


## Responding to the Influence of Religious Modernization on Pancasila Values from the Perspective of Divine Metaphysics

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| Article Info   | ABSTRACT  |
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| <b>Keywords:</b><br>religious modernisation,<br>Pancasila,<br>metaphysics of divinity,<br>rationality,<br>spirituality.  | Religious modernisation has brought about significant changes in religious practice and understanding, which have impacted on the values of Pancasila as Indonesia's state ideology. This study explores how religious modernisation affects the values of Pancasila, particularly the first precept, in the perspective of the metaphysics of divinity. Using the literature study method, this research analyses the impact of modernisation on the nation's fundamental values, both positively and negatively. The results show that religious modernisation can strengthen religious understanding through wider access to information, but also risks eroding the value of spirituality due to excessive rationalisation. In the perspective of divine metaphysics, a balance between rationality and spirituality is needed so that the values of Pancasila remain relevant in modern life. This study emphasises the importance of philosophical and transcendental approaches in maintaining harmony between the progress of the times and noble traditional values. |
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### INTRODUCTION

Modernization has brought significant changes in various aspects of life, including in the religious field. This transformation not only affects the way of worship and religious practices, but also touches on the fundamental values that are the foundation of the nation and state. Pancasila as the ideology of the Indonesian state has noble values that originate from local wisdom and religion. This article will discuss the influence of religious modernization on the values of Pancasila, especially from the perspective of the metaphysics of divinity.

In the era of globalization and rapid technological progress, religious modernization has become an unavoidable phenomenon. Religious modernization refers to the process of change in religious practice and understanding influenced by the development of science, technology, and socio-cultural dynamics. This phenomenon raises various challenges and opportunities in maintaining and developing religious values that are in accordance with the context of the times.

Indonesia, as a country based on Pancasila, faces unique challenges in responding to religious modernization. Pancasila, which consists of five principles, is the ideological and philosophical foundation of the Indonesian nation. The first principle, namely "Belief in the

One Almighty God," emphasizes the importance of divine values in national and state life. However, with the advent of modernization, critical questions arise about how these divine values can be maintained and integrated into increasingly complex modern life.

The metaphysical approach to God provides a framework for understanding the nature of reality and the deep concept of God. Metaphysics, as a branch of philosophy that discusses fundamental reality, allows us to explore the attributes of God, the relationship between God and the universe, and how these concepts are applied in everyday life. In the context of religious modernization, the metaphysical approach to God can help identify and analyze changes that occur in religious understanding and practice, and their impact on the values of Pancasila.

This study aims to explore how religious modernization affects the values of Pancasila, especially the first principle, from the perspective of the metaphysics of God. By understanding this dynamic, it is hoped that ways can be found to maintain a balance between modern progress and noble traditional values. This approach is not only relevant to Indonesia, but also to global society facing similar challenges in the era of modernization.

## METHOD

The research method carried out in this study uses the literature study method or literature review as a process of collecting and processing data carried out in making this research. This literature research method is a method used to collect data to understand and also examine theories from various types of literature that have a correlation with research.

## DISCUSSION

### Religious Modernization

Religious modernization is a process of change and adaptation in religious practices, understanding of teachings, and religious structures and institutions in response to developments in the era, technology, and socio-cultural changes. This process involves various efforts to adapt religious values and practices to the modern context, without eliminating the essence and fundamental values of the religion itself.

Religious modernization refers to the process of adapting religion to the development of the times, technology, and rational thinking. The impact of this modernization is seen in various aspects such as:

1. Rationalization of Religion  
Rational thinking increasingly enters the interpretation of sacred texts and religious teachings.
2. Individualization of Religion  
Religious practices became more personal and private.
3. Pluralism and Tolerance  
Increasing awareness of diversity and the importance of tolerance between religious communities.

4. The use of religious technology utilizes information and communication technology in spreading its teachings and reaching the people.

#### **Pancasila Values in the Perspective of Divine Metaphysics**

The values of Pancasila in the perspective of divine metaphysics refer to the understanding and application of the five principles of Pancasila with a focus on the spiritual, philosophical, and transcendental aspects related to the concept of divinity. In this context, each principle is interpreted and applied based on the view that the existence of God or a divine entity plays a central role in the moral and ethical life of humans and in the formation and maintenance of social order. Pancasila, as the foundation of the Indonesian state, contains five principles that represent the fundamental values of national and state life. In the perspective of divine metaphysics, these values can be explained as follows:

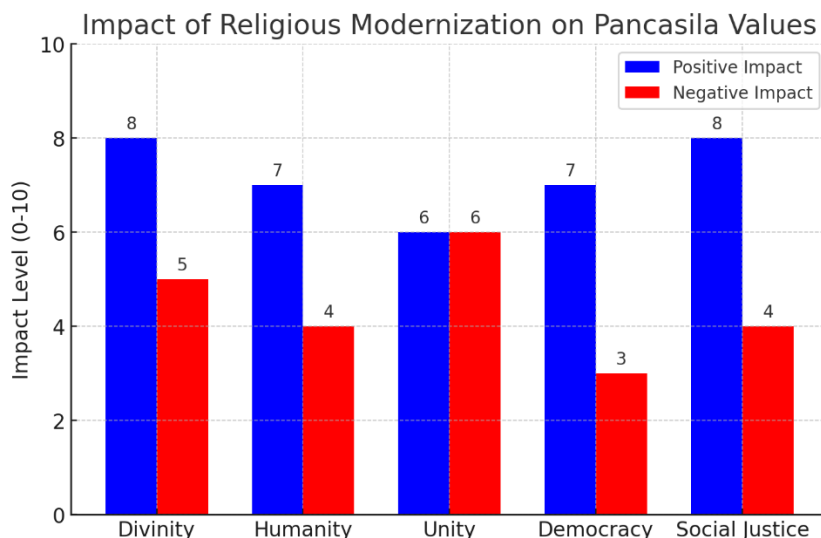
1. Belief in the one and only God  
Recognition of the existence of a single and almighty God. This reflects the spirituality that is the basis of morals and ethics of Indonesian society.
2. Just and civilized humanity  
Show respect for human dignity created by God, so that every individual must be treated fairly and civilized.
3. the unity of Indonesia  
National unity and integrity based on recognition of the diversity of God's creation.
4. Democracy Led by the Wisdom of Deliberation/Representation  
Prioritizing democratic values based on wisdom and deliberation, which are also values taught by various religions.
5. Social Justice for All Indonesian People  
Oriented towards social justice rooted in religious teachings about justice and common welfare.

#### **The Influence of Religious Modernization on Pancasila Values**

Religious modernization refers to changes and adaptations in religious practices, understanding of teachings, and religious structures and institutions in response to developments in the times, technology, and socio-cultural changes. This process has a complex impact on the values of Pancasila, which is the ideological basis of the Indonesian state. The following is the influence of religious modernization on each principle in Pancasila:

- a. Belief in the one and only God
  1. Positive Example  
Modernization allows wider access to religious knowledge through technology, such as the internet and digital media. This can deepen an individual's understanding and faith in God Almighty.
  2. Negative Example  
Excessive rationalization of religion can ignore the mystical and transcendental aspects of belief, and give rise to shallow or deviant interpretations of the essence of religious teachings.

- b. Just and civilized humanity
  - 1. Positive Example  
Modernization raises awareness of human rights and social justice. Information technology facilitates the spread of human values and encourages debate on justice and civilization.
  - 2. Negative Example  
Excessive individualism resulting from modernization can erode the sense of solidarity and social concern, and give rise to uncivilized behavior in society.
- c. the unity of Indonesia
  - 1. Positive Example  
Advances in communication technology can strengthen the message of unity and tolerance by facilitating cross-cultural and cross-religious communication.
  - 2. Negative Example  
Differences in religious interpretations that are expanded by modernization can give rise to horizontal conflict and polarization in society.
- d. Democracy Led by the Wisdom of Deliberation/Representation
  - 1. Positive Example  
Democratization driven by modernization can strengthen deliberative and representative processes by leveraging technology for broader participation.
  - 2. Negative Example  
The increasing politicization of religion with modernization can disrupt the integrity of democratic processes, leading to manipulation and conflicts of interest.
- e. Social Justice for All Indonesian People
  - 1. Positive Example  
Economic modernization supported by a religious work ethic can increase shared prosperity and promote social justice.
  - 2. Negative Example  
The social gap can widen if modernization is not balanced with fair and equitable policies, thus creating injustice and inequality in society.



The graph above shows the influence of religious modernization on Pancasila values. The positive influence (blue) tends to be higher than the negative influence (red), but there are some aspects such as "Indonesian Unity" which experience quite a large negative impact.

## CONCLUSION

Religious modernization has a complex impact on the values of Pancasila. In the perspective of divine metaphysics, it is very important to maintain a balance between rationality and spirituality. This aims to ensure that the values of Pancasila remain relevant and can be used as guidelines in national and state life. The main challenge is to utilize the positive impacts of modernization, such as increased access to knowledge and innovation in religious practices, while minimizing its negative impacts, such as superficiality of understanding and polarization. Thus, we can maintain the integrity and unity of the Indonesian nation.

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