

THE ISLAMIC TRADITIONS OF CIREBON

IBADAT AND ADAT AMONG JAVANESE MUSLIMS

A. G. Muhaimin

Department of Anthropology
Division of Society and Environment
Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies

July 1995



E P R E S S



Published by ANU E Press
The Australian National University
Canberra ACT 0200, Australia
Email: anuepress@anu.edu.au
Web: <http://epress.anu.edu.au>

National Library of Australia
Cataloguing-in-Publication entry

Muhaimin, Abdul Ghoffir.
The Islamic traditions of Cirebon : ibadat and adat among
Javanese muslims.

Bibliography.
ISBN 1 920942 30 0 (pbk.)
ISBN 1 920942 31 9 (online)

1. Islam - Indonesia - Cirebon - Rituals. 2. Muslims -
Indonesia - Cirebon. 3. Rites and ceremonies - Indonesia -
Cirebon. I. Title.

297.5095982

All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic, mechanical, photocopying or otherwise, without the prior permission of the publisher.

Cover design by Teresa Prowse
Printed by University Printing Services, ANU

This edition © 2006 ANU E Press

THE ISLAMIC TRADITIONS OF CIREBON

IBADAT AND ADAT AMONG
JAVANESE MUSLIMS

Islam in Southeast Asia Series

Theses at The Australian National University are assessed by external examiners and students are expected to take into account the advice of their examiners before they submit to the University Library the final versions of their theses. For this series, this final version of the thesis has been used as the basis for publication, taking into account other changes that the author may have decided to undertake. In some cases, a few minor editorial revisions have made to the work. The acknowledgements in each of these publications provide information on the supervisors of the thesis and those who contributed to its development. For many of the authors in this series, English is a second language and their texts reflect an appropriate fluency.

Table Of Contents

Foreword	xi
Acknowledgements	xv
Abstract	xvii
Preface	xix
Chapter 1. Introduction	
Points Of Departure: Review Of Previous Studies	1
The Study In Perspectives	5
Theoretical Orientation	8
The Field Work	12
The Significance Of The Study	19
Chapter 2. Belief System	
The Idea Of God	29
Belief In Spiritual Beings	38
Chapter 3. Mythology And Cosmology Of Cirebonese Traditions	
Introduction	53
The Myth Of Creation	55
Eschatological Ideas: The Calamity And The End Of The World	64
Life After Death	66
Takdir And Ikhtiar: The Problem Of Human Destiny	69
Pitungan And Pena'asan: Javanese Numerology	72
Chapter 4. The Ritual Practice: Ibadat	
Prologue To The Analysis Of Cirebonese Ritual	79
Ibadat: An Ambiguous Concept Of Ritual In Islam	81
Ibadat Defined: Clarifying The Ambiguity	83
The Practice Of Ibadat: Salat	91
The Practice Of Ibadat: Fasting	104
Charity And Other Practices Of Ibadat	108
Chapter 5. The Ritual Practice: Adat	
Introduction	115
The Nature Of Adat	115
The Commemoration Of Islamic Holy Days	119
Celebration And Commemoration Of The Life Cycle: Slametan	135
Chapter 6. The Veneration Of Wali And Holy Men: Visits To The Shrines	
General Features Of Veneration: Introduction To Ziarah	159
Babad Narrative Accounts Of Some Cirebonese Holy Men	162
The Object Of Ziarah: Two Examples Of Kramat	176
The Procedure Of Ziarah	191
Chapter 7. The Transmission Of Religious Traditions: The Role Of Pesantren	
Introduction	203
The General Feature Of Religious Transmission	207
The Role Of Pesantren: The Case Of Buntet	214
The Rise And Development Of Pesantren Buntet	222

The Pesantren In Operation: An Example Of Daily Activities	241
Chapter 8. Pesantren And Tarekat: The Role Of Buntet	
Introduction	247
Early Tarekat In Buntet: Syattariyah	248
Tarekat Tijaniyah	251
Chapter 9. Concluding Remarks	269
Bibliography	275

List of Tables

Table 3.1: Months of the Javanese and Islamic Calenders	73
Table 3.2: Naktu and Jejer of the Days of the Ordinary and the Pasaran Weeks	74
Table 3.3: Months of the Year and Years of the Windu and their Naktu	74
Table 3.4: Schedule of the Domination of Astronomical Objects	75
Table 3.5: First Day of the Months, the Lowong and the Raspatit (Year Alif)	77
Table 3.6: Sample of Lists of Good and Bad Days	78
Table 7.1: Number of Students/Santri at Buntet (1992)	217
Table 8.1: The Spiritual Genealogy (Silsilah) of Tarekat Syattariyah at Buntet	249
Table 8.2: Ancestral Genealogy of Abu Abbas Ahmad at-Tijani The founder of Tijaniyah order	252
Table 8.3: Spiritual genealogy of Syeikh Ali At-Thayyib al-Madani (West Java gate of Tijaniyah)	259

List of Maps

The Regency of Cirebon	6
Map of Desa Astana	178
Map of Desa Mertapada Kulon Kec. Astanajapura Kab. Cirebon	218
Pesantren Buntet Complex	233

List of Figures

Figure 4.1: Scope of Ibadat in Cirebonese popular conception.	88
Figure 6.1: Marriage alliance between Sunan Gunung Jati and Raden Fatah	169
Figure 6.2: Sketch of Astana Gunung Jati Grave Complex	184
Sketch of the site of Kramat Mbah Buyut Trusmi (1926).	187
Figure 6.3: Sketch of Kramat Mbah Buyut Trusmi (1995).	188
Figure 7.1: Genealogy of Sesepuh and Sohibul Wilayah (Buntent)	220
Figure 7.2: Intellectual Network of Kyai Abbas	230
Figure 7.3: Military Network of Pesantren Buntet under Kyai Abbas.	231
Figure 7.4: Political Network of Pesantren Buntet under Kyai Abbas.	234

Figure 7.5: Sample of Endogamous Marriage in Pesantren Buntet.	235
Figure 7.6: Genealogy of Some Kyai in Buntet.	237
Figure 8.1: Recruitment of Syattariyah Mursyid in Buntet	250
Figure 8.2: Main Entrance of Tijaniyah to Java.	260
Figure 8.3: Recruitment of Tijaniyah Muqaddam from Buntet	262
Figure 8.4: Spiritual Genealogy of Some Tijaniyah Muqaddam in Java	262

List of Plates

Plate 1: Kraton Kesuphuan.	26
Plate 2: Pakuningrat S.H., Sultan Kesepuhan.	26
Plate 3: A business centre: a scene in the city of Cirebon.	27
Plate 4: A scene in the village.	27
Plate 5: Two children at play: a scene in the village.	28
Plate 6: Pak Shofie, his family and close kin.	28
Plate 7: Pak Shofie's hand writing copy of the manual of "Riyadhah Ayat Kursi"	49
Plate 8: Attending sermon at 'Id prayer.	113
Plate 9: Pak Shofie and his sons pray at Pak Shofie's mother's tomb after 'Id prayer.	113
Plate 10: Pagersari-kraton on "Muludan" ceremony prior to the "Panjang Jimat" procession.	153
Plate 11: Kraton religious officials on "Muludan" ceremony prior to the "Panjang Jimat" procession.	153
Plate 12: A group of circumcision grooms.	154
Plate 13: A circumcision groom on becak returns from "ngembang" at his elders' graves.	154
Plate 14: A circumcision ceremony.	155
Plate 15: A circumcision groom on display.	155
Plate 16: A carnival to fetch the groom for "mungguh" ("marriage ceremony").	156
Plate 17: The bride, the groom and the Penghulu at a marriage contract.	156
Plate 18: A seven month pregnant woman is bathed at "Ngrujaki" ceremony.	157

Plate 19: Water with flowers, and a young yellow hybrid coconut crafted with Qur'anic verses and coin inserted used at the "Ngrujaki" ceremony.	157
Plate 20: The bathed pregnant woman at "Ngrujaki" ceremony.	158
Plate 21: Chanting "Marhaba" to honour the pregnant woman.	158
Plate 22: A gate at Kramat Nyi Mas Gandasari.	175
Plate 23: The tomb of Nyi Mas Gandasari.	175
Plate 24: An entrance to Astana Gunung Jati grave complex.	199
Plate 25: Astana Gunung Jati custodians at the "Pekemitan" hall.	199
Plate 26: Pilgrims at Astana Gunung: the "Pesujudan" door is locked.	200
Plate 27: The "Pesujudan" door is open. (The ascending pathway leads to Sunan Gunung Jati's tomb.)	200
Plate 28: A "wong kraman" serves pilgrims.	201
Plate 29: Astana Gunung Jati custodians and Kecamatan Administrative officials pray together on a festival occasion.	201
Plate 30: Two Qur'anic learners at "khataman" ceremony to mark the completion of the whole Qur'an.	209
Plate 31: Demonstrating the melodious recital of the Qur'an.	209
Plate 32: Kyai Abbas.	238
Plate 33: Kyai Abdullah Abbas before "Haul" ceremony.	238
Plate 34: The main "pondok" of Pesantren Buntet.	243
Plate 35: Commemorating the Independence Day at Pesantren Buntet.	243
Plate 36: The Pesantren Mosque in Buntet.	244
Plate 37: Girlscouts of Pesantren Buntet on exercise.	244
Plate 38: A sample of "Ijazah" of Tarekat Syattiriyah at Buntet	245
Plate 39: Kyai Fahim Hawi, a Tijaniyah Muqaddam of Buntet.	265
Plate 40: Kyai Abdullah Syifa and his five year old son.	265
Plate 41: Kyai Fu'ad Hasyim.	266
Plate 42: Kyai Fahim Hawi among Tijaniyah followers.	266
Plate 43: Nyai Hammah, a Tijaniyah Muqaddam of Kuningan.	267
Plate 44: Nyai Hammah, her followers and Kyai Imam Subki (Nyai Hammah's husband).	267