

Orientalis Muda Mengunggah Bibliografi tentang Penyakit dan Wabah dalam Peradaban Islam Pra Modern

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Di tengah wabah Covid-19 yang melanda dunia sekarang ini, kerja-kerja intelektual terus

dilakukan oleh para sarjana di bidangnya masing-masing. Tak saja para ahli-ahli kedokteran yang terus berupaya menemukan vaksin Corona ini, tapi juga para sarjana yang memiliki konsen di dunia keilmuan Islam klasik juga berupaya menggali kembali khazanah keilmuan yang berkaitan dengan sejarah wabah.

Elaine van Dalen, Asisten Profesor Studi Islam Klasik dari Columbia University, dalam beberapa pekan belakangan mengunggah banyak sekali informasi yang berkaitan dengan sejarah wabah yang pernah menimpa dunia di akun media sosialnya. Terutama ihwal bagaimana para sarjana Islam merespons wabah.

Seorang filolog yang juga memiliki keahlian di bidang sejarah kedokteran dan sains Islam klasik berhasil merangkum bibliografi tentang Penyebaran Penyakit, Epidemi, dan Wabah di dunia Islam Pra Modern.

Ia mengumpulkan sejumlah sumber primer: teks-teks yang ditulis oleh para sarjana Islam (?) klasik dari dua sudut pandang; kedokteran dan teologis. Dari sudut pandang kedokteran misalnya ia memasukkan ahli-ahli kedokteran Islam yang menulis karya tentang kedokteran seperti Ibnu Sina, Ar-Razi, hingga Ibn Ridlwan yang karyanya memang ditulis untuk merespons wabah yang terjadi di Mesir kala itu.

Sedangkan karya-karya seperti *Ath-Thib An-Nabawi*-nya Ibn Qayyim Al-Jauziyyah, *Ta'wil Mukhtalif Hadi*s karya Ibn Qutaibah ia masukkan dalam kategori perspektif teologis.

Selain itu, ia juga memberikan “jalan” untuk memudahkan para pengkaji khazanah Islam klasik dengan merangkum sejumlah buku-buku sekunder yang mengkaji tentang wabah dalam dunia Islam klasik. Sebuah informasi yang luar biasa dan patut mendapatkan apresiasi.

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