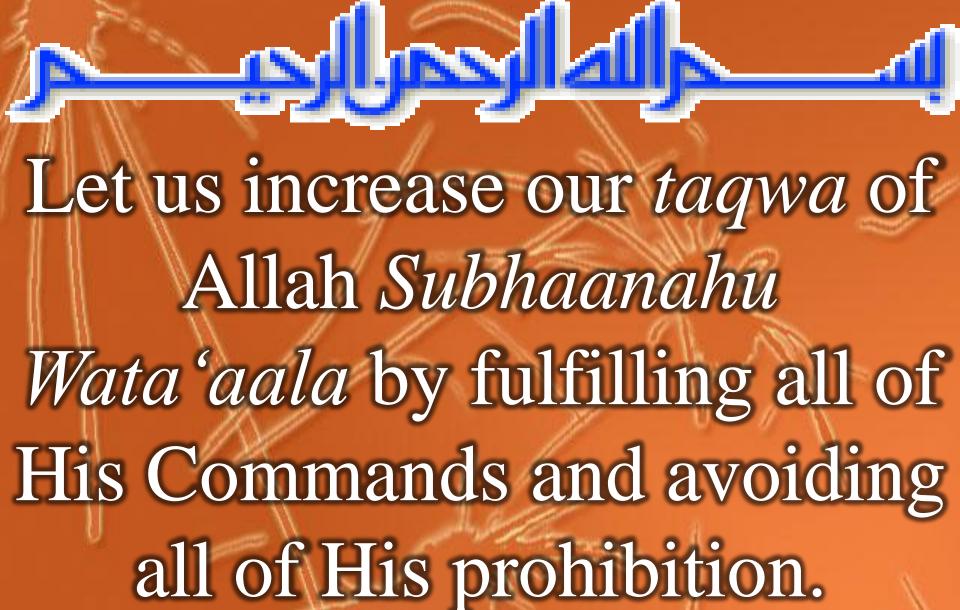


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Indeed, the noblest ones in the Sight of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala are those with utmost taqwa.

The topic of today's khutbah is "Rise To Defend The Sanctity Of Islam."

Several weeks ago, the Muslims were shocked with a movie that derogatorily insulted our beloved Messenger sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam, which is a direct insult to Islam.

Hence, I feel compelled to address the matter of defending the sanctity of Islam in this khutbah, as a response of our disgust, anger, and dissatisfaction towards the producer and

nation that purposely released such blasphemous video. Indeed, there were far too many writings that were offensive and insulting to Islam shown in that movie.

Among them is the book titled "Satanic Verses" by Salman Rushdie (1989), the work of the Bangladeshi author Taslima Nasreen (1990), and a website that was launched in 2011.

This website displays a picture of a female in her underwear along with a pig and other obscene materials, all sitting on top of the Ka'bah. In this latest blasphemous work that insults Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam and Islam,

the movie "Innocence of Muslims" depicted the Messenger sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam as a philanderer and womanizer. But everywhere, we hear and read of the denial

objections by various individuals, NGOs, political parties, and the general public towards the irresponsible party that produced such heinous movie.

They strongly demand for the producer or the country that allowed such production to apologize to all the Muslims. Even more impressive are non-Muslims who strongly

condemned such vile and irresponsible work, for it only fuels hatred and enmity between religions. In result, the Muslim ummah worldwide including in

Malaysia manifested their anger and dissatisfaction through massive demonstrations. The Muslims are alert and sensitive, in taking actions to defend their deen and Allah's

Messenger sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam from further insult or manipulation. The Muslims will not compromise with anyone that attempts to degrade or insult Islam in any way or form.

The Muslims must possess a high level of alertness and sensitivity towards any effort by those with malice intention to openly disparage or mock Islam and the Messenger sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam.

It must be emphasized that every Muslim should have the concern, awareness, and mujaahadah that is solid and potent, and high spirit of jihaad, that one is every ready to act at any given

time in defending Islam from further humiliation and defamation by anyone. Here lies the important roles of every Muslim, Muslim NGOs, political parties, and

governmental agencies and organizations that administers the Islamic affairs to have the Islamic worldview and aspirations that are clear, fine, and thorough.

They shall rise in unity and in agreement to object and confront those hurling defamation against Islam and Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam. At the same time, everyone must be aware of their responsibility in monitoring all activities conducted whether in the name of arts, freedom of expression and speech, and many more that are all allowed but bearing its responsibility

without jeopardizing the existing religious harmony. This must be thoroughly understood and safeguarded, for Islam does now allow defaming and insulting other religions openly.

Therefore, any action by anyone that can stir hatred or enmity is actually uncivilized, condemned, and will further cause instability or tension. This will definitely cause a

continuous negative effect for it will instigate the response or reply from those feeling dissatisfied because of attack on their very belief. Indeed, any violation and insult upon any religion including Islam,

is not a manifestation of true freedom. It is only mere freedom that is reckless for incurring anger and troubling many others due to the reaction and backlash resulted,

as what we have all seen and experienced. Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala mentions in al-Qur'an: "And do not insult those they invoke other than Allah, lest they insult Allah in

enmity without knowledge. Thus We have made pleasing to every community their deeds. Then to their Lord is their return, and He will inform them about what they used to do."

(al-An'aam 6:108)

I call upon all Muslims to always make *muhaasabah* and realize that something must be done, among them:

1- Those having the authority to control, block, and prevent any form of

information that defames Islam and the Messenger sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam, must take necessary quick and actions so that it will not be disseminated and viewed by the masses through any form of media.

2- We must unite in expressing our disgust and objection to the producer and country that had allowed such mockery towards Islam and our Messenger sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam.

This must be done continuously and kept at all levels.

3- Wisma Putra (Ministry of Foreign Affairs) must produce a note of stern protest to the nation involved so that they will

- be more careful and vigilant in allowing works that are Islamophobic (anti-Islam) in nature.
- 4- Continue to boycott the usage and purchase of products produced by

countries involved in allowing such heinous transgression against Islam. We shall begin with what is convenient by not purchasing goods that are commonly consumed, and replace them with local goods.

At the same time, everyone involved in the administering of Islamic affairs in Malaysia must unite to increase and strengthen their administrative affairs, especially in media control,

so that they can react much faster in intercepting such vile materials. We must be proactive, that is to always monitor in searching for materials that incriminate Islam, and then action upon

them so it will not be widely disseminated.

In addition, the Muslims must have istiquamah in efforts to curb all sorts of munkar, not only hyped up in demonstrations against

anti-Islamic works but at the same time doubtful of the complete full-blown implementation of the Sharee 'ah. For this is only an oxymoron, contradicting in itself, and can even nullify

one's 'aqeedah. This is one reality that is manifest today, where there are still Muslims uttering statements questioning the comprehensiveness of Islam. More unfortunate is when the authorities having the

responsibilities and power to curb such phenomenon, remain inactive without necessary measures to rectify the matter. Thus it seems as if they too are affirming and in agreement with such thoughts.

Finally, the Muslims must continue and increase in making du 'a after all efforts been exhausted solely the sake of Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala.

For only Allah Alone can do whatever He Wills and with His Might to destroy the enemies of Islam, but only when the Muslims are truly in obedience to His Commands and abstains from His prohibitions.

In conclusion, the Muslims will not compromise or budge with those that purposely insult and disparage Islam in any way. Hence, the Muslim ummah must always advice, inform,

and correct any mistakes or misinformation by those intending to defame Islam. We cannot allow such ignorance, foolishness, imbecility, and munkar such

as this very incident to continue on. What more if they are made with portrayal of falsified and misconstrued information, lies, allegations, fitnah, and sowing severe enmity towards Islam.

Verily, every Muslim has a major role in the field of da'wah; to educate, guide, and lead the ummah with methods and approach that are conducive and bearing hikmah.

Make sound effort in activities that can produce and broadcast materials including videos, animations, articles, and documentaries that can repel the attacks on Islam.

At the same time, it will undo the misconceptions and propagate the actual true information about Islam. "And among them are those who abuse the Prophet and say, "He is an ear."

Say, "[It is] an ear of goodness for you that believes in Allah and believes the believers and [is] a mercy to those who believe among you." And those who abuse the Messenger of Allah – for them is a painful punishment." (at-Tawbah 9:61)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الأَيَاتِ وَالذَّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ اقْوْلُ قُوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِر الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الأُحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالأُمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيْمُ الْرَّحِيْمُ

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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