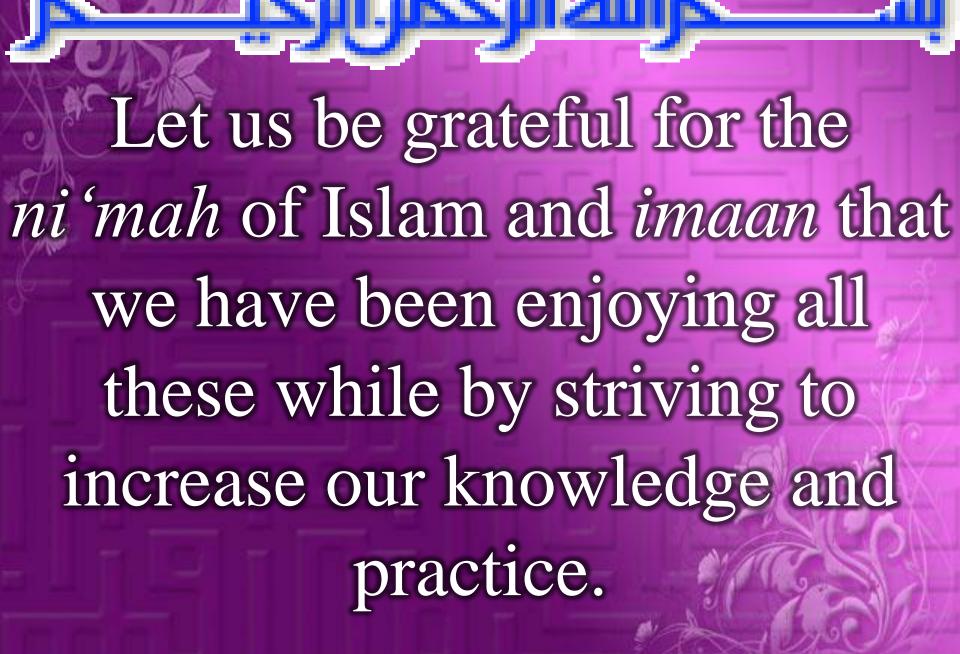


## ADULTERY & HOMOSEXUALITY WILL **DESTROY THE** CIVILIZATION OF THE MUSLIM UMMAH



Let us strive to increase our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala by fulfilling all of His Commands and abstaining from all of His prohibitions. Let us increase our remembrance of

Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala and increase our salawaat upon the Messenger sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam, and also strive to inculcate and practice upon his sunnah.

Indeed we truly hope that all these will bring about goodness to all of us in this world and the Hereafter. The topic of today's khutbah is "Adultery And Homosexuality Will Destroy The Civilization Of The Muslim Ummah."

Zina (adultery) refers to illicit sexual relationship between a man and a woman without being married to each other. It is a heinous and disgraceful act, being from among the major sins,

and its doers are cursed by Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala. The adulterers are committing acts of shaytaan, falling into misguidance and transgression that will only

incur severe repercussion towards the building of the Muslim generation, family institution, and the Muslim ummah. Such prohibition was sternly mentioned in al-Qur'an:

## "And do not approach unlawful sexual intercourse. Indeed, it is ever an immorality and is evil as a way."

(al-Israa' 17:32)

This verse has clarified that adultery is a very despicable act for it leads to ruin, destruction, and humiliation in this world and the Hereafter. The term homosexual or lesbian refers to the sexual

relationship between the same gender, meaning between a man and a man, or a woman and a woman. The danger of homosexuality is that it will destroy the moral structure within the society.

It will completely annihilate the family institution and lineage. This disgraceful act only reflects upon the declining morality and thoughts of mankind.

This immoral act is deeply responsible for the outbreak and spread of diseases that are destroying the civilization of mankind itself. When it is outspread, then

the society that it produces will definitely be void of morality. It was narrated that Jaabir radiyAllaahu 'anh said: The Prophet sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam said:

## There is nothing I fear for my ummah more than the deed of the people of Loot.""

(at-Tirmidhi, ibn Maajah: saheeh)

The dilemma of this abnormal sexual behavior is clearly threatening the world we live in today. History has manifested and proven the destruction that was due to the homosexual activities

during the time of Prophet Loot 'alayhissalam and in the city of Pompeii. In reality, mankind is ever negligent. And the proof is that today, homosexuality is becoming widespread where

it no longer centers in the secular Western world, but has seeped in to the Muslim countries. This abnormal lustful phenomenon that is plaguing the Muslim ummah is no longer a secret.

For them, it is normal for a man to love another man, and a woman to marry another woman. There is no more shame and shyness in announcing to the whole world of their perverted soul.

Furthermore, they would adamantly strive to defend their "rights" that supposedly they too must be treated equally, and that they are to be given equal opportunity to become part of the masses

just like everybody else. Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala mentions in al-Qur'an: "And [We had sent] Loot when he said to his people, "Do you commit such

immorality as no one has preceded you with from among the worlds? Indeed, you approach men with desire, instead of women. Rather, you are a transgressing people.""

(al-A'raaf 7:80-81)

It is evident from these verses that homosexuality is a transgression against Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala and it is from among the wicked and accursed deeds.

Adultery and homosexuality stems due to the ignorance of the Muslims and its society in matters of their religion, and also being too absorbed in chasing the worldly dream.

This is further worsened with the robust advancement of technology and communication that cannot be fully controlled. In addition, obscene and porn materials whether in pictures

or videos are easily accessible on the Internet. There are varieties of TV shows that heavily revolve around love stories and romance, which would only stimulate and increase the

lustful passion of its viewers. Even worse, extreme entertainment and illicit free mixing between opposite genders that are seductive and arousing are becoming common,

assimilated into daily affairs. Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala mentions in al-Qur'an: "Have you seen the one who takes as his god his own desire?

Then would you be responsible for him? Or do you think that most of them hear or reason? They are not except like livestock. Rather, they are [even] more astray in [their] way."

(al-Furqaan 25:43-44)

At the same time, some people are taking advantage in selling pornographic materials freely and openly. Mobile phones have been exploited with the transfers of obscene photos or videos.

All these are contributing factors to various acts of disobedience and adultery. With the yearly celebration of Valentine's Day, Merdeka Day, and New Year's Day, the Selangor state

government is committed in continuing to organize programs that will guide the society towards good and avoiding munkar. Every time when such celebration takes place, we hear various issues

and concerns raised relating to the social vices within the society such as free mixing, which only leads to immoral acts such as zina, illicit sex, and others, on the pretext of celebrating such festivities.

In this regard, the Islamic Affairs Department of Selangor has taken a da 'wahcentric approach by launching the Anti-Zina and Counseling. Movement that intends to curb and prevent

the widespread of these abnormal practices, which will only further destroy the civilization of the ummah. We must realize and reflect upon the significant implication of this phenomenon,

for it will cause destruction to the family institution, society, and deplete mankind's own civilization. Among immediate measures that can be taken by the Muslim ummah are:

1- Seek and resort to alternatives during those celebrations and festivities by attaining closeness to Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala through Qur'anic recitation, and inculcate the

culture of knowledge by organizing various circles of knowledge for the Muslim masses (majaalis 'ilm). The role of the family institution to provide tarbiyyah (education) and supervise the

children must be further enhanced to ensure that only Islam is used as the basis and foundation for building the family, towards realizing "Bayti Jannati" (My Home, My Heaven).

2- Enhancement and empowerment of educational institutions in grooming righteous individuals, not just by conveying knowledge but to instigate the realization and comprehension that can propel the youth and students to live a

life that is upon authentic Islamic teachings. Islamic forums and discourses at the mosques and suraus should be frequented in developing the Muslim self-identity that is noble in the Sight of Allah.

3- Every individual must partake and exercise their role in curbing excessive free mixing among the youth and all ages. Effective activities and programs must be organized in curbing these

immoralities. The mosques, Community Safety and Development Committees (JKKK), and members of the community including NGOs must be proactive in exercising the duties and

responsibilities mandated upon them.

4- Executing the enforcement of laws according to Islamic teachings, with integrated cooperation from all sides in

combating all forms of crime in the Sharee 'ah, all must be enhanced from time to time. All sectors and parties should partake and support such cause, instead of questioning or criticizing

them in the media. 5- Inculcating and practicing the Islamic way of life by encouraging the youth to get married, for only the marriage institution can save them from falling into zina

and homosexuality. This way, they can enjoy the legitimate marital relations and procreate in continuing their lineage. 6- Having full confidence in the Islamic approach as the

only method that can provide the solution to this conundrum. The authorities will play an important role in enforcing the Islamic laws in the efforts of promoting good and forbidding evil.

We must have certainty that if Islam is upheld in its dignified place, only then these dilemmas will be resolved. 7- Electronic and printed media must refrain from portraying and spreading

elements of obscenities and profanities that can further stimulate the lustful desire. Isn't it unfortunate if these media outlets are Muslim-owned but yet are guilty in contributing towards those immoral causes?

"Say, "My Lord has only forbidden immoralities – what is apparent of them and what is concealed and sin, and oppression without right, and that

you associate with Allah that that for which He has not sent down authority, and that you say about Allah that which you do not know.""

(al-A'raaf 7:33)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِبْهِ مِنَ الأَيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِبْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِر 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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