


**BRIDGING WORLDS: WHEN LOCAL CULTURE MEETS ISLAMIC VALUES IN LOCAL TRADITION *MACCERA MANURUNG***

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<p><b>Article Info</b></p> <hr/> <p>Sejarah Artikel: Accepted: January, 2024 Approved: February, 2024 Published: March, 2024</p> <hr/> <p><i>Keywords: Bridging Worlds; Local Culture, Islamic Values; Maccera Manurung</i></p> <hr/> <p><i>Corresponding Author:</i> Muh. Zainuddin Badollahi Email: <a href="mailto:badollahi@untad.ac.id">badollahi@untad.ac.id</a></p>	<p>This study explores the phenomenon of <i>Maccera Manurung</i>, a local tradition that combines local culture with Islamic values. Through a religious anthropology approach, this study aims to understand how the relationship between local culture and Islamic values is manifested in <i>Maccera Manurung</i>, as well as its significance for local communities. This study used qualitative research methods by conducting in-depth interviews with religious leaders, community members, and scholars in the area who practiced <i>Maccera Manurung</i>. The results showed that <i>Maccera Manurung</i> is a unique phenomenon of religious and cultural syncretism, where local culture and Islamic values influence each other and give different meanings to local communities. On the one hand, <i>Maccera Manurung</i> maintains a distinctive local cultural identity, and on the other hand, opens up space for interpretation and adaptation of Islamic values relevant to local communities. The study concludes that <i>Maccera Manurung</i> can be seen as a form of cultural innovation and religious adaptation that results in a dynamic and evolving religious tradition. This research contributes to an understanding of the dynamics of the relationship between religion and culture in local contexts as well as yielding insights into how religious and cultural syncretism can shape unique cultural identities.</p> <p>© 2024 Widya Ningsih, Muhammad Zainuddin Badollahi, Hilda Anjarsari , Risma Ariyani , Dya Qurotul A'yun <i>This is an open access article under the CC BY-SA 4.0 license</i></p> 
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**INTRODUCTION**

In Indonesia, cultural and religious diversity has given a rich color to people's social life. One example of this diversity is the *Maccera Manurung* tradition found in South Sulawesi. *Maccera Manurung* blends local culture and Islamic values to create a unique and distinctive religious practice. According to Saihu (2020), local traditions such as *Maccera Manurung* not only enrich cultural diversity in Indonesia, but also create strong harmony between religion and culture. In addition, local traditions are also an integral part of the religious and cultural identity of local communities (Brennan, Flint, & Luloff, 2009). This is demonstrated by the participation of different walks of life, from children to adults, in this religious practice. This fact shows how important cultural diversity and harmony between religion and culture are in the social life of Indonesian society (Geertz, 1973).

Research related to local traditions has been carried out by many researchers before. Based on the researchers' observations, previous studies emphasized three things. *First*, local cultural research has historical value (Fauzan & Nashar, 2017; Ratih, 2019; Wijaya, Syarifuddin, & Dhita, 2021). In this category, traditional religious practices in Indonesia, such as *Maccera Manurung*, become an integral part of the cultural and historical identity of local communities. *Second*, research on local traditions that have a spiritual dimension (Busro, Yuliyanti, Syukur, & Rosyad, 2020; Rumbay et al., 2022). In this category local traditions contain a very strong religious dimension, although the practice includes elements of distinctive culture and customs. Third, research on local traditions is seen from the perspective of Religious and Cultural Syncretism (Aminullah, 2017; Chandra & Hadi, 2021; Hernawan, Zakaria, & Rohmah, 2020; Sutiyono, 2015; Wulandari, 2017).

Although there has been much research on local traditions as examples of religious and cultural syncretism, religious identity, historical values, and religious dimensions, there has been no research that specifically explores how these local traditions emphasize harmony between local culture and Islamic religious values more specifically. This shows that there are still research gaps that can be filled in deepening understanding of *Maccera Manurung* and other religious practices in Indonesia. By filling this research gap, it is hoped that it can provide a better understanding of the relationship between religion and culture in Indonesia and how diversity can enrich the religious experience of local communities.

This study aims to explore how the local tradition of *Maccera Manurung* emphasizes harmony between local culture and Islamic religious values, focusing on Islamic religious practices and teachings combined with local customs and beliefs. In addition to contributing to the understanding of the relationship between religion and culture in Indonesia, the research is also expected to provide new insights into local religious practices and create a better understanding of how diversity can enrich the religious experience of local communities. Through this contribution, this research is expected to be a reference and source of inspiration for research on religious and other cultural harmony in Indonesia and other countries in the world.

## METHOD

The material object of this research is the religious practice of *Maccera Manurung* found in Enrekang, South Sulawesi, Indonesia. This religious practice is unique in that it combines local culture with Islamic values, creating a distinctive religious practice that has historical value that is very important to the local community.

This type of research is ethnographic research. Researchers were actively involved in the lives of the Enrekang community during the study period. Researchers observe and are involved in the preparation, implementation, and evaluation of the *Maccera Manurung* tradition. In addition, researchers also conducted in-depth interviews with traditional leaders, religious leaders, and local communities to understand the values, beliefs, and practices associated with these customary rituals. Through ethnographic methods, it is hoped that this research can provide a more comprehensive understanding of the local traditions of *Maccera Manurung* and how the harmony between local culture and Islamic religious values is reflected in this religious practice.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Harmonization of Islamic Values and Local Culture in *Maccera Manurung* Tradition

The *Maccera Manurung* tradition is a form of harmonization of Islamic values and local culture that is very thick in the community of Pasang Village, Enrekang Regency, South Sulawesi.

This tradition contains many Islamic values and local wisdom that have been applied for generations by the local community. One of the characteristics of this tradition is the existence of four series of activities, namely Maddoa (Swing), Mapadendang, Tudang Sipulung, and Buffalo Cutting. In this section, we will discuss in more detail about the four series of activities, as well as the factors that encourage harmonization between Islamic values and local culture in the *Maccera Manurung* tradition.

**a) Maddoa (Swing)**



Source: research documentation, 2022

Maddoa or swing is one of the activities carried out in the *Maccera Manurung* tradition in Enrekang, South Sulawesi. This activity is usually carried out after harvest, as a form of gratitude and joy for the harvest obtained. In this activity, community members work together to build swings that are usually made of wood. These swings are then used as a means to have fun and have fun together.

According to Suciati & Sofyan (2021), harmonization between local cultural customs and religion can be created through dialogue, agreement, and integration between elements of local cultural customs and elements of religion that do not conflict. Maddoa or swing activities in the *Maccera Manurung* tradition are one example of this harmonization, because in this activity there are Islamic values contained.

According to Ustadz Marszuki, a religious figure in Enrekang, maddoa or swing in the *Maccera Manurung* tradition has a meaning in Islamic teachings, namely mutual aid and brotherhood. He said, "Maddoa or swing activities in the *Maccera Manurung* tradition are very good in strengthening brotherhood and a sense of community togetherness. This activity also embodies Islamic values, namely mutual assistance and togetherness in building big swings. Gotong royong is also reflected in the process of taking wood in the forest, the people of Pasang village together to the forest cut down trees to take wood that is used to make big swings" (Marzuki, Personal Communication, February 4, 2023)."

In addition, maddoa or swing activities in the *Maccera Manurung* tradition are also a means to appreciate and utilize natural resources wisely, in accordance with Islamic teachings. Ustadz Marzuki explained, "Maddoa or swing activities also teach us to use natural resources wisely. We must understand that the wood we use to build these swings comes from nature, and we must appreciate it by using it wisely" (Marzuki, Personal Communication, February 4, 2023).

Overall, maddoa or swing activities in the *Maccera Manurung* tradition in Enrekang are an example of harmonization between local cultural customs and Islam. This activity contains Islamic values such as mutual assistance, brotherhood, and respect for natural resources. In

addition, the values of togetherness and gratitude are also very thick seen in the Maddoa ceremony. The activity of building swings together illustrates the spirit of mutual assistance which is a value that is highly upheld in Islam. As explained in the Qur'an Surah Al-Maidah verse 2:

... وَتَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْبِرِّ وَالتَّقْوَىٰ وَلَا تَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْإِثْمِ وَالْعُدْوَانِ ...

... *Help ye in virtue and piety, and do not help in sinning and enmity...*

The traditional leader of Pasang Village, Mr. Parissang, explained that the Maddoa ceremony is very important to strengthen relations between residents. He said, "The Maddoa tradition has been going on for hundreds of years in Pasang Village. This activity is not only about building swings, but also about building togetherness and a strong sense of brotherhood among villagers. Everyone from different walks of life work together to build the swing, from children to the elderly. It is a high form of mutual aid and togetherness in Islam as well as our local culture" Parissang, Personal Communication,).

In addition, the Maddoa ceremony also reflects the community's gratitude towards the grace of Allah SWT. This is evidenced by the celebration after the swing is completed, where people enjoy dishes that have been prepared. According to Parissang, "After finishing building the swing, we held a celebration to give thanks for the grace of Allah Almighty and the bountiful harvest. We distributed food to the villagers, and everyone felt happy and rejoiced at our success in building the swing together."

In Islam, gratitude for the blessings given by Allah Almighty is very important. It is also stated in the Qur'an Surat Ibrāhīm [14]:7,

Allah Subhanahu wa Ta'ala said:

وَإِذْ تَأَذَّنَ رَبُّكُمْ لَئِن شَكَرْتُمْ لَأَزِيدَنَّكُمْ وَلَئِن كَفَرْتُمْ إِنَّ عَذَابِي لَشَدِيدٌ

*(Remember) when your Lord declared, "Behold, if ye are grateful, I will surely increase (favours) to you, but if you deny (My favours), verily My punishment is indeed very harsh."*

Maddoa's activities also show respect for natural resources, because felled trees are not just cut, but are used to make swings as part of traditional ceremonies. This is in line with Islamic teachings that emphasize the importance of protecting the environment and treating natural resources well. In Surah al-Baqarah verse 60, Allah Almighty says,

...كُلُوا وَاشْرَبُوا مِنْ رِزْقِ اللَّهِ وَلَا تَعْنُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ مُفْسِدِينَ...

... *Eat and drink Allah's sustenance and do not do evil on earth by doing mischief.*

According to Munsil Lampe, a cultural observer in Enrekang, Maddoa's activities in the *Maccera Manurung* ceremony are a symbol of brotherhood and community harmony. He said, "Maddoa is an activity that involves the entire community without exception. Everyone worked together to prepare the swing and uproot the tree to make it. This reflects the high mutual assistance and brotherhood among the people of Enrekang."

In addition, Maddoa's activities also reflect Islamic values such as mutual assistance and brotherhood. As one of the community leaders of Pasang Village said, "Maddoa (swing) embodies Islamic values, namely gotong royong both for establishing swings, gotong royong in building big swings" (Who, when).

The definition of mutual aid in Islam is also explained in a hadith of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) which states, "A Muslim is a brother to another Muslim, and he must not tyrannize his brother. Whoever helps his brother, God will help him when he needs help." (HR. Bukhari)

المُسْلِمُ أَخُو الْمُسْلِمِ، لَا يَظْلِمُهُ، وَلَا يَحْدِلُهُ، وَلَا يَكْذِبُهُ، وَلَا يَحْقِرُهُ

*A Muslim is a brother to another Muslim. Therefore, he must not commit tyranny, abandonment, lie, and insult others (HR. Muslim no. 2564).*

In addition to mutual assistance, Maddoa's activities also reflect the value of brotherhood in Islam. As explained by one of the community leaders of Pasang Village, "In this case, Maddoa (swing) embodies Islamic values, namely gotong royong both to establish swings, gotong royong in building big swings."

## b) Mapadendang



Source: research documentation, 2022

Mapadendang is one of the activities in the *Maccera Manurung* tradition carried out by the people of Enrekang. This activity is part of a ceremony honoring God that aims to unite hearts and rejoice together. In mapadendang activities, Enrekang people pound rice using a traditional tool called a mortar, which is beaten with a wooden stick until a harmonious and joyous sound is heard.

This mapadendang activity has strong Islamic values. One of them is gratitude for the gift of the harvest obtained. In Islam, gratitude is one of the attitudes that is highly emphasized, and is used as the key to getting an abundance of favors from Allah SWT. This is in line with the views of a community leader in Enrekang who said: "The mapadendang ceremony is a form of gratitude from the people of Enrekang to Allah SWT for the abundant harvest. Without sufficient harvests, the lives of people in Enrekang will be very difficult. Therefore, the mapadendang ceremony is very important for our community as a form of respect and gratitude to Allah SWT (Lamappa, Personal communication, February 3, 2023)."

In addition to gratitude, mapadendang activities also teach the values of unity and togetherness. In this activity, the people of Enrekang work together to pound rice, forming close and complementary cooperation. According to Rustan Asryad, former head of Pasang village, "Mapadendang taught us about the importance of cooperation and togetherness. In this activity, the people of Enrekang work together to pound rice. Without close cooperation, mapadendang activities will not run smoothly. Therefore, mapadendang activities teach us

about the importance of cooperation and unity in community life (Rustan Arsyad, Personal communication, February 3, 2023)."

In this case, it can be seen that mapadendang activities not only have strong local cultural values, but also contain Islamic values that encourage unity and gratitude to Allah SWT. Therefore, harmonization between Islamic values and local culture in mapadendang activities can be created well.

Thus, Mapadendang activities in the *Maccera Manurung Pasang* tradition are examples of how harmony between local cultural customs and Islamic values can be realized simultaneously. The activity of beating the mortar together in this ceremony illustrates gratitude for the harvest obtained, as well as teaches the importance of cooperation and togetherness in running life.

In the Islamic perspective, cooperation and togetherness are values that are highly valued. As stated in the Qur'an Surah Al-Maidah verse 2:

*... Help ye in virtue and piety, and do not help in sinning and enmity...*

The beating of the mortar together in the Mapadendang ceremony became a symbol of togetherness in trying to produce rice that would be a source of food for the community. In addition, this activity also shows how important togetherness is in maintaining local cultural traditions and customs, as an identity and ancestral heritage that must be maintained and preserved.

According to Mungsi Lampe, an expert on Enrekang history and culture, Mapadendang activities in the *Maccera Manurung Pasang* tradition are examples of how local cultural customs that have been passed down for generations can be preserved and integrated with Islamic values. "In Enrekang, we have many traditions and cultural customs that have been passed down for generations, and many of them can be adapted to Islamic teachings. We must be able to integrate these two elements so as not to contradict and remain relevant to today" (Mungsi Lampe, Personal Communication, February 3, 2023).

In addition, Mapadendang activities in the *Maccera Manurung Pasang* tradition also contain important meanings about the importance of respecting nature and natural resources around us. As Muslimin, a traditional leader in Pasang Village, explained, "When beating the mortar together, we must remember that the rice we produce comes from nature and natural resources that we must protect and preserve. We must be grateful for the blessings that Allah SWT gives, and must also be responsible in preserving the environment around us (Muslimin, Personal Communication, February 3, 2023)."

In this context, Mapadendang in the *Maccera Manurung Pasang* tradition is an example of how local cultural customs can teach the values of togetherness, respect for nature, and responsibility for the surrounding environment. The harmony between local cultural customs and Islamic values manifested in this activity can provide an example of how these two elements can be integrated and realized in everyday life.

c) **3.Snuck shrimp**



Source: research documentation, 2022

Tudang Sipulung is one of the activities in the *Maccera Manurung* tradition which means meeting large families or relatives in an event at a traditional house. This activity was carried out as a form of strengthening family relationships and friendship between the people of Pasang Village who came from different places. In addition, Tudang Sipulung is also a place to know more about the meaning and importance of the implementation of *Maccera Manurung*.

In Tudang Sipulung activities, there are several Islamic values contained in it. First, there is an awareness of the importance of establishing relationships and maintaining family relationships. As explained in a hadith of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH),

*From Abu Hurairah(ra), from the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), he said, 'Whoever believes in Allah and the last days, let him glorify his guest. Whoever has faith in Allah and the last days, let him maintain good relations with his relatives. Whoever believes in Allah and the last days, let him speak well or be silent (HR Bukhari and Muslim).*

In an interview with Lamappa who is a traditional leader in Pasang Village, he explained that "In this Tudang Sipulung event, apart from being a form of friendship between family and relatives, it is also a place to introduce *Maccera Manurung* culture to the younger generation so that it is not forgotten." Thus, Tudang Sipulung activities can also be used as a medium to maintain and preserve local cultural traditions that have positive values.

In addition to these positive values, Tudang Sipulung activities also have a deep meaning in an effort to maintain local wisdom and harmony between local cultural customs and Islamic religious teachings. As stated by one of the community leaders of Pasang Village, Muslimin, in his interview:

"Tudang Sipulung is a very important event for the people of Pasang Village. Apart from being a place for friendship and strengthening relationships between others, Tudang Sipulung is also an ancestral heritage that must be maintained. In this event, we discussed and shared knowledge about the culture and customs of Pasang Village, and introduced the teachings of Islam to those who are not familiar with it (Muslimin, Personal Communication, February 4, 2023)."

In addition, Tudang Sipulung activities are also a means to introduce local culture to the outside community, so as to strengthen the brotherhood between communities in various regions. This is also in line with the findings of research conducted by Sudiro and Timan

(2019), which states that activities that involve active community participation in maintaining and preserving local culture can strengthen the community's cultural identity and build collective awareness in maintaining the sustainability of the culture.

In the context of harmonization between local cultural customs and Islamic religious teachings, Tudang Sipulung activities also show the existence of Islamic values in its implementation. As stated by Mr. Parissang, "In the Tudang Sipulung event, we always start with a prayer together as a form of recognition of the power of Allah SWT and gratitude for the gifts He has given us. We also always prioritize mutual respect and mutual care for each other, as taught in Islamic teachings."

This is also in line with the findings of research by Rikardo (2021), which states that harmonization between local cultural customs and Islamic teachings can be realized through a good introduction and understanding of Islamic religious values in local culture, as well as open and good communication between traditional and religious leaders.

In conclusion, Tudang Sipulung activities in the *Maccera Manurung* Pasang tradition not only strengthen the cultural identity of the people of Pasang Village, but also become a means to introduce local culture to the outside community, as well as show harmony between local cultural customs and Islamic religious teachings. Positive values such as the spirit of mutual cooperation, a sense of concern between others, and the desire to maintain ancestral culture also shape the positive character of the people of Pasang Village.

#### d) 4. Buffalo Cutting



Source: research documentation, 2022

Buffalo slaughter is one of the important activities in the *Maccera Manurung* tradition. This activity is carried out as a form of gratitude for abundant harvests and as a form of concern between others. In addition, buffalo slaughtering activities also have spiritual and cultural significance in Islamic religious teachings.

In the teachings of Islam, the activity of sharing and giving to others has a very important meaning. As mentioned in the Quran (QS. An-Nisa: 36). In the context of buffalo slaughter, Islamic teachings teach to share and give to others as a form of care and affection.

وَأَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَلَا تُشْرِكُوا بِهِ شَيْئًا وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا وَبِذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْيَتَامَىٰ وَالْمَسْكِينِ وَالْجَارِ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْجَارِ الْجُنُبِ وَالصَّاحِبِ  
بِالْجُنُبِ وَأَيْنَ السَّبِيلِ وَمَا مَلَكَتْ أَيْمَانُكُمْ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ مَن كَانَ مُخْتَالًا فَخُورًا

*Worship God and do not associate Him with anything. Do good to your parents, close relatives, orphans, poor people, near and far neighbors, colleagues, ibnusabil, and*

*sahaya servants that you have. Indeed, God does not like people who are proud anymore to be very proud.*

In addition, buffalo slaughter also has spiritual significance in Islamic teachings. Allah Subhanahu wa Ta'ala said in Sura Āli 'Imrān (3): 121, "Do not eat anything of (animal flesh) which (when slaughtered) is not called the name of Allah. It is truly ungodliness". In slaughtering buffaloes, the people of Pasang Village also say the phrase Bismillah as a form of respect and recognition of Islamic religious teachings.

Apart from being a form of gratitude and concern for others, buffalo cutting in the *Maccera Manurung* tradition also has an important meaning in preserving the environment and ecosystem. According to Parissang, buffalo slaughter is done in groups using traditional tools, such as axes and machetes. This shows the spirit of togetherness and preserving the environment, because the use of traditional tools is more environmentally friendly than the use of modern tools. The costs used during the event process ranging from maddoa, mappadandang, buffalo cutting to tudang sipulung funds come from the people of Pasang Village, whether they are migrating or who are still living in Pasang Village.

In the context of buffalo slaughtering activities, harmonization of Islamic values and local culture is reflected in the spirit of togetherness, concern for others, and respect for the environment and ecosystem. As mentioned by Dahyar (2016), "Harmony between local cultural customs and Islamic values in *Maccera Manurung* Pasang can be created through dialogue, agreement, and integration between elements of local cultural customs and Islamic religion that do not conflict."

In Islamic teachings, there are important values associated with buffalo slaughtering activities in the *Maccera Manurung* tradition. One of them is the value of togetherness and concern for others. In the buffalo slaughter ceremony, buffalo meat that has been cut will be distributed to the community present as a form of sharing and mutual care between others. This is in line with Islamic teachings that teach the importance of sharing with the needy.

In addition, buffalo slaughtering activities in the *Maccera Manurung* tradition can also be connected with human values and justice. As explained by Dahyar (2016), buffalo slaughtering activities are carried out after harvest as a form of gratitude for abundant harvests. However, not all communities can feel the same harvest. Therefore, through buffalo slaughtering activities, better able communities can share their crops with those in need, thus creating a sense of social justice.

In an interview with one of the community leaders of Pasang Village, Mr. Muslimin explained that the buffalo slaughtering activity in the *Maccera Manurung* tradition has a deep meaning for the local community. "This buffalo slaughter has always been a moment that our community has been waiting for. Apart from being a form of gratitude for the harvest given by Allah SWT, this activity is also a moment to strengthen the relationship between others," he said.

In addition, Mr. Muslimin also added that buffalo cutting activities in the *Maccera Manurung* tradition pay great attention to religious aspects. "We always invite religious leaders to lead prayers before slaughtering buffaloes. This is as a form of respect for religion and as a form of gratitude for the blessings given by Allah SWT," he added.

The same thing was also expressed by Dahyar (2016) in his research which showed that in buffalo slaughtering activities, the people of Pasang Village always start by reading prayers

and asking for blessings and protection from Allah SWT. In addition, in the process of slaughtering buffaloes, local people also follow the rules that apply in Islamic teachings.

From the results of the research and interviews, it can be concluded that buffalo slaughtering activities in the *Maccera Manurung* tradition not only have strong religious values, but also positive social values such as togetherness, care, and justice. This shows that harmonization between local culture and Islamic teachings can be achieved through positive practices that reinforce these values.

### ***Factors Encouraging Harmonization of Islamic Values and Local Culture in the Maccera Manurung Tradition***

#### **a) Tolerance**



Source: research documentation, 2022

Tolerance is a very important factor in creating harmonization of Islamic values and local culture in the tradition of *Maccera Manurung*. In the tradition of *Maccera Manurung*, religious and cultural tolerance is reflected in the process of ritual execution. When traditional leaders recite prayers, they are offered in Arabic and Duri. This shows that Islam and local culture can coexist harmoniously in a ritual.

According to Ali, one of the residents of Pasang village, "When the *Maccera Manurung* Pasang ritual is carried out, Islamic creed and sharia are still carried out. When traditional leaders recite prayers, they are offered in Arabic and Duri. This shows that local beliefs and cultures can be accommodated and respected in the tradition of *Maccera Manurung* Pasang" (Ali, Personal Communication, February 3, 2023).

In addition, tolerance is also seen in the relationship between traditional and religious leaders. In research conducted by Luthfi (2016), the establishment of local wisdom institutions serves as a forum for communication and consolidation between traditional and religious leaders in achieving harmonization between local cultural customs and Islam.

In *Maccera Manurung* activities, tolerance is seen in appreciating and respecting differences between individuals, both in terms of beliefs and culture. Tolerance in *Maccera Manurung* activities can also be interpreted as a willingness to accommodate differences and place them in a context of harmonious togetherness.

In this case, tolerance is not only the key to harmonization in the *Maccera Manurung* tradition, but also a fundamental value in the life of the people of Pasang Village in general. Tolerance teaches people to respect differences, maintain harmony, and build harmonious relationships between individuals and groups in society.

It can be concluded that tolerance is the main factor that encourages the harmonization of Islamic values and local culture in the *Maccera Manurung* tradition. Tolerance in *Maccera Manurung* activities can be interpreted as a willingness to respect and appreciate differences and place them in a context of harmonious togetherness.

## b) Cultural dialogue



Source: research documentation, 2022

Cultural dialogue is an important factor in encouraging harmonization of Islamic values and local culture in the *Maccera Manurung* tradition. This cultural dialogue process involves traditional and religious leaders in preserving the customs of *Maccera Manurung* and integrating Islamic values into the tradition. According to Muslimin, one of the traditional leaders "In the implementation of *Maccera Manurung*, we talk about customs and religion. These two things are indeed closely related in the lives of the people of Pasang Village. When Islam entered this area, religious leaders and traditional leaders sat together to discuss how to preserve the *Maccera Manurung* tradition while integrating Islamic values into the tradition. They engage in cultural dialogue by listening to each other and respecting each other's views. From there, harmonization of Islamic values and local culture was formed in *Maccera Manurung* (Muslimin, Personal Communication, February 3, 2023)

In this cultural dialogue, religious leaders provide an understanding of Islamic values that can be adapted to the customs of *Maccera Manurung*. For example, in the implementation of rituals, customs and Islamic sharia are still carried out. However, when traditional leaders read prayers, the prayers offered are said in Arabic and Duri language, thus still showing the distinctiveness of local customs.

This is in line with Luthfi's opinion (2016), which states that harmony between local cultural customs and Islam can be achieved through the establishment of local wisdom institutions that function as a forum for communication and consolidation between traditional and religious leaders. This process of cultural dialogue can be a means to maintain the existence of local customs and cultural values that have existed for a long time, while integrating Islamic religious values.

From the interviews and references above, it can be concluded that cultural dialogue is an important factor in encouraging harmonization of Islamic values and local culture in the

*Maccera Manurung* tradition. Through cultural dialogue, religious leaders and traditional leaders can discuss with each other to integrate Islamic religious values into the *Maccera Manurung* custom, so as to create harmony between custom and religion.

### c) The role of indigenous and religious figures



Source: research documentation, 2022

The role of indigenous figures in the *Maccera Manurung* Pasang tradition is very important in maintaining harmonization between Islamic values and local culture. In *Maccera Manurung* Pasang activities, indigenous figures play a role as leaders and liaisons between humans, nature, and creators. According to Lamappa, indigenous figures in *Maccera Manurung* Pasang are very important because they act as ritual leaders who are able to maintain customs and religion harmoniously. They have extensive knowledge of the local culture and also the religion of Islam, so they can crystallize the values contained in *Maccera Manurung* well. In addition, they also provide valuable advice for the younger generation in maintaining relationships between humans and protecting nature as a form of gratitude to Allah SWT (Lamappa, Personal Communication, February 3, 2023).

In the view of the people of Pasang Village, traditional figures are not only as individuals but as figures who can be a bridge between humans, nature and creators. Therefore, the existence of traditional figures is highly valued and recognized as an important pillar in maintaining harmonization between Islamic values and local culture. Research by Harno and Arum (2020) also shows that indigenous figures have an important role in strengthening local cultural values and maintaining harmonization with Islam.

In the implementation of *Maccera Manurung* Pasang, traditional and religious leaders work together to crystallize the values contained in the tradition so that it can be done while still upholding Islamic religious values. Indigenous leaders also provided understanding and education to the community about the importance of maintaining harmonization between religion and local culture as well as the importance of maintaining ancestral traditions. In this case, the role of traditional figures is crucial in preserving the *Maccera Manurung* Pasang tradition as part of the local cultural heritage that must be maintained and preserved.

The role of indigenous figures in preserving the *Maccera Manurung* Pasang tradition as part of the local cultural heritage that must be maintained and preserved is very important. Apart from being a leader in the implementation of rituals, traditional figures also have a role as supervisors in keeping cultural and religious values in *Maccera Manurung* well maintained.

A traditional leader in Pasang Village, Pak Lamappa, explained about the role of traditional leaders in maintaining harmonization between local culture and Islam in *Maccera Manurung*. He said, "As a traditional leader, I feel it is important to maintain harmony between adat and

Islam in the implementation of *Maccera Manurung*. We are in constant communication with religious leaders to ensure that our rituals remain in accordance with the teachings of Islam."

Furthermore, Mr. Lamappa also explained that the role of traditional leaders does not only stop at the implementation of the *Maccera Manurung* ritual, but also in shaping the character of the people of Pasang Village. "As an indigenous leader, I also try to teach good traditional values to the community, such as mutual assistance and a sense of concern for others. I hope these values can continue to be preserved and passed on to the next generation," he said.

Research conducted by Asnawir and Hamid (2019) also shows that the role of indigenous figures in maintaining harmonization between custom and religion is very important. They found that indigenous leaders have a supervisory role in keeping indigenous values from conflicting with religious teachings, and vice versa. Indigenous leaders also have a role in guiding the community in carrying out traditional rituals while respecting religious values.

With the strong role of traditional figures in maintaining harmonization between local culture and Islam, the *Maccera Manurung* Pasang tradition can be preserved and passed on to the next generation while maintaining Islamic religious values. This is in line with the Islamic concept that teaches the importance of preserving cultural heritage and traditions, as long as it does not conflict with religious teachings.

### ***The Impact of Harmonization of Islamic Values and Local Culture in the Maccera Manurung Tradition on Religious Life***

#### **a) Strengthening local religious identity**



Source: research documentation, 2022

In the tradition of *Maccera Manurung* Pasang, there is a harmonization of Islamic values and local culture that reinforce each other. This has an impact on strengthening the local religious identity of the people of Pasang Village. For example, in Tudang Sipulung activities, there are Islamic elements in its implementation such as reading prayers in Arabic and holding congregational prayers. However, it still maintains local customs and culture by incorporating elements such as holding traditional parties and wearing traditional clothes.

According to Erwin, one of the residents of Pasang village, "With the harmonization of Islamic values and local culture in the *Maccera Manurung* tradition, we feel stronger and preserve our local religious identity. We feel closer to Allah Almighty and also closer to the culture of our ancestors." (Erwin, Personal Communications, February 3, 2023).

The strengthening of local religious identity can also be seen from the increasing participation of the people of Pasang Village in religious activities. For example, in Mapadendang activities,

apart from being a form of traditional ceremony, it is also carried out as a form of celebration and gratitude to Allah SWT for the harvest obtained. This is in line with Islamic teachings that teach to always be grateful for the blessings given by Allah SWT.

According to research by Harno and Arum (2019), *Maccera Manurung* Pasang activities have a positive impact on strengthening the local religious identity of the people of Pasang Village. The people of Pasang Village feel closer to Islam and strengthen their local religious identity.

Thus, harmonization of Islamic values and local culture in the *Maccera Manurung* Pasang tradition has a positive impact on strengthening the local religious identity of the people of Pasang Village. This provides an opportunity for the people of Pasang Village to maintain and preserve their local culture, while remaining rooted in Islamic values that are believed and practiced.

In addition, strengthening local religious identity can also have a positive impact on the religious life of the people of Pasang Village in general. By maintaining local cultural values that are integrated with Islamic religious teachings, the people of Pasang Village can develop a deeper understanding of Islamic teachings and a way of life that is in accordance with those religious values.

According to information obtained from an interview with one of the community leaders of Pasang Village, Mr. Parissang, "By combining religious teachings and local culture in *Maccera Manurung* Pasang, we can understand Islamic values better and apply them in daily life. In addition, we can also preserve our local culture as part of our identity as the people of Pasang Village (Parissang, Personal Communication, February 3, 2023)."

Strengthening local religious identity through harmonization of Islamic values and local culture in the *Maccera Manurung* tradition can help the people of Pasang Village to understand more deeply about Islamic teachings and how these teachings can be applied in daily life.

This is in line with the findings in research conducted by Sugiarti and Kholil (2018) which states that integration between local culture and religious teachings can have a positive influence on increasing understanding and practice of religious teachings in the community.

In addition, strengthening local religious identity through harmonization of Islamic values and local culture in the *Maccera Manurung* tradition can also help the people of Pasang Village to develop inter-religious harmony. In the tradition of *Maccera Manurung*, there is an element of tolerance and mutual respect that is manifested through the process of ritual implementation. This can be an example for the people of Pasang Village in developing inter-religious harmony in the surrounding environment.

Thus, it can be concluded that strengthening local religious identity through harmonization of Islamic values and local culture in the *Maccera Manurung* tradition can have a positive impact on the religious life of the people of Pasang Village, such as increasing understanding and practice of religious teachings, and developing inter-religious harmony.

**b) Increased interfaith tolerance**



Source: research documentation, 2022

In the context of harmonization of Islamic values and local culture in the *Maccera Manurung* tradition, there is a positive impact that can be felt in the religious life of the people of Pasang Village. One such impact is an increase in interfaith tolerance. As stated by a religious leader in Pasang Village,

"Through the tradition of *Maccera Manurung* Pasang, we learned to respect local customs and culture, while still upholding the teachings of Islam. In its implementation, the *Maccera Manurung* Pasang ritual involves elements of traditional and cultural beliefs, but still based on Islamic creeds. This provides space for the people of Pasang Village to respect each other's differences, including religious differences. Thus, through activities like this, interfaith tolerance can continue to be improved." (Muslimin, Personal Communication, February 3, 2023)

Interreligious tolerance is very important to maintain harmony and diversity in society. In the context of religious life, interreligious tolerance can open up space for mutual respect and understanding of differences in beliefs. The harmonization of Islamic values and local culture in the *Maccera Manurung* Pasang tradition has opened up opportunities for the people of Pasang Village to increase interreligious tolerance. As revealed by Mukhtar, Yunus, and Nugroho (2021),

"Harmonization between custom and religion can create a sense of tolerance and reduce conflicts between religious communities. Customs that include local wisdom and traditions that have been passed down through generations, when aligned with religious teachings, can shape the character of a more tolerant and inclusive society."

In this regard, the harmonization of Islamic values and local culture in the *Maccera Manurung* Pasang tradition has a positive impact in increasing interfaith tolerance. Through this tradition, the people of Pasang Village can learn to appreciate differences and build harmony between religious communities.

Increasing interfaith tolerance is also a positive impact of harmonization of Islamic values and local culture in the *Maccera Manurung* tradition. In this tradition, the people of Pasang Village learn to respect each other's religious differences and build harmony between religious communities. This is reflected in the implementation of rituals involving religious and traditional leaders together.

According to Marzuki, one of the religious leaders in Pasang Village, "I see that the harmonization of Islamic values and local culture in the *Maccera Manurung* tradition can help increase interfaith tolerance. We learn to respect each other and accept differences, because in carrying out this ritual, religious leaders and traditional leaders work together to achieve the same goal, which is to ask for blessings and protection from God Almighty (Marzuki, Personal Communication, February 4, 2023)."

This is also supported by research conducted by Abdul Qodir and Syaiful Anwar, which found that religious activities involving the participation of people from various cultural and religious backgrounds can help build interfaith tolerance. They concluded that "participation in religious activities can help increase interfaith tolerance, because in such activities, people from various cultural and religious backgrounds learn to respect each other and understand differences" (Qodir & Anwar, 2019).

With the harmonization of Islamic values and local culture in the *Maccera Manurung* tradition, the people of Pasang Village can learn to understand and appreciate religious and cultural differences. This helps build inter-religious harmony and tolerance, which is very important for religious life in Indonesia, which has high cultural and religious diversity.

## CONCLUSION

Based on the results of research on the harmony of local cultural customs and Islam in the *Maccera Manurung* ritual in Pasang Village in Enrekang Regency, it can be concluded that harmony between local cultural customs and Islam in the ritual can be created through dialogue, agreement, and integration between elements of local cultural customs and Islam that do not conflict. So as to create harmony that becomes a source of strength for the community in maintaining the continuity and existence of their local cultural customs.

The results of this study have important implications in efforts to preserve Indonesia's cultural wealth, especially in maintaining harmony between local cultural customs and religions that can be an example for other communities in Indonesia and even the world. In addition, this research can also contribute to understanding how local cultural customs and Islamic religion can coexist and be integrated in the diverse and multicultural context of Indonesia. Overall, this study provides an overview of the importance of maintaining harmony between local cultural customs and religion in people's lives in Indonesia, as well as the relevance and great potential possessed by the preservation of cultural diversity in building harmony and sustainability of harmonious and sustainable community life.

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