



# UTILIZATION OF VIRGIN SPRINGS FOR TOURISM OBJECTS IN THE VILLAGE OF LIPRAK KULON WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF RELIGIOUS MODERATION

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## Abstract:

This article discusses its origins until it has become quite a famous tourist attraction today, especially in the village of Liprak Kulon. This research is also related to religious moderation and cultural values. The religious value of life in the Virgin Springs environment in religious moderation is very good in terms of the beliefs, morals and beliefs of each individual. Virgin springs are a tourist spot discovered by the people of Liprak Kulon where initially the place was just empty land and had a flowing water source. This research uses a descriptive qualitative method with data sources obtained such as the religious life of the Liprak Kulon community. The result of this research article is that we can find out about the origins, religious values and cultural values that exist in that place by conducting previous research such as observation and conducting interviews.

**Keywords:** Virgin Spring, Culture, Religion.

## INTRODUCTION

Nowadays, religious moderation is related to the tourism sector because religious moderation is a way of religious life that is conducive, peaceful, peaceful and comfortable. Based on activities carried out by researchers at Sumber Air Perawan, the philosophy of religious moderation that researchers found was visible in the lives and beliefs of the surrounding community. The level of public belief regarding existing myths is increasing and this is a factor in each individual's beliefs. Moderation is a word that comes from the word "Moderate" meaning an adjective or not exaggerating, while the word diversity means ethnicity, culture and religion which triggers the high levels of conflict that have occurred in society. In the life of a multicultural society, interactions between humans are quite high in intensity, so this can result in social skills in society that interact between humans that members of society need to have.

Liprak Kulon Village is a village located in Banyuwang District, Probolinggo Regency. This village is a fairly large village and has one of the tourist attractions, namely Virgin Springs. Virgin Springs is a tourism spot in the village, apart from being a tourist spot, Virgin Springs or Olbek is also used as an economic resource for the Liprak Kulon community. Apart from this, the Virgin's Spring is also related to religious moderation. We can see this in daily activities where people who sell will rest during the call to prayer and pray. This is also done by everyone who sells at that place. Apart from that, we can also see that people's beliefs about existing myths are one of the factors in people's beliefs.

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Virgin Springs is a tourist spot in Liprak Kulon. This place started from empty land that had a waterway and the residents of Liprak Kulon worked together to clean the place to make it a tourist spot. Initially, this place also had history related to the Goddess Renggenis. According to the story we got from the village head of Liprak Kulon (Lukman, 2024) said that in ancient times this place was a place of sorrow for Dewi Renggenis, where at that time she was still a girl. Therefore, this place is called Virgin's Spring, apart from being a water source, this place also has very clear and transparent water. The people of Liprak Kulon believe that the Virgin Spring is a place to cure all kinds of illnesses and the myth that we have is that if you bathe in this place you will restore your body's fitness and feel healthy easily.

Liprak Kulon residents believe that the Virgin Spring tourist spot has many benefits, including: residents believe that the source water has many health benefits, anyone who bathes in this place will feel three years younger, the source water is not only for Tourist attractions can also be used as drinking water for the people of Liprak Kulon. Therefore, the Virgin Spring tourist attraction is much liked by the people of Liprak Kulon because apart from having many benefits, this place can also be beneficial for the residents, one of which is being an economic source for the residents by selling at this tourist attraction.

The development of religious values in the Virgin Spring tourism in Liprak Kulon Village based on the development of religious moderation values is a very interesting topic to be studied in more depth by research in the field of communication studies. Therefore, the research analyzes the communication process with tourism based on religious moderation in Liprak Kulon Village. Tourism itself is all tourism elements that are related to tourism, such as tourist objects with tourist attractions accompanied by businesses that are related to the Lasswell paradigm.

## **RESEARCH METHODS**

The research in the article uses descriptive qualitative research. This means that this research goes straight into the field to get results that match reality. Based on the method used in community service, namely the ABCD approach. (Falakhunnisa, 2021) The ABCD (Asset Base Community Development) approach uses several stages including discovery, dream, define, design and destiny. Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) is one of the approaches in developing community life. ABCD is used as an approach in community service activities because the orientation of community service is to increase community capacity so that they can preserve, develop and utilize all the strengths of the assets owned in Liprak Kulon village, especially natural assets. The ABCD approach is also used for efforts to improve the quality of community life. with development patterns.

This research uses qualitative research with a descriptive method, where the descriptive qualitative method is something that describes or tells a problem about research that is obtained from a researcher in the field and the results of the research are obtained by interviewing and going directly to the field to get detailed information. and clear. Through this method, we can find out directly about the problems that exist in Liprak Kulon village, especially the objects that are used as research material for us. By using the ABCD approach and descriptive qualitative method, we can more easily obtain information or sources related to the object.

Through this research we know about one of the natural assets owned by the Liprak Kulon community, namely the Virgin Spring. This research was carried out while carrying out community service where students were required to be able to socialize with Liprak Kulon residents. This aims to be able to find out and realize programs related to religious moderation.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Based on the results of this research, the source of the Virgin Spring in Liprak Kulon village, people not only believe in history but also believe in the myth that anyone who soaks in this place will feel 3 years younger. Before it was made a tourist spot, people didn't believe in it and this belief emerged after the place was made a tourist spot for Virgin Springs. We can see this trust through estimates such as the

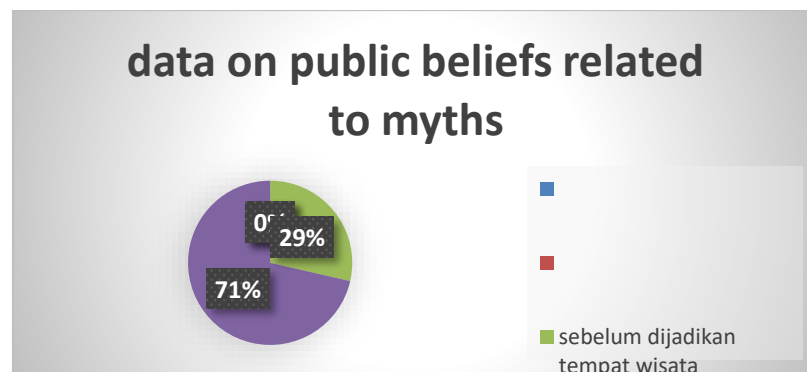


diagram below:

Based on the data above, we can state that before the public's belief in becoming a Virgin Springs tourist attraction, only a few people believed in this myth, where the place was still an ordinary river filled with trees and grass. However, after this place was used as a tourist spot, the trust of the people of Liprak Kulon increased, one of them believed in the benefits of this water, which can make a person feel 3 years younger after soaking in this place. Apart from these beliefs, people also believe in history.

Until now, this belief is increasingly believed by residents. This has happened since the water from this source was tested and the results obtained were 0% bacteria. Apart from believing in the benefits of this place, residents can also generate income from this place, meaning that apart from being used as a water source, this place is also used as a tourist spot, where many residents use it to gain profits from this place, one of which is selling. Apart from that, this research is also related to existing religious values. One of them is not to eliminate religious values. For example, in the daily lives of people who sell in this place, they continue to pray in congregation in between selling. This is routinely done by residents. Apart from that, the religious values that can be found are about the beliefs of each individual. Even though they believe and believe in these myths, this does not necessarily eliminate their belief in their respective religions. Religious values remain embedded in their lives and the community also believes in these myths.



Figure 1. Liprak Kulon Tourism (Virgin Spring)

The religious values that we found in this research, the people of Liprak Kulon, even though they believe in the myths about Virgin Spring tourism, the community still adheres to the reality of religious matters. The concept of religious moderation is also very important because of the attitudes that encourage religious attitudes. Asep Setiawan (2021) In Islam itself, at the practical level, the form of moderation or the middle way can be clarified into several points, including moderation, such as faith, issues of worship, behavior and character, issues of tasyri' or sharia.

## CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the results obtained in this research, Liprak Kulon Village is one of the villages that has many useful assets, including cultural assets, natural assets and also other assets. Moderation is a word that comes from the word "Moderate" meaning an adjective or not exaggerating, while the word diversity means ethnicity, culture and religion which triggers high levels of conflict that have occurred in society. This research focuses more on the value of religious moderation using natural assets, namely one of the natural assets owned by Liprak Kulon Village, Sumber Mata Air Perawan. Virgin Springs is one of the tourist attractions owned by Liprak Kulon in the form of a water source, where this place is a source of water and has many benefits, including anyone who soaks in this place will feel three years younger. The Virgin Spring also has history related to the Kingdom of its time, this was brought up directly by the village head of Liprak Kulon.

Based on the content of the research article that we have carried out in Liprak Kulon Village, perhaps the content of the article that we wrote is still based on the word perfect. Therefore, we ask readers for suggestions to pay more attention to the content and sources we obtain. We also hope that this article will become a reference or reference for all of you. That is all and thank you.

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