

THE IMPORTANCE OF *TAWKID* LETTER IN THE LEARNING OF ARABIC ELOQUENCE THROUGH QURANIC VERSES

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Abstract: Currently, the study of Arabic eloquence or balaghah is facing problem in term of to understand the use of letter tawkid and the analysis related to its meaning and structure of Arabic sentences, especially retrieved from Quranic verses. There is several importance of the use of tawkid letter that should be understood in order to facilitate the process of learning Arabic eloquence. This article aims to describe the various importance of tawkid letter and analyse its several function in the learning of Arabic eloquence. Using qualitative approach which involved the obtaining data from document analysis, this article presents several importance of tawkid letter in the learning of Arabic eloquence. Data analysis was retrieved descriptively from explanation and details on three main importance of tawkid letter. The findings of this research indicate the use of tawkid letter in Arabic eloquence has three distinctive importance, which are functioning as a sentence reinforcer, proof of mu'jizah (miracle) and act as a perimeter to differentiate the language style of khabar. Hence, this article is briefly explaining three main importance of tawkid letter in the learning of Arabic eloquence and it is seen as one of the uniqueness in the delivery of language style of khabar in the discipline of balaghah. It is hoped that the presented explanation able to assist students especially in understanding the aspects of tawkid letter in the learning of Arabic eloquence cum revealing the secret of uniqueness of the Quranic language.

Keywords: Tawkid Letter, Learning Arabic Eloquence, Balaghah, Language Style of Khabar, Miracle of Quran.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The use of *tawkid* letter in Quranic verses have its particular importance. To understand the language of Quran, it is necessary to learn its eloquence as well (Mohamad Syukri et al., 2021). The letter of *tawkid* has multiple functions in the learning of Arabic eloquence (Abdul Wahid et al., 2021). The diversity of its function depends on the exoteric situation that occurs and requires a high degree of scrutiny towards understanding its meaning (Thoarlim, 2017). In essence, study on al-Quran is a main priority in assisting the comprehension of the revealed holy verses (Muhammad Zulazizi et al., 2021). The genuine understanding and in line with the requirement of *syariah* able to be achieved through various branches of disciplines, including

the solid understanding of Arabic eloquence. In al-Quran, the greatness, miracles and highness of this noble revelation encompasses various disciplines which from it, knowledge related to the Arabic intricacies and great style of language emerged. Various discussions related to language are referred from it including the use of style of language which consist of grammar, eloquence and linguistic (Mohd Nathir & Othman, 2021). Therefore, *tawkid* letter and its importance is one of the branches in the study context of the language of Quran that should be comprehended and studied. This is due to the position of Arabic eloquence as one of the disciplines in the field of language and Arabic literature which discusses various forms of al-Quran language style with its different meanings (Abu Hassan et al., 2020), studying the art and its beauty in understanding its context and meaning of the verses and certain themes found in al-Quran (Wan Azura et al., 2017). Clearly, the use of *tawkid* letter in Arabic eloquence has its appropriateness and uniqueness where this eloquence is one of the main components of Arabic language to be learnt (Shuhaida Hanim et al., 2020). This research views the aspect of *ilm ma'aani* that is related to the importance of the use of *tawkid* letter in changing certain meaning of a verse.

2.0 VARIETY OF THE IMPORTANCE OF TAWKID LETTER

According to Arabic language terminology, *tawkid* is a reinforcer and act to emphasis the content of certain expressions, used based on the situation of the listener whether he demands to know the unheard new information or the listener is in a state of suspicion, doubt, distrust or the listener is rejecting and refuting the delivered messages (Azroiy, 2018). *Tawkid* has many patterns, and the one that has been chosen in this study is the *tawkid* with the pattern of *inna*.

Letter of *tawkid* (augmentative word) in Arabic language is one of the small particle that has no meaning unless it is in sentence. Understanding the meaning of the use of the letter helps to access the gist of the verse precisely in accordance to its appropriate context, cum to have a clear idea on its holistic meaning (Suryadinata, 2015). Knowledge on *tawkid* able to be seen in two distinguish aspects, which are *tawkid* in Arabic grammar (*nahu*) and *tawkid* in Arabic eloquence (*balaghah*). *Tawkid* in the discipline of *nahu* can be seen from the aspect of its use in the sentence including how to construct a perfect sentence with it, how to place an appropriate stroke on it, right way of doing *i'rab* and other related aspects attached to the structure of complete sentence with the use of *tawkid* letter. As for the function of the *tawkid* in Arabic eloquence, it leads to the meaning of the whole verse meticulously.

Generally, Ghalayaini (2000) divided *tawkid* into two categories namely *tawkid lafzi* (repetition of pronunciation or meaning) and *tawkid ma'nawi* (use words such as *nafs*, *ain*, *jami'*, *a'mah*, *kila* or *kilta*). There is also an emphasis by using specific *tawkid* letter such as *inna*, *anna*, *lam al-ibtida'*, *tanbih* letter, oath letter, *tawkid nun*, additional letter (*zaidah*), *qad*, *amma syartiyyah*, *innama*, *dhamir fasl* (Muhammad Ahmad & Mahyuddin, 2003).

The use of the *tawkid* letter in al-Quran has various of themes and variations. Its use take into account the prior situation including the state of listeners and their background, venue and time of delivery (Nik Murshidah et al., 2017). All of those factors able to amend the types of sentence used (Ulya, 2020). In conveying an expression, knowing the current situation factors is one of the priorities in determining the type of sentence since the aim from the sentence to be expressed is to convey information to the listeners based on specific aims. One

of many ways to identify the differences between types of sentences is through the use of *tawkid* letter. There are various importance of the use of *tawkid* letter in constructing structure of sentence either in expression or writing (Altowayti, 2013). So as well of its importance in Quranic verses. Each of its use has certain function based on *mukhatab* and current situation during the sentence is being delivered.

2.1 Function of Tawkid as A Sentence Reinforcer

The use of *tawkid* letter in sentences, expressions or phrases gives its own implication towards understanding the meaning of verses (Abu Hassan et al., 2020). Similarly its use in al-Quran also able to present various of meaning exegesis (Dror, 2018; Hassan, 2018) based on situation and current context during which the verse is delivered (Hassan, 2018; Mughalashah, 2002). There are many types of *tawkid* letter in Arabic language (Fatimah et al., 2021) that gives the meaning of emphasis and having different function. The use of *tawkid* letter can bring the meaning of emphasis on certain thing that is being denied, a reminder of forgetfulness and carelessness to something, also serve to provide calmness and peaceful of heart especially for the believers and those who obey to the commands of Allah; hence they will be not upset, restless, sad about the hardships, trials and tribulations which they are experiencing.

There are many past studies related to *tawkid* letter which carries the meaning of affirmation or emphasis on something. A study conducted by Aisyah (2009) on the use of *tawkid* letter in al-Quran from the perspective of Arabic eloquence, found that its use is giving a distinguish volume of strength to the meaning of verses depending on the situation of different groups. This study is showing similarity with Ali al Towayti & Wahab (2013) which also stating the function of *tawkid* letter as strengthening the meaning in certain verses, both in the aspect of grammar and eloquence. Qomariyah (2015) found that function of *tawkid* letter is mostly used as an emphasis to *musyrikin* or polytheists who disobey the blessings of Allah and a special emphasis on strengthening the Islamic *aqidah*. According to her, *tawkid* letter is not solely used as an emphasis tool towards the disbelieving polytheist but also specially applied for the believers, purposely to put the restless heart at peace. Besides, with the presence of *tawkid* letter in Arabic communication style of language, listeners will feel more confident, putting trust and accepting the shared messages, even in some cases, the use of *tawkid* letter able to discard the doubt of messages recipients (Muhamad Helmi, 1998).

The use of *tawkid* letter has different methods. There is *tawkid inna* which is used singly in a sentence. There is also *tawkid* letter used with *lam ibtida'* and *qasam* (Nik Murshidah et al., 2017) in a same sentence and it gives a stronger meaning of emphasis. For example in the Quran:

وَلِلَّهِ الْمَشْرِقُ وَالْمَغْرِبُ فَأَيْنَمَا تُوَلُّوا فَئِنَّهُ وَجْهُ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَسِعَ عِلْمَهُ (البقرة: 115)

To Allah belong the east and the west, so wherever you turn you are facing towards Allah, Surely Allah is All-Encompassing, All-Knowing.

(al-Baqarah, 2:15)

An example derived from the above-mentioned verse is the single use of *tawkid inna* without any attachment to any other *tawkid* letter such as *ibtida'* or *qasam* (oath) letter. This verse is revealed to those who doubt the direction of *qibla* to perform prayer while sitting on their vehicle. A single use of *tawkid* letter in this verse is very appropriate to discard the doubts of people (Muslims) at that particular time pertaining to their confusion to determine the direction of prayer.

وَأَسْتَعِينُوا بِالصَّبْرِ وَالصَّلَاةِ وَإِنَّهَا لَكَبِيرَةٌ إِلَّا عَلَى الْخَاشِعِينَ (البقرة:45)

And seek help through patience and prayer. Indeed, it is a burden except for the humble; particularly stating here is to emphasis on how the importance of prayer can increase reverence and avoid arrogance, and indeed the prayers are really hard except for the wholehearted person.

(al-Baqarah, 2:45)

The above-mentioned verse is related to an order to perform prayers. The use of two *tawkid* letters of *inna* and *lam ibtida'* in a same verse is showing a stronger emphasis that prayer is extremely burdensome if one does not earnestly perform it and not focus wholeheartedly during practicing it. Djuaeni et al. (2021) also mentioned on the importance of *tawkid* letter as an affirmation and emphasis on something that is denied, as a reminder for forgetfulness and procrastination, also soothes unbalanced mind and heart that is restless about the occurring hardships.

With this elaboration, it is clear that the use of *tawkid* letter in the verse must have a specific reason and give a specific meaning. Hence, by detailing its function as reinforcer and strengthen the meaning of verse, it can be concluded that regardless of any use of *tawkid* letter either in expressions, writings or holy verses of Quran; factors of current situation or verse contextual need to be taken into account so that the delivered expressions are clearer and easier to be understood. Besides, the verses from al-Quran able to be recited and the reciters will grasp a depth-understanding in accordance with its nature as the supreme miracle.

2.2 Tawkid as a Tool to Prove Miracle.

Al-Quran is one of the great miracles (Jasmi, 2013; Zamri Rajab et al., 2018). One of the aspects of its miracle is demonstrated from the angle of its language which is rich in vocabularies and various forms of language styles, as well as giving unique meanings (Ubaidillah, 2020). This research has similarities with Qasimi Sulaiman & Abdali Nuruddin (2017) who found the greatness of meaning of *tawkid* letter in al-Quran and proved the miracle of al-Quran through its unique meanings and always changing according to the context of the verses (Hidayat, 2018). This discovery shows that the use of *tawkid* letter, types of *khobar* language style also vary and their meanings also change.

Emphasis on the function of the Quran as a guidance book to all mankind (Almaisah, 2020) as the words of Allah Ta'ala says:

إِنَّ هَذَا الْقُرْآنَ يَهْدِي لِلَّتِي هِيَ أَقْوَمُ وَيُبَشِّرُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ الَّذِينَ يَعْمَلُونَ الصَّالِحَاتِ أَنَّ لَهُمْ أَجْرًا كَبِيرًا (الإسراء:9)

Surely this Quran guides to what is most upright, and gives good news to the believers-who do good-that they will have a mighty reward.

(al-Isra, 17:9)

The use of the *tawkid* letter *inna* in the above-stated verse emphasizes the Quran as a guidance book to all mankind and also a strong emphasis on the great rewards for those who do good and righteous deeds. The use of *tawkid* letter at the beginning of verse (إِنَّ هَذَا الْقُرْآنَ) gives its distinguish meaning. A strong emphasis on the holy Quran which serves as a guidance book for the whole world, gives a genuine guidance in the lives of mankind (al Zajjaj, 2005). In the use of Arabic language, the role of *tawkid* letter in a sentence gives a deep meaning and illustrates an emphasis on something that is being mentioned. This indicates that the Quran is truly a book that gives guidance in all quarter aspects of life. Besides, *tawkid* letter which followed by *أَنَّ لَهُمْ* also gives the meaning of emphasis and significance. The use of *tawkid* letter together with the predicate sentence; which is to put forward the predicate prior to subject is adding the element of emphasis in that kind of sentence. The explanation of the meaning needs to be studied and comprehended clearly through detail Quranic exegesis since the role of *tawkid* letter is definitely significant in a sentence.

لَا أَقْسِمُ بِهَذَا الْبَلَدِ (البلد:1)

I swear by this city (Mecca).

(al-Balad, 90:1)

In the above-stated verse, the letter *لَا* used in this verse set as *tawkid* which serves as emphasis on this verse. If the meaning is literally observed, it seemingly to show any of significant value. After studying the meaning through a thorough interpretation, it is showing that its meaning is giving emphasis and swears by the land of Mecca; a holy and noble land, for the prophets and their followers to do anything in that particular land of holiness (al Zuhaili, 2001). The use of letter *لَا* does not mean rejection or any other meaning but it shows the meaning of emphasis which is identified through referring its particular interpretation.

This situation is clearly showing the aspect of miracle of Quranic verses by the use of *tawkid* letter that can change the function and meaning of the verse. Therefore, it is proved that Quranic verses are the beautiful *mu'jiza* from Allah and has a unique language (Ma'rifah, 2015). It is a main guidance throughout the epoch that requires us to explore and understand its hidden secret behind its verses. The use of *tawkid* letter and exegesis on it should be more thorough and meticulous in various situations in order to safeguard the authenticity and transparency of the conveyed meaning (Nik Murshidah, 2020).

2.3 Tawkid as A Perimeter Function in The Difference of Khabar Language Style

Ilm ma'ani is one of the main disciplines in Arabic eloquence, studying on the variation of language style of communication that comply to the current situation in order to ensure that the delivered message is understood and achieve the intended meaning (Adib, 2021). There are several style of language in communication, one of it is *khabar* language style (Barus, 2020).

This style of language is defined by the situation of *mukhatab* (intended recipient). According to the original definition, *mukhatab* is categorized into three, namely listeners who do not know at all about the delivered message and accept it without any question or refutation, thus do not need any reinforcement word to speak out the messages; second, the listeners are in doubt hence the speakers need to use one reinforcement word to eliminate suspicion of the message conveyed; meanwhile the third category is listeners who do not believe the received message, even reject it and need to use the reinforcement word in accordance to their level of refusal (Mohd Zaki & Che Radiah, 2013). The table below explains the use of *tawkid* letter in all those three categories of *mukhatab*:

The Use of *Tawkid* Letter in *Khabar* Style of Language

Types of <i>Mukhatab</i>		The Use of <i>Tawkid</i> Letter	Explanation
<i>Ibtida'i</i>	<i>Khali al Zihni</i>	Not necessary	<i>Mukhatab</i> does not require <i>tawkid</i> letter to emphasize the message.
<i>Tolabi</i>	<i>Mutaraddid</i>	Better to use one	It is good to use one <i>tawkid</i> letter to discard the doubts of <i>mukhatab</i> .
<i>Inkari</i>	<i>Munkir</i>	Must use one or more	It is an obligation to use <i>tawkid</i> letter, based on the level of <i>mukhatab</i> 's rejection.

These three main types of *khabar* (news) are determined based on three categories of listeners who are in different state of their external situation (Ahmad al-Hashimi, 2016). The difference in these three categories lays on the use of *tawkid* letter. Discussions and reviews on the past studies are clearly indicate that *tawkid* letter is a fundamental in differentiate between the style of speech that uses statement sentences (*khabar*).

3.0 SUMMARY

This article identifies that the element of *tawkid* sentence reinforcement has long developed in the world of Arabic eloquence. The use of *tawkid* letter in al-Quran portrays the aspect of its own distinguish *balaghah* and able to be proven trough the various language styles of *balaghah*. The diversity of the external situation of listeners forms as the main basis for the accuracy of word selection and appropriate construction of sentence contextual.

There are various functions of *tawkid* letter in al-Quran. Based on the previous literature reviews pertaining *tawkid* letter in the study of *balaghah*, the researchers able to list down three functions of *tawkid* letter which were found in the verses of al-Quran; the first is the function of *tawkid* letter as the sentence reinforcer, giving affirmation, adding confidence and curing restless heart. Second, the function of *tawkid* as one of many ways to prove the miracle of al-

Quran through its vocabularies and unique style of language, and its third function is its act as a parameter to identify its difference use in *khobar* style of language.

Therefore, the implication of this study able to create opportunity among the readers to know the variety functions of *tawkid* letter in al-Quran, contributing to the proliferation and new scope of research that combines expertise in Arabic language field and Quranic exegesis.

4.0 CONCLUSION

The existence of *tawkid* letter in Quranic verse, expression, speeches or writings form different types of language styles. The main element which defines the differences is depending on the external situation of the intended listeners to receive the message. Hence, a comprehensive effort needs to be done to explore the greatness of *tawkid* letter in certain expressions, especially from the verses of Quran which serves as one of the ways to prove its miracle. And it is clearly shown that the use of *tawkid* letter in delivering certain messages need to be meticulously studied and refined, hence the delivery of messages meets its actual situation, complies to the character and behaviour of both speakers and listeners (Nik Murshidah et al., 2017).

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