemena or social phenomenon because it is to learn about the people (society as subject), the intended source of data in research is the subject from which data can be obtained.

The source of qualitative data is the source of data presented in the form of two "abstract" parameters, for example: a lot-low, high-low, old-young, hot-cold, safe-insecure, good-bad situation. The data in this research consists of two types, namely, primary data and secondary data. Primary data is the main data used as the main study material of this study, the primary data source in this study comes from community leaders of Aceh Singkil District Source of research data can be obtained

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[7] Larose Straubhaar & Davenport, *Media Now,* (Wadsworth: Cengage Learning, 2012), h. 257.

[8] *Ibid*, P. 1.

from key informants (key informant) because in the tradition of qualitative research needed is the carefulness in selecting key informants that are considered to provide data according to the topic under study.[9] Informant determination is done by purposive sampling technique, that is sample determination technique with certain consideration. Certain considerations are intended to take people who have been known to have knowledge, experience and understand the problems of communication technology influence on community life of Aceh Singkil regency.

Informants who have knowledge about the influence of communication technology on community life of Aceh Singkil regency, the authors will get insight and description about the development of communication technology influence on the religious life of the people of Aceh Singkil District in the modernisais era. Experienced informants about the influence of communication technology on the religious life of the people of Aceh Singkil District can provide information about the strengths, obstacles, challenges and opportunities in the effort to maintain religious life. So in that case supported by informants who understand the problems of communication technology to find solutions in efforts to maintain religious life in multicultural society in Aceh Singkil District. The selected informants were informants living in the capital of Aceh Singkil district according to the location of this study. Informant determination technique begins by appointing a number of informants ie informants who know, understand and experience in accordance with the object of this study, then the authors determine other informants in accordance with the purposes of this study that is people involved in social interaction investigated.

FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

1. **Family Role**

The family as the smallest social institution has an important role in terms of the formation of individual characters. Family becomes so important because it is through this family that one's life is formed. As the smallest social institution, the family is a complex miniature society, starting from the family of a child experiencing the socialization process. The family is the first and main social unit as the primary

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[9] Burhan Bungin, *Analisa Data Penelitian Kualitatif: Pemehaman Filosofis Ke Arah Pengausaan Model Aplikasi*, (Jakarta: P.T. Raja Grafindo Persada, 2003), P. 53.

foundation for child development. The family is the place where the values of life are taught, with affection, a sense of security developed, a sense of belonging and possession are shown and a solid foundation for the future is built.

The role of the family is needed, so that a child can live his life according to what is taught by parents, but in modern times many of the parents in Aceh Singkil district who care less about their children, they do not do good parent role, until finally the pattern of life a child is wrong.

To compensate for the advancement of communication technology, let's strengthen our family, to avoid its negative influence. The first thing to be familiarized into the family is to build communication. It's easier if children are young to get together, but when they're teenagers or even adults, it's much harder to have quality time with them. However try to spend some time, either in the morning before all family members start activities or at night when all family members are already at home. One of the most fitting moments to gather and talk in the family is when at a gathering at the dinner table together. Whether it's breakfast together, for those who had gathered in the morning or dinner together if impossible to equate the time in the morning.

The importance of the role of parents in monitoring and limiting children in using communication technology is crucial for the development of the child's personality. Parents provide various facilities to children with the intention that children can follow the development of technology, especially in their learning. Therefore the function of supervision in the use of technology by parents, should be done to fit the intent and purpose so as not to deviate from it. If not, then the child will abuse it because of high curiosity and assume that giving the parent will be his right and he is free to use it at will. This is in accordance with the informant's statement, as follows:

> *Need to be strengthened is the spiritual foundation. A strong spiritual foundation, formed from home customs, such as worship, will be the strongest shield for a child in the face of an onslaught of technological advances in communication that can be especially dangerous. Implant also to the children through the example that as good as anything offered outside the home, if it is against the norms of religion and family norms then it is not good.*[10]

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[10] Maulida Rahmah, teacher of Madrsah Diniyah Az-Zaitun Regency of Aceh Singkil, in Madrsah Diniyah Az-Zaitun regency of Aceh Singkil on September 9, 2016.

Based on the description above, as a parent is our responsibility to build a house that can be the safest protection for our children from all outside influences. Do not let the association outside the home, be a substitute aimed at by children, because they do not get what they need in the home, whether it be love, attention, security, feelings owned and so on. Let our home be the place where the values of life are taught with compassion, a sense of security is developed, a feeling of belonging and possession is shown and a solid foundation for the future is built.

For that both the bad family is very influential on the formation of the child's personality. In the family, a child learns to socialize, understand, live, and feel all aspects of life that are reflected in the culture. It can be used as a frame of reference in every action in life. The family role describes a set of interpersonal behaviors, the nature of activities that relate to the individual in certain positions and situations. The role of the individual in the family is based on expectations and behavior patterns of family, group and society. This is in accordance with the informant's statement, as follows:

> *As the first and foremost socialization agent, the family should be able to instill positive values and norms to the child by providing and laying firm foundations of faith in the child. This is so that children do not become arrogant and do not forget God in the activities of modern life that all sophisticated.*[11]

Based on the description above, the role of family that exist in society in the era of globalization of communication technology. In fact, sometimes many parents who do not have time for their children, many parents who work day and night and do not pay attention to how his son. They only think that the important thing to have a lot of money so that all the needs of their children can be met, even many of them who give very much money to their children, so that his son can waste money to buy these communication technology goods.

2. School Role

The role of schools in the face of the influence of communication technology, schools must be able to prepare teachers with a variety of knowledge and be able to choose good values and prevent bad grades into education in school. Science and technology can be done through the process of education and always hungry for

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[11] Zaitun nasution, Head of Madrasah Diniyah Az-Zaitun regency of Aceh Singkil, in Madrasah Diniyah Az-Zaitun regency of Aceh Singkil on September 8 2016.

information science and communication technology is very useful. However, the current teacher figure is expected to be able to create innovations for environmentally beneficial change, not just wait and choose technology transfer given by foreigners.

Science in the field of communications technology can provide so great benefits for us. But it can also be the main cause of the destruction of the umma caused by misuse of communication technology in life. So we need filters and balances science communication technology to stay on the right track. Damage that occurred in our country can not be separated from the weak moral community who only mastered the science of communication technology but will not be able to stem the negative flow of communication technology. Therefore required therapy that can restore the use of communication technology to the position that should be. Schools are expected to perform the role. This is in accordance with the informant's statement, as follows:

> *The role of schools from day to day more and more in line with the development of science and communication technology the role of schools as the main component in the world of education is required to be able to balance even beyond the development of science and communication technology is growing rapidly.*[12]

Based on the description above, the presence of teachers in schools in the teaching and learning process still plays an important role. The role of schools in the process can not yet be replaced by any electronic means, there are still many human elements such as attitudes, value systems, feelings, motivations, and matters relating to the learning process, can not be achieved through these tools. Responsibility in teaching emphasizes teachers' duty in planning and implementing instruction. In this task, teachers are required to have a set of knowledge and technical skills of teaching, in addition to mastering the science or materials to be taught. Responsibility in giving guidance emphasizes the task of the teacher in providing assistance to students in solving problems it faces.

3. Peran Masyarakat

In the modern era of the increasingly advanced communication technology has evolved so that it has reached the fifth generation that has given birth to a new generation that is the merging of Technology and Communications so often referred to as Communications Technology created to help solve various problems easily and

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[12] Ramiluddin, Chairman of the District Education Council of Aceh Singkil District, interviewed at the District Education Council of Aceh Singkil on September 11, 2016.

quickly. Communication technology not only affects one area of community life, but almost all areas of community life influenced. This is in accordance with the informa statement as follows:

> Based on Article 4 of the UU ITE Year 2008, the utilization of communication technology especially for the Indonesian nation aims to educate the nation as a part of the world information society, improve the effectiveness and efficiency of public services and provide security, justice and legal certainty for users and providers of information technology . In addition to the many benefits that can be obtained from information technology, especially the internet, many also abuses are done. Especially with the number of new users who continue to grow every day, then the level of abuse will increase. Common forms of misappropriation include free sex, fraud, theft, defamation, and so on. This misuse of communication technology has made material and non-material losses for some people, especially users of communications technology. This problem can not be separated from the ethics of the users and the law to ensnare the perpetrators of such abuse. The legal basis of information technology is contained in the Law of the Republic of Indonesia of 2008 on Information and Electronic Transactions. In it explains that the development and progress of information technology so rapidly has caused changes in human activities in various fields that directly have influenced the birth of new forms of legal acts. Besides explaining that the use and utilization of information technology should continue to be developed to maintain, maintain and strengthen unity and unity based on legislation.[13]

Based on the description above, therefore there must be a public role to control the use of communication technology. Lots of benefits from Communication Technology lessons. Improving the quality of life increasingly demands humans to perform various activities required by optimizing the resources it has. Communications technology that its development so fast indirectly require humans to use it in all its activities. Some applications of Communication Technology, among others in religion, education, zakat, waqf and bersilaturrahmi. This is in accordance with the informant's statement, as follows:

> To anticipate the development of the first communication technology: Making Islam believes as a science paradigm. That Islamic believe is obliged to be the basis of thinking for the entire building of science. If the science is in accordance with Islamic believe then it can be accepted, while contrary to it, then we may reject it. The second is making Islamic law as the standard of exploiting science and communication technology in the life of society.[14]

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[13] Ahmad Rifai, Secretary of the Department of Transportation and Informatics of Aceh Singkil Regency, in an interview at the Office of Transportation and Informatics of Aceh Singkil Regency on 22 August 2016.

[14] Rosman Hasmi, Chairman of the Aceh Traditional Council of Aceh Singkil District, interviewed at the Aceh Traditional Assembly Office of Aceh Singkil Regency on the 24th August 2016.

Based on the above description, which should be used by Muslims is not the standard of benefit as it is now. The community plays an important role in advancing the development of the area by utilizing the communication technology properly, creating creative and renewable ideas and competing with other regions especially in the field of science and communication technology.

People appreciation to protect from the influence of communication technology, then how to ward off the bad influence of the development of the era where communication technology that has been more advanced and developed. Actually there are many ways if we want to change to fix or prevent it all, the revamping of the world of religious education as effective way to fortify the younger generation now faced with the development of modernization, fortify themselves with noble morals, maintain religious harmony, apply science to things positive things, make good use of time, choose and sort out the development of communication technology that occurs, do not be easily fed by other negative effects and do not get caught up in trends that are against the religion. Perhaps these things if applied in life can minimize and even prevent ourselves from the influence of modernization that only rely on the world and always invite in the negligence of life.

4. Government Role

The use of communication technology that can improve the relationship between government and other parties. Even today with the television, computers, radio and mobile phones have a very important role for the government to disseminate various policies, to empower the community, although the communication technology system has been known for 20 years in Aceh Singkil District, but there is no work unit in an office the government structurally responsible in the development and development of information systems, the limitations in the mastery of the communication system are overcome with a solution that communications technology oriented so that the development of islands communicating system.

The role of the government in maintaining harmony among religious people becomes very important along with the strong influence of globalization, socio-cultural change and advancement of communication technology developed in society. The district government of Aceh Singkil must play its very important role, by making

various policies in facing the development of communication technology, to be able to overcome the current situation of communication technology competition.

This is in accordance with the informant's statement, the role of Local Government is as follows:

> *As regulators and facilitators, the government should make strict rules and sanctions against the misuse of communication technology to perpetrators of pornography and pornography, preventing and handling cases of crime perpetrators of communication technology potentially damaging the morality of the people of Aceh Singkil District as well as sanctions against news spreaders and SARA-like SMS as happened on October 13, 2015 shooting the Muslim community by the Christians.*[15]

Based on the description above, the application of communication technology in government can not be separated from the main tasks and functions of the government itself, as the starting point and the backbone of e-Government. There are two main tasks of government that need to be supported, namely managing policies and managing services. The various forms of policy, regulation, guidance, control and oversight and accountability in various types of life in the community or to address the problems facing the community require complete, accurate and timely data and information. The usefulness and role of communication technology is to support the implementation of these duties and functions in order to be effectively, precisely, comfortably, safely and efficiently in order to improve, encourage and develop the capacity of information services and empowerment of the potential of the religiously informed society. The government creates and enacts policies that enable people to know the latest information.

CONCLUSION

1. Advances in communication technology lately more rapidly. The positive impact that society perceives on the advancement of communication technology, people can more easily exchange information without having to be hampered by space and time. People can easily get information, science, the latest news about social issues, politics, religion and so forth. For Muslims, pilgrims register at the Office of Religious Affairs Ministry of Aceh Singkil through SISKOHAT Online nationally

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[15] Ahmad Rifa'i, Secretary of the Department of Transportation and Informatics of Aceh Singkil District, interviewed at the Office of Transportation and Informatics of Aceh Singkil Regency on 22 August 2016.

throughout Indonesia, no longer through the KBIH (Hajj Guidance Group) North
Sumatra that can accelerate the departure of performing the pilgrimage.

2. Influence of communication technology many negative impacts threaten norm,
   morality of society of Regency of Aceh and religion values. Like today many
   circulating in cyberspace sites that smelled of pornography and porno action, so
   that not a few teenagers in Aceh Singkil District have been exposed to having sex
   free so have to decide school. Worse still people have married or said husband and
   wife using communication technology in the form of mobile phone infidelity with
   other couples, resulting in a divorce to the Court Syar'iyah Singkil.

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