

The Effect of Globalization on Living the Faith in the Family

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Abstract

The growth of human spiritual life in modern times is directly proportional to the dynamics that develop in society. This growth and development is in line with the dynamics of human thought which has always been influenced by the modern and instant era. Today is called the era of globalization or the world era, where human life in general and family life in particular, is in a process of unifying the world of civilization. Globalization causes both change and development. Every development has a double impact, namely positive and negative impacts. Increasingly sophisticated science, technology and communication (STC) are very meritorious for family life. Through increasingly sophisticated STCs, family life becomes more relaxed, comfortable, easy, and communication smoothly so that distance is not an obstacle to the communication process. To what extent the effect of the development of STC on family life, it depends on each person and family who lives it. The family is a small church (Ecclesia Domestica) so in its own way the family becomes a living symbol. So as a family of faith, every Christian family must be able to create and build the kingdom of God in the course of his daily life that is able to radiate love for fellow family members and for all those who are in the family, community and in the environment of the church's life. The spread of love in family life means that the work of the family as prophet, priest and king has been realized

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Introduction

Globalization is the process of unification of all citizens of the world into an unlimited territory. This happens because of increasing social change, human thought power, technological development and science.

The process of globalization is felt by all citizens of the world without exception, including families. Therefore, in accordance with the development of increasingly sophisticated times above, the family has a very close relationship with the development of globalization. Globalization has a double impact that can cause changes in family life.

The family referred to here is a social group consisting of unions of people who are married, blood relations or as relatives whose lives are expected in accordance with the teachings of the Christian Church.

Definition of Globalization

The term globalization comes from the word "globe" which means a spherical map of the world. From this word "globe", the term "Global" was born, which means that it covers the entire world. So when viewed from the origin of the word, globalization comes from the words global and -zation. Global which means covering the whole world and -zation means process. So globalization means the process that engulfs the whole world. More broadly, globalization is the process of combining various fields of politics, economics, trade, social and culture of countries that exist throughout the world.

Through the process of globalization, over time, the world "becomes a place that feels increasingly limited or narrow or often also called a global village". This world seems to be a place without limits. Through increasingly sophisticated communication and transportation technology, national boundaries seem to disappear, because everyone can travel anywhere, go around the world in a short and fast time. One of the most interesting and amazing things is that as technology in transportation equipment develops, a small number of developed countries have been able to spend their vacation time in space.

According to Don Browning that understanding can be divided into four parts, namely: First, as a universal church mission, Second: as an ecumenical collaboration, Third: as a dialogue between Christianity with other religions and Fourth: As a problem of social injustice.

Positive Effects of Globalization

From the many positive effects of globalization, the author highlights the effects that can offer a better life, provide attractiveness, change the communication system in the family, develop thinking power, and develop ways to live the faith in the family.

1. Offering a Better Life in the Family

Nowadays it is increasingly being realized and felt that the process of globalization in society and families is accelerating. Through increasingly sophisticated STCs, family life has become more practical, easy and relaxed.

With the application of sophisticated STCs, work can be completed in a short amount of time, without much expense and effort. For example, farmers can plow their fields more relaxed. Increasingly sophisticated agricultural equipment, such as Jetor or other rice plowing tools, is capable of working on a piece of wet field in a short time. In addition, there is still a lot of family work assisted by using a sophisticated STC. For example, cooking rice is enough to put rice into the rice cooker, grind the chili with a blender, etc. "Industrial technology tools also benefit families because families are no longer dependent on their hands and feet because they have been helped by sophisticated machines."

2. Provides Attraction for Living the Faith in the Family

One of the developments in the globalization era is the development of communication facilities in the form of electronic media. Through this communication media, families can easily obtain faith services. Likewise, through the mass media, ministers of God can preach the gospel to Christian families to live their faith.

3. Developing the Thinking Power of Family Members

The family is the place of education first and foremost. Good or bad attitude of a child can be seen from family factors. Therefore, the role of parents in educating their children is very important, especially in the face of the increasingly rapid development of globalization. Globalization has not only changed the way families communicate, but has also changed them in their work, study and teaching. Through increasingly sophisticated technology can change the mindset of children.

4. Cultivating Faith in the Family

Increased thinking power can lead to or create new things, including for the growth of family faith, for example through retreats, spiritual camping, recollection, praying together, and so forth. Praying together with family members is often done by Christian families, for example when eating together, before and after sleep, and other times that have been set by many Christian families. Even today many Christians do prayer together by means of communication from different places and far apart.

Negative Effects of Globalization

The development of globalization has a dual effect on the development of human life, namely positive and negative effects. That globalization is never wrong, what is wrong is humans who are less able to control themselves in responding to these developments so that most people are more likely to see the negative side. This view can be accepted by looking at the current situation and conditions. In the midst of an increasingly global and secular world development that is a lifestyle without religion; religious issues and the meaning of living faith are being sued.

1. The asynchronous between Orthodoxy and Orthopraxis in the Reality of Family Life

Orthodoxy with orthopraxis is a reality of human action. Orthodoxy can be interpreted as "obedience to the rules of religious teachings" manifested in an action called orthopraxis which means living life as a disciple of Christ in the community. In short, orthopraxis means right behavior. Globalization brings many changes in behavior that really concerns all parties starting from economic, moral, political, social, and other changes. STC which is increasingly sophisticated, unique, and attractive has increasingly motivated families to have it.

"The existence of a clash of values between orthodoxy and orthopraxis leads to a superficiality of the meaning and meaning of a rite," that is, the entire ceremonial procedure of church activities is defined as a family activity that has no meaning in the conversion of the heart.

Psychologists such as Marx, Friedrich Nietzsche and Sigmund Freud criticize the current state of religion. Religion is not recognized as genuine or genuine human activity, but is merely a derivative of other activities that are more basic whether it is economic activity (Marx), lust for power (Nietzsche), or sexuality (Freud). Worse than that religion is even considered as a deceptive derivative, which is detrimental to humans, because it hides the true facts that must be accepted.

2. Occurrence of Hedonism in the Family

Hedonism is a view of life that considers pleasure and enjoyment as the main goal in life. The increasingly sophisticated STC makes families more tempted by luxury and worldly pleasures so that many families are now behaving hedonism.

3. Occurrence of Pluralism in Family Life

One of the challenges facing families today is the occurrence of pluralism in family life. Pluralism is "something that does not say plural or is not the same". Thanks to STC many things are increasingly interesting to have, and this causes family behavior to deviate from religious teachings on diversity views. That diversity or difference is considered normal, even though faith in God is personal.

4. Occurrence of Individualism in the Family

Individualism is "the notion that considers oneself (personality) is more important than others". In general, a family does not live and thrive without other families. But if traced at the present time, the family has prioritized their own interests and paid less attention to the situation of other families around them.

This change in attitude is most likely due to broadcasts of television, radio, internet and other media that have deviated from or contrary to religious teachings, especially Christianity.

5. Occurrence of Secularism in Family Life

Secularism is a "notion or philosophical view which holds that morality does not need to be based on religious teachings" or human attitudes that assume that the existence of religion has no place in this world. Even humans, especially family members, are less aware that this world belongs to God which is given to humans, "humans were placed on this earth to try and maintain it (Gen. 2:15), not to make it the center of their lives."

Efforts to Overcome the Negative Effects of Globalization on Living the Faith in the Family

1. Efforts of the Church

The dynamics and development of the times gave birth to a variety of problems that posed challenges to the church and family. These problems and challenges are caused by the rapid flow of globalization so that a variety of new notions emerge, for example, hedonism, materialism, pluralism, individualism, and secularism which cause a shallow family faith.

The church, which is a community of believers who emulate the attitude and actions of Jesus Christ, has an important role in moving the lives of every family to be able to realize and be responsible for their faith. Thus the family still has firm faith, and continues to live its calling as Christians. The church is a solution, helping Christian families to be prepared to face the negative effects of globalization. The efforts of the Church are:

2. Provide Family Assistance

The family is a partner of God, namely to give birth to new humans. However, with the times, many families experience problems, such as the lack of harmony between family members, as well as their relationships with others and their surroundings.

Pastoral ministry by the Church not only to the nearest Christian family, but also stretches its horizons according to the size of the heart of Christ to embrace more specifically all families and whole and especially those who differ in difficult or irregular circumstances. To them the Church is tasked with conveying the words of truth, humanity, kindness, hope, and solidarity, in difficulties which sometimes overwhelmingly oppress them. To them the church offered its help unconditionally, so that they could approach the family ideals that their Creator had wanted from the beginning and were renewed by Christ with His Grace.

3. Providing Pastoral Services to Couples

Building a family is essentially not easy because marriage is essentially based on love. In pastoral care for young families the Church directs and leads them to combine private life at home with generous involvement to build the Church and society.

Efforts From the Family Itself

What the Church does is not enough to create a Christian family of faith, without the efforts of the family itself. The efforts that the family can do include:

1. Strengthening Faith and Devotion to God

In order for the family to stay strong in wading through their lives, the family must maintain their faith. With this faith the Christian family is able to overcome the effects of the development of globalization. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (cf. Hebrews 11: 1). With faith, a harmonious relationship is established with God, able to change the way of thinking and how to behave for the better. "Many people are healthy, successful and live happily because they rely on their faith."

2. Be Sensitive to Developing Situations in Society

If the family can see and feel the effects of globalization that increasingly spread, then the family will try to avoid the negative effects. "It is the families who are involved in the present situation and are called upon to accept the situation, and live up to God's plan concerning them." As a Christian family that lives in faith, we should be sensitive to the current situation.

Conclusion

One of the positive effects of globalization is the easier access of communication within the family. In addition, STC is able to develop the thinking power of each family member, including simplifying and easing work. But in addition, negative effects must be anticipated and watched by each family member, because it can erode faith and trust in God, the Preserver of family life, which results in the fragility of the foundation of family life. The importance of Church assistance must not be ignored as part of one of the church's duties and vocation. The family of faith is able to direct life according to God's will.

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