

CHAPTER 5

CONCLUSION AND IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Introduction

This chapter responsible for collecting everything together with the theories, literature reviews, findings, discussion, recommendations, and conclusions and presenting to the knowledge.

5.2 Summary and Discussion of Findings

This study employs a case study design to explore the levels and characteristics of diverse groups of people in understanding the Qur'an in Nilai, Negeri Sembilan. The most interesting part is that there are people who could not understand the Qur'an even though they have read the translation. As an example, a participant who could understand the Qur'an in Level Five could explain his understanding from Level One until Level Four. So, it is not suitable to put each participant into the level stated because one participant could achieve one or more levels of understanding of the Qur'an. So, the researcher classified the participants into a level of understanding the Qur'an categorization to make it easier to identify their features based on the new classification created in the final result. The figure below shows the changes of categorizations in understanding the Quran:

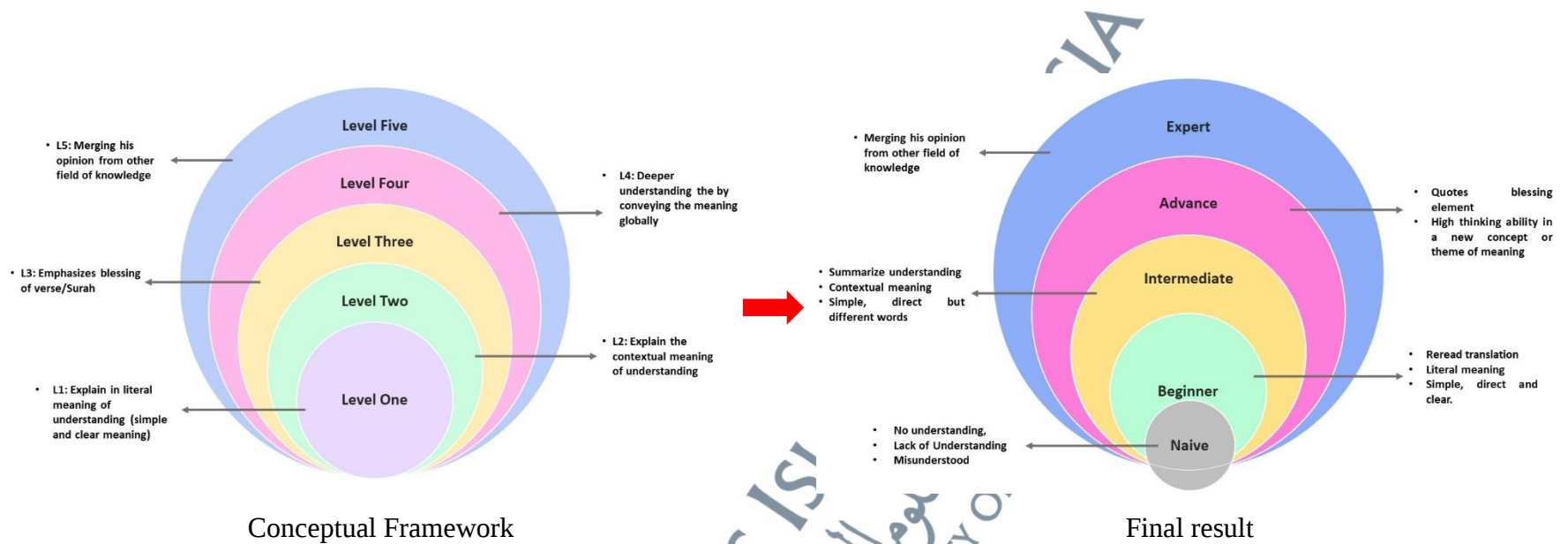


Figure 5.1: The Changing of Categorizations in Understanding the Quran

In the beginning, according to the conceptual framework and level build, there were five levels of understanding the Qur'an. Differ from it, appeared an emerged data that show there were a group of people from diverse groups who could not understand the Qur'an. As a result, lead to another level of understanding of the Qur'an which is Level Zero. What is also important is even though some could understand Level Two they will fall into Naïve if they had any understanding in Level Zero. Undoubtedly, the Qur'an is compulsory to be understood by humankind, but the findings obtained by the researcher in this study revealed that some people could not understand its content. One more example can be seen in the Advanced level which features Level Three and Level Four merged according to the findings obtained. It is contradicted to the conceptual framework build according to the literature review.

The diversity of their understanding was a result of their dimension of diversity different from each other. Eventually, even though there were many attributes of characteristics to be found by the researcher such as age, gender, family status, personal habits, education, language, work experience, perceptions, feelings, culture, and belief. Yet, there were only two characteristics that can differentiate between the level of understanding the Qur'an among diverse groups of people which were Arabic proficiency and their habits towards the Qur'an. The better level of Arabic language proficiency and more often an individual habits on the Qur'an, the higher level of understanding the Qur'an can be achieved. For instance, those who were categorized as experts show that they had an intermediate or expert in Arabic Language proficiency. They practised at least 2 pages until 1 *juzuk* in a day and adding practices such as *zikir* and repeats *hafazan* (memorization).

Table 5.1 below shows the findings from the research that combines all the Levels and characteristics as required in the research questions.



Table 5.1: Levels and Characteristics of Diverse Groups of People in Understanding the Qur'an

LEVEL OF UNDERSTANDING	FEATURES OF UNDERSTANDING THE QUR'AN						CHARACTERISTICS	
	Do Not understand	Reread translation	Summarize understanding	Quotes blessing element	High thinking ability in a new concept or theme	Merging other fields of knowledge	Arabic Language Proficiency	Personal habits on the Qur'an per day
	Misunderstood	Literal meaning	Contextual meaning					
	Lack of understanding	Simple, direct, and clear	Simple, direct but different words					
NAIVE	/	/	/				Below basic or Basic	Doesn't read or 1 page - 3 pages
BEGINNER		/					Basic or Intermediate	1 page - 5 pages
INTERMEDIATE		/	/				Basic or Intermediate	1 page - 10 pages
ADVANCE		/	/	/	/		Below, Intermediate or Expert	1 page - 1 juzuk
EXPERT		/	/	/	/	/	Intermediate or Expert	2 pages - 1 juzuk
								Practise zikir
								Repeats hafazan

5.3 Implications of the Study

The implication of the study firstly redounds to society's benefit to enrich and enhance the literature in understanding the Qur'an. This study answered how diverse groups of people nowadays especially Muslims understand the Qur'an and its characteristics. The differences between levels of understanding the Qur'an can be a guide for teachers, especially in Qur'anic studies to see their student's ability in understanding the Qur'an. All the levels of understanding were influenced based on their habits and Arabic proficiency. Moreover, the Department of Islamic Development (JAKIM) could use this study to generate enhancement in these two factors that will encourage a diverse group of people today to understand the Qur'an. Thus, it can improve the understanding of the Qur'an and help to solve problems in Muslim society to grab the real meaning of the Qur'an and applied it in their lifestyle.

5.4 Recommendations of the Study

With this understanding, more exploration can be conducted, and initiatives can be developed to address the need of understanding the Qur'an. The researcher suggests more research on the problem of why one cannot understand the Qur'an in a quantitative research approach. There would be a pattern on more specific characteristics to be dig in which influenced Muslims on how they understand the Qur'an. This is to make it clearer in finding the weaknesses to overcome the problem of lack of understanding of the Qur'an among Muslims and the method to be used to increase the understanding. The result of the study

would be an enhancement to help Muslims improved themselves to become a better servant who obeys Allah SWT and His Deen.

5.5 Conclusion

Each person had the ability to interpret the Qur'an differently, even though the explanations of the verses are so clear. Among ordinary people, only the literal meaning and the overall meaning can be understood. While scholars will able to understand and reveal the meanings in more interesting way. The study concluded that there are many types and levels of understanding of the Qur'an, and there were qualities that contribute to those levels.