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THE YOUTH – THE HOPE FOR ISLAM AND THE NATION



Let us strive to increase our
taqwa of Allah *Subhaanahu*
Wata'aala with full obedience,
certainty, and sincerity. That is
by fulfilling all of His

Commandments and avoiding all
of His prohibitions.

Indeed, we truly hope to become individuals having *taqwa*, attaining success and salvation in this world and the Hereafter. On this blessed day, let us ponder upon the *khutbah* titled: ***“The Youth – The Hope For Islam And The Nation.”***

We always hear of the slogan stating “*the youths are the hope for the nation*” and we sometimes hear “*the youths are the pillars of the nation.*” These phrases are uttered throughout all walks of

society, though usually by community leaders. It behoove us to ponder and evaluate if the youths are truly worthy of the hope and expectation for Islam, the people, and the nation.

In reality, the young generation of today is faced with great challenges and roles. Like it or not, they play a vital role in driving the nation towards progress and development.

If they are corrupted today, then corrupted is the religion and the nation in the future. However, if today's youth are equipped with firm *'aqeedah*, unwavering *imaan*, and beautiful

character, then Islam and the nation will be in a sound state as expected by all. In Islam, the youth has a special status and becomes a focal point in al-Qur'an and *as-Sunnah*.

They are not only deemed as
“*the hope for the religion and
the nation*” but also recognized
as “*guardians of the religion.*”
Al-Qur’an mentions the story of
As-haab al-Kahfi,

the story of the dwellers of the
cave having unswerving
'aqeedah, solid *imaan*, and
sound character. They had lived
under a tyrant ruler, in a society
that is corrupted in its religion
and *akhlaaq*.

These youths had a special status that Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* had praised and recognized them as “*youths who believed in their Lord, and We increased them in guidance.*”

(al-Kahf 18:13)

Islamic history has shown that
Islam was championed,
defended, and spread by the
youths around Rasulullah
sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam.
'Ali radiyAllaahu 'anh was the
first child to affirm

his *imaan* to Rasulullah
sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam and
he ('Ali) even slept in
Rasulullah's bed when the
Quraysh plotted to kill
Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi
wasallam*.

Abu Bakr *radiyAllaahu 'anh*
embraced Islam at the age of 38
and he then gave away all of his
wealth for the cause of Islam.

‘Umar took the *shahaadah*
when he was 26 years old.

Sa'ad ibn Abi Waqqaas, al-Zubayr bin al-'Awwaam, Talhah bin 'Ubaydillaah *radiyAllaahu 'anhum ajma'een* all embraced Islam while still in their teenage years.

They were all cornerstones in the spread of Islam that they were all mentioned as among the 10 Companions guaranteed Paradise *radiyAllaahu ‘anhum ajma‘een.*

The nation's future whether in terms of politics, economics, social, or even religion, is truly in the hands of the young generation. If they appear or turn out to be corrupted, then corrupted

is the religion, people, and nation in the future. This is truly the challenge for the Muslim youths of today. Take heed, for the attacks and onslaughts by the enemies of Islam

come in various forms, not just limited to ideology, culture, identity, economy, and education.

Ideological attacks from the enemies of Islam is not only in the form of propaganda by

religions other than Islam such as Hinduism, Buddhism, or Christianity, but they appear with hideous and confusing identity such as secularism, an ideology that separates religious

values from worldly affairs. Not
to mention liberalism, an
ideology promoting freedom
sans guidelines. Also pluralism,
an ideology acknowledging that
every religion has the same

objectives.

The attacks upon the culture or the identity of a people and religion are further enhanced via the local and international media. The Muslim youths that are void

of awareness and realization
will just drown in the popular
and predominant trend by
emulating a lifestyle that is full
of negligence and heedlessness,
strayed away from Divine
guidance.

This generation only lives for the moment, not thinking about their future. What is important to them is that they are indulged in fun, enjoyment, glamor, and entertainment.

Hiding and sugarcoated under the banner of “human rights” and “freedom”, the very identity of the people and religion are slowly erased and ultimately destroyed.

The onslaught upon the economy and education is systemically done by idolizing the West as the *qiblah* in providing guidelines and policies. Be mindful O Muslims!

Verily the advancement of the Muslim *ummah* cannot be achieved based on Western ideals and approaches for they clearly contradict the *Sharee'ah*, being far from having

religious ideals whilst progress
in Islam is founded upon
religious grounds. Remember,
as Muslims, our minds should
not be stuck in the old ways.

The Muslim mind must be
creative,

innovative, and competent so
that the Muslim *ummah* will
progress, flourish, excel, and
recognized.

The Muslim youth must equip
themselves for the advancement
of the nation

and religion. Among the
pertinent ingredients:

1- Strengthening the *'aqeedah*
and having strong will in Islam.

Verily, every community
member must play his or her
very role with

cooperation. Whether as a leader, head of family, father, mother, educator, and others, all must work together in building and inculcating *imaan* in the Muslim youths.

Verily, *imaan* is the shield that
will distance mankind from
disobedience.

Narrated Abu Hurayrah
radiyAllaahu 'anh, the
Messenger of Allah *sallAllahu*
'alayhi wasallam said:

“The fornicator who fornicates is not a believer so long as he commits it, and no thief who steals is a believer as long as he commits theft, and no drunkard who drinks wine is a believer as long as he drinks it...”

(Muslim)

2- Actively increasing authentic Islamic knowledge. Advanced nations according to Islam do not only flourish in the knowledge and material aspect, but instead a nation that is able to

maintain the quality of lives,
religion, intellect, wealth, and
progeny of its citizen. Hence,
both the Islamic and worldly
knowledge must be given its
due rights in producing leaders
and

citizens that are vigilant upon
the rights of The Creator, and
the rights between the creations
of Allah.

3- Safeguarding *akhlaaq* and
curbing social ills.

Indeed, Islam came to improve human behavior unto that which is compatible with human's *fitrah*. Abu Hurayrah *radhiyAllaahu 'anh* reported that the Messenger of Allah

sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam
said:

**“I was sent to perfect good
character.”**

*(al-Adab al-Mufrad of Imaam al-Bukhaari:
saheeh)*

4- Having strong spirit and love for Islam and the Muslim nation. The generation that has full understanding and confidence in Islam will surely protect and defend

their conviction. The intense love for Islam will place Islam in its deserving place. While the strong love for the Muslim nation will spur advancement for the nation and its people.

5- Togetherness in building and developing the nation. Each individual has a role to play in the process of nation building based upon their portfolio and position, whether as a thinker,

educator, engineer, doctor,
mechanic, and others. Everyone
must contribute in spurring the
nation's growth. Therefore, the
young generation must aim high
and become ambitious.

The education received at the primary, secondary, or tertiary (university) levels were not merely for pursuing a career or securing a handsome paycheck in the time to come.

Instead, it is for developing and improving the status of the nation and its people.

Lessons that can be deduced from this *khutbah* are:

1- The youths are the hope of the future for Islam and the Muslim nation. They play a vital role in propelling the nation towards becoming more advanced in terms of spiritual and physical

development, stability, and national harmony.

2- The nation's future whether in the realm of politics, economics, social, and religion lies in the hands of the young generation.

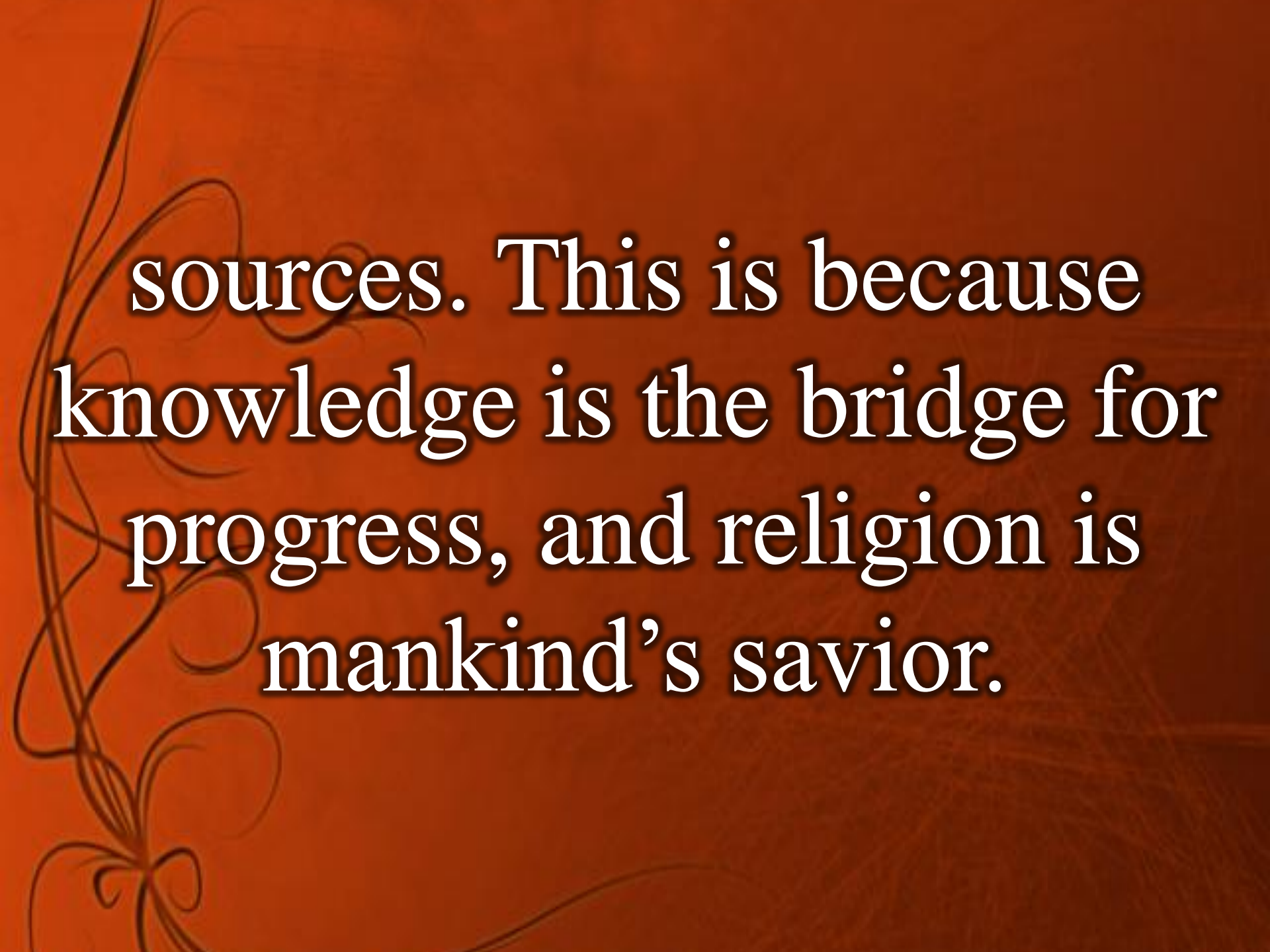
If they are spoiled, then spoiled is the future for the religion, nation, and its people.

3- The youths must step up in facing contemporary challenges such as the

numerous attacks upon the ideology, culture, identity, economy, and education from the scores of enemies of Islam. Indeed, those that are capable of overcoming these challenges are those

having solid '*aqeedah*, firm *imaan*, and beautiful characters.

4- The young generation must increase and enrich their Islamic knowledge that is based upon authentic



sources. This is because
knowledge is the bridge for
progress, and religion is
mankind's savior.

**“Men whom neither
commerce nor sale distracts
from the remembrance
of Allah and performance of
prayer**

**and giving of *zakaah*. They
fear a Day in which the hearts
and eyes will [fearfully] turn
about.”**

(an-Noor 24:37)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلْ
مِنِي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيْمُ. أَقُولُ
قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ
الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ
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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