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The Wyldemerck people had a vibrant religious life. They could freely practice all teachings and rituals as in their previous life in their country. Many Moluccan Muslim traditions follow the Ahlus Sunnah Wal Jamaah (Aswaja) teachings in the same way as their fellow Muslims in Nusantara. For instance, they had a special ceremony for completing the recitation of the Al-Quran from the beginning to the end. They also called Mengadji for reciting the Al-Quran. They also use sembahyang, which refers to sholat or prayer, a distinct word that is also used by Muslims in Java or the Malay world. This word is derived from two words in Old Javanese, sembah and Hyang. Sembah means to pay honour, homage, or worship. Hyang means God, Deified Being, or Divinity.

Moluccan Girls after their Chattam Koran ceremony

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