A PRAGMATICS ANALYSIS OF INTERROGATIVE UTTERANCES

IN PROPHET TRADITION OF BUKHORI

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A. Background of the Study

Actually, people use a language for everything they do. Even they do not say anything, they had thought in their mind using a language. People can learn many things, though the language in order to get the existence of life. People can interact each other even to their God by using a language to send meaning or message with different purposes such as to express feelings, imagine something, get someone to do something, maintain good relationship with other, share information, promise, apologize, do agreement, and do forbidden.

As everybody should know, the creation of all creatures in the world is to worship Him alone as in the Holy Qur’an says: And I created not the Jinns and mankind except that they should worship Me. The meaning of this Ayah (51:56) is that, Allah the Exalted, The Blessed created the creatures so that they worship Him Alone without partners. Those who obey Him will be rewarded with rewards, while those who disobey Him will receive the worst punishment from Him.

In the real world of communication, one may ask other people not to do something by either commanding directly or using more polite way (indirectly). On the first way, it is not a great matter to the addressee to understand what the speaker’s intention through the speaker’s utterance because the intended message is explicitly stated. While on the indirect manner, the addressee needs to seriously interpret what was being communicated by the speaker because the intention of the speech is implicitly communicated.
For example,

1. Don’t leave me alone!

2. If you want to leave me alone?

The basic function of the above utterances is an order, as in (a) the speaker wants the addressee not to left him alone. The intention of the speaker is directly stated while the utterance as in (b) is not being used only as a question. Hence, it is an indirect speech act.

The same kind of interrogative case can be found in the Al Hadist, the reports of the Prophet’s sayings and deeds. It is the second heritage of Prophet Muhammad Peace be Upon Him after Al Qur’an to his followers. In the Hadist it can be found interrogative utterance that can be analyzed, for instance The Prophet said: "I was shown the Hell-fire and that the majority of its dwellers were women who were ungrateful." It was asked, "Do they disbelieve in Allah?" (or are they ungrateful to Allah?) He replied, "They are ungrateful to their husbands and are ungrateful for the favors and the good (charitable deeds) done to them.

On this tradition, the Prophet tries to inform to people about the majority of hell’s dwellers were women. Specifically, the next utterance explains that those women are ungrateful to their husbands and are ungrateful for the favors and the good (charitable deeds) done to them. The form of the interrogative is yes-no question. In that tradition, the people asked the Prophet, Do the women disbelieve in Allah? , then such women are ungrateful to their husbands and are ungrateful for the favors and the good (charitable deeds) done to them.

Based on the example above, the writer is great interest in doing his research dealing with identification of the form and meaning of the Interrogative utterances in English translation of Hadist of Bukhari.
B. Review of the Related Research

To prove the original of this study, the writer presents the previous studies that have conducted the different study on Pragmatic analysis and the utterance. The first research is written by Rindang Bahtiar(2006) entitled, “A Pragmatics analysis on the Directive Utterance in English Translation of Tradition of Bukhori”. He uses pragmatics approach as the way to analysis while the purposes of this research are to describe the form of directive utterances and intended message in Tradition. At the end of the research some conclusions were drawn. First, the form of directive utterances consists of three types of sentences, namely: imperative sentence, interrogative sentence and declarative sentence. Second, the intention of request is the dominant in the directive utterances in the English translation of tradition of Bukhori.

The second research is written by Nur Ridho Hartomo(2009), entitled, “A Pragmatics Analysis of Prohibition Utterances in English Translation of “Bukhari” Hadith. He uses Pragmatics analysis to analyze Prohibition utterance in the form of phrase, clause, and sentence. At the end of the research she were drawn some conclusions. They are the meanings of prohibition utterances are: warning, commanding, suggesting, and threatening and the reasons of prohibition utterances are showing intimacy and showing power.

While on this research, the writer analyzes the pattern of the interrogative utterances and the intentions of the utterances. The writer hope that this research is not been analyzed yet.

C. Problems Statement
The research problems of this research are formulated in the following questions:

1. What are the patterns of the interrogative utterances?
2. What are the intentions of the interrogative utterances?

D. Limitation of the Study

In conducting the research, the writer will focus on the English Al Hadist of Bukhori in chapter Tawheed.

E. Objective of the Study

Formulating objectives of the study can be directly seen from the research problem. Thus, the writer decides the objectives as follows:

1. To describe the patterns of the interrogative utterances.
2. To describe the intentions of the utterances.

F. Benefits of the Study

The writer hopes the study will give benefits as follow:

1. For the reader, it will increase the Islamic knowledge, because they will understand the kinds of the interrogative utterance in the English Al Hadist of Bukhori.
2. For the students, especially English department, it can be used to increase the quality of their deeds, because these Prophet Hadist are also can guide us in the way of our life.

G. Research Paper Organization
This research paper covers the following chapters. Chapter I deals with the introduction. It consists of background of study, review of previous related research, research problem, limitation of the study, objectives of the study, benefits of the study, and research paper organization itself.

Chapter II deals with the underlying theory, the speech act and directives.

Chapter III deals with the research method, which consists of type of research, object of research, data and data source, data coding, method of collecting data, and technique of data analysis.

Chapter IV deals with data analysis, which includes data analysis and discussion of finding and Chapter V is conclusion and suggestion.