

ANALYSIS OF DEVELOPMENT OF TAFSIR STUDIES IN THE MAGAZINE 'PENGASUH' YEAR 1955-2015

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ABSTRACT

The development of tafsir studies in the magazine has yet to be discovered clearly that there is not one specific writing done to explain about the figures and the development of tafsir contained in the magazine. This paper explains about the aspect when the writing of tafsir in Pengasuh starts, who is their prominent figures and to what extent has the writing become prominent throughout the publication years of Pengasuh which is entering its 97 year in 2015. The study adopts the qualitative method in the form of text analysis and interview to get a clearer picture about the writing. The study outcome discovers that the writing of tafsir studies in the magazine Pengasuh started since 1955 at the 272 editions and expanded until today undertaken by seven columnists-cum-tafsir writers who differ whether in terms of their backgrounds or ways of writing.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The magazine named Pengasuh is a religious magazine published by the Kelantan Islamic



Religious Council and Malay Custom and Religious Council (MAIK), which started in January 1918 and lasts until now as it enters the 644 edition for the month of January 2016. Pengasuh is the only academic religious magazine in Malaysia with the oldest publication as it approaches 100 years of age and it is also a magazine that still uses Jawi writing as its official writing in every publication. In short, Pengasuh has undergone various adversities and challenges throughout its 98 years of publication whether in terms of the responses of the public, sponsors, production, finance or the war situations. The challenges did not weaken the effort to publish the magazine, but it was even doubled and the magazine rose as an Arabic magazine that has given the longest contribution in terms of religious thinking and knowledge up to this very day.

With the expansion of various knowledge disciplines in Pengasuh, its contribution as one of the medium of the development of Islam in Malaya is undeniable. Among the knowledge that has expanded the longest in Pengasuh is the study of Tafsir. After going through almost 400 volumes of Pengasuh from various sources such as Malaysian National Library, Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka (DBP), Tun Sri Lanang Library of Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Nilampuri Library, University of Malaya, Darul Aitam Library, Kelantan Islamic Religious Council and the source from the Kelantan's Islamic Council and Custom's Publication Unit, it is found that the expansion of the study of tafsir had started from the initial publication before the independence and had spread occasionally through several prominent figures from the Archipelago from Indonesia and academicians from Malaya.

Other than the text analysis, authors also adopted the interview method where they interviewed several figures who have been directly or indirectly involved with the magazine. Among the figures mentioned are Ustaz Muhammad Mahmud, who were a former chief editor of Pengasuh from 1991 to 2006. From the interview, it is found that he had been active in the writing of articles in Pengasuh since 1965 when he was still at school, before he was appointed by the Islamic Council as an assistant writer in the 1980s [9]. Other figures who were involved indirectly who have been discovered successfully by authors were Ustaz Ismail Che Daud or better known as Ustaz. We also involved as a full-time columnist of Pengasuh from 1979 to 2004. He had written a lot about the backgrounds of the Malayan scholars and

he had his own column in Pengasuh under the theme *Ulama-Ulama Tanah Air* or National Religious Scholars in its publication in 1979 until 2004. From this observation and interview that authors managed to keep tab of several writers who were involved directly with the study of tafsir in the magazine and included in this study to be discussed. Nevertheless, some of the writers cannot be elaborated in detail due to the lack of sources and clear materials. In this work, authors will explain about who are the figures of tafsir writing in Pengasuh, the columns they had and the titles of the tafsir published.

2. TAFSIR WRITING IN PENGASUH

The writing of tafsir studies did not start in the early years of publication which was from the era of Tok Kenali back in 1918, but it started in the 1950s during the time of Ustaz Mohd Adnan Ariffin as the editor-in-chief. The writing was detected from 1955 in the 272 edition, authored by a scholar from the Archipelago, KH. Munawwar Khalil from Indonesia with the tafsir entitled *Jangan Menjadi Islam Separuh* cited from the translation of Surah al-Baqarah verses 208 and 209 [8]. The writing was cited by the Pengasuh's editor-in-chief at the time from the original work of KH. Munawwar Khalil and included in the magazine to become one of the religious disciplines. However, from 1955 to the next year, his writing could never be found. Nevertheless, starting from there, it had triggered scholars and academicians to continue the legacy of the tafsir study.

Starting from 1960 until today, several prominent figures and tafsir writers have successfully been identified to have been engaged in tafsir writing in Pengasuh. There were 6 talented people after KH. Munawwar Khalil. Among the *Guru Muda* or young teachers who were active in the writing of tafsir of the Quran in Pengasuh around 1960 until 1961 [5], followed by Dato' Dr. Wan Hussein Azmi Abdul Kadir in 1965 [7], M. Zulni in 1967 until 1970 [4], Dato' Yusoff Zaky in 1975 until 1995 [30] which continued in 2005 and 2006 and the final writer Ustaz Mohd Roslan Abdul Ghani from 2008 until 2011 [15-17]. All the names mentioned are the figures and writers who have written the tafsir successfully in the magazine for so long until the tafsir studies has celebrated its 60 year in 2015 with the presence of a writer from al-Azhar whose work was HAMKA. Dr. Abdul Hafiz Abdullah who was the

Senior Lecturer under Islamic Civilization in Universiti Teknologi Malaysia starting from 2014 up until now [12-13]. These tafsir writers have given a great contribution to the expansion of the religious knowledge particularly classic Islamic in Pengasuh and simultaneously it has hailed Pengasuh as a medium of the development of religious knowledge that must be broadened so much so that it can become the medium of reading for the Muslim community in the country.

3. WRITERS AND COLUMNISTS OF TAFSIR WRITING IN PENGASUH

Every writer is allocated a special column by Pengasuh's Editor-In-Chief for them to publish their own respective writing. All of them have different tafsir columns and distinctive methods in interpreting the verses of the Holy Quran. Other than that, the columns and number of production of the series of tafsir, the titles of the publication also have to be considered throughout the time that they serves as writers in the magazine. All titles that have been discussed seek to elaborate on meanings derived from the verses of the Quran. The columns of tafsir are detailed below, together with the title of their writing in the magazine Pengasuh.

3.1. KH Munawwar Khalil (1955)

The Quranic tafsir by KH. Munawwar Khalil was placed under the column Tafsir al-Quran al-Karim by the editor-in-chief at the time. The number of tafsir published was once, which was at the 272 edition in Pengasuh in 1955. Although it was a one-off writing, it was sufficient for him to stand prominently as a pioneer to other figures and to continue the legacy of the knowledge of tafsir in the subsequent years. His average number of pages was 3 pages from a total of 25 pages of the entire magazine [8]. The title of his Tafsir is as follows:

Table 1. KH Munawwar Khalil's tafsir title

No	Title	Tafsir Column	Year / Edition
1	<i>Jangan Menjadi Islam Separuh</i> -Tafsir from al-Baqarah verses 208-209	Tafsir al-Quran al-Karim	1955 / Edition 272

3.2. Guru Muda (1960-1961)

Guru Muda or Young Teacher is the pen name of a tafsir writer in Pengasuh from 1960 and 1961. His background is not found because at the time Kelantan Islamic Council still did not have a proper record system towards the columnists of the magazine who were engaged directly or indirectly, making a lot of writers resorted to pseudonyms and pen names that not much about them was ever revealed. Guru Muda had a tafsir column under the title Tafsir al-Quran al-Karim and Ruangan Tafsir in the magazine Pengasuh totaling 2 to 3 pages that he allocated to explain the tafsir one by one. Throughout his involvement with the writing, he had written 5 tafsir elaborations where one was dated back in 1960 and the rest in 1961 [6].

Table 2. Guru Muda's tafsir title

No	Title	Tafsir Column	Year / Edition
1	<i>Amaran Keras Kepada Musuh-Musuh Allah dan Rasulnya</i> -Tafsir from Surah al-Mujadalah verses 5-7	Tafsir al-Quran al-Karim	September 1960 / Edition 328
2	<i>Pendusta Ke atas Tuhan adalah Sezalim-Zalim Manusia</i> -Tafsir from Surah as-Saf verses 7-9	Tafsir al-Quran al-Karim	January 1961 / Edition 329
3	<i>Sikap dan Peribadi Orang-Orang Munafik</i> -Tafsir from Surah al-Baqarah verses 8-16	Tafsir al-Quran al-Karim	July 1961 / Edition 331
4	<i>Perbaikilah Diri Kamu</i> -Tafsir from Surah al-Maidah verses 105	Tafsir al-Quran al-Karim	September 1961 / Edition 333
5	<i>Sifat-Sifat Orang Bertaqwa</i> -Tafsir from Surah al-Imran verses 133-135	Tafsir al-Quran al-Karim	December 1961 / Edition 334

3.3. Dato' Dr. Wan Hussein Azmi (1965)

Dato' Dr. Wan Hussein Azmi was a prominent figure in tafsir writing in Pengasuh in 1965 post-Guru Muda. He was involved actively in tafsir writing in Pengasuh starting from Edition 344 for May to the 350 title for November 1965. His tafsir column was also named Tafsir

al-Quran al-Karim and it had the most number of pages of tafsir in the history of Pengasuh. The analysis done on the Quranic tafsir writing by Dato' Dr. Wan Hussein Azmi finds that his writing had taken up 15 to 28 pages from the total number of 90 pages of the magazine, making the tafsir column gain the largest column compared to others [7]. He published 7 publications of tafsir writing for 1965.

Table 3. Dato' Dr. Wan Hussein Azmi's tafsir title

No	Title	Tafsir Column	Year / Edition
1	<i>Kejadian Manusia</i> -Quranic tafsir from selected verses	Tafsir al-Quran al-Karim	May 1965 / Edition 344
2	<i>Kesihatan Tubuh Badan Manusia</i> -Quranic Tafsir from selected verses	Tafsir al-Quran al-Karim	June 1965 / Edition 345
3	<i>Ilmu Ruh Manusia</i> -Quranic Tafsir from selected verses	Tafsir al-Quran al-Karim	July 1965 / Edition 346
4	<i>Mengubati Jiwa (Ruh)</i> -Quranic tafsir from Selected verses	Tafsir al-Quran al-Karim	August 1965 /Edition 347
5	<i>Rahsia Hidup Manusia</i> -Quranic tafsir from Selected verses	Tafsir al-Quran al-Karim	September 1965 / Edition 348
6	<i>Rahsia Hidup Manusia Bahagian Kedua</i> -Quranic Tafsir from selected verses	Tafsir al-Quran al-Karim	October 1965 /Edition 349
7	<i>Rahsia Hidup Manusia Bahagian Ketiga</i> -Quranic Tafsir from selected verses	Tafsir al-Quran al-Karim	November 1965 / Edition 350

3.4. M. Zulni (1967-1970)

M. Zulni was also a pseudonym to a columnist of the magazine who was involved directly with tafsir writing in until 1970. His tafsir column in Pengasuh was called *Tuntutan* al-Quran and he published 11 tafsir articles from December 1967 for the 361 edition to 1970 at the 383

edition [1-3].

Table 4. M. Zulni's tafsir title (Magazine 'Pengasuh' 1967-1970)

No	Title	Tafsir Column	Year / Edition
1	<i>Masuklah ke dalam Islam Seluruhnya</i> -Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 208-209	Tuntutan al-Quran	December 1967 / Edition 361
2	Surah Tafsir al-An'am verses 151-153	Tuntutan al-Quran	July 1968 / Edition 368 6
3	<i>Apakah Semua Agama Benar dan Diterima Tuhan Belaka</i> -Surah Tafsir al-Imran verses 85 and surah al-Baqarah verses 217	Tuntutan al-Quran	August 1968 / Edition 369
4	<i>Iman, Syurga dan Pancaroba</i> -Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 214	Tuntutan al-Quran	September 1968 / Edition 370
5	<i>Kewajipan Mematuhi dan Menjalankan Syariat Allah dan Rasul</i> -Surah Tafsir an-Nisa' verses 13-14	Tuntutan al-Quran	February 1969 / Edition 375
6	<i>Kristian dan Yahudi Mengancam Keutuhan Islam dan Umatnya</i> -Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 120	Tuntutan al-Quran	March 1969 / Edition 376
7	<i>Bagaimana Kebahagiaan Dapat Dicapai?</i> -Surah Tafsir al-Mu'minin verses 1-11	Tuntutan al-Quran	July 1969 / Edition 379
8	<i>Apakah Semua Agama dapat Mencapai Keredhaan Allah?</i> -Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 62	Tuntutan al-Quran	1970 / Edition 380
9	<i>Kewajipan Muslim atas Hak Milik</i> -Surah Tafsir at-Tawbah verses 34-35	Tuntutan al-Quran	1970 / Edition 381

10	<i>Kejahatan Zina dan Hukumnya</i> -Surah Tafsir an-Nur verses 2	"Tuntutan al-Quran	1970 / Edition 382
11	<i>Arak: Bahayanya dan Hukumnya</i> -Surah Tafsir al-Maidah verses 90-91	Tuntutan al-Quran	1970 / Edition 383

3.5. Dato' Yusoff Zaky (1975-1995 / 2005-2006)

Dato' Yusoff Zaky is a prominent tafsir scholar with the tafsir entitled *Di Bawah Bayangan* al-Quran that he translated himself from the book of *Fi Zilal lil al-Quran* authored by Syed Qutb [9]. Other than being a prominent author, he was active in *Pengasuh* until he was appointed as the editor-in-chief of the magazine *Pengasuh* beginning in 1975 to 1995. He had spent his career life with the magazine, establishing himself as the longest-serving editor-in-chief in Kelantan's Islamic Council and Malay Customs. Throughout his career as an editor-in-chief, he had published a lot of tafsir articles and those of other knowledge disciplines. He supervised his own article under the column *Di Bawah Gema* al-Quran in April 1975 to December 1995. His tafsir writing was the most to be published compared to other figures noting a number of 65 articles throughout the time he was the magazine's own editor-in-chief [30]. Not only that, his tafsir was re-published by his predecessor, Ustaz Muhammad Mahmud in 2005 and 2006 with a total of 6 publications [10]. His interpretation brought along by Dato' Yusoff Zaky had become famous and becomes the point of reference from time to time until today. His average of writing under *Di Bawah Gema* al-Quran totaled 4 to 5 pages from the whole 30 pages of the magazine.

Table 5. M Dato' Yusoff Zaky's tafsir title (Part 1 from 1975 to 1995) [19-30]

No	Title	Tafsir Column	Year / Edition
1	<i>Dolak-Dalik</i> <i>Musuh-Musuh</i> Allah-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 11-16	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	April 1975 / Edition 405
2	<i>Matlamat Agung Hidup Manusia</i> -Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 21-22	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	June 1975 / Edition 407

3	"Bukti Kebenaran Rasulullah SAW-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 22-25	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	August 1975 / Edition 408
4	"Perumpamaan Allah yang Tajam-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 26	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	October 1975 / Edition 409
5	Piagam Allah yang Abadi-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 27-29	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	November 1975 / Edition 410
6	Manusia Dilengkapkan dengan Kudrat Ilmu Pengetahuan-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 31-33	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	February 1976 / Edition 412
7	Kelahiran Iblis-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 34	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	March 1976 / Edition 413
8	Kekalahan Pertama-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 35-36	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	April 1976 / Edition 414
9	Kunci Menebus Kesalahan-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 37-39	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	May 1976 / Edition 415
10	Umat Yahudi yang Tidak Bersyukur-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 40-41	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	July 1976 / Edition 416
11	Pengeliruan Yahudi-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 42	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	August 1976 / Edition 417
12	"Penyakit Ahli-Ahli Ugama"-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 42-46	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	September 1976 / Edition 418
13	"Dasar Tanggungjawab Peribadi"-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 47-48	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	November 1976 / Edition 419
14	"Umat Israel di Negara Firaun"-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	December 1976 / Edition 420

	verses 49-50		
15	"Kitab Suci Taurat"-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 51-54	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	January 1977 / Edition 421
16	"Watak-Watak Degil Bani Israel"-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 55-59	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	April 1977 / Edition 422
17	"Bani Israel"-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 60-61	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	May 1977 / Edition 423
18	"Keimanan Sejati"-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 62-64	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	July 1977 / Edition 424
19	"Hari Sabtu dalam Agama Yahudi"-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 65-66	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	August 1977 / Edition 425
20	"Hikmah Kisah Lembu"-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 67-73	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	October 1977 / Edition 426
21	"Kemusnahan Keaslian Taurat"-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 74-79	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	November 1977 / Edition 427
22	"Perjanjian Asas Manusia dengan Allah"-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 83-86	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	December 1977 / Edition 428
23	"Mengapa Kerasulan Muhammad Ditolak?"-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 87-91	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	January 1978 / Edition 429
24	"Takut Mati"-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 92-96	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	February 1978 / Edition 430
25	"Ilmu Sihir Bahagian (1)"-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 97-102	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	March 1978 / Edition 431
26	"Ilmu Sihir Bahagian (2)"-Surah	Di Bawah Gema	April 1978 / Edition

	Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 103	Al-Quran	432 9
27	" <i>Sikap Ahli Kitab Bahagian (1)</i> "-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 104-108	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	May 1978 / Edition 433
28	" <i>Sikap Ahli Kitab Bahagian (2)</i> "-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 109-113	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	June 1978 / Edition 434
29	" <i>Sikap Ahli Kitab Bahagian (3)</i> "-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 114-118	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	July 1978 / Edition 435
30	" <i>Dendam Abadi</i> "-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 119-121	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	August 1978 / Edition 436
31	" <i>Nabi Ibrahim Bapa Anbiya Bahagian (1)</i> "-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 122-125	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	October 1978 / Edition 437
32	" <i>Nabi Ibrahim Bapa Anbiya Bahagian (2)</i> "-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 126-128	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	November 1978 / Edition 438
33	" <i>Nabi Ibrahim Bapa Anbiya Bahagian (3)</i> "-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 129-134	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	January 1979 / Edition 439
34	" <i>Islam Agama Kesatuan</i> "-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 135-141	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	February 1979 / Edition 440
35	" <i>Perubahan Qiblat Bahagian (1)</i> "-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 142-144	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	March 1979 / Edition 441
36	" <i>Perubahan Qiblat Bahagian (2)</i> "-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 145-150	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	April 1979 / Edition 442

37	"Ketabahan dan Kesabaran"-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 151-157	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	May 1979 / Edition 443
38	"Ibadah Haji dan Umrah"-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 158-162	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	July 1979 / Edition 444
39	"Akidah dan Tauhid"-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 163-164	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	September 1979 / Edition 445
40	"Kepercayaan Syirik"-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 165-167	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	October 1979 / Edition 446
41	"Prinsip Makanan Halal Bahagian (1)"-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 168-171	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	November 1979 / Edition 447
42	"Prinsip Makanan Halal Bahagian (2)"-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 172-176	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	January 1980 / Edition 448 10
43	"Keimanan yang Sempurna"-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 177	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	February 1980 / Edition 449
44	"Undang-Undang Balasan Bunuh"-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 178-179	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	March 1980 / Edition 450
45	"Wasiat"-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 180-182	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	April 1980 / Edition 451
46	"Ibadah Puasa Bahagian (1)"-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 183-185	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	June 1980 / Edition 452
47	"Ibadah Puasa Bahagian (2)"-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 183-185	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	July 1980 / Edition 453
48	"Ibadah Puasa Bahagian (3)"-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 186	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	August 1980 / Edition 454
49	"Jihad Demi Sabil Allah"-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 190-194	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	August 1981 / Edition 461

50	"Mengerjakan Ibadah Haji"-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 196-202	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	January 1982 / Edition 463
51	"Sifat-Sifat Ketuhanan dan Keikhlasan"-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 204-210	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	June 1982 / Edition 464
52	"Tiga Amaran Ilahi"-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 211-214	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	July 1982 / Edition 465
53	"Pengorbanan Harta dan Pengorbanan Jiwa"-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 215-218	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	August 1982 / Edition 466
54	"Hukum Murtad"-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 217	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	December 1982 / 468
55	"Arak dan Judi"-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 219	Di Bawah Gema Al-Quran	January 1983 / 469
56	Surah Tafsir al-Fatihah	Tafsir fi Zalil Al-Quran	June 1983 / Edition 471
57	Surah Tafsir an-Nas (Manusia)	Tafsir fi Zalil Al-Quran	July 1983 / Edition 472
58	Surah Tafsir al-Falaq	Tafsir fi Zalil Al-Quran	December 1983 / Edition 473
59	Surah Tafsir al-Ikhlash	Tafsir fi Zalil Al-Quran	June 1984 / Edition 474
60	Surah Tafsir al-Lahab	Tafsir fi Zalil Al-Quran	October 1984 / Edition 475 11
61	Surah Tafsir an-Nasr	Tafsir fi Zalil Al-Quran	January 1985 / Edition 476
62	Surah Tafsir al-Kafirun	Tafsir fi Zalil Al-Quran	March 1985 / Edition 477
63	Surah Tafsir al-Kauthsar	Tafsir fi Zalil	July 1985 / Edition

		Al-Quran	478
64	Surah Tafsir al-Maa'un	Tafsir fi Zalil	October 1985 / Edition 479
65	"Sambutan Nuzul al-Quran: Peristiwa Teragung dalam Sejarah Manusia"-Surah Tafsir al-Qadr verses 1-5	Tafsir Sayyid Qutb	January 1995 / Edition 537

Table 6. M Dato' Yusoff Zaky's tafsir title (Part 2 from 2005 to 2006)

No	Title	Tafsir Column	Year / Edition
1	"Konsep Rububiyah Allah yang Mutlak"-Surah Tafsir al-Fatihah verses 1-7	Tafsir di Bawah Bayangan Al-Quran As-Syahid Syed Qutb	June 2005 / Edition 592
2	"Kepentingan Hidayah Allah kepada Seorang Mukmin"-Quranic Tafsir	Tafsir di Bawah Bayangan Al-Quran As-Syahid Syed Qutb	July 2005 / Edition 593
3	"Implikasi Iman Kepada yang Ghaib"-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 1-5	Tafsir di Bawah Bayangan Al-Quran As-Syahid Syed Qutb	September 2005 / Edition 594
4	"Jadilah Manusia 'Abidin' yang Menunai Hak Rububiyah Allah"-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 14-22	Tafsir di Bawah Bayangan Al-Quran As-Syahid Syed Qutb	January 2006 / Edition 596
5	"Dunia Tidak Menjadi Baik Selagi Manusia Terpisah dengan Agama"-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah	Tafsir di Bawah Bayangan Al-Quran As-Syahid Syed	March 2006 / Edition 597

	verses 23-27	Qutb	
6	"Bumi Untuk Faedah Manusia"-Surah Tafsir al-Baqarah verses 28-30	Tafsir di Bawah Bayangan Al-Quran As-Syahid Syed Qutb	June 2006 / Edition 598

3.6. Roslan Abdul Ghani (2008 -2011)

Roslan Abdul Ghani was another columnist of *Pengasuh* and at the same time he worked as an assistant publisher with the Kelantan Islamic Council and Malay Customs. Although he did not have the status as a full-time columnist in *Pengasuh*, he managed to secure a place as an editor of *Pengasuh* in turns with other writers. Throughout his involvement with *Pengasuh* from 2008 to 2011 he had written several series of tafsir published occasionally in the magazine. The series was placed under the column "Tafsir Maw'dui" revolving about the interpretation of al-Quran using the method of comparing the verses. He had published 7 series of Quranic tafsir with an average of 2 to 4 pages from the pages of *Pengasuh* [18].

Table 7. Roslan Abdul Ghani's tafsir title

No	Title	Tafsir Column	Year / Edition
1	"Memelihara Kehormatan Diri"-Quranic tafsir from selected verses	Tafsir Maw'dui	October 2008 / Edition 610
2	"Menguasai Diri semata-mata kerana Allah"-Quranic tafsir from selected verses	Tafsir Maw'dui	November 2008 / Edition 611
3	"Sifat al-Iz'zah"-Quranic tafsir from selected verses	Tafsir Maw'dui	April 2009 / Edition 613
4	"Sifat Keadilan (al-Adl) 1 st part"-Quranic tafsir from selected verses	Tafsir Maw'dui	November 2009 / Edition 616
5	"Sifat Keadilan (al-Adl) 2 nd part"-Quranic tafsir from selected	Tafsir Maw'dui	January 2010 / Edition 617

	verses		
6	"Sifat Kebenaran (as-Siddiq)"-Quranic tafsir from selected verses	Tafsir Maw'dui	March 2011 / Edition 623
7	"Bab Taubat"-Quranic tafsir from selected verses	Tafsir Maw'dui	June 2011 / Edition 624

3.7. Dr. Hafeez Abdullah (2014-Present Day)

Dr. Hafeez Abdullllah has been involved in modern tafsir in Pengasuh from September 2014 until now. His tafsir has been a breath of fresh air as he no longer discusses the translation and elaboration of verses of the Quran but more to discussing each topic by closely adhering to Tafsir al-Azhar authored by Dr. Hamka. His series of Tafsir also did not have column like any other previously, only taking up 2 to 3 pages of the magazine to be presented to the readers, on the studies Tafsir al-Azhar [14].

Table 8. Dr. Hafeez Abdullah's tafsir title

No	Title	Tafsir Column	Year / Edition
1	"Keburukan Ekonomi Riba"-Tafsir al-Azhar	None	September 2014 / Edition 636
2	"Tanggungjawab Muslim Terhadap Al-Quran"-Tafsir al-Azhar	None	March 2015 / Edition 639
3	"Cabaran dan Realiti Dakwah menurut Hamka"-Tafsir al-Azhar	None	November 2015 / Edition 643
4	"Salah Faham Terhadap Pendakwah"-Tafsir al-Azhar	None	January 2016 / Edition 644

The existence of all these columns of tafsir studies goes to show that classic Islamic is well catching up in a century-old magazine named Pengasuh. With writings from various prominent figures and writers from various backgrounds, it has more or less altered the structure of tafsir studies and the content improved to make it easier for the readers to comprehend and have a clear understanding of the tafsir. The titles explained serve as the scope of debate brought on by these various scholars for discussion, with the elaboration of Quranic verses provided. Every content will be detailed and at the same time they would also

resort to the strength of other resources such as Hadiths, Aqwal Sahabat or views from previous scholars. Some of the tafsirs were comparative as evidence of the truth of the al-Quran as performed by Dato' Dr. Wan Hussein Azmi in his tafsir.

In sum, the development of Tafsir studies in Pengasuh has become evident to this very day with a wide range of knowledge disciplines and improvement done at par with the passing of the era.

4. CONCLUSION

Tafsir writing that was rooted in Pengasuh was undertaken by several prominent figures until it reached its 60th year although the reality has it that it did not secure any special place in the hearts of the people today. As one of the longest-standing religious magazines in Malaysia, Pengasuh should be prioritized in the discussions of the scholars because it is from this magazine that a lot of articles from well-established and world-renowned scholars-from the time of Tok Kenali through the era of Pendeta Za'ba, next to the era of Buya Hamka until now- have been published. The writers have the opinion that the studies on the magazine should be broadened until there exist studies on the themes in the magazine itself, starting from the first edition in 1918 until now, simply to prove to the modern masses that the knowledge legacy that has grown so well in this magazine, will not die in vain.

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