CHAPTER IV

FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

4.1 Islam VS Western as Dominant Topic

Islam VS Western is a dominant topic in some of Islam histories. It is also described by Karen Armstrong in her essay *Islam: A Short History*. There are several reasons that make her raise this topic.

4.1.1 Crusade

According to history, Islam and western have relationship, therefore, when the historians examine Islam history certainly they also touch about Western, because both often cannot be separated. There are enormous of Western influence in Islam history. Certainly, it is back grounded by big war nuanced religious between Christian and Islam, it is called Crusade[1]. Actually, the main reason for the Crusades is to seize the holy land, Jerusalem. Islam and Western claim it as their land.

Historically, the holy land has been powered by Roman Empire before, but in the 6th century the Caliphate[2] Umar ibn al-Khattab had been able to take over the land

[1] Crusade comes from French word "croix", it means "cross". Actually, this word is not used to describe Christian engaged in a holy war for holy land. Crusader usually called themselves pilgrims. However, they are always related by cross. They sew cross sign in their cloths and they felt that has obeyed to god (Armstrong, 2001, 23).

[2] Caliphate : the leader of Islam

from Roman Empire. After that on 25th November 1095 in Consili Clermont, Pope Urban II proclaimed first Crusade in order to take over the holy land. It is mentioned by Armstrong in her book *Holy War*, that *"In 1095 Pope Urban II summoned Christian warriors to take up the cross and reconquer the Holy Land"*. Then, Armstrong also states:

> *"The Christian Crusaders from Western Europe attacked Jerusalem, the third holiest city in the Islamic world after Mecca and Medina, massacred its inhabitants, and established states in Palestine, the Lebanon and Anatolia ".(Armstrong,2002,79)*

Regarding to the data above, Western wanted to free the Holy Lands Jerusalem from Islamic influence. At first, Crusader defeated Islam, they did abattoir to Muslim and succeeded to take over the land. However, the Kurdish Salahudin Al- Ayubi who is known as Saladin in the West in 1187 was able to take over Jerusalem from the Crusaders.

Actually, the Crusade was lasted about two centuries in 1095-1291. However, it has an impact up to now as Armstrong states, *"The Crusades were disgraceful but formative events in Western history" (Armstrong, 2002, 81.)*. Regarding to the data, she emphasizes that Western did not forget the Crusades. Islam is regarded as the enemy of decent civilization

In addition, in 1453 Islam which was lead by Muhammad Al-Fatih has been able to take over Byzantium[3] centered in Constantinople [4] certainly; this is a big defeat for Western because Constantinople is considered as Western civilization.

[3] Byzantium : East Roman Empire
[4] Constantinople : Nowadays is Turkey

Huntington stated *"that religion is a central defining characteristic of civilizations and therefore at the center of the clash of civilization"* (Huntington, 1997:47). He emphasizes that religion is the center of the clash of civilization, especially for Christian and Muslim, and according to Huntington in his book *Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order*, *"Islam is the only civilization which has put the survival of the West in doubt, and it has done that at least twice."* Regarding his statement, indeed, only Islam has been able to defeat Western civilization twice. First, Islam was able to take over Jerusalem from the Crusaders. Second, Islam has been able to take over Byzantium[5] centered in Constantinople

Then, according to Oswald Spengler in his book *The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers*, actually, Western will always try to maintain their existence by pushing down the others civilization, especially Islam civilization.

Based on explanation above, the main factor motivating the clash between Islam and Western today is Crusade.

4.1.2 Stereotype

Western stereotype is also a cause of the clash, Armstrong stated:

> *"Ever since the Crusade, the people of Western Christendom developed a stereotypical and distorted image of Islam, which regarded as the enemy of decent civilization". (Armstrong, 2002:152)*

Armstrong emphasizes Western Christendom has developed stereotype about Islam. Actually, stereotype is a wrong Image or idea of a particular type of person or

[5] Byzantium : East Roman Empire

thing that is believed by particular person or group. In addition, according to Jeanny M Fatimah, stereotype is specific description about nature and character of private individuals or other groups who patterned negative consequences of incomplete information and subjective**.** The stereotype has been developed since Crusade as Hassan states:

> "*Stereotypes about Islam are not new to Western culture. Problems can be traced back 1400 years. At that time, Islam and Christianity were involved in the Crusades in the 1100's and in the Ottoman and Moorish control in Europe"(Hassan,2007, 1)*

Regarding to the statement above, Crusade is never forgotten by Western Hence, it made hostility between Islam and Western.

Nowadays, negative images of Islam were presented by Western. The Western media is also very influential to the public in making negative Islamic stereotypes, such as the assertion that, all Muslims are fundamentalists, dictatorship, Fatalism, violence and militaristic. Edward Said states that:

> *"For the general public in America and Europe today, Islam is "news" of a particularly unpleasant sort. The media, the government, the geopolitical strategists, and although they are marginal to the culture at large - the academic experts on Islam are all in concert: Islam is a threat to Western civilization. Now this is by no means the same as saying that only derogatory or racist caricatures of Islam are to be found in the West...What I am saying is that negative images of Islam are very much more prevalent than any others " (Taken from Islamic for today, August 16,2007)*

Based on to the statement above, America and Europe describe Islam as the religious having negative image, for instance through media because Western regarded Islam as a threat to Western. Hence, Western often presents Islam as negative images for instance:

4.1.2.1 Muslims are Fundamentalist

Western considered Muslims as fundamentalist. Armstrong stated:

> *"The Western media often give the impression that the embattled and occasionally violent form of religiosity known as 'fundamentalism' is a purely Islamic phenomenon. This is not the case." (Armstrong, 2002:140)*

Concerning to the data above, she emphasizes that Western media gives inaccurate information to public about Islam. Islam is associated with violence and fundamentalist.

Actually, "Fundamentalism" is *a religious or political movement based on a literal interpretation of and strict adherence to doctrine, especially as a return to former principles"*. In fact, the first fundamentalism term is appeared by American. James Barr in his book "Fundamentalism" stated that the beginning fundamentalism term is from essay entitled *fundamental*, it emerges in America about 1910-1915. This term is used for classifying exclusive theology, there is faith to Al-Masih[6], Maryam's miracle and other faith is still believed by Christian fundamentalist. Furthermore, Armstrong stated:

> *"Muslim fundamentalism corresponds very closely to these general characteristics. It is not correct, therefore, to imagine that Islam has within it a militant, fanatic, strain that impels Muslims into a crazed and violent rejection of modernity. Muslim are in tune with fundamentalism in other faiths all over the world, who share their profound misgivings about modern secular culture. It should also be said that Muslims object to the use of the term 'fundamentalism' pointing out quite correctly that it was coined by American protestant as badge of pride,"(Armstrong, 2002,143)*

[6] Al-Masih : Christian's God

Regarding to the data above that Muslin cannot be described as militant and fanatic. Actually, Islam as same as other religion in the world prevents modern secular. Then, Armstrong (2002, 140) states that Fundamentalism is a global fact and appeared on all the trust in response to the problems of modernization. There are Islamic fundamentalist, Judaism fundamentalist, Christian fundamentalism, Hindu fundamentalists, Sikh fundamentalists, and even Confucianism fundamentalist. Therefore, Islam refuses for using term of “fundamentalism”. Exactly, Islam regarded that fundamentalism is only appropriate with American Protestant.

Based on the explanation above, actually the term of “fundamentalism” comes from Western. But today, “fundamentalism”, as though only directed toward Islam and only Islam is regarded Western as fundamentalism religion. Certainly, Islam refuses to this term. However, this term has already attached to Islam. Thus, it motivates the clash between Islam and western continues.

Islam fundamentalism is often published by Western, especially, after the incident on September 11th 2001, the World Trade Center in New York and Pentagon in Washington DC were destroyed.

Hence, the consequence of the term used by the mass media, Muslims are fundamentalists, the society in the world tends to interpret that Islamic group achieve its goals by using violent. “Islam Fundamentalism" for the Western media means that "Islam is cruel”. Then, Armstrong stated:

"The colonial crusade has been less violent but its impact has been more devastating than the medieval holy wars. The powerful Muslim world has been reduced to a dependent bloc, and Muslim society has been gravely dislocated in the course of an accelerated modernization programme. All over the world, as we have seen, people in all the major faiths have reeled under impact on western modernity, and have produced the embattled and frequently intolerant religiosity that we call fundamentalism". (Armstrong, 2002:153)

Regarding to data above, it can be concluded that for the Muslim who do not participate Western modernization are considered to be intolerant faith and always be an enemy for Western. Certainly, it is one of the factors motivated the occurrence of the clash.

4.1.2.2 Dictatorship

According to Armstrong, Western considered Muslims always submit to cruel dictatorship. (Armstrong, 2002:137)

Regarding to the data, Western regarded Islamic government system is leaded by Caliphate is cruel dictatorship. It is caused by the rule in Islam should be based on Al-Quran, for instance: Women should wear veil, gambling and alcohol forbidden and punishments, such us the mutilation of thieves. Then, Islam sovereignty is in God's hands. Thus, they considered Islam as cruel dictatorship system.

On the other hand, Muslims refuse to be called as cruel dictatorship. Islam considered that Allah [7]as human's creator, therefore, human should obey to Allah

[7] Allah : Muslim's God

because Allah knows human needs. Hence, Allah gives Al-Quran to the human as a guide of life.

Based on the explanation above, stereotype that Islam is dictator religion one that motivates clash between Islam and western.

4.1.2.3 Fatalism of Islam

Furthermore, Western often presents “fatalism of Islam”. Armstrong stated:

> *“The three great empires were all in decline by the end of the eighteenth century. This was no due to the essential incompetence or fatalism of Islam, as Europeans often arrogantly assumed.” (Armstrong, 2002, 116)*

Based on the above quotation, she emphasizes that Western considered, the three great empires was controlled by Islam was decreased in the end of the eighteenth century was caused by Fatalism of Islam.

Actually Fatalism is the view that we are powerless to do anything other than what we actually do. Then, according to Helmer Ringgren that, *“ Islam is a fatalistic religion which teaches that everything is determined in advance and that man is unable to do anything about it."* (1967: 52), Regarding to the quotation, he emphasizes that Islamic life has been determined by God. Hence Muslims are unable to do anything. According to Islam everything good or bad comes from God Almighty. Thus, Western regarded that three great empires decreased because fatalism of Islam. However, Islam refuses to be called fatalism. Islam taught not only take action in life but also to resignation to the God. As we know, during the period, there are several Islamic groups who struggle to change the condition.

Thus, the view that Islam is fatalistic religion has motivated the clash between Islam and western.

4.1.2.4 Violence and Militaristic

In fact, Western makes negative Islamic stereotype to the public: great misconception that exists is the truth about Jihad[8] or "holy war" in Islam. Jihad is so often apparent in the news because the media thinks it is Islam's justification for war. Here, Armstrong states:*"Western people often assume that Islam is a violent, militaristic faith which imposed itself on its subject peoples at sword-point.". (Armstrong,2002:25)*

Based on the quotation above, she emphasizes that Western regarded Islam as a violent and militaristic faith and only can be exist with sword. Then, Armstrong stated:

> *"For example, during the crusade, When it was Christians who had instigated a series of brutal holy wars against the Muslim world, that Islam was describe by the learned scholar-monks of Europe as an inherently violent and intolerant faith, which had only been able to establish itself by the sword"*.(Armstrong,2002:152)

Based on the quotation above, Armstrong emphasizes that Islam was described by monk of Europe as violence and militaristic faith.

Islam is often looked violent and militaristic faith up to now. For instance: especially after World Trade Center in New York and Pentagon in Washington DC

[8] *Jihad* is the Arabic, A Muslim holy war or spiritual struggle against infidels.

were destroyed by jets. After that tragic incident, and accused the leaders of Islamic movements as the party responsible for the "terrorism". As a follow-up U.S. declared war on Bush's speech in congress on September,11 th2001:

> "*Every nation in every region now has a decision to make. Either you are with us or you are with the terrorist. From this today forward any nation that continuous to harbor or support terrorism will be regarded by the United State as hostile regime*".

Thus, Osama bin Laden had declared war on the United States, the Taliban government in Afghanistan. Osama became the main target of Bush. Although unsupported by the evidence enough. United States is supported by England and Australia decided that Osama and Afghanistan immediately a priority against terrorism. Here, Western makes the impression that Islam is as a violent and militaristic faith.

And Samuel P Huntington in his book *The Clash of Civilization* said:

> *"Hence it seems to me a high priority for Europe and America is to recognize what they have in common and to try to work out a common strategy for dealing with the threats to their society and security from militant Islam"*.

He emphasizes that Islam as a threat for Western. Hence, Western uses many strategies to prevent from militant Islam.

It is clearly, regarding the explanation above that is not surprising that the conflict between Western and Islam is inevitable. And one of factors motivated the clash is misconception about jihad.

4.1.3 Discrimination

In the fact that Western make a discrimination to Islam, it is showed from their attitude to Muslim society who lives in Europe. Armstrong stated:

> *"Europeans seem to find it difficult to relate to their Muslim fellow-countrymen in a natural balanced manner. Turkish migrant workers have been murdered in race riots in Germany. girls who choose to wear a hijab to school have received extremely hostile coverage in the French press. in Britain, there is often outrage when Muslims request separate school for their children, even though people do not voice the same objections about though Muslims are viewed as a fifth Column, plotting to undermine British society." (Armstrong, 2002:150)*

Regarding to the quotation above, Armstrong emphasizes that Muslim who lives in the West, do not find justice properly. Discrimination has been occurred, for instance: using symbol of religion, the girls who wear veil to school have received extremely hostile in French press. And In Britain Muslim request for separate school, they did not same as special for Jews, Roman Catholic or Quakers. Muslim is viewed as enemy for them.

Actually, estimated 5 million Muslims life in French, only minority wears the full veil. In fact, Nicolas Sarkozy as French president has ordered the French government to prepare legislation paving the way for a total ban on the full Islamic veil. And they regarded, *"The ban on the full veil must be total in all public places because women's dignity cannot be watered down,"* (Taken from Tempo, April 21, 2010) then, a ban is declared to keep gender equality and secularism. However, in reality, it discriminates Muslim.

Based on the explanation above that is not surprising that the conflict between Western and Islam occurred, one of factors motivated the clash both is discrimination.

4.1.4 Ways of Life

Both Islam and Western have the own ways of life. Democracy and secularism is always proud by Western, as Armstrong stated that, *"to be effective and productive, a modern nation had to be organized on secular, democratic basis"(Armstrong,2002,123).* Regarding to the data, democracy and secularism are considered the best system for modern nation. Furthermore Armstrong stated: *"The west proudly proclaimed democracy for its own people, but Muslims were expected to submit to cruel dictatorship". (Armstrong, 2002:137).* Regarding to Armstrong statement, she emphasizes, Western proud that democracy[9] as theirs, but Islam government is dictatorship.

In fact, According to Abdul Qadim Zallum in his book "Islamic System of Government" that Islamic system is not the same as a dictatorship, but also not a democratic system. It's not in human hands as Huntington said that, *"Islam applies the concept of the unity of religion and state implying that human legislation is considered as heresy which questions God's sovereignty".*

[9] "Democracy" comes from ancient Greek "demos" and "kratos". "demos" means people and "kratos" means the government. In addition According Abraham Lincoln, democracy: Government of the people, by the people, for the people. And the essential elements of democracy: separation of powers, human rights, religious liberty and separation of church and state.

This concept is based on Quran which was brought by Muhammad as the way of life.

> *"Muslims therefore had a vital missions to witness to the divine dimension of life, not by retiring from the world to engage in contemplation, but by an activism that implemented the social ideals of the Shariah. "(Armstrong, 2002, 132)*

Concerning to the quotation above, Islam has purpose itself. There is an ideal of the Shariah. It is not based on Western way. Tibi states:

> *"Islam also applies the concept of din dawla or the unity of religion and state, which underlies the sovereignty of Allah as the source of governance. This concept implies that human legislation is considered a heresy which questions Allah's sovereignty "(Tibi, 2000:850).*

Based on the quotation above, actually, Islam political concept is Daulah[10] which underlies Allah as the source of the governance. Thus, secularism[11] which becomes the system of Western.

However, Secularism had been able dominant in the middle of the twentieth century. And Islamic power was decreased as, Armstrong states, "*In the middle of the twentieth century, secularism had been dominant, and Islam was thought to be irredeemably passé." (Armstrong, 2002,156).*

It is clear, after in the end ottoman period in 1924, Islamic power was decreased. On the other hand secularism is become dominant. This is one of the reasons Islam become object of ridicules for western, As Armstrong states:

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[10] Daulah : Islam State

[11] Secularism is often defined as separation between state and religion. State is an institution that control life arrangement and it does not have relation with religion. While, religion is institute that only arrange spiritually, between human and god. Therefore, they regarded that religion and state are different. And, should be separated. In other hand, Islam religion arranges the state.

> *"The Islamic world has been convulsed by the modernization process. Instead of being one of the leaders of world civilization, Islamdom was quickly and permanently reduced to a dependent bloc by the European powers. Muslims were exposed to the contempt of the colonialist, who were so thoroughly imbued with the modern ethos that were often appalled by what they could only see as the backwardness, inefficiency, fatalism, and corruption of Muslim society."(Armstrong,2002,125)*

Concerning to the data above, she emphasizes that today Islam has been seen by Western as backwardness, inefficiency, fatalism, and corruption of Muslim society.

Today, Islam has been laughed by Western because when Western can become an advance country on the other hand Islam has declined . Actually, in some centuries ago Western has been defeated by Islam. And In fifteen century, Western has experienced "the dark of Age". But, Western has been able to rise in eighteen century by Revolution Industry, in fact, it has given impact to Islam. And today Islam has been depended to the Western. However, this is not desired by Muslims, as Armstrong states:

> *In the west, it has usually been experienced as benign. In the early days, it was conceived by such philoshopers as Jhon locke (1632-1704) as a new and better way of being religious, since it freed religion from coercive state control and enabled it to be more true to its spiritual ideals. But in the Muslim world, secularism has often consisted of a brutal attack upon religion and the religious.*(Armstrong, 2002, 135)

Based on the data above, Western regarded that secularism has advanced, according to Jhon Locke, one of new way for religious, Western has freed religion from state control, However, Islam can not adopt it. Because it inappropriate with Islamic system. Then, as Armstrong states:

> *"In particular, the West had found it necessary to separate religion and politics in order to free government, science and technology from the constraints of conservative religion. "(Armstrong,2002,134)*

Concerning to the quotation above, she emphasizes that Islam should be modern state reconciled to Western. Hence, it is important for Islam to separate between religion and state.

Certainly what Western said is contradictive with Islam purpose. Then Tibi stated "*The establishment of such a global Islamic system would be the one and only guarantee of world peace "(*2000, 637).

Based on the explanation above, Islam and Western have their own ideologies which make a clash between them. Huntington explains that:

> *"Intolerance of the other easily erupts into jihad or crusade because both Islam and Christianity are monotheistic, universalistic, and missionary. What he means by monotheistic is that both of them see thing in black and white. Both of them are universalistic as they claim a monopoly of truth for all humans. They are also involved in the missionary enterprise, which means that they seek to convert all to their faith".* (Huntington, 1997:210-211).

Based on the statement above, he emphasizes that clash occurred because Islam and Christian are monotheistic[12], universalistic [13]and missionary.[14] Islam and Western convey a truth to all humans according to their faith and both often claims that only their faith that is right as at the most absolute. Then, based on explanation above, it's been concluded that is one of factors motivated the clash between Islam

[12] Monotheistic : believe in one God
[13] Universalistic: truth is believed by Islam and Christian as truth for all human
[14] Missionary: spread out their faith

and Western. Then, there are some evidences, Islam history will always be relate to Western

Therefore, Islam history has relationship with Western, Particularly their involvement in Crusade. And both have different ways of life. Thus, it made hostility between Islam and western. And it makes the clash between Islam and western become the dominant topic to the history of Islam.

4.2 Karen Armstrong's Point of view

I will analyze author point of view regarding Islam VS Western discourse as the data from the essay *Islam : A Short History*. In this point of view, Armstrong uses a technique. There is narrator through third person. Further, these following analyses are presented:

4.2.1 Islam Violence

> *"Western people often assume that Islam is a violent, militaristic faith which imposed itself on its subject peoples at sword-point. This is an inaccurate interpretation of the Muslim wars of expansion". (Armstrong, 2002:25)*

The data above shows that Armstrong emphasizes that Islam violence and Militaristic faith is wrong. It is an inaccurate discourse about Islam. As Armstrong mentioned above is a discourse.

Foucault stated in Akhyar Yusuf (2009, 15) the discourse is constructed by knowledge. Thus, the inaccurate interpretation about Islam is based on Western knowledge. As it has been mentioned before, since Crusade, Western has developed

negatives image about Islam and it is descended from generation to generation. Thus, the Western knowledge about Islam is negative.

Armstrong's point of view in this data is supporting Islam as she mentioned that a violent and militaristic faith is an inaccurate interpretation of Muslim. However, Western nowadays has dominant power in the world. Thus, Islam's negative image is become the truth. As Foucault (1134) states, *"Truth is linked in a circular relation with systems of power which produce and sustain it, and to effect of power which it induces and which extend it"*. Regarding to the quotation, the measurement of truth in a discourse is based on sovereignty. Hence, the discourse is conveyed by Armstrong above is categorized as marginal discourse. On the other hand, Armstrong states that:

> *"The west has not been wholly responsible for the extreme forms of Islam, which have cultivated a violence that violates the most sacred canons of religion"*. (Armstrong, 2002:158)

Regarding the data above, Armstrong emphasizes that Western has not been wholly responsible for the extreme form that motivated violence in Islam.

Armstrong's point of view in this data is neutral. Armstrong said that violence in Islam is part of Western responsible, it is caused Western has triggered some of conflict.

However, as Armstrong mentioned above seems to induce that Islam is violence as she states, *"the extreme form of Islam, which have cultivated a violence"* This is in line what Foucault (1972:216) states, *"language as a discourse is never neutral"*. Thus, the discourse above is more disposed to Western.

Hence, What Armstrong conveyed above, has strengthen Western opinion about Islam it means that she uses Western terminology to obtain the meaning and build the meaning on the truth as it seen. The discourse is conveyed by Armstrong above is dominant discourse.

4.2.2 Fundamentalism

> *"The spectre of Islamic fundamentalism sends a shiver through Western society, which seems not nearly so threatened by the equally prevalent and violent fundamentalism of other faiths." (Armstrong, 2002:149)*

Regarding to the data above, Armstrong emphasizes that Western is afraid of Islamic fundamentalist than any other religion fundamentalist.

As a historian, she may say the fact that exists in the society. Islam is considered as fanatic religion and Fundamentalism. Armstrong considered that there are fundamentalist in all religion, Islamic fundamentalist, Judaism fundamentalist, Christian fundamentalism, Hindu fundamentalists, Sikh fundamentalists, and even Confucianism fundamentalist. However, Islamic fundamentalist is more frightening than another religion fundamentalist. Islam is considered as fundamentalist because Islam often refuses Western modernization. It can be said that Armstrong described negative image about Islam that Islamic fundamentalist more frighten than another religion fundamentalist.

As Armstrong states in her book *The History of God* that the main characteristic of fundamentalists wants to bring the people to repeat the past. In fact, it is totally impossible because someone can not be religious in the same way, as our

conservative predecessors. Besides that, she states,*" the chief characteristics of Islam has been its sacralization of history" (2002).* Regarding to the quotation, Muslim is religion that does not want to follow modernization and keep on their system. Thus, indirectly Armstrong has stated that Muslims are Fundamentalist because Muslims want to return to the past history Then Armstrong states:

> *"All over the world, as we have seen, people in all the major faiths have reeled under impact on western modernity, and have produced the embattled and frequently intolerant religiosity that we call fundamentalism". (Armstrong, 2002:153)*

Regarding to the data above, Armstrong emphasizes that all of the major faiths in the world have followed modernity, except Islam. And they are called as fundamentalism.

And, as it has been mentioned before, Armstrong's way of life differ from Islam. Then, Foucault (1980) states that human knowledge is being fundamentally grounded in historical systems of thought. In addition, it means, indirectly, that Armstrong's thought is back grounded by Western knowledge.

In addition, by using this term "Islamic Fundamentalist", it means Armstrong has spread negative image about Islam. The negative saying of Western, indirectly will strengthen the stereotype about Islam as Foucault (1980, 101) states,*" discourse can be both an instrument and an effect of power… Discourse transmits and produces power"* Regarding to the quotation, discourse is a tool of power to expand their influence. So, Western spread their power by giving negative image toward Islam. Certainly, it is like that she help Western to spread it.

Therefore, Armstrong's point of view in this data does not support Islam. By using Western Terminology, she has strengthened Western opinion about Islam to the society in the world. And the discourse is conveyed by Armstrong above is dominant discourse.

4.2.3 Conservative

> *"If they were participate as full partners in modern world, Muslims had to incorporate these changes. In particular, the West had found it necessary to separate religion and politics in order to free government, science and technology from the constraints of conservative religion" .(Armstrong,2002:134)*

Based on the data above, Armstrong emphasizes that Muslims should follow Western world and leave conservative religion.

As we know that Islam and Western have different ways of life. Thus, each induces their concept of life. Further, Huntington (1997, 210) said that Islam and the Christian-infused West have serious different ways of life. So, the clash between Islam and Western are always occurred. However, Western nowadays has dominant power in the world. Thus, Western has give negative image through discourse to the public that Islam is conservative religion or that Muslims are considered backward in religion.

Armstrong's point of view in this data does not support Islam. What Armstrong conveyed above, has strengthened Western opinion about Islam. It means that she uses Western terminology which strengthen negative image of Islam to the world. The discourse is conveyed by Armstrong above is dominant discourse.

4.2.4 Secularism

> *"Thus, the ideals, of democracy, pluralism, toleration, human rights, and secularism were not simply beautiful ideal dreamed up by political scientist, but were , at least in part, dictated by the needs of the modern state. It was found that in order to be effective and productive, a modern nation had to be organized on secular, democratic basis"(Armstrong,2002,123).*

Regarding to the data above, Armstrong emphasizes that modern nation is a nation who applies a secular and democratic basis because it is the most effective and productive system that can make the nation more advanced.

Democracy and secularism have been considered as the best way of life because it is supported by powerful nation today. This is in line with what Foucault states in "power and truth" that truth is closely related to power and power can determine the truth. Western has spread that Democracy and Secularism is the best system for all nations since they are powerful. The society in the world believes in that system. Thus, it becomes truth.

In fact, every nation or religion has their own system but they do not have power to persuade others that their system is good. Finally, those who do not apply Western system is called backward or conservative.

Thus, Armstrong's point of view in this data is support toward Western. Islam is regarded conservative as religion because Islam does not adopt the concept of modern nation. Thus, what Armstrong said above, seems to strengthen the Western concept.

Therefore, the discourse conveyed by Armstrong above is dominant discourse.

4.2.5 Fanatic Religion

> *"It is not correct, therefore, to imagine that Islam has within it a militant, fanatic, strain that impels Muslims into a crazed and violent rejection of modernity. Muslim are in tune with fundamentalism in other faiths all over the world, who share their profound misgivings about modern secular culture. (Armstrong, 2002, 143)*

Regarding to the data above, Armstrong emphasizes that it is wrong to assume that Islam as militant and fanatic religion. Eventually, Islam like other fundamentalist religion refuses to accept Secularism.

On the other hand, Armstrong tries to make a clarity that Islam is not like many other people imagine as violent. On the other hand she puts Islam has wrong assumption about Secularism. It has been explained before that Armstrong emphasizes that Secularism is the most effective and productive way. Thus Islam should not have bad assumption toward modern secular.

Based on the explanation above, Armstrong has a good opinion in Islam and she tries to explain the accurate description of Islam history but, the usage of negative words for Islam help western to spread it because it is dominant discourse which is supported by dominant power.

Thus, Karen Armstrong's point of view is neutral. She had given argument based on the fact which is looked by her. However, in some texts, Armstrong uses a lot of Western terminology that eventually becomes the dominant discourse. Actually this terminology is often used by Western as instrument to discredit Islam. For instance: violence in Islam, Fundamentalism, Conservative, Fanatic religion. Foucault (1134) stated, "*and we are judged, condemned, classified and determined by*

truth in all areas of discourse of which none escape the effects of power and domination" (Foucault 1980, 93-4). Regarding to the quotation, a truth is determined by power. We know, Western has dominant power today. Thus, they have power to determine a right or wrong.