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‘AQEEDAH &
IMAAAN:
FOUNDATIONS OF A
MUSLIM’S LIFE



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

Verily, we truly hope to attain prosperity in this life and the Hereafter. Today's *khutbah* will expound on an important topic, namely: ***'Aqeedah & Imaan: Foundations Of A Muslim's Life.'***

In recent days, the actions of the some of the Muslims within the *ummah*, irrespective of their stature, have manifested to us the weakness of their *'aqeedah* and *imaan*. Unfortunately,

there has been numerous incidents that clear cut goes against the *Sharee'ah*, occurring within the Muslim community. The social ills and vices are becoming more difficult to curb.

From among the root cause of these evil and wicked behavior, is that they have been well planned and programmed by certain parties for various purposes, including taking advantage

to reap profit sales while disregarding its negative consequences such as those wild concerts causing serious moral decay, death, and entertainment infested with drugs and immorality.

The Muslim scholars have unanimously agreed that *'aqeedah* is the most important basis in knowing Allah and it is the very fundamental principle in Islamic teachings.

Rasulullah *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* would put forth and prioritize on the aspect of *‘aqeedah* in the *tarbiyyah* (education) process of his Companions, nurturing the *tawheed*-centric attitude and

character in their lives. *Aqeedah*
and Islamic values underlie the
Islamic thought within the
framework of building a
civilization that is integrated
and balanced between the
physical and

spiritual needs, and between material and humanitarian aspects. Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* mentions in al-

Qur'an:

“Righteousness is not that you turn your faces toward

**the east or the west, but [true]
righteousness is [in] one who
believes in Allah, the Last
Day, the angels, the Book, and
the prophets...”**

(al-Baqarah 2:177)

Aside from underlying the Islamic thought, *'aqeedah* also underlies deeds and actions performed. One's own deeds and actions, no matter how great and sincere,

will only be accepted by Allah
Subhaanahu Wata'aala if one
truly believes and firmly
subscribe to the pure
unadulterated *'aqeedah*. This is
because the deeds of a non-
believing

person will not consider whether the matter is valid or not, *halaal* or *haraam*, a command or a prohibition. They are not really hoping for reward and they do not fear the punishment of the

Hereafter. They perform good deeds and work not for the purpose of attaining the Pleasure of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*. Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* mentions in

al-Qur'an:

**“The example of those who
disbelieve in their Lord is
[that] their deeds are like
ashes which the wind blows
forcefully on**

**a stormy day; they are unable
[to keep] from what they
earned a [single] thing. That is
what is extreme error.”**

(Ibraaheem 14:18)

Imaan is defined as solemn declaration upon the tongue, affirming with the heart, and practicing with the limbs. From this understanding, the Muslim scholars have unanimously agreed that:

1- Those that only proclaim with the tongue, while their hearts says otherwise, they are deemed as *munaafiqoon* (hypocrites). They will be granted a more severe punishment than those that

have disobeyed Allah. Allah
mentioned in al-Qur'an:

**“Indeed, the hypocrites will be
in the lowest depths of the Fire
- and never will you find for
them a helper.”**

(an-Nisaa' 4:145)

2- One that affirms with the heart and proclaims upon the tongue, but refuses to practice with the limbs have truly committed disobedience and sinful to Allah and His Messenger.

This heinous crime will incur the punishment of Hellfire in the Hereafter. However, the sinful ones do not become disbelievers (*kuffaars*) for as long as they do not deny and reject the laws and

regulations that were divinely decreed, even though they may have passed away before making *tawbah*. They will eventually be placed in the heaven.

Imaan has its highs and lows. It is narrated on the authority of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu ‘anh* that Rasulullah *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* said:
“Faith has over seventy

**branches or over sixty
branches, the most excellent
of which is the declaration
that there is none worthy of
worship (in truth) but Allah,
and the humblest of which is
the**

**removal of what is injurious
from the path; and modesty is
a branch of faith.”**

(Muslim)

From the explanation of this *hadeeth*, it clearly shows that one's *imaan* can be traced and its signs are visible. Performing the commands of Allah and avoiding His prohibitions even regarding

the slightest or minutest matter is a true manifestation of one's own *imaan*. Hence, *imaan* can increase and decrease. It increases due to obedience and decreases due to disobedience to the

commands of Allah *Subhaanahu*
Wata'aala.

Let us strive our utmost to
increase and strengthen our
imaan, nurturing and fertilizing
it with righteous deeds.

Let us perform our daily duties with complete *ihsaan*, by having true *yaqeen* that Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* is always watching us. Similarly with matters pertaining to specific

'ibaadah, let us strive to increase in performing them. It is hoped that by increasing and familiarizing ourselves with supererogatory (*naafilah*) acts, the obligatory ones will always

remain preserved. And by getting used to avoiding the reprehensible (*makrooh*) acts, then the *haraam* will always be prevented.

The lessons derived from today's *khutbah* are:

- 1- We must always deem '*aqeedah* as the basis or axis for our lives as Muslims.
- 2- We must have certainty that the stance and

perspective upon life for a believer will not be the same as the disbeliever's.

3- We must be certain that the prevailing social ills that are plaguing the society are all due to the weakness of

imaan and *'aqeedah*.

4- We must increase our Islamic knowledge and righteous deeds to solidify our *imaan*.

5- Strong and integrated efforts amongst all parties must be initiated and galvanized for the sake of preserving the *'aqeedah* of the Muslim *ummah*.

6- The Muslim *ummah* must avoid all elements that could weaken the 'aqeedah such as entertainment on an extreme level, superstition, deviant teachings, widespread *fitnah* in the cyber world and social media, and many more.

**“Whoever does righteousness
- it is for his [own] soul; and
whoever does evil [does so]
against it. And your Lord is
not ever unjust to [His]
servants.”** (Fussilaat 41:46)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلكُمْ 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 وَلكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ
الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوْهُ
. 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.

O Allah, we implore upon you, keep us steadfast upon the methodology of *Ahlus Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah*, and protect us from *'aqeedah* and practices that are misguided and deviated such as extreme Shee'ism, Qaadiyani, and others.

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.

**and also those that have given
away and endowed (*waqf*) their
wealth to the Selangor Islamic
Development Trust Fund (*Tabung
Amanah Pembangunan Islam
Selangor*) with eternal rewards
until the Hereafter.**

**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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