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I implore upon all of us to strive in increasing our taqwa of Allah by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions.

Let us increase our remembrance of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala, also salawaat and salaam upon our beloved Prophet Muhammad (صلى الله), always striving to implement all of

his sunnah. We truly hope to attain its benefit in this world and the Hereafter. Today's khutbah intends to encourage us to strive in "Curbing Social Ills."

Social ills are a problem that heavily involves the youth of today. Their involvement in negative activities causes great concerns for it may hamper future development and progress of the Muslims

ummah with cases of fornication, rape, murder, and theft that are always reported in the media today. Among the important factor that causes these social problems is the weakness

and emptiness of the human soul. The soul that is not filled with imaan, will provide opportunity for shaytaan and iblees to seduce unto committing wicked acts, causing them to

forget their very duty to Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala. Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala mentions in al-Qur'an: "Satan has overcome them and made them forget the

remembrance of Allah. Those are the party of Satan. Unquestionably, the party of Satan - they will be the losers." (al-Mujaadalah 58:19)

The involvement of Muslim youth today in social ills is also due to broken family relationship. Numerous researches have indicated that among the cause for social problems is the

household crisis that leads to divorce. In Selangor alone, a total of 6023 divorce cases were recorded in 2013, which indicates the critical issue of children being left unattended due to their

parents' divorce. Aside from that, mistakes in selecting companions also contribute to the corruption of akhlaaq and moral of our youth today. This is further worsened with the widely

available facilities such as cybercafés, entertainment centers, and many more. Scores of raids conducted by the authorities at entertainment centers operating illegally have

shown that majority of its clients are the youth and teenagers. Therefore, everyone in this country must maximize their efforts in curbing social ills that only destroys the lives of the

Muslims today. Abu Sa'eed al-Khudri radiy Allaahu 'anh reported that Rasulullah (صلى الله) said: "Whoever amongst you sees an evil, he must change it with his hand; if

he is unable to do so, then with his tongue; and if he is unable to do so, then with his heart; and that is the weakest form of Faith." (Muslim)

Social ills that are on the rise today can definitely be properly addressed if we all would return to the teachings of al-Qur'an and the sunnah of Rasulullah (صلى الله عليه وسلم). This is because al-Qur'an provides

the guidelines to develop systems and regulations that is most complete in answering all questions and problems that are related to mankind. As precautionary measure in

the early stages of curbing social ills, the parents must strive in nurturing akhlaaq in their children by inculcating Islamic values. In this regard, the matter that must be heavily emphasized is the

'ibaadah of salaah for it can prevent the children from being involved with social problems. This is in line with the hadeeth of 'Abdullah ibn 'Amr ibn al-'As

radiy Allaahu 'anhuma whereby Rasulullah (صلى الله) had advised us to teach our children to perform salaah: "Command your children to pray when they become seven

years old, and beat

them for it (prayer) when they become ten years old; and arrange their beds (to sleep) separately."

(Abu Dawood: hasan saheeh)

In the effort to curb social ills, the culture of giving advice and reminder amongst one another should be ingrained with the society. This is because the responsibility of advising

and reminding others is an obligation that is required in Islam. Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala mentions in al-Qur'an:

"By time. Indeed, mankind is in loss. Except for those

who have believed and done righteous deeds and advised each other to truth and advised each other to patience."

(al-'Asr 103:1-3)

Advising one another upon truth shows how the Muslim community has great concern regarding their Muslim brethren. By correcting and advising children involved in social

problems, at the very least it will provide them the much needed "space" to ponder upon the mistakes committed, hence motivating them to return to the right path.

The enforcement of laws related to gambling, entertainment, road safety, and others should be given its due attention, in the very effort to curb the prevailing social ills today.

As an example, it is undeniable that for some, the road actually becomes a venue for racing and dangerous maneuvers that endangers themselves and others.

Hence, it is not surprising to learn that 60% of 70,000 road accidents throughout the year actually involve motorcycle riders. Indeed, the current laws and regulations in place are

intended to discipline the society, maintaining public order, and curbing immoralities that destroys human values. However, when these laws and regulations are violated, then

it definitely opens up avenues for social evil such as street daredevils, foundling, gambling, murder, and many others. Therefore, with every law and regulations

implemented, it becomes incumbent upon us to abide by them. Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala mentions in al-Qur'an: "Then is it the judgement of [the time of] ignorance

they desire? But who is better than Allah in judgement for a people who are certain [in faith]." (al-Maa'idah 5:50)

The Muslim youth today have fallen into social ills partly due to inadequate Islamic upbringing. Hence, educational institutions play a vital role in educating today's generation in

fulfilling the expectation of the nation and its citizens. Not just fulfilling worldly needs, the youth must also be equipped with authentic religious knowledge that will truly develop their

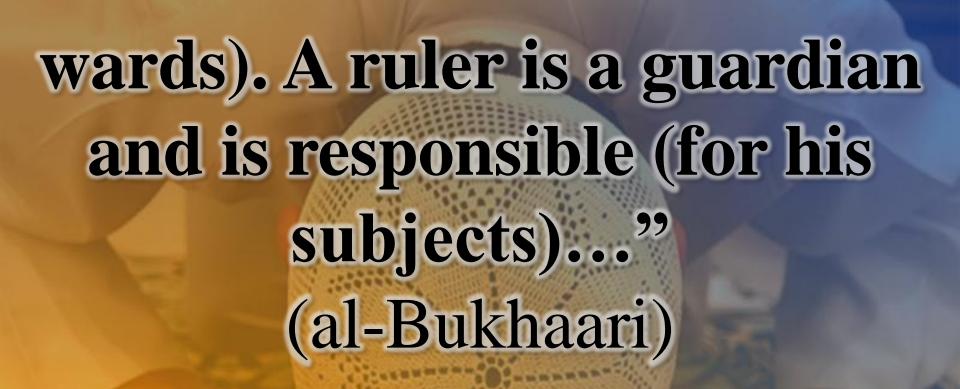
personality.

At the same time, educators must provide good exemplary for the youth as guidance once they enter the realm of employment. Ponder upon how Rasulullah

صلى الله) was himself the best teacher to be emulated by the Companions that in the end they became those revered throughout history. Indeed, the effort in curbing social ills that are ever

worsening not only rests upon the shoulders of a few individuals alone. Instead, it demands great cooperation from everyone including non-governmental organizations and the

professionals. Narrated 'Abdullah ibn 'Umar radiy Allaahu 'anhuma, Rasulullah (صلى الله) said: "Everyone of you is a guardian and everyone of you is responsible (for his



In conclusion, let us mobilize our efforts altogether in fulfilling the responsibilities as follows:

1- Increasing the Muslim ummah's understanding upon authentic Islamic teachings

in ensuring their well-being in this world and the Hereafter. 2- Striving to abide by all laws and regulations that can safeguard harmony within society.

- 3- Working together with communities in deterring all form of vice from occurring around us.
- 4- Blocking all avenues and opportunities that can trigger our youth from engaging in

negative activities. 5- Adult community members must become good example and role models for the young generations of today.

We truly hope that our noble efforts today will aid in rescuing ourselves and our progenies from being lured and trapped in evil acts that are abhorred by Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala.

"And let there be [arising] from you a nation inviting to [all that is] good, enjoining what is right and forbidding what is wrong, and those will be the successful. (Aal-'Imraan 3:104)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الأَيَاتِ وَالذَّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ أَقُوْلُ قُوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأُسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِر الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الأحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوْهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ 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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