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JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

DA'WAH IS

AN

OBLIGATION



Let us strive to increase our
taqwa of Allah *Subhaanahu*
Wata'aala by strictly obeying all
of His Commands and leaving
off all of His prohibitions.
Indeed, we truly hope to be
bestowed with the

hidaayah of Allah *Subhaanahu*
Wata 'aala and for all of our
'ibaadah to be accepted by Him
as provision for the blissful
lives in this world and the
Hereafter.

Da'wah is a *waseelah* (the means of approach) in conveying the teachings of Allah unto mankind. It is the main duty of the messengers even if they have to wade through various obstacles

and resistance in conveying the *risaalah* of al-Islam. They would fulfill such responsibility without boredom, frustration, and surrender.

What is meant by *da 'wah*? In general, *da 'wah* means to call, invite, persuade, *tarbiyyah* (educate), train, and guiding those being called upon to acknowledge and accept the truth in the

risaalah of Allah. It also encompasses matters relating to *'ibaadah* unto Allah, the relationship between mankind and universe, and also the duty of *Amar Bil Ma'roof Wan Nahy 'Anil Munkar*.

It is through *da'wah* work that we can see the effectiveness, comprehensiveness, and perfection of Islam in driving and providing *hidaayah* to mankind until

the Last Day. Allah *Subhaanahu*
Wata'aala mentions in al-
Qur'an:

**“... This day I have perfected
for you your religion and
completed**

**My favor upon you and have
approved for you Islam as
religion...”**

(al-Maa'idah 5:3)

Indeed, the work of *da'wah* is obligatory upon every Muslim.

It is very important in safeguarding the sanctity and nobility of Islamic teaching.

However, Islam has outlined several basic

principles in the work of
da'wah, as Allah *Subhaanahu*
Wata'aala has mentioned in al-

Qur'an:

**“Invite to the way of your
Lord with wisdom and good
instruction, and**

**argue with them in a way that
is best. Indeed, your Lord is
most knowing of who has
strayed from His way, and He
is most knowing of who is
[rightly] guided.”**

(an-Nahl 16:125)

From this verse, we are informed of three main principles in in the *da'wah* work, namely:

1- *Al-Hikmah* (wisdom)

The *du'aat* (Islamic callers) must have wisdom and

remain wise in their *da'wah* work. They also should have adequate Islamic knowledge, sound understanding, highly skilled, and solid comprehension of Islamic teachings.

These are valuable provisions as contemporary challenges poses scenarios that must be encountered by the *du'aat* such as the borderless world, stressful living, and time limitation.

2- Al-Maw'izatul Hasanah
(good instruction or advice)

This would provide the best approach in raising effective awareness in one's life. Hence, it behooves the

du'aat to inculcate within their
personality praiseworthy
characteristics such as speaking
with good words, well-
mannered, treating everyone as
companions, always friendly,

and tolerant.

3- *Al-Mujaadalah* (argue in the best way)

This principle is actually a healthy approach in enhancing one's knowledge and discourse in seeking the

truth. Avoid discussions in religious matters that will only lead to self-satisfaction and good feelings, for it will deviate from the truth and the pleasure of Allah, as stipulated in *da'wah*

objectives. In reality, *da 'wah* can actually transform the mindset and cognizance, causing the hard soul to become soft, taming the wild desire, and melting the stubborn heart to surrender

and submit to Allah's Orders.

In searching for exemplary individuals having the traits of great Islamic callers as previously mentioned, then it would require us to refer back to *Rasulullah sallallahu*

'alayhi wasallam. Here we
reflect upon an incident where
he *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam,*
whom have always remained
istiqamah and patient, was
feeding food and drinks to a
blind

Jewish beggar. With each feed,
the beggar would curse Nabi
Muhammad *sallAllahu 'alayhi
wasallam* with obscenities and
vulgar words without realizing
the one feeding her is the person

being cursed (*sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam*). Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* would continue feeding that Jewish beggar until he *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* passed away.

The task of feeding was then resumed by Abu Bakr *radiyAllaahu 'anh*. However, the Jewish beggar felt a difference in the way of feeding that she was accustomed to.

So Abu Bakr *radiyAllaahu 'anh*
then informed her that the one
who had been feeding her all
these while was Prophet
Muhammad *sallAllahu 'alayhi*
wasallam himself,

who had passed away. Upon hearing such revelation, the Jewish beggar was crushed with remorse and regrets for her verbal abuse and vulgarities all these while.

She would have never thought
that the one she hated, vilified,
cursed, degraded, and
badmouthed was actually the
same person that was kind,
compassionate,

and courteous to her. In the end,
that Jewish woman embraced
Islam. The *da'wah* medium
nowadays is not limited or
confined to only verbal
(utterance) or written method
but instead it

includes *da 'wah* through actions and good exemplary, otherwise known as *da 'wah bil haal*.

Da 'wah is not necessarily conveyed or done at *masaajid* and *suraus* but can also take place at

areas of attractions that do not
violate the *Sharee'ah*.

Nowadays, *da'wah* via Internet
must be given due priority for
the cyber sphere has a very high
volume of users and enthusiasts.

More interestingly, it is very well liked by the youth and teenagers, who would be uninterested in attending formal religious programs at the *masaajid* or *suraus*. The ability of mastering this

technology will help spur the
development of *da'wah*
Islamiyyah in becoming more
dynamic, widespread, and easily
accepted by the global
community.

One more *da 'wah* approach that is very effective nowadays is through arts. We are all aware that everyone is prone to arts and entertainment, whether music, drama, or film.

Indeed, Islam allows entertainment for as long as it does not transgress the limits of *Sharee'ah*, and does not cause negligence or heedlessness.

Let us fulfill the *da'wah* mission that is the very responsibility of every Muslim. Let us fulfill it according to our own abilities. If we are skilled in IT, then utilize such

expertise in calling mankind to Islam. Utilize social media outlets and the Internet as a platform or arena in spreading the *risaalah* of al-Islam.

We must diligently strive and
indulge in the approach of
da 'wah bil haal. Safeguarding
our *akhlaaq* and possessing
noble values that are reflected
and manifested within the
society

are from among the methodology of *da 'wah bil haal* that is easy to implement. The *du 'aat* must persevere in stepping out of their comfort zone. Let us go out and get down to the

da'wah field in cultivating and nurturing those souls that are empty, having weak *imaan*, and engrossed in immoralities, to return to the true authentic teachings and comprehension of Islam.

“You are the best nation produced [as an example] for mankind. You enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong and believe in Allah. If only the People of the Scripture had

believed, it would have been better for them. Among them are believers, but most of them are defiantly disobedient.”

(Aal-‘Imraan 3:110)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَ لَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَ نَفَعَنِي
وَ اِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَ الذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَ تَقَبَّلْ
مِنِّْيْ وَ مِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ اِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيْعُ الْعَلِيْمُ . اَقُوْلُ
قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَ اَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَ لَكُمْ وَ لِسَائِرِ
الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَ الْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَ الْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَ الْمُؤْمِنَاتِ
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَ الْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوْهُ
اِنَّهُ 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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