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# THE DANGER OF PRIDE AND ARROGANCE



I would like to remind myself  
and all of us to sincerely strive  
in increasing our *taqwa* of Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wata'aala* by  
fulfilling all of His Commands  
and abstaining from all of His  
prohibitions.

Verily, the slave that is  
conscious of the greatness of  
*Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala*  
will be more vigilant and having  
*taqwa* in their lives, realizing  
their insignificance,

and revering the glory and  
majesty of Allah *Subhaanahu  
Wata 'aala*. Today's *khutbah*  
intends to alert us on “*The  
Danger Of Pride And  
Arrogance.*”

Having pride or bragging about oneself is a trait that is only befitting for Allah *Subhaanahu Wata 'aala* with all of His Perfection. Praising oneself is only appropriate and worthy

for His Majesty. Moreover, it is  
a mark of perfection that is  
obligated upon Him.

*Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala*  
mentions in al-Qur'an:

**“He is Allah, other than whom  
there is no deity, the  
Sovereign, the Pure, the  
Perfection, the Bestower of  
Faith, the Overseer, the  
Exalted in**

**Might, the Compeller, the Superior. Exalted is Allah above whatever they associate with Him.”**

**(al-Hashr 59:23)**



*Takabbur* (pride) is a trait that is  
only specific for Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wata'aala*. We  
have been strictly prohibited  
from vainglory, vanity, and self-  
conceit as mentioned in the  
*hadeeth qudsi* narrated

by Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu*  
*'anh* where Rasulullah  
*sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam*  
said:

**“Allah (*Subhaanahu*  
*Wata'aala*) said:**

**“Pride is My cloak and greatness is My robe, and he who competes with Me in respect of either of them I shall cast into Hell-fire.””**

**(Abu Dawood, Ahmad, ibn Maajah, al-Bayhaqi, and ibn Hibbaan: *saheeh*)**

History has recorded that the first *kufur* had occurred in the heavens, which was actually due to *takabbur*. *Iblees* who was pious in his worship to Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* for a very long

period, was in the end declared *kufur* and thrown out of Paradise by Allah, due to his own pride.

Even though *Iblees*' only mistake was refusing to

prostrate to Adam '*alayhissalam*

as

commanded, not even  
prostrating to Allah, but it was  
this rebellion and refusal that  
manifested the *takabbur* and  
vanity within *Iblees*.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*  
has recorded the

incident in various *ayaat* in al-

Qur'an, among them:

**“And We have certainly  
created you, [O Mankind],  
and given you [human] form.  
Then We said to the angels,**

**“Prostrate to Adam”; so they prostrated, except for *Iblees*.**

**He was not of those who prostrated. [Allah] said, “What prevented you from prostrating when I commanded you?”**



**[Satan] said, “I am better than him. You created me from fire and created him from clay.”**

**[Allah] said, “Descend from Paradise, for it is**

**not for you to be arrogant  
therein. So get out; indeed,  
you are of the debased.””**

**(al-A‘raaf 7:11-13)**

*Iblees* refused to make *sujood*  
(prostration) to Adam  
'*alayhissalam* due to his pride  
and self-conceit. *Iblees* was full  
of himself not because of his  
avid worship, not because of his  
service

and contributions, and not because of his knowledge and status, but it was only due to his own origin.

*Iblees* never claimed being God, and he never disobeyed from prostrating to Allah.

But he refused to prostrate to Adam only because he deemed his origin of creation was better than Adam. He felt that being created from the fire is superior than being created

from soil (earth). Such is the *takabbur* and arrogance of *Iblees la'natullah* that committed *kufur* and will be thrown into the Hellfire. Humans and other creations should never think of

themselves as being better than others solely due to their origin of creation. One can never feel that his ethnicity is better and nobler than others, for Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wata'aala*

created all human beings and creations. An Arab should not feel that he is better than a European. The Malays should not feel that they are nobler than the Indians.



A Chinese should not feel that he is better than an Iban or a Kadazan (Kadazan-Dusun). This is due to the fact that Allah creates all humans.

Furthermore, none of us have the privilege to choose to be born to a certain ethnicity. What differentiates between us in the Sight of Allah is our *taqwa*,

which is being vigilant upon all  
of our deeds so that they will  
adhere to the *Shara'* that was  
revealed by Allah *Subhaanahu*  
*Wata'aala*.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*  
mentions in

al-Qur'an:

**“O mankind, indeed We have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another.**

**Indeed, the most noble of you  
in the sight of Allah is the  
most righteous of you. Indeed,  
Allah is Knowing and  
Acquainted.”**

**(al-Hujuraat 49:13)**

Abu Nadrah al-Mundhir ibn  
Maalik ibn Qut‘ah *radiyAllaahu*  
*‘anh* reported: I heard the  
sermon of the Messenger of  
Allah *sallAllahu ‘alayhi*  
*wasallam* during the middle of  
the day.

*He sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam*  
said:

**“O people, verily, your Lord is  
one and your father is one.  
Indeed, an Arab has no  
excellence over a non-Arab,**

**nor does a non-Arab have any  
excellence over an Arab, nor  
does a red skin have any  
excellence over a black skin,  
nor does a black skin have any  
excellence over a red skin,  
except through *taqwa*...”**

**(Ahmad and al-Bayhaqi: *saheeh*)**



Arrogance and *takabbur* are from among diseases of the heart. They are diseases that are very dangerous to our *imaan* and *'aqeedah*. Hence, everyone must avoid these characteristics and traits.

We must strive our utmost in cleansing our hearts from these traits. These diseases can be overcome in various ways, among them:

- 1- Constant awareness and understanding of the origin

of the human being. Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wata'aala* has  
created all of us from Adam  
*'alayhissalam* who was created  
from clay. We are all created  
from semen, something that we  
ourselves

detest. Therefore, it is unbecoming for us humans to be proud and arrogant due to our origin.

2- Constant remembrance of our own weaknesses and shortcomings.

Everyday we will sweat and excrete waste (defecate and urinate). We can sense and smell the foul odor emanating from our bodies if they are unclean.

Similarly, our excretions are extremely disgusting with pungent odor that we would have to use external or foreign objects just to cleanse and perfume our body.

3- Always performing good deeds even if they are perceived as lowly or insignificant by the masses. This can be something to the effect of picking up trash, sweeping the floor,

cleaning the toilet, or carrying  
goods. These acts will not lower  
one's own status and dignity;  
moreover it will scrape away  
any sense of pride and  
arrogance.



4- Realizing one's own weakness and deficiency as compared to other creations of Allah such as the animals, the mountains, and many others.

Let us purify our hearts from all  
dispraised characteristics,  
especially *takabbur* and  
arrogance. It is because anyone  
possessing these traits even if  
minute will not enter the  
Paradise of Allah in

the Hereafter. In the *hadeeth* of  
‘Abdullah ibn Mas‘ood  
*radiyAllaahu ‘anh*, Rasulullah  
*sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam*  
said:

“Anyone who possesses half a  
mustard seed of *kibr*

**(pride) in his heart will not be  
granted admission to  
Paradise. And anyone who  
possesses half a mustard seed  
of *imaan* will not enter the  
(Eternal) Fire.”**

**(at-Tirmidhi, Abu Dawood, and ibn  
Maajah: *saheeh*)**

**“But the ones who deny Our  
verses and are arrogant  
toward them - those are the  
companions of the Fire; they  
will abide therein eternally.”**

**(al-A‘raaf 7:36)**

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ بِالْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ  
بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلْ مِنِّي  
وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِي  
هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ  
وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ  
وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ  
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

**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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