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JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

ADVICE FOR THE YOUTH



I remind myself first and all of us. Let us have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* in whatever situation that we are in.

Taqwa must truly exist in every Muslims, whether young or old. Indeed, true *taqwa* is borne from the sincere heart that truly proclaim the greatness of Allah *Subhaanahu*

Wata‘aala, not due to old age
as its end draws near. Because
none of us know when we will
expire.

The topic of today’s khutbah is
“Advice For The Youth.”

Let us ponder for a moment,
imagine if we are in the middle
of a vast desert, under the hot
blazing sun, the burning heat
will make us scramble for any
shade even if under a *bidara*
(jujube) tree

or a cluster of bamboo trees. We would truly feel relieved and privileged to have found refuge even with such small area. How then would it be compared to the intense heat at the *Mahshar* (gathering land)?

a time when all of mankind
will be gathered, waiting for
their turn to be judged by Allah
Subhaanahu Wata'aala. We
will feel the agony and pain of
waiting under the scorching
heat of

the sun in the Hereafter, which is way hotter than the intensity of the sun in this life.

However, Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* had told us that amid the

extreme heat, there will be seven groups of people that will be granted the shade of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* when there will be no other shade. They are: a just ruler, a youth who has

been brought up in the worship
of Allah, a man whose heart is
attached to the mosques, two
persons who love each other
only for Allah's sake and they
meet and part in Allah's cause
only,

a man who refuses the call of a
charming woman of noble
birth for illicit intercourse with
her and says, 'I am afraid of
Allah', a man who gives
charitable gifts so secretly that
his left hand

does not know what his right hand has given, and a person who remembers Allah in seclusion and his eyes are then flooded with tears.

(hadeeth of Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh, collected by al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

Notice how Islam placed the status of the youth in this *hadeeth*! After the just ruler, the second category of people that will be under the shade of Allah is the youth, dedicating their youth days

in the worship of Allah
Subhaanahu Wata'aala.

We should not be amazed or
astounded with the elders that
are always indulging in *dhikr*.

Do not be awestruck by our
senior citizens that

are constantly in *dhikr* and remembering Allah. That is purely human nature, realizing that their end is approaching.

Instead we should be perplexed and wonder when seeing elders

that are still engrossed in their worldly life. Those that take their *'ibaadah* lightly, not even going to the surau or masjid other than on Friday and the two *'eids*.

They should be regretful and penitent that their time is quickly expiring. Likewise with their physical strength and ability.

On the contrary, it's the direct opposite for the youth and teenagers. Those that are in their early years well below the middle age have only began to taste the "beauty" of this worldly life.

They start to twiddle and experience the enjoyment of love and romance. To them, life is still far ahead to try and indulge in the fun and games that are readily available.

However, that is the typical youth. It is their norm and inclination by nature. Just take a look at our surroundings. It is the youth that are usually lounging and bumming around idly at the

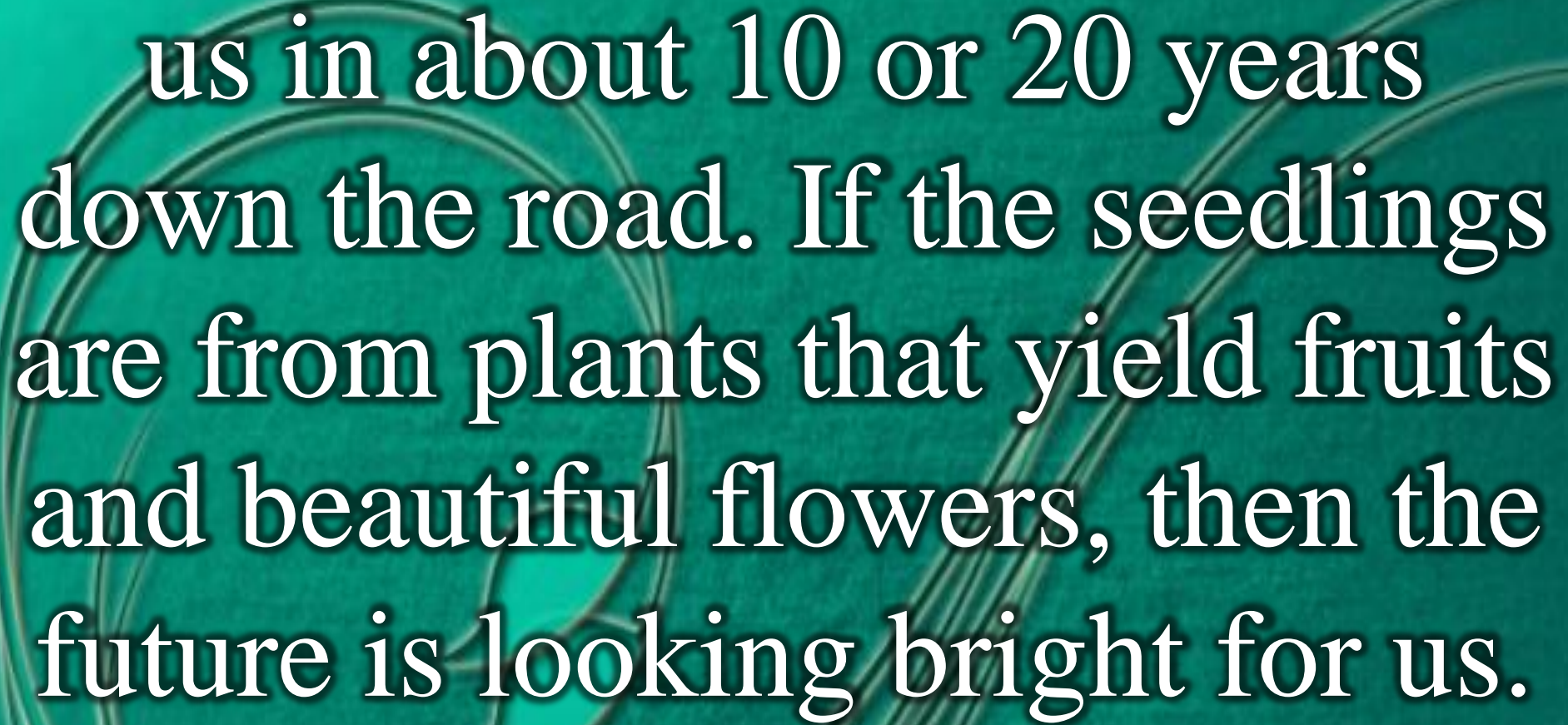
public places. Teenagers that
are itchy to incite excitement
by revving up their
motorcycles. Also the Romeos
that are busy and immersed in
their love triangle with an
unknown

ending and final episode.

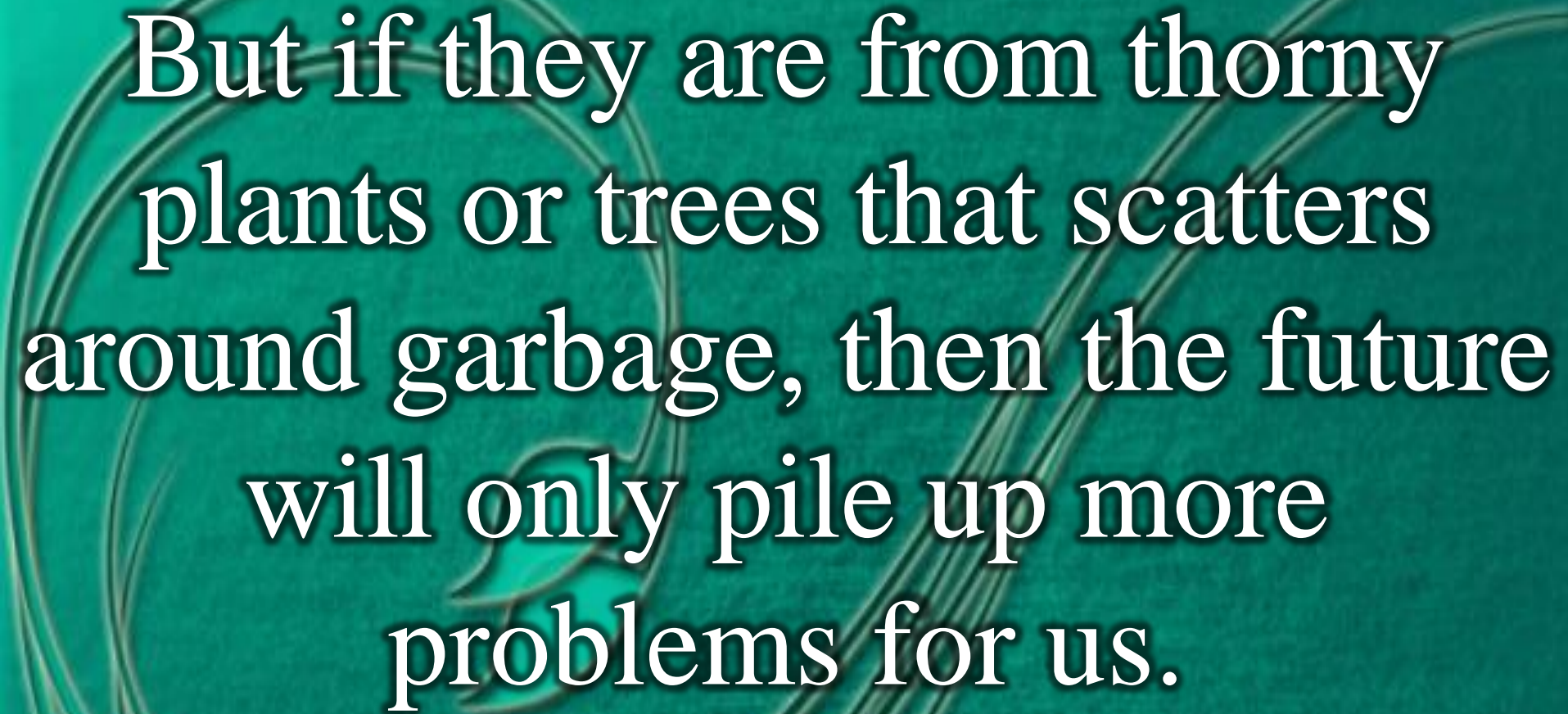
Hence, Islam demands us

Muslims to give extra attention
to this group of people.

Whatever seedlings that we
sow today will become trees
that will shade

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us in about 10 or 20 years
down the road. If the seedlings
are from plants that yield fruits
and beautiful flowers, then the
future is looking bright for us.

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But if they are from thorny
plants or trees that scatters
around garbage, then the future
will only pile up more
problems for us.

Therefore, the masjid administration calls upon the *Muslimeneen*. Let us educate our youth and teenagers so that they become closer to the *deen*. It is only with sound Islamic knowledge

that we will be spared from the
grief of this world and the
misery of the Hereafter.

We also call upon the
teenagers and those in school.

Busy yourselves with
'ibaadah.

Have you acquired all the knowledge of *fiqh* required?

Have you completed the various branches of *fard al-‘ayn* obligated before death comes calling?

Are we now able to recite al-Qur'an fluently with its proper recitation? Are we able to perform the *adhaan* and *'iqaamah*, or at least respond to the *mu'adhdhin's* call to prayer?

Take advantage of the youthful age with various acts of *'ibaadah*. Know that *'ibaadah* does not impede one from any sporting activities, but do not overindulge in in games or

sports that the surau and
masjid is left empty.

The Muslim teens should seize
the opportunity while they are
still young, for the promise and
reward at the *Mahshar* awaits
them,

honoring them with lofty status
in the Sight of Allah. Allah
Subhaanahu Wata'aala
mentions in al-Qur'an:
“It is We who relate to

**you, [O Muhammad], their
story in truth. Indeed, they
were youths who believed in
their Lord, and We increased
them in guidance.”**

(al-Kahf 18:13)

Take the youth of *As-haabul Kahfi* as role models and exemplar. They fled to safeguard and protect their *imaan*. Take and emulate the Companions of Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam*

as role models for their
unwavering commitment and
dedication in defending Allah's
Messenger in creating change,
*radiyAllaahu 'anhum
ajma'een.*

Let us not pay attention to those non-Muslims that are engulfed and deluded with K-Pop and Gangnam Style. Let us not be affected and swayed by non-beneficial entertainment.

Let us not become absorbed and negligent with the social media, which only delays our bedtime. In result, we would miss the time for *salaatul fajr*, only to wake up during its prohibited time.

Let us look at the Companion
named Usaamah bin Zayd
radiyAllaahu 'anh who led the
Muslim army against the
Romans at the age of 18.

Emulate the *taqwa* of
Muhammad al-Fatih
rahimahullah who led the
Muslim army conquering
Konstantin (Constantinople –
modern day Istanbul) at the
age of 21.

Let us learn further about Islam, our *deen*, for Islam is not only a religion that administers the affairs of *'ibaadah* in the surau and masjid. Instead, it is a *deen* that takes mankind

out of the enslavement of men
unto full servitude to Allah
Subhaanahu Wata'aala. It is a
religion that rescues mankind
from the oppression of men,
and a religion that takes
mankind

out from the narrowness of this
world to the vastness of the
world and the Hereafter.
If we want to be in love, then
indulge in romance after
wedlock. If we want fun and
entertainment,

then pursue means that will
take us closer to our Almighty
Creator. If we want to play
games, then play moderately
without jeopardizing our
'ibaadah.

Indeed, our offspring are precious assets that are invaluable and priceless. They are an *amaanah* that Allah has bestowed upon the parents to be guarded and raised sufficiently.

Therefore, let us heed the advice of ‘Umar *radiyAllaahu ‘anh* to his companions:
“*Educate your children, for verily they are born for a time that is beyond yours.*”

Hence, let us altogether shoulder the responsibility to teach and provide proper guidance so that our youth will not deviate from the noble authentic teachings of Islam.

Compare between the following two verses from al-Qur'an, which one do we want to take in as the goals and agenda for our young generation?

**“But there came after them
successors who neglected
prayer and pursued desires;
so they are going to meet
evil.”**

(Maryam 19:59)

“And those who believed and whose descendants followed them in faith – We will join with them their descendants, and We will not deprive them of anything of their deeds. Every person, for what he earned, is retained.” (at-Toor 52:21)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلْ
مِنِي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيْعُ الْعَلِيْمُ. أَقُولُ
قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ
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الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُوْرُ 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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