



**A STUDY ON AWARENESS OF MALAYSIAN MUSLIMS
TOWARD WASIYYAH PRACTICE**

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ABSTRACT

This study aim to investigate the awareness of Malaysian Muslims towards wasiyyah practice. The objective of this study are to investigate the level of awareness of Malaysian Muslims toward wasiyyah practice, to indentify the relationship between Independent Variable (knowledge and cultural value) and Dependent Variable (awareness of wasiyyah practice) and to indentify the most important factor that influence the awareness of wasiyyah practice. The finding found that the level of awareness of Malaysian Muslims toward wasiyyah practice is moderate. The correlation between knowledge and awareness of wasiyyah practice is weak while the correlation between cultural values and awareness of wasiyyah practice is good. So, the conclusion is the most influence factor that effect the level of awareness of Malaysian Muslims towards wasiyyah practice is cultural value.

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of Study

"Prescribed for you when death approaches [any] one of you if he leaves wealth [is that he should make] a bequest for the parents and near relatives according to what is acceptable - a duty upon the righteous."

Surah al-Baqarah, 180

As a part of their lives, individuals are engaged in generating wealth and using it for their own prosperity. However, individuals are also expected to have social responsibility concern for which they are expected to "return to society" as part of their selflessness behavior. The management of this created wealth is an important issue, as individuals are expected to manage their lives with this wealth. Therefore, throughout history, scholars have written on the meaning and distribution of wealth through philosophical, economic and also from legal perspectives. Thus, it is the concern of this study to investigate how wealth is perceived and how it is distributed by the individuals in the form of inheritance and bequest modes.

For a Muslim, a Will is ordered to be followed through the verses from the al-Quran, hadiths and sunnahs. In the beginning of Islam, a person was commanded to make a will for their parents and nearest family, as said by Allah in Surah al-Baqarah verse 180 meaning above.

But most of companions our Prophet Muhammad s.w.t including Abu Bakar, Ali, Ibn Umar and the four Sunni sects including Imam Syafie perceived that the