

CHAPTER 5

CONCLUSION

5.1 Introduction

This chapter consolidates the findings and implications of the study. It also proposes recommendations for future researchers to conduct more comprehensive studies and improve upon the current research. These suggestions aim to elevate the quality of research on this topic and stimulate further exploration and interest among scholars and readers.

5.2 Summary and Discussions of Findings

Muslims scholars exercise great caution when determining the characteristics of *takfir* due to its serious implications. Declaring a fellow Muslim, a non-believer is only acceptable with concrete and indisputable evidence. Historically, the term of *takfir* did not exist during Prophet Muhammad's P.B.U.H. time and was never used by him. The concept emerged later as scholars dealt with new theological and social challenges, that often arising from conflicts and differing interpretations among Islamic groups. It was first used by the *Khawarij* sect, and has been employed in modern times to justify violence against leaders of Islamic states who were seen as insufficiently religious.

The majority of *Ahli Sunnah Wal Jamaah* scholars define two methods of *takfir*; *Takfir Mutlaq* which refers to the general statement that certain acts or behaviors can lead to disbelief; and *Takfir Mu'ayyan* which involves specifically naming an individual

and declaring them as non-believer. Dr. Yusuf Al-Qaradawi emphasizes that *takfir* should be differentiated by its type and individual particularity. When classifying someone as *kafir*, most Islamic scholars does not label groups other than *Ahli Sunnah Wal Jamaah* as non-believers for the sins that do not involve the denial of Allah's existence and minor sins. However, if the sin involves a denial of Islamic *Syari'ah* and the teachings of Prophet Muhammad P.B.U.H., the individual may be regarded as a *kafir*.

It is crucial to note that the label of *kufir* arises not from the sin itself but from the rejection of core Islamic principles. The issue of *takfir* is complex and complicated which deeply rooted in the foundational principles (*usul*) and derivative rulings (*furu'*) of Islamic jurisprudence. Throughout the historical development of Islamic law, scholars that are capable of independent reasoning (*mujtahidun*) have played a pivotal role in interpreting and applying these principles to evolving circumstances. However, the emergence of varying perspectives, specifically concerning matters that categorized as *bid'ah*, has made *takfir* a controversial issue in theological discussions.

Challenges in distinguishing between *usul* and *furu'*, along with differences in doctrinal texts concerning the attributes of Allah, have added to the complexity. These differences have led to significant tensions within the Muslim community as scholars strive to maintain orthodoxy while adapting to changing social and cultural landscapes. Moreover, the concept of *takfir* is intertwined with socio-cultural dynamics, where issues related to *bid'ah*, ritual practices, and contemporary challenges contribute to theological disagreements. All of the misunderstandings regarding what constitutes to *bid'ah* and its implications for an individual's faith highlight the importance of a careful and nuanced approach to *takfir*.

Examining the conditions for declaring *takfir* reveals the delicate balance required in Islamic jurisprudence, encompassing justice, knowledge, and responsibility. Clear evidence, sincere intention, comprehensive knowledge, deliberate judgement, and oversight by qualified scholars are essential criteria aimed at minimizing misunderstandings and ensuring the fair application of *takfir*. Clear evidence serves as the foundation, which preventing from unjust accusations and aligning with the principles of justice inherent in Islamic law. Sincere intention ensures that *takfir* is not wielded for personal gain or ideological agendas but is grounded in genuine religious concern for upholding doctrinal purity.

Comprehensive knowledge empowers scholars to understand both fundamental Islamic principles and the specific context of alleged disbelief, enabling informed judgements that respect the complexities of Islamic theology. Deliberate judgement highlights the seriousness of *takfir*, which demanding careful consideration of all relevant factors before reaching conclusions that affect individual's religious standing and community unity. Oversight by qualified scholars acts as a safeguard against personal biases or misinterpretations, which reinforce the collective responsibility of the scholarly community in applying Islamic teachings correctly.

These conditions not only able to protect the integrity of Islamic beliefs but also foster unity and respect within the Muslim community, and preventing any unnecessary divisions and upholding ethical standards in religious matters. It reflects a commitment to justice and fairness in preserving religious harmony and spiritual integrity within the modern Muslim *ummah*.

5.3 Implication of the Study

The implications of this study are positioned to illuminate the community, offering a clearer understanding of the profound implications of *takfir*. *Takfir* is a matter of significant gravity, deeply intertwined with an individual's religious beliefs and identity. Through this research, there is an opportunity to deepen comprehension across all sectors of society, encouraging proactive measures to mitigate its impact and prevent exacerbation. By fostering a deeper understanding, this study aims to equip stakeholders with the knowledge needed to safeguard community unity and security, and also ensuring that *takfir* is addressed with sensitivity and diligence.

5.4 Recommendations of the Study

Exploring this topic further necessitates future studies. Areas of interest for subsequent research proposed by the researchers include:

1. Research on the effectiveness of enforcing laws related to national security crimes such as SOSMA in other Islamic countries in combating extremist movements that exploit *takfir* ideology to justify their activities.
2. A comprehensive study on strategies to mitigate misunderstandings surrounding *takfir* and their impact within a specific country.

5.5 Conclusions

In conclusions, the analysis of *takfir* underscores its sensitive and complex nature within Islamic thought. It is crucial to navigate the challenges posed by *takfir* responsibly, ensuring that it serves its intended purpose of preserving religious integrity

and promoting unity within the Muslim community. Continued scholarly inquiry and thoughtful engagement are essential in addressing misunderstandings and upholding the values of justice and compassion in Islamic discourse.

