The influence of mindfulness and Buddhist rituals on the spirituality of students at STAB Maitreyawira Pekanbaru

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ABSTRACT
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aṭṭhaṅgika-magga); and the other is the law of *karma* and rebirth (*kamma* and *punabbahava*) (Hidayat, 2019). By understanding the law of *karma* and rebirth, the individual will be able to accept things that happen in his life that all forms of life that are present in an individual's life are the result of the individual's *karma* (actions), and Karma is usually preceded by volition (*cetanā*). The Buddha declared that *cetana* is *kamma* (*A.III.415*). The doctrine of rebirth will make individuals understand that life is continuity.

According to the Buddha, a birth to occur must meet three conditions: 1) a pair of (prospective) fertile parents; 2) sexual intercourse; 3) the existence of *gandhabha* (*M.II.265*). The term 'gandhabha' means coming from another place, referring to a flow of mental energy consisting of specific tendencies, faculties, and qualities which leaves the dead body, 'the mind moves upwards' (*S.V.370*) and develops again on the (prospective) mother's ovum fertilized. Such knowledge will increase understanding of life, increase spirituality.

The law of interdependent origination (*paṭiccasamuppāda*) is one of the teachings of the Buddha, very essential and deeply spiritual. The basis of interdependent origination is that life or the world is built on a set of relationships that arise and stop depending on several other factors that condition them. The law of interdependent origination is described in two models: dukkha's arising and dukkha's passing away (*S.II.1*). Based on this principle of mutual creation, relativity, and interdependence, all the continuation of life, and the cessation of life, can be explained in the formula of the twelvefold causation (*nidāna*).

No less important is the teaching on the three characteristics of existence (*tilakkhaṇa*), which are the absolute attributes of everything in this universe. Everything that exists in the physical world (*rūpa*) and all phenomena of the psyche (*nāma*) is characterized by three characteristics: impermanence, suffering, and non-self (or without essence). According to David J. Kalupahana (1993), in the world of Buddhist spirituality, to preclude the possibility of misinterpreting the content of the *jhāna* experience, meditators are advised to review the content of the *jhāna* experience based on these three signs of the condition, conditioned existence.

The word spirituality comes from the word spirit, which means breath (Muslimin, 2013). Breath is a translation of the Greek noun pneuma which means spirit, namely everything that is not physical, not worldly, and not materialistic ways (Azman & Syamsuddin, 2012; Niekerk, 2018; Pasiak, 2009). Spirituality is an individual's struggle and experience to make sense of life through the relationship between the individual and himself (intrapersonal), the individual and others (interpersonal), and beyond himself (transpersonal) in overcoming various life problems (Meezenbroek, Garssen, Berg, & Tuytel, 2012; Meezenbroek et al., 2012; Yusuf et al., 2017).

Among the activities that are assumed to affect student spirituality is mindfulness. In Buddhism, mindfulness is equivalent to the word "sati" in Pali (Tirto & Kahija, 2015), and the two types of practice for developing mindfulness are *samatha* and *vipassanā bhāvanā* (Cernetic, 2018). Jon Kabat Zinn defines mindfulness as paying attention intentionally to the present moment without judgment (Kabat-Zinn, 2015). There are many meanings and definitions to the concept of mindfulness. Generally, mindfulness is described as a natural human capacity, which is concerned with observing, participating, and accepting every state
of life is in a state of balance or compassion. These moments can be practiced through meditation and contemplation. It can also be fostered through paying full attention to daily activities, such as eating, gardening, walking, listening, and school-based activities such as classroom work (Albrecht et al., 2012). In line with this, it can be found in the Satipaṭṭhāna Sutta (M.I.57).

Likewise, in the Anguttara Nikāya, the expression of unification of mind is not limited to solemn concentration because the same expression occurs concerning walking and standing (A.II.14) or hearing the Dhamma (A.III.175). In line with this, Kabat-Zinn in Kharlas, D. (2018) defines mindfulness as a process of paying attention specifically: intentionally, at the moment, non-judgmental. Such an opinion accords with the Mahāsatipaṭṭhāna Sutta as follows, “…while walking, knowing that he is walking, while standing, knowing that he is standing, while sitting, knowing that he is sitting, while lying down, knowing that he is lying down (D.II.292).

Alimuddin, (2018) explains that formal mindfulness develops aspects of attention, increased alertness, and acceptance through breathing, yoga, walking meditation, and sitting meditation eating consciously. Meanwhile, Informal Mindfulness is an effort to bring full awareness in every moment carried out in daily life activities such as washing dishes, etc. Hakisukta (2018) also argues that Mindfulness can be practiced formally and informally. Mindfulness can informally be practiced by being aware of everyday habits and behaviors. An example is when eating, one can focus on the texture, taste, aroma, and color of each different food eaten.

There are four modes of right mindfulness (samma-sati) in Satipaṭṭhāna Sutta, namely: (1) kayānupassanā satipatthāna; (2) vedanānupassanā satipatthāna; (3) cittānupassanā satipatthāna; and (4) dhammānupassanā satipatthāna (M.I. 55-6).

Mindfulness practices have been used to treat students’ anxiety and depression. It helps them build problem-solving skills and positive thinking in many schools. Therefore, it is assumed to increase student spirituality. The research of Mathad et al. (2019), Dami et al. (2018), and Liu et al. (2020) show that increasing mindfulness increases spirituality. The research of Fouriana, Listyawati, E. (2017) concludes there is a relationship between spiritual well-being and mindfulness. Research (Tirto & Kahija, 2015) reveals that mindfulness increases religious understanding, increasing spirituality.

Another activity is performing religious rituals. A Buddhist religious ritual is an activity carried out by Buddhists in expressing their belief in Buddhist teachings. One of the Buddhist religious rituals that we know in society and are celebrated by Buddhists in Indonesia is the pūjā rituals. For the Mahāyānas, pūjā is essentially a manifestation of skillful means (upāya), the disciplinary action that aids the spiritual determination of all beings, self, and others (Lewis, 2015). Pūjā is a means of strengthening and pouring faith and reminding us of the Tiratana (Buddha, Dhamma, and Saṅgha) (Ananda et al., 2014). There are two types of pūjā, namely āmisa pūjā and paṭipatti pūjā (A.I.91).

At the Maitreya monastery, the filial piety ritual of pūjā is prominent. One day there are three devotional sessions of pūjā. This activity follows the example of Maitreya Buddha as in the Bodhisattva Maitreya’s Sutra on the Fundamental Vows of Buddhahood, “…Bodhisattva Maitreya three times during the day and three times
throughout the night...respectfully behaves añjali...facing the ten directions of nature, prostrating before the Buddhas..." (Pañcasutra, 2017). This is a flexible and easy coaching method (Pañcasutra, 2017). Before Buddhism was introduced to China, emphasizing moral rules and rituals was essential to the indigenous Chinese culture (Kalupahana, 1993). Understanding Maitreya Buddhism must understand Chinese Buddhism.

Lewis concludes that Buddhist rituals have been consciously designed and usefully shape the life experiences of their adherents; when excited, these practices ultimately lead them away from suffering and towards progress in spiritual maturity (Lewis, 2015). However, according to Payne, rituals do not have a place in the hearts of the Buddhist intellectual community. One of the western images of Buddhism is that this religion has historically avoided rituals (Payne, 2018).

This perception is a singular interpretation of the Buddhist view of ritual. Perhaps Buddha denied that rituals could purify people just as people would not become holy by performing ritual baths in the Ganges. Buddha did not deny that good rituals could build individual spirituality. Especially for married people, de Bary in Lewis, T. (2015) asserts, “even two of the five obligations of a child in the Sigalovāda Sutta are to continue family traditions and perform ritual offerings to relatives who have died.” According to Payne, R. (2018), rejection of Brahmin sacrificial rituals, which involve sacrificing live animals, is not a rejection of rituals.

The review of previous studies includes research with the theme of Mindfulness, Ritual, and Spirituality conducted on (a) religiosity and meditation and ability in psychological adjustment (Montero-Marin et al., 2019); (b) the relationship between mental health, spirituality, and religion (Ahmadi & Shahmohammadi, 2015); (c) student Spiritual Competence (Novitasari, 2017); (d) relationship of spiritual well-being with mindfulness, compassion, and satisfaction with life (Mathad et al., 2019). Judging from several aspects, this research’s novelty and originality (state of the art) is the methodology—the approach, method, theme, and focus of this research study - the basic techniques are the same but are different from other studies. The location of the study is also a strength in this study because there has never been any previous research done at the Maitreyawira Buddhist High School Pekanbaru. In addition, this Buddhist higher education institution is the only higher education based on the Maitreya devotional, which has a distinctive method of fostering and developing spirituality, mindfulness, and Buddhist religious rituals.

This study aims to obtain an overview of the influence of mindfulness and Buddhist rituals on students’ spirituality at STAB Maitreyawira Pekanbaru, either individually or jointly.

**Method**

This study used a quantitative approach with slovin’s formula sampling technique. The variables were mindfulness (X₁) and Buddhist religious rituals (X₂) as the independent variable and spirituality (Y) as the dependent variable. The instrument used to measure spirituality was guided by the SAIL (Spiritual Attitude and Involvement List) from Meeenbroek (Meezenbroek, Garssen, Berg, & Tuytel, 2012). The respondents of this study were 106 samples from 144 students of STAB Maitreyawira Pekanbaru batch 2018, 2019, and 2020.
The instrument used to measure Mindfulness was adopted from the original long-form version of The Five Facet Mindfulness Questionnaire (FFMQ), published by (Chowdhury, 2020). This test consisted of 39 items measuring five aspects: observing, describing, acting with awareness, non-judgmental, and not reacting. The tool was developed by Ruth Baer, a professor, and mindfulness-based researcher, at the University of Kentucky, and her team (Baer et al., 2014).

The instrument used to measure student Buddhist religious rituals was built on a literature review, consisting of 40 items measuring seven aspects: routine and repetition, sacredness, adjustment and belief, aesthetic behavior, awareness and willingness, formality, and symbolism. Moreover, the data collection in this study used a survey method. The questionnaire used in this study is closed-ended questions.

The answer choices available on a five-point with Likert scale were: (1) not at all, (2) rarely, (3) sometimes, (4) often, and (5) very often. There were two scoring patterns involved in this mindfulness instrument and Buddhist ritual: 1) direct scoring - where items were scored according to a Likert score (for example, 1 will add a score of 1 and 4 will add a value of 4) and 2) reverse scoring - where we rated items in reverse (for example, 1 means a score of 5, and 5 means a score of 1, 4 means a score of 2, and so 2 means a score of 4). The sum of the items scored directly and inversely gave the total score. The score provided an estimate of the student’s position in terms of variables.

The method in this study was a survey method analyzed with the Pearson correlation test and multiple regression analysis with the help of SPSS version 16.0. The classical assumption test used in this study was the normality test, multicollinearity test, and heteroscedasticity test. To test the research hypothesis, a simple correlation test, multiple correlations, determination (R & R-Square), and the calculation of the effective contribution (EC) and relative contribution (RC) were carried out.

Findings

This research was conducted at STAB Maitreyawira Pekanbaru which is located at the Bumi Suci Maitreya Education and Training Center complex, Bukit Barisan III Riau Ujung Street, Tampan Village, Payung Sekaki District, Pekanbaru, Riau.

STAB Maitreyawira is under the auspices of Yayasan Cipta Kader Maitri under the guidance of Majelis Pandita Buddha Maitreya Indonesia (Mapanbuni). STAB Maitreyawira was founded in 2008 in Jakarta and has graduated 316 students. With various considerations, in 2018, STAB Maitreyawira was moved to Pekanbaru, with the Decision of the Trustees of Yayasan Cipta Kader Maitri on September 3, 2017 (Maitreyawira, 2018).

The respondents of this study were students of STAB Maitreyawira Pekanbaru class 2018, 2019, and 2020. There were 144 STAB Maitreyawira, consisting of 30 students in 2020, 38 students in 2019, and 76 students in 2019. Sampling data used was as much as 106 by the sampling. Characteristics of respondents are presented in table 1. The distribution of respondents consists of age, gender, and occupation.
Table 1. Distribution of Respondents

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<th>Characteristics of respondents</th>
<th>Quantity</th>
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<tr>
<td>Male</td>
<td>51</td>
<td>48%</td>
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<td>Female</td>
<td>55</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Age</strong></td>
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<td>18 - 25 years old</td>
<td>44</td>
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<td>Between 25-38 years old</td>
<td>39</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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Source: Google forms primary data, 2021

The influence of mindfulness on student spirituality

Table 2. Mindfulness Test Summary ($\hat{Y} = a + bX_1$)

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<tr>
<th>Model</th>
<th>B</th>
<th>Beta</th>
<th>$R^2$</th>
<th>Count $t_{0.025}$</th>
<th>Count $F_{1;104}$</th>
<th>Sig.</th>
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<td>(Constant)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mindfulness</td>
<td>0.516</td>
<td>0.560</td>
<td>0.1904</td>
<td>0.313</td>
<td>6.890</td>
<td>0.1904</td>
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a. Predictors: (Constant), Mindfulness
b. Dependent Variable: Spirituality
Primary Data processed by SPSS Ver.16, 2021

Table 2 shows that $t_{\text{count}}$ is 6.890 > $t_{\text{table}}$ is 1.983 with a significance level (sig.) of 0.000 less than probability 0.05 (0.000<0.05) and $F_{\text{count}}$ 47.476 > $F_{\text{table}}$ 3.932. The results of a simple regression test with a correlation coefficient ($R$) of 0.560 at a significance level of 5%, then $r_{\text{count}}$ > $r_{\text{table}}$ (0.516 > 0.1904). So, the hypothesis is fulfilled, in which there is an influence of the mindfulness variable on the spirituality variable. The results of the coefficient of determination of the mindfulness variable on the spirituality variable in table 1. show 31.3% (0.313). The variance of student spirituality can be explained by mindfulness through the regression equation $\hat{Y} = 39.511 + 0.516X_1$, while variables influence the remaining 68.7%. Others include Buddhist religious rituals and variables not examined in this study.
The Influence of Buddhist rituals on student spirituality

Table 3. Summary of Regression Test Results for Buddhist religious rituals (Ŷ = a + bX₂)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Model</th>
<th>B</th>
<th>Beta</th>
<th>R</th>
<th>R₁₀₀</th>
<th>R²</th>
<th>Count</th>
<th>t</th>
<th>F</th>
<th>Sig.</th>
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<tr>
<td>(Constant)</td>
<td>26.016</td>
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<td>0.00</td>
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<td>1.00</td>
<td>0.000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Buddhist rituals</td>
<td>0.503</td>
<td>0.617</td>
<td>0.1904</td>
<td>0.381</td>
<td>8.003</td>
<td>1.983</td>
<td>64.045</td>
<td>3.932</td>
<td>0.000</td>
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a. Predictors: (Constant), Buddhist religious rituals
b. Dependent Variable: Spirituality
Primary Data processed by SPSS Ver.16, 2021

Table 3 presents a significance value (sig.) of 0.000 which is less than < probability 0.05, t_count is 8.003 > t_table is 1.983. The value of the correlation coefficient (R) of 0.617 is greater than the r_table value of 0.1904 at a significance level of 5%, r_count > r_table (0.617>0.1904). So, the hypothesis is fulfilled; there is an influence of Buddhist religious rituals on spirituality. The test results of the coefficient of determination of the Buddhist religious ritual variable on the spirituality variable in table 2 show 38.1% (0.381) of the variance of student spirituality can be explained by Buddhist religious rituals through the regression equation Ŷ = 26.016 + 0.503X₂.

The influence of mindfulness and Buddhist rituals on spirituality

Table 4. Summary of Multiple Regression Significance Test Results between Mindfulness (X₁) dan Buddhist Religious Rituals (X₂) and Spirituality (Y)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Model</th>
<th>B</th>
<th>R</th>
<th>R²</th>
<th>Contribution</th>
<th>F</th>
<th>Sig.</th>
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<tr>
<td>(Constant)</td>
<td>8.681</td>
<td>0.702</td>
<td>0.492</td>
<td>Effective (EC)</td>
<td>49.913</td>
<td>0.293</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mindfulness</td>
<td>0.338</td>
<td>0.423</td>
<td>0.186</td>
<td>Relative (RC)</td>
<td>41.66%</td>
<td>0.000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Buddhist rituals</td>
<td>0.379</td>
<td>0.583</td>
<td>0.349</td>
<td>49.913</td>
<td>3.933</td>
<td>0.000</td>
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a. Predictors: (Constant), Buddhist religious rituals and mindfulness
b. Dependent Variable: Spirituality
Primary Data processed by SPSS Ver.16, 2021

Table 3 data provides information that the significance value of the variable mindfulness and Buddhist religious rituals is 0.000, which means less than the probability of 0.05 and F_count = 49.913, which is greater than F_table (3.933). This means that the mindfulness and Buddhist religious ritual variables affect the spirituality variable, accepting the hypothesis. R_square obtained 0.492 or equal to 49.2%. That is, 49.2% of students' spirituality valence can be explained by the mindfulness variable (X₁) and the Buddhist religious ritual variable (X₂) together through the regression equation Ŷ = 8.681 + 0.338 x₁ +0.379 x₂. The rest (100% - 49.2% = 50.8%) is influenced by other variables not examined.

Table 3 data also illustrates that the effective contribution of the mindfulness variable (X₁) to the spirituality variable (Y) is 20.49%. Meanwhile, the effective contribution of the Buddhist religious ritual variable (X₂) to the spirituality variable
(Y) is 28.69%. The calculation of the relative contribution shows that there is 41.66% of the relative contribution of the mindfulness variable (X₁) to spirituality (Y) and 58.34% of the relative contribution of the Buddhist religious ritual variable (X₂) to spirituality (Y). Thus, it can be concluded that the Buddhist religious ritual variable (X₂) has a more dominant influence (58.34%) on the spirituality variable (Y) than the mindfulness variable (X₁), which is only 41.66%.

Discussion

This study aims to obtain an overview of the influence of mindfulness and Buddhist religious rituals on the spirituality of STAB Maitreyawira Pekanbaru students. Based on the research data analyzed, a summary of the research results can be seen in Figure 4.3. Research Summary.

The Influence of mindfulness (X₁) on spirituality (Y)

The results of the simple regression test show that mindfulness has a positive and significant effect on the spirituality of students at STAB Maitreyawira Pekanbaru. The correlation coefficient (rₓ₁y) of 0.560 is greater than the r_table value of 0.1909, so r_count > r_table (0.516 > 0.1909), so that the value is significant. In addition, because this value is positive, it can be stated that the mindfulness variable positively affects the spirituality of students at STAB Maitreyawira Pekanbaru. This illustrates that the higher students’ mindfulness at STAB Maitreyawira Pekanbaru, the higher the spirituality of students at STAB Maitreyawira Pekanbaru. On the other hand, the lower the mindfulness of students at STAB Maitreyawira Pekanbaru, the lower the spirituality of students at STAB Maitreyawira Pekanbaru. In other words, students' spirituality at STAB Maitreyawira Pekanbaru can be improved by increasing mindfulness.

These results are by the research of Mathad et al. (2019), Dami et al. (2018), and Liu et al. (2020), stating that increasing mindfulness increases spirituality. Fouriana listyawati's research (2017) also explains a relationship between spiritual well-being and mindfulness. Research (Tirto & Kahija, 2015) also says that mindfulness increases religious understanding, increasing spirituality.

The results of this study are also in line with Burmansah et al. (2019) that in some ways, the practice of mindfulness makes practitioners have a more calm and peaceful level of thought and can respond with compassion and understanding.
ability to respond with compassion and understanding signifies increased spirituality. This is in line with Tirto & Kahija's (2015) research on the meaning of monks towards mindfulness practices, finding that subjects have personal meanings related to mindfulness in their lives. The human tendency to seek meaning is a sign of spirituality (Pasiak, H., 2009).

**The influence of Buddhist rituals (X₂) on spirituality (Y)**

The results of the simple regression test show that Buddhist rituals have a positive and significant influence on the spirituality of STAB Maitreyawira Pekanbaru students. The correlation coefficient (rₓᵧ) of 0.617 is greater than the r_table value of 0.1909, so that r_count > r_table (0.617 > 0.1909), so the value is significant. In addition, because this value is positive, it can be stated that the variable of Buddhist religious rituals positively affects students' spirituality at STAB Maitreyawira Pekanbaru.

These results show that the higher the Buddhist religious rituals students at STAB Maitreyawira Pekanbaru, the higher the spirituality students possess at STAB Maitreyawira Pekanbaru. Conversely, the lower the Buddhist religious rituals owned by STAB Maitreyawira Pekanbaru students, the lower the spirituality possessed by STAB Maitreyawira Pekanbaru students. In other words, the spirituality of STAB Maitreyawira Pekanbaru students can be improved through increasing Buddhist religious rituals for STAB Maitreyawira Pekanbaru students.

This result agrees with Lewis, T. (2015), which states that the implementation of rituals can be an accumulation of spiritual progress. Srivastava and Barmola (2013) argue that rituals are directly or indirectly beneficial for spirituality. Spiritual support is needed when someone is experiencing stress. One of the efforts that can be done to prevent and reduce the burden of problems is through religious rituals (Susanto & Dewi, 2019). Forms of spiritual practice include prayer rituals, liturgical dances, singing, and practices that involve all human senses (Nelson-Becker & Sangster, 2019). Research conducted by Mappiasse & Uwen (2020) explains that the quality of religious rituals is related to the maturity of religious spirituality. Nelson-Becker and Sangster (2019) also argue that ritual plays a role in fulfilling spirituality.

**The Influence of mindfulness (X₁) and Buddhist rituals (X₂) on student spirituality (Y)**

The calculation results show that the effective contribution of the mindfulness variable (X₁) to the spirituality variable (Y) is 20.49%. Meanwhile, the effective contribution of the Buddhist religious ritual variable (X₂) to the spirituality variable (Y) is 28.69%. The calculation of the relative contribution shows that there is 41.66% of the relative contribution of the mindfulness variable (X₁) to spirituality (Y) and 58.34% of the relative contribution of the Buddhist religious ritual variable (X₂) to spirituality (Y). Thus, the Buddhist religious ritual variable (X₂) has a more dominant influence (58.34%) on the spirituality variable (Y) than the mindfulness variable (X₁), which is only 41.66%.

Based on these calculations, it can be concluded that the hypothesis is fulfilled; there is a positive and significant effect on the mindfulness variable and the
Buddhist religious ritual variable together on the spirituality variable for students at STAB Maitreyawira Pekanbaru.

These results are supported by the research of Sollgruber et al., which says there is a direct relationship between mindfulness and religious spirituality, and there is an indirect relationship between ritual and spirituality (Sollgruber et al., 2018). Meditation traditionally includes rituals. Rituals and meditation directly or indirectly affect one's spirituality. This view is per the opinion of Doyle, S. (2020). According to Payne, R. (2018), meditation is a mental activity, and ritual is physical. Among mindfulness, religious rituals and spirituality are interconnected. Rituals can increase one’s mindfulness and spirituality. These results come from the research by Albatnuni, M. (2020), showing that frequent and continuous prayer promotes higher mindfulness and life satisfaction. This effect may be explained by the influence of spirituality and a sense of optimism.

Conclusion

The results of this study show that there is a positive and significant influence between mindfulness on the spirituality of students at STAB Maitreyawira Pekanbaru. Thus, students' spirituality at STAB Maitreyawira Pekanbaru can be improved through increased mindfulness and Buddhist rituals. This research shows that to cope with academic stress, students can improve their spirituality by giving meaning to their lives through mindfulness and an active role in Buddhist religious rituals. However, more comprehensive research is needed with more in-depth methods, broader variables, and more flexible data collection techniques, such as the mixed-method approach, to obtain complete information about the factors influencing student spirituality.

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