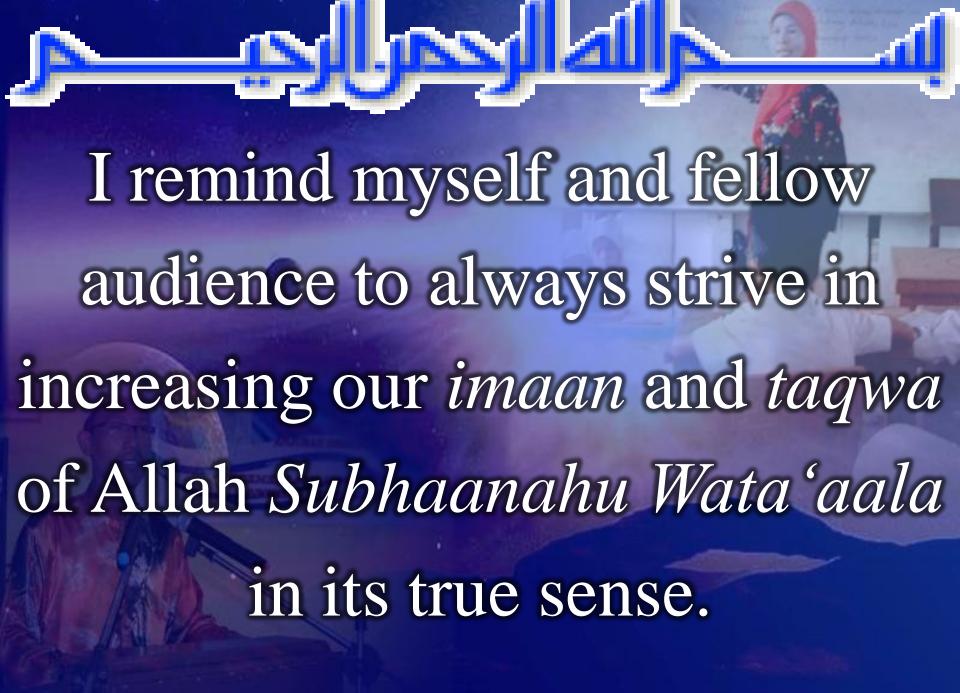


## FAITHFUL TEACHERS: THE IMPETUS FOR RAISING THE GENERATION OF MUTTAQOON



This is to be done by fulfilling all of the commands from Allah and His Messenger sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam, and abstaining from all form of prohibitions by them. May we all attain success in this life and the Hereafter.

Indeed, only those having true taqwa that will attain the protection from Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala in the Land of Gathering.

Today's khutbah is entitled, "Faithful Teachers: The Impetus For Raising The Generation of Muttagoon." The lives of the Muslims nowadays are overwhelmed with many challenges that would require diligent efforts from every single individual in the society to effectively educate the younger generation. Education is a lifelong process, from the cradle to the grave. While still young,

parents' carry the very responsibility to provide education at home, which is to be further solidified by the teachers once the students are in school.

In the old days, the role of educating children was a tremendous and significant task, which requires specific skills that are related with the children's intellectual growth.

If we look back into the old days, the responsibility of educating the children falls upon the parents, whom would be helped by their surrounding community members. The role of the society during those days was significant for its members

were always helping and aiding each other. Unfortunately, it is the total opposite in our time. The involvement of the parents and society in the upbringing and education

of children have tremendously decreased. Moreover, this very important duty has been pretty much delegated and fully mandated to the schoolteachers.

For some parents, due to being preoccupied and engulfed with their career, it is basically as if they had transferred fully the responsibility of educating and upbringing their own children to the school.

This current phenomenon has made the role of teachers even more vital and significant than ever, in the development and upbringing of our children. It typically begins from 7am until 7pm,

in which our children will be with their teachers all that while, being involved with various school activities. The latest research conducted by the National University of Malaysia (UKM) and the

Islamic Studies Division from the Ministry of Education in 2012 reveals that Islamic Studies teachers has greater influence than the parents in the akhlaaq upbringing of students.

The role of the teacher in Islam is very important and inseparable than that of a da 'ie (caller to Islam). In Islam, there are numerous terminologies used to describe the educator as it

mentioned by Muslim educational experts. Terms such as "mu 'allim", "mudarris", "mu'addib", "murshid", and "murabbi" all refers to the role and involvement of the teacher in

the effort of grooming the students. Those terms not only define the teacher as one that conveys knowledge, but instead as excellent teachers that sincerely offers love and care to their students, just as how they would love their own children.

Today's modern living has posed great challenges to the Muslim ummah in various aspects of life. The 'ageedah as the core belief of the Muslims is also under threat with the

various form of ideologies and doctrines that greatly deviates from true authentic Islamic teachings. Hence, education provides the best avenue in curbing the dilemmas and conundrum plaguing today's society.

In Islam, the purpose of education is to raise mankind into becoming individuals with imaan and taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala. The complete and wholesome education will be achieved if those educated would possess

praiseworthy akhlaaq and obedient to all the commands of Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala. This calls for an educational system that is based upon sound 'ageedah islamiyyah (Islamic creed).

In implementing the educational system in schools, the teachers holds a very important role. Teachers having great enthusiasm and diligence with strong imaan will be

able to educate the Muslim generation that truly comprehends the actual teachings of Islam. Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala mentions in al-Qur'an:

"That is Allah, your Lord; there is no deity except Him, the Creator of all things, so worship Him. And He is Disposer of all things."

(al-An'aam 6:102)

Therefore, the goal of raising the generation of muttagoon is an important task that must be implemented by every educator. The role of teachers is vital to our children for they not only impart knowledge but more importantly, shaping and

developing their akhlaaq. Having taqwa of Allah and noble akhlaaq are essential in attaining prosperous life in this world and the Hereafter, for they will be greatly weighed and considered in the Hereafter.

Abu Dardaa' radiyAllaahu 'anh reported: The Prophet sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam said: "Nothing is heavier on the scale of the believer on the Day of Resurrection than good character."

(Abu Dawood and at-Tirmidhi: saheeh)

Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh narrates that the Messenger of Allah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam was asked regarding what is most likely to send people to Paradise? He sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam said:

"To have the taqwa of Allah and good manners (akhlaaq)." And he was asked regarding what is most likely to send people to Hellfire? He sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam said:

"One's mouth and private parts."

(at-Tirmidhi & others: hasan)

In this era of globalization, the world of education is faced with various challenges and dilemmas. Our children are easily exposed to multiple challenges coming from different directions.

The misuse of information technology, social websites, skipping class or absenteeism, bullying, fornication, intoxicants, and drug abuse have now become widespread among students.

The hedonistic culture particularly in entertainment has also become a major threat to our youth. Those negative elements widely promoted via printed and electronic media has now reached alarming levels.

Movies and news that directly contradict Islamic teachings have now dominated the minds within today's society. Hence, continuous da'wah effort for prevention and control,

and also law enforcement must be thoroughly executed. The role of teachers in school will not become successful if parents and community members do not provide them the much-needed assistance outside the schools.

The task of da'wah must be fully implemented with hikmah and intelligence, so that its objectives are met and attained. With that, in achieving the objectives of educating the youth,

we must be more intelligent in conveying virtuous deeds to them. The concept of integrated education as it was mentioned just now, can be implemented with the cooperation of all parties, as

1- Parents should provide love and support for all educational activities scheduled by the school. They should assist in enhancing the Islamic studies lessons at home and ensure that acts of fard al-'ayn are fulfilled by their children.

2- The society should provide support and encouragement for school activities such as community cleanup, and programs in conjunction with Islamic holidays such as forums, public lectures, and courses offered in school.

3- Nearby Islamic institutions such as the masjid and surau should be welcoming and provide the avenue for schools to host da'wah activities there.

4- The authorities must assist teachers and school management in monitoring unlawful activities occurring outside schools.

In conclusion, with the barakah of sabr and earnestness of the teachers, many from the society have now succeeded in their career, becoming Muslim scholars ('ulamaa'), educators, lecturers, teachers,

physicians, engineers, entrepreneurs, lawyers, and also farmers. Furthermore, in discussing the virtuous role of teachers, as community members desiring the youth to become muttagoon,

it behooves us to provide the necessary support to the teachers that are educating our children. If they have greatly sacrificed their time, energy, and money to their protégé,

then it is only right that we support their sincere efforts altogether. May our children grow up to become the generation of muttagoon, making significant contributions to Islam and the Muslim ummah.

Indeed we truly hope that our offspring will become individuals that are always obedient and dutiful to Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala.

"O you who have believed, protect yourselves and your families from a Fire whose fuel is people and stones, over which are

[appointed] angels, harsh and severe; they do not disobey Allah in what He commands them but do what they are commanded."

(at-Tahreem 66:6)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الأَبَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلْاَوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قُولُ قُولِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغُورُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ قُولِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغُورُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الأُحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتَ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيْمُ

O Allah, You are the Almighty Lord, we are grateful unto You for having bestowed upon us Mercy and Blessings, nourishing us to strive to continue in strengthening the Muslim nation especially the state of Selangor, as an advanced, progressive, peaceful, and benevolent state.

We beseech and beg You, Ya Allah, to strengthen our imaan, increase our good deeds, strengthen our unity, increase our provision, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, nourish our soul with beautiful akhlaaq, guide us to the Path that is Pleasing to You,

protect us from Your severe tribulations such as the long drought, severe flooding, disease outbreak, violence and instability, poverty, and others, so that our land will become more peaceful and blessed.

Oh Allah, we ask You to open up the hearts of the Muslim ummah especially in Selangor, to fulfill their zakaat obligation as You had decreed in al-Qur'an. Bless the lives of those who have fulfilled their zakaat obligation, loving and caring for the poor and needy.

Purify their wealth and soul so that they will live according to that which pleases You. Protect the poor and needy from disbelief and everlasting poverty. Allaahummaa ameen



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