



جَابَاتَانِ اِغَامَا اِسْلَامِ سِلَانْغُورِ

JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

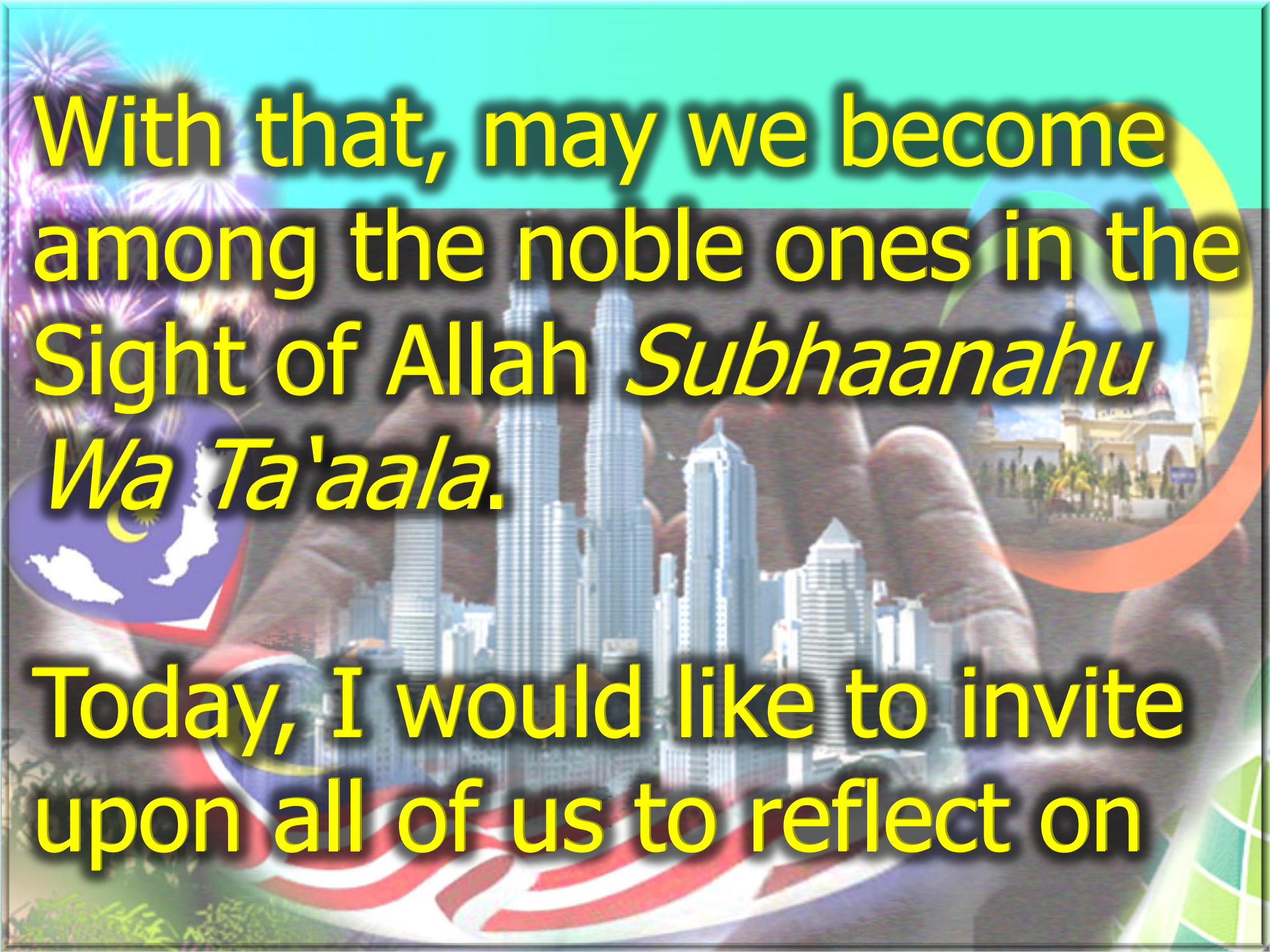
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GIVING MEANING TO INDEPENDENCE



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Let us strive to increase
our *taqwa* of Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala
by fulfilling all of His
Commands and avoiding
all of His prohibitions.



With that, may we become
among the noble ones in the
Sight of Allah *Subhaanahu*
Wa Ta'aala.

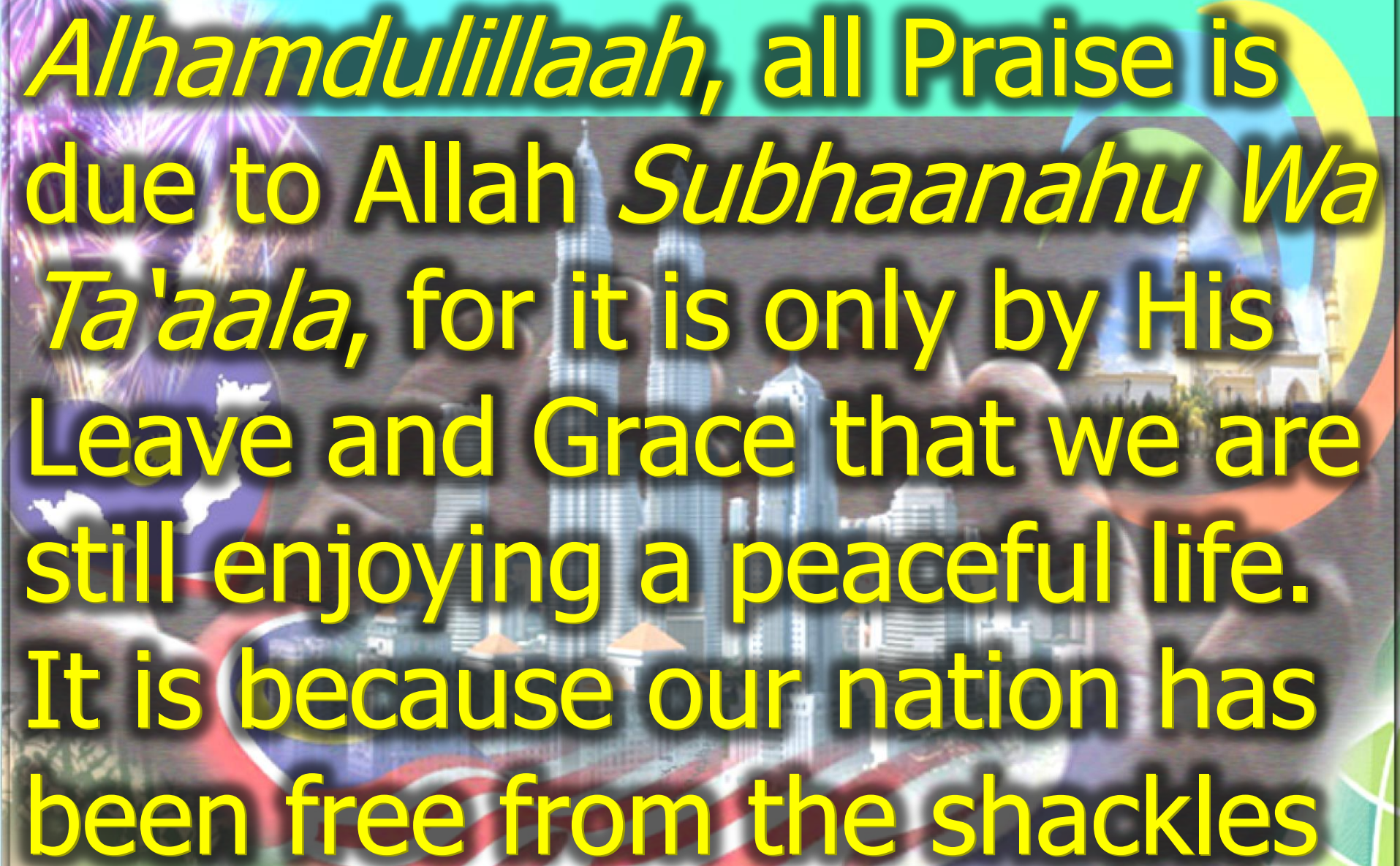
Today, I would like to invite
upon all of us to reflect on

The title:

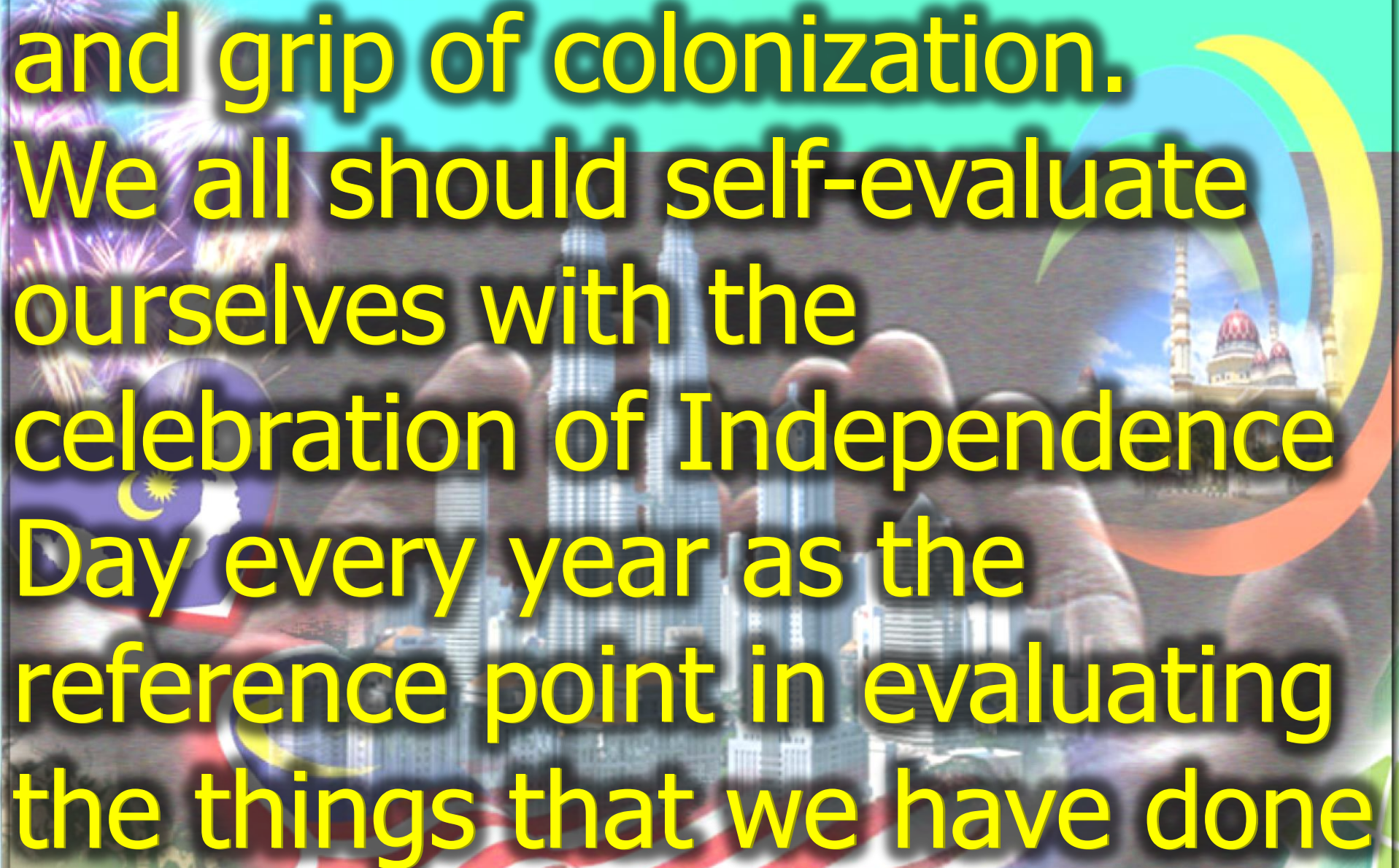
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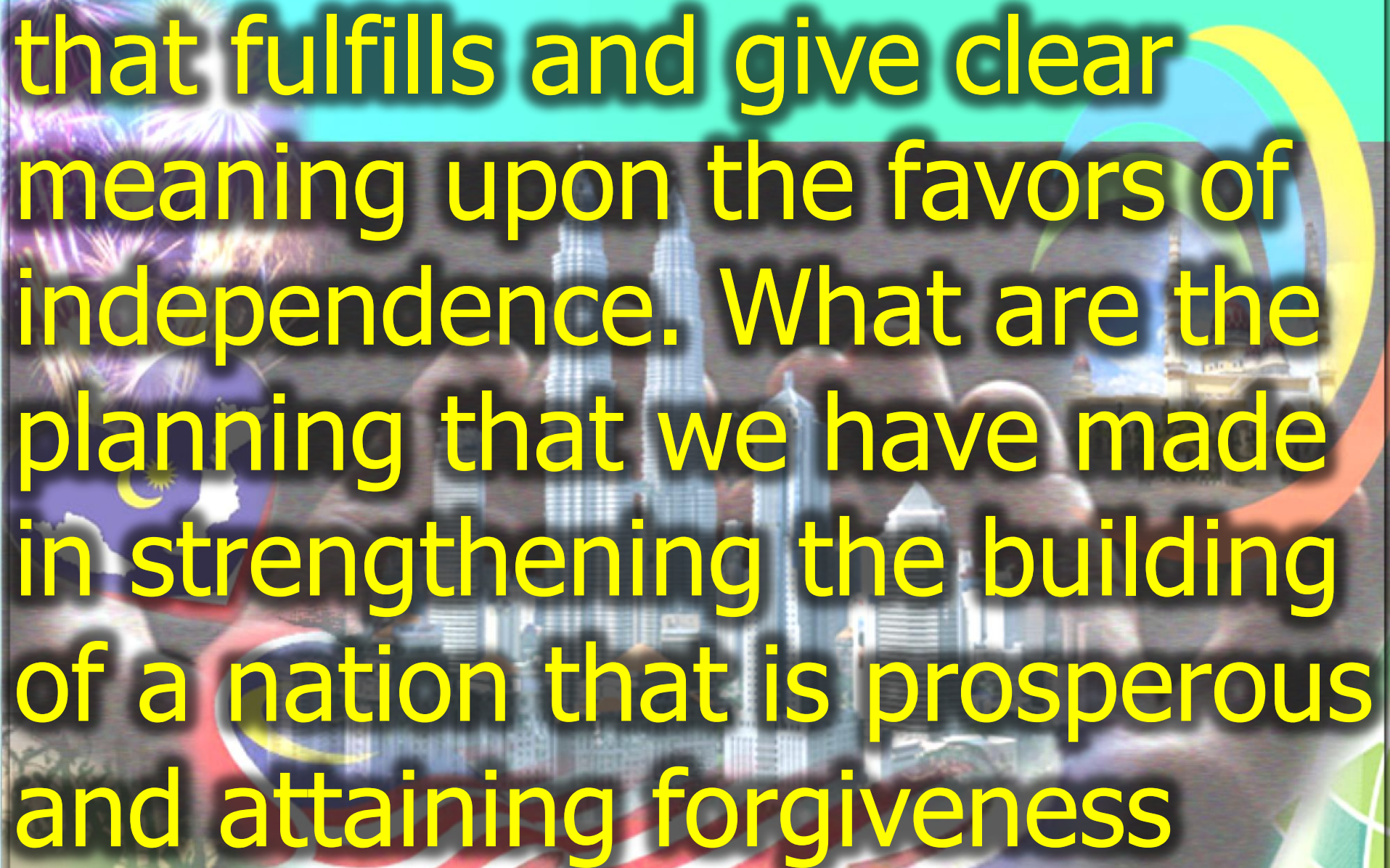


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Alhamdulillah, all Praise is due to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, for it is only by His Leave and Grace that we are still enjoying a peaceful life. It is because our nation has been free from the shackles

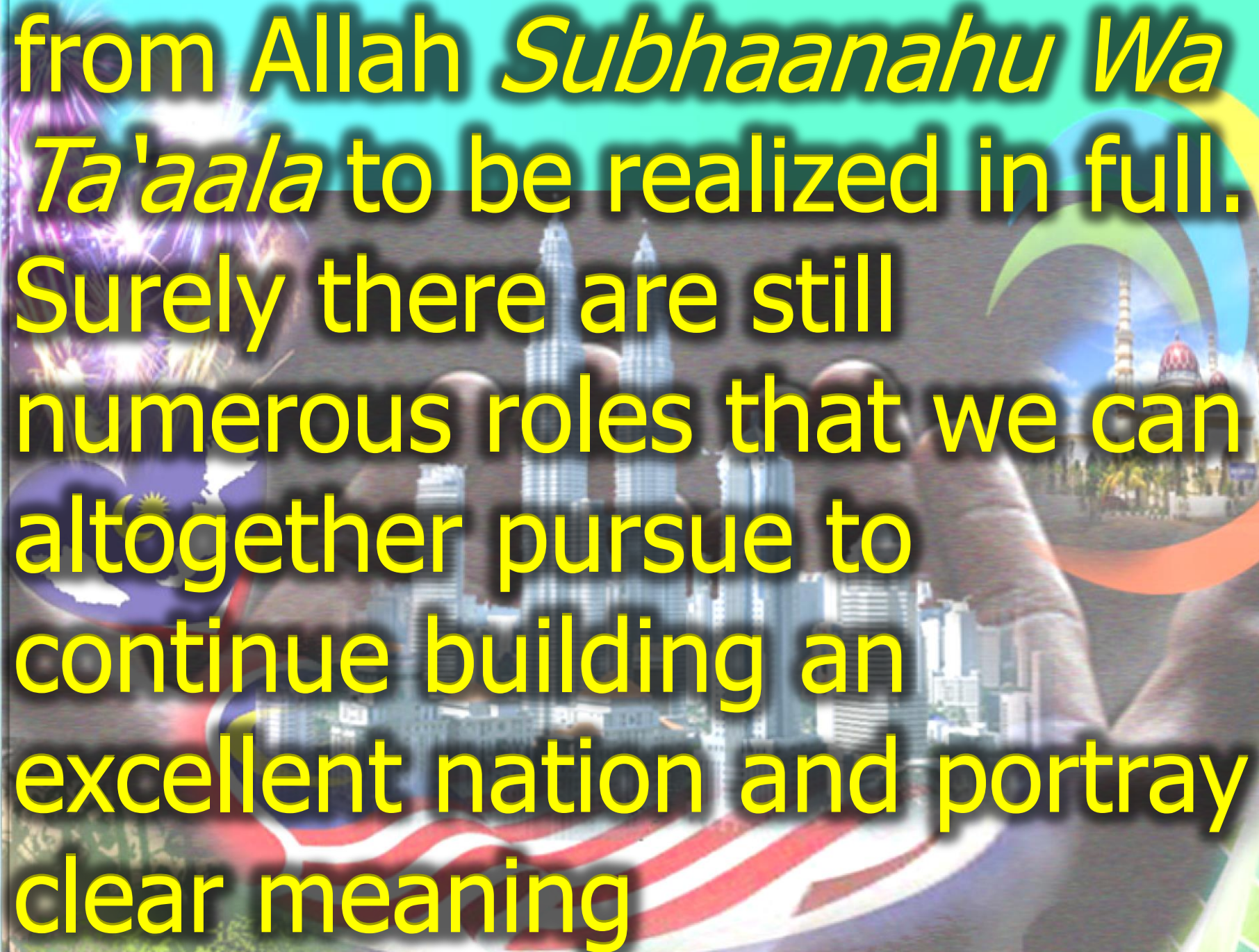


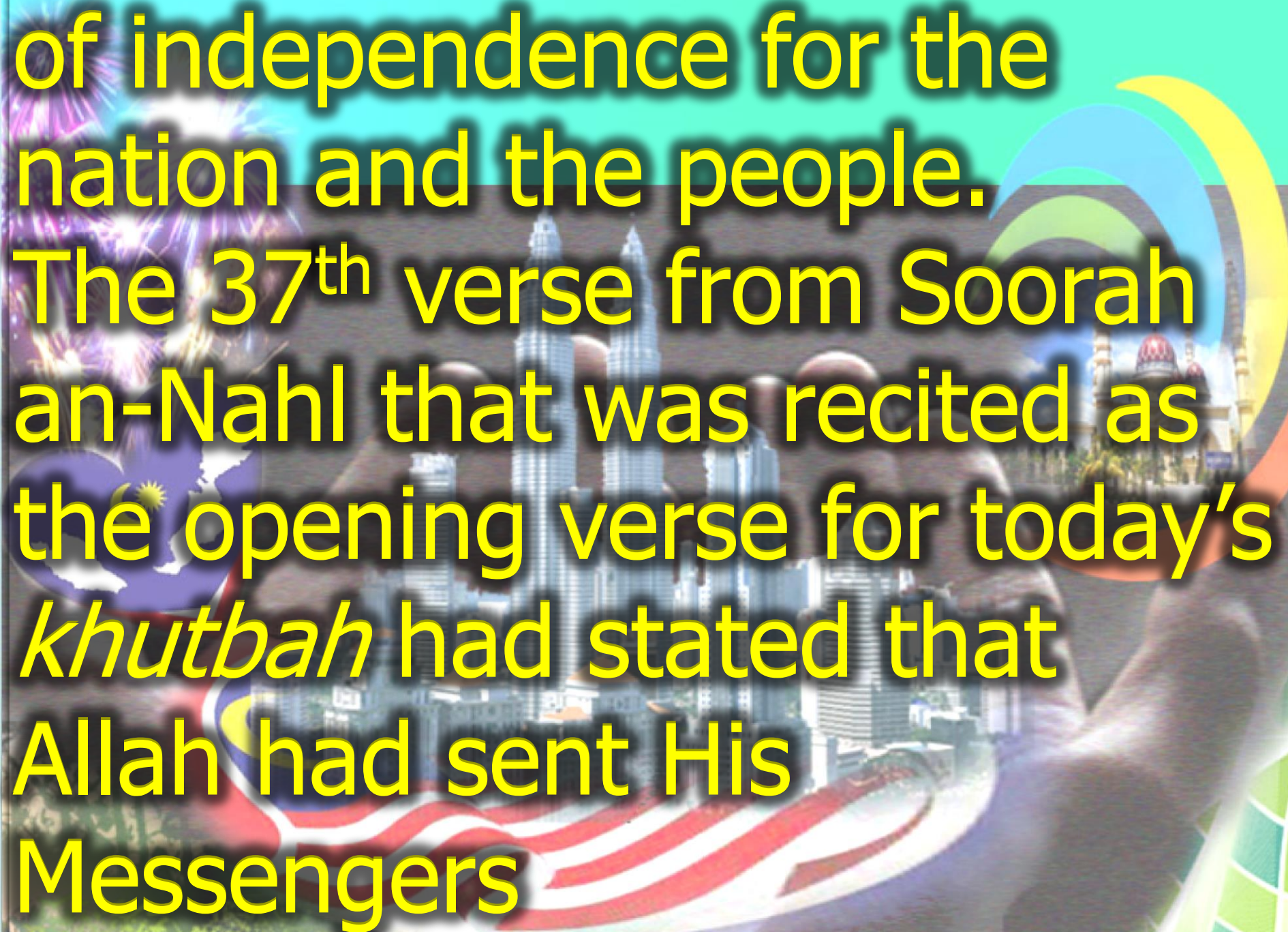
and grip of colonization.
We all should self-evaluate
ourselves with the
celebration of Independence
Day every year as the
reference point in evaluating
the things that we have done



that fulfills and give clear meaning upon the favors of independence. What are the planning that we have made in strengthening the building of a nation that is prosperous and attaining forgiveness

from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* to be realized in full. Surely there are still numerous roles that we can altogether pursue to continue building an excellent nation and portray clear meaning

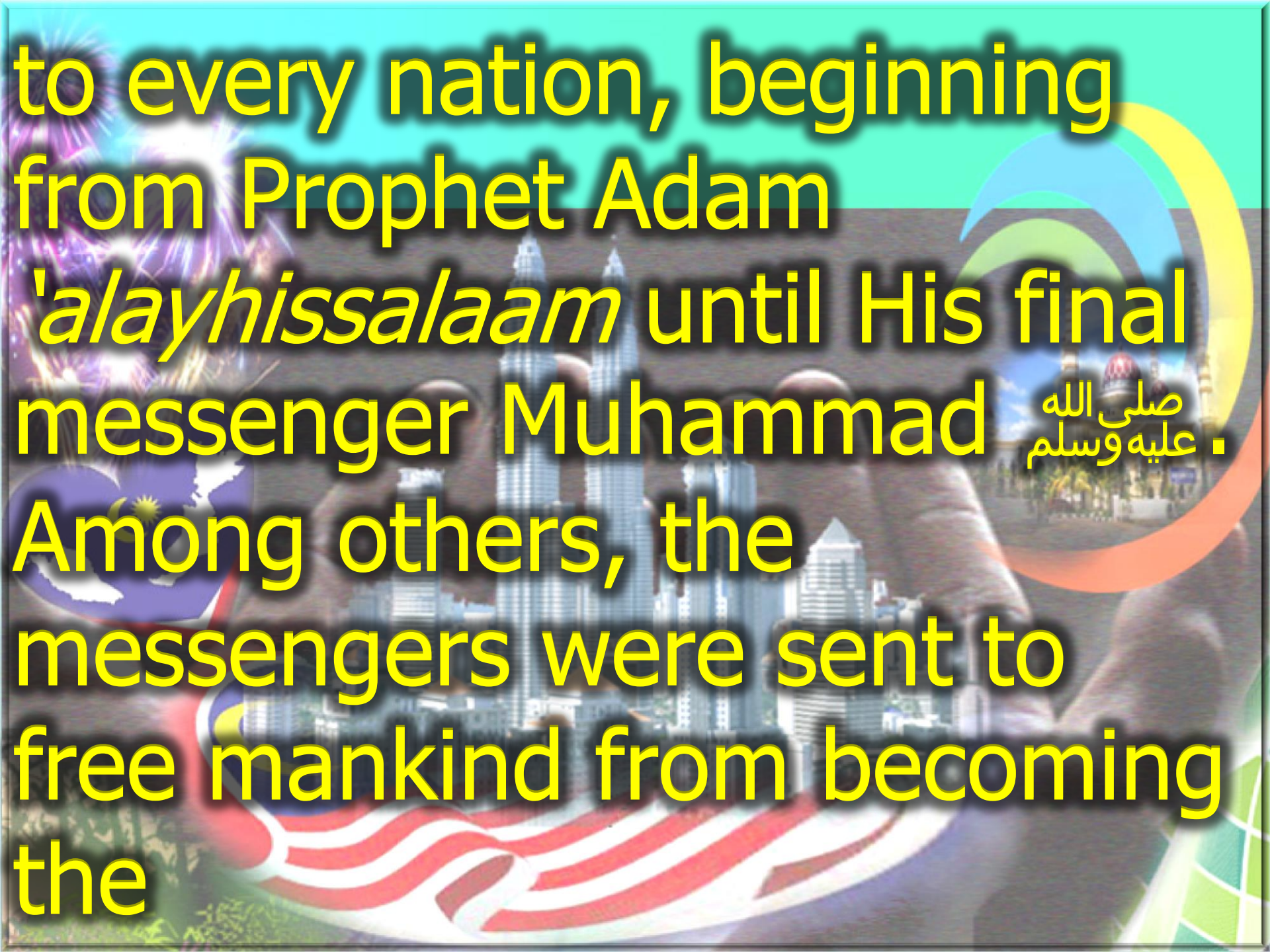


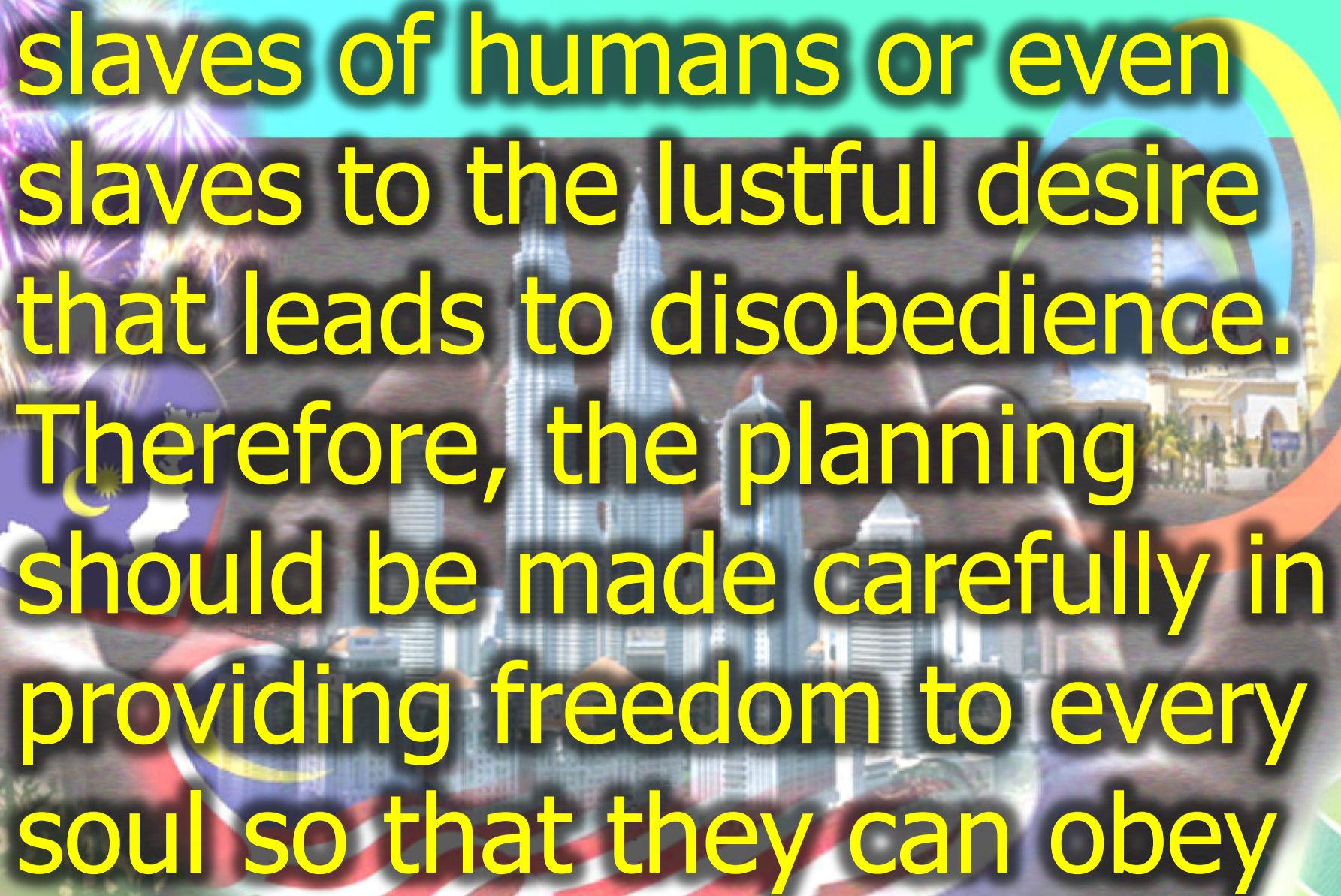


of independence for the nation and the people. The 37th verse from Soorah an-Nahl that was recited as the opening verse for today's *khutbah* had stated that Allah had sent His Messengers

to every nation, beginning
from Prophet Adam
'alayhissalaam until His final
messenger Muhammad
Among others, the
messengers were sent to
free mankind from becoming
the

صلى الله
عليه وسلم

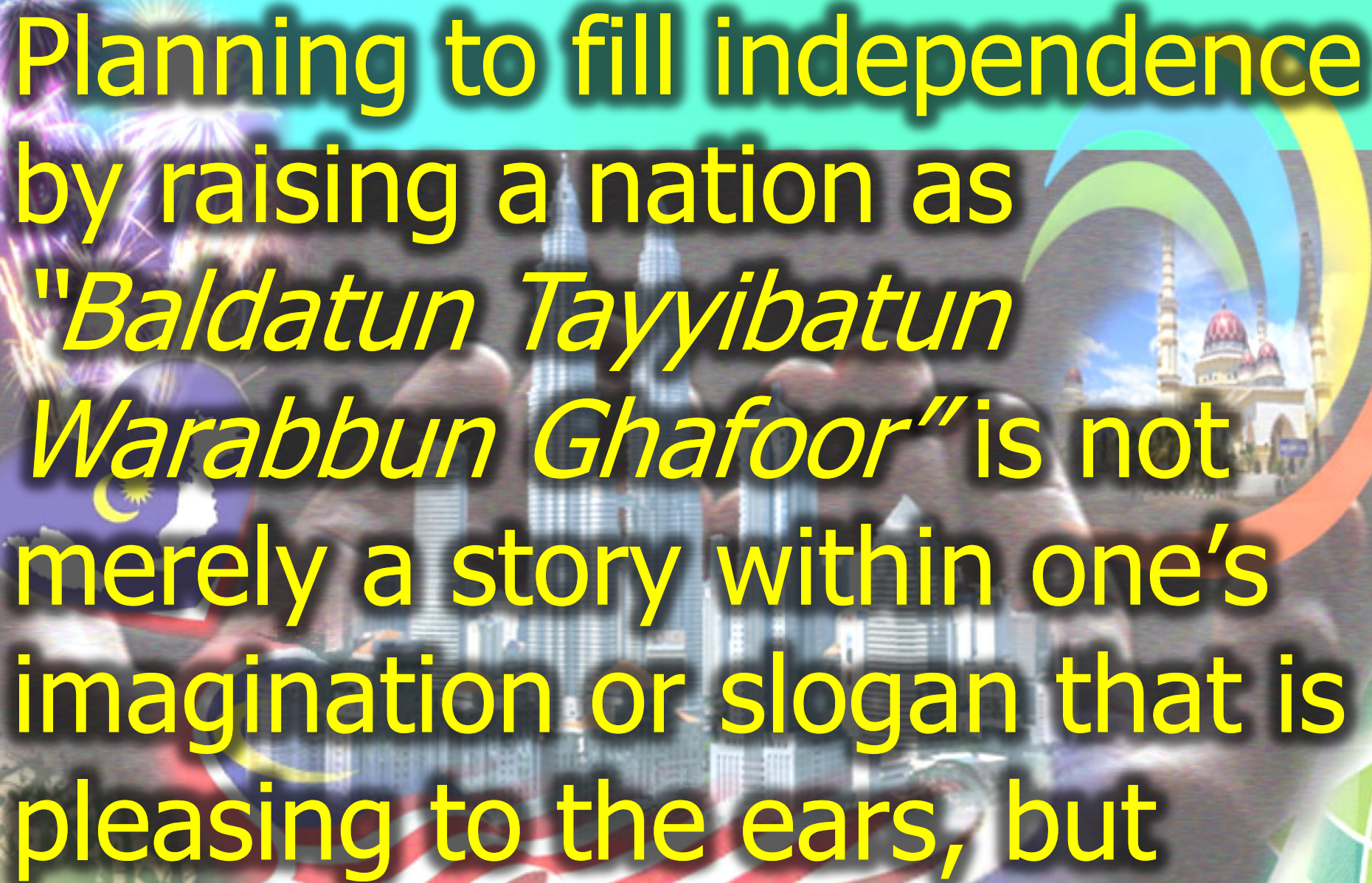




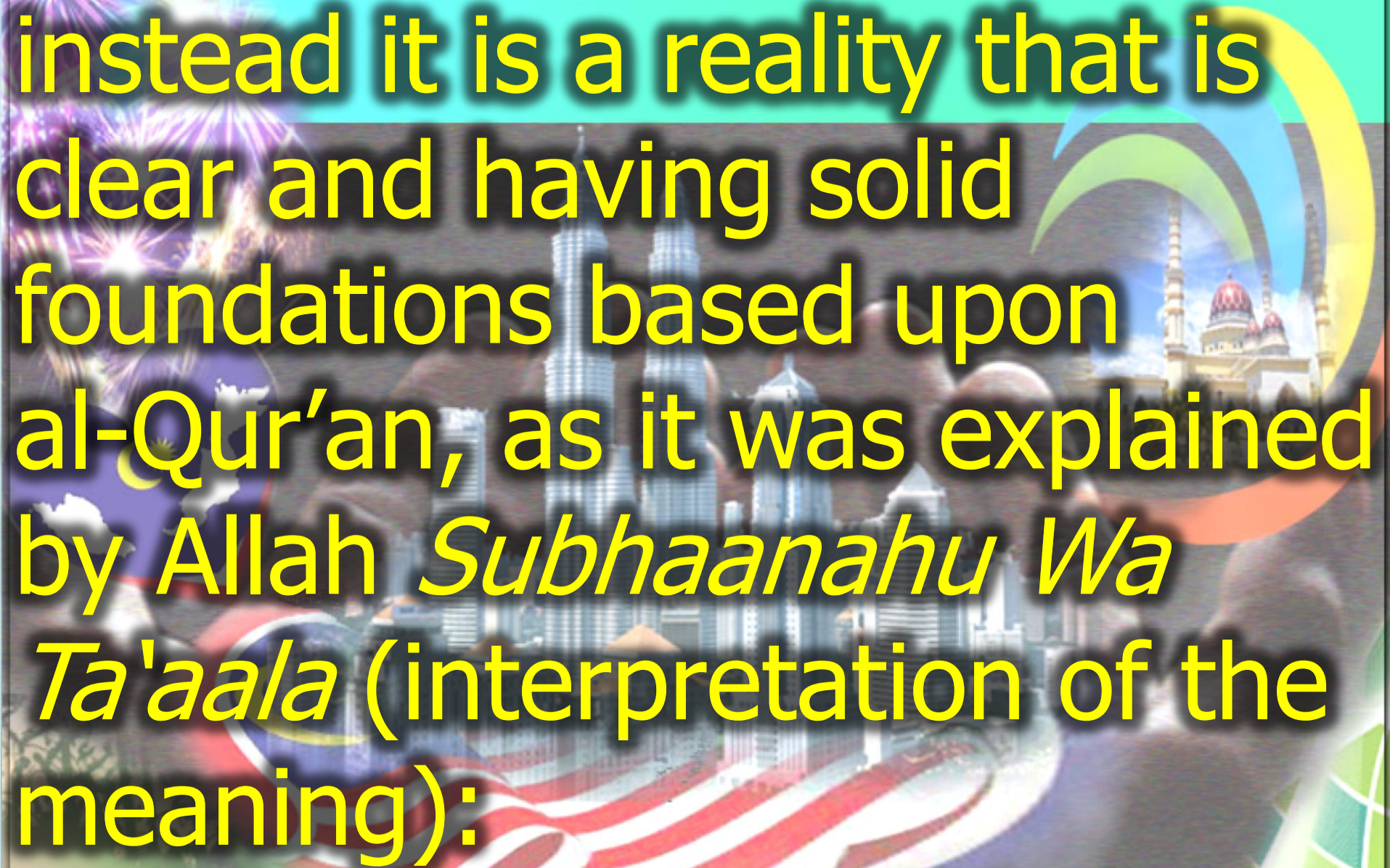
slaves of humans or even slaves to the lustful desire that leads to disobedience. Therefore, the planning should be made carefully in providing freedom to every soul so that they can obey



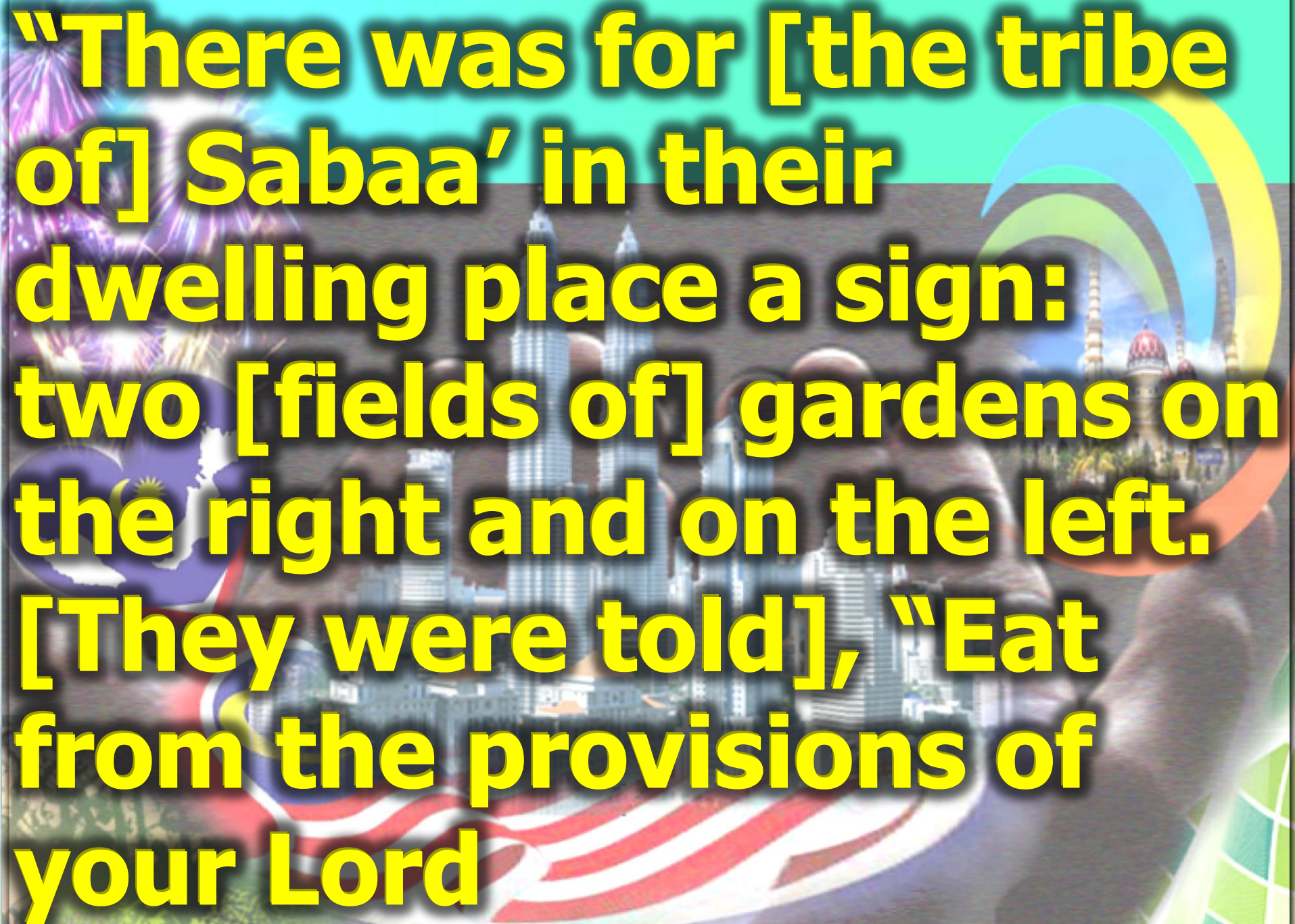
and submit to the
bounties of independence
bestowed by Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala
by taking examples from
the struggles of Rasulullah
and his Companions.



Planning to fill independence
by raising a nation as
*"Baladatul Tayyibatun
Warabbun Ghafoor"* is not
merely a story within one's
imagination or slogan that is
pleasing to the ears, but



instead it is a reality that is clear and having solid foundations based upon al-Qur'an, as it was explained by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* (interpretation of the meaning):

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“There was for [the tribe of] Sabaa’ in their dwelling place a sign: two [fields of] gardens on the right and on the left. [They were told], “Eat from the provisions of your Lord

**and be grateful to Him. A
good land [have you],
and a forgiving Lord."'"**

(Sabaa' 34:15)

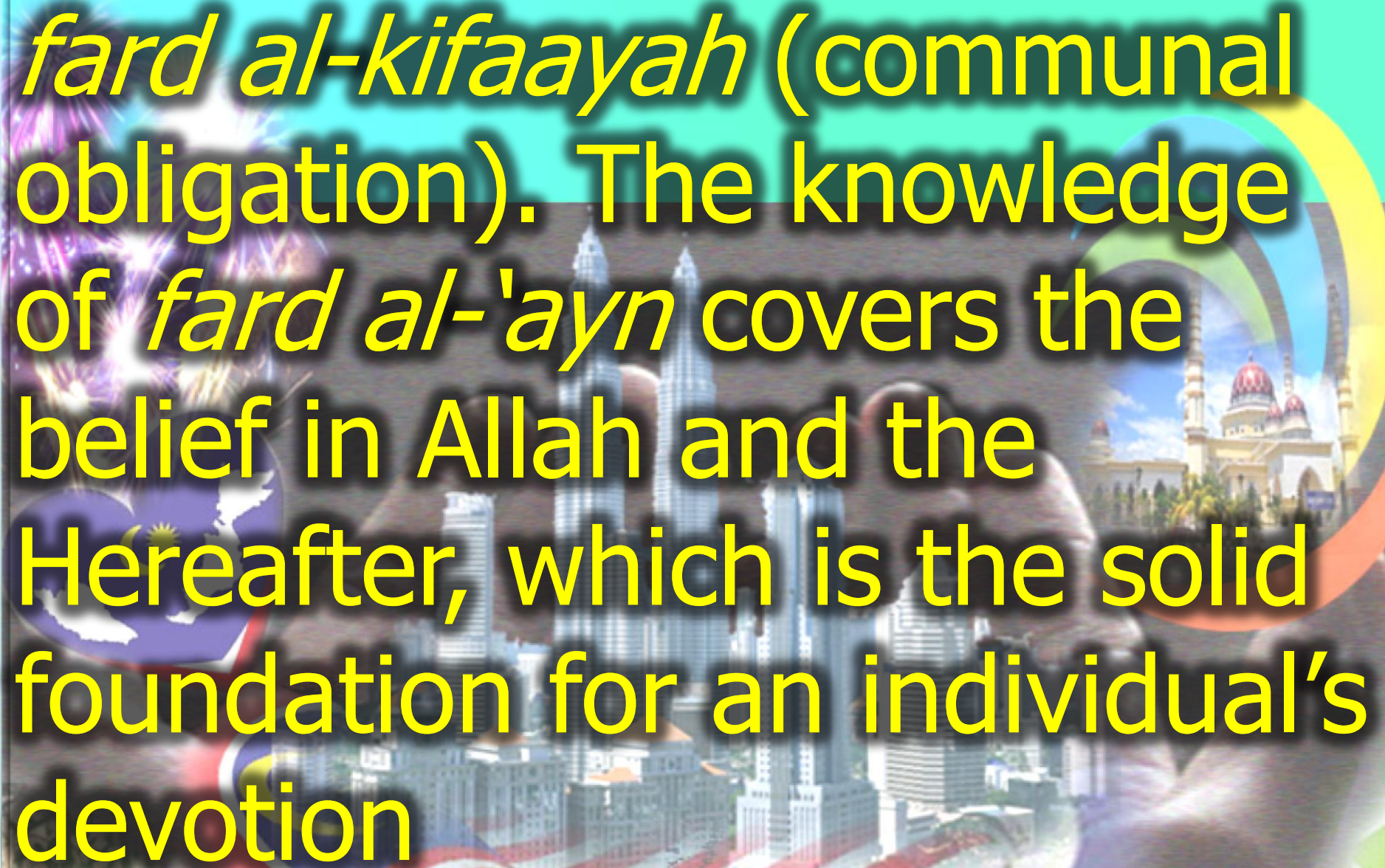
**Among the important
element in becoming a**

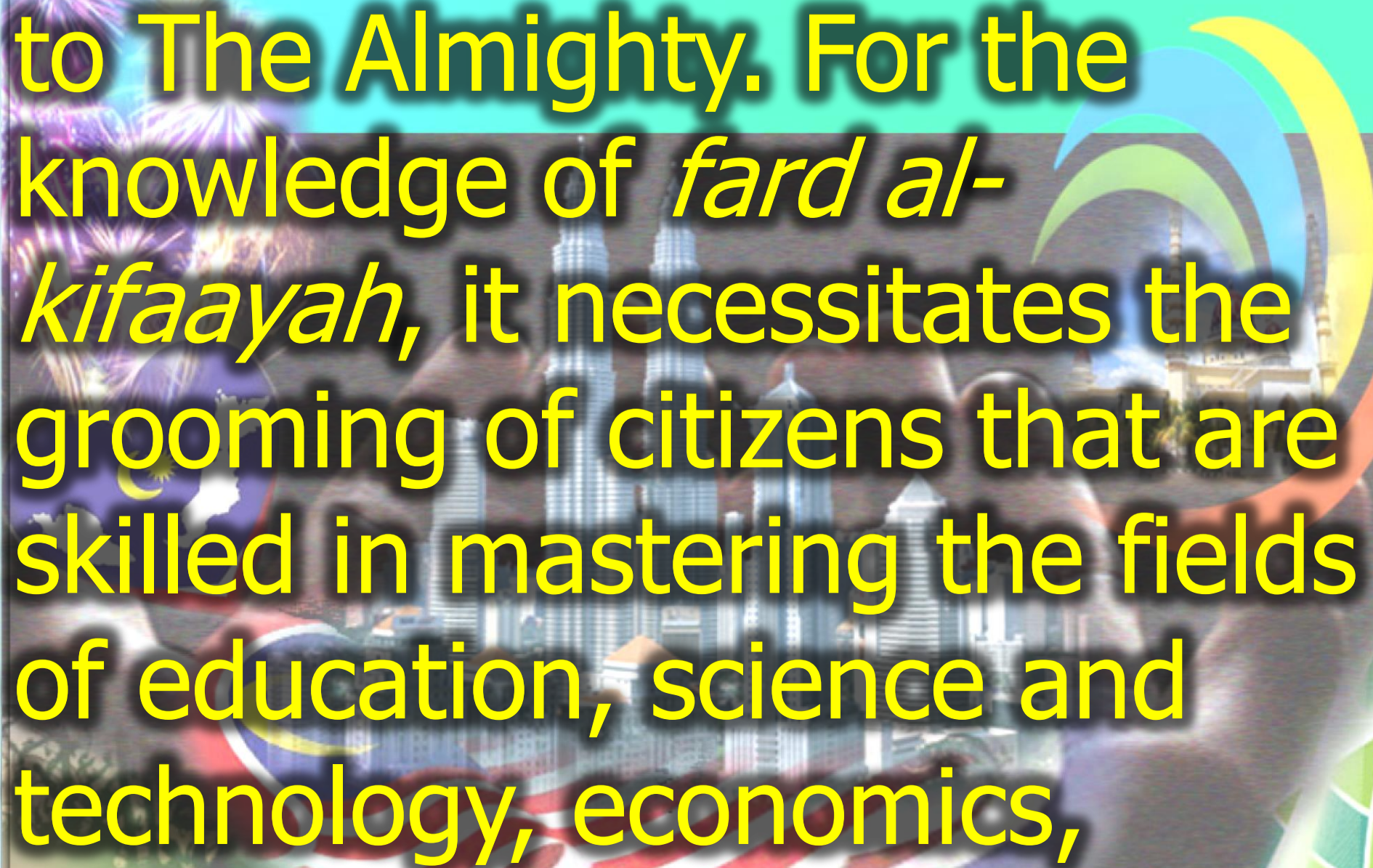




welfare state and attaining
the forgiveness of Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala is
the implementation of
knowledge pertaining to *fard*
al-'ayn (individual obligation)
and

fard al-kifaayah (communal obligation). The knowledge of *fard al-'ayn* covers the belief in Allah and the Hereafter, which is the solid foundation for an individual's devotion



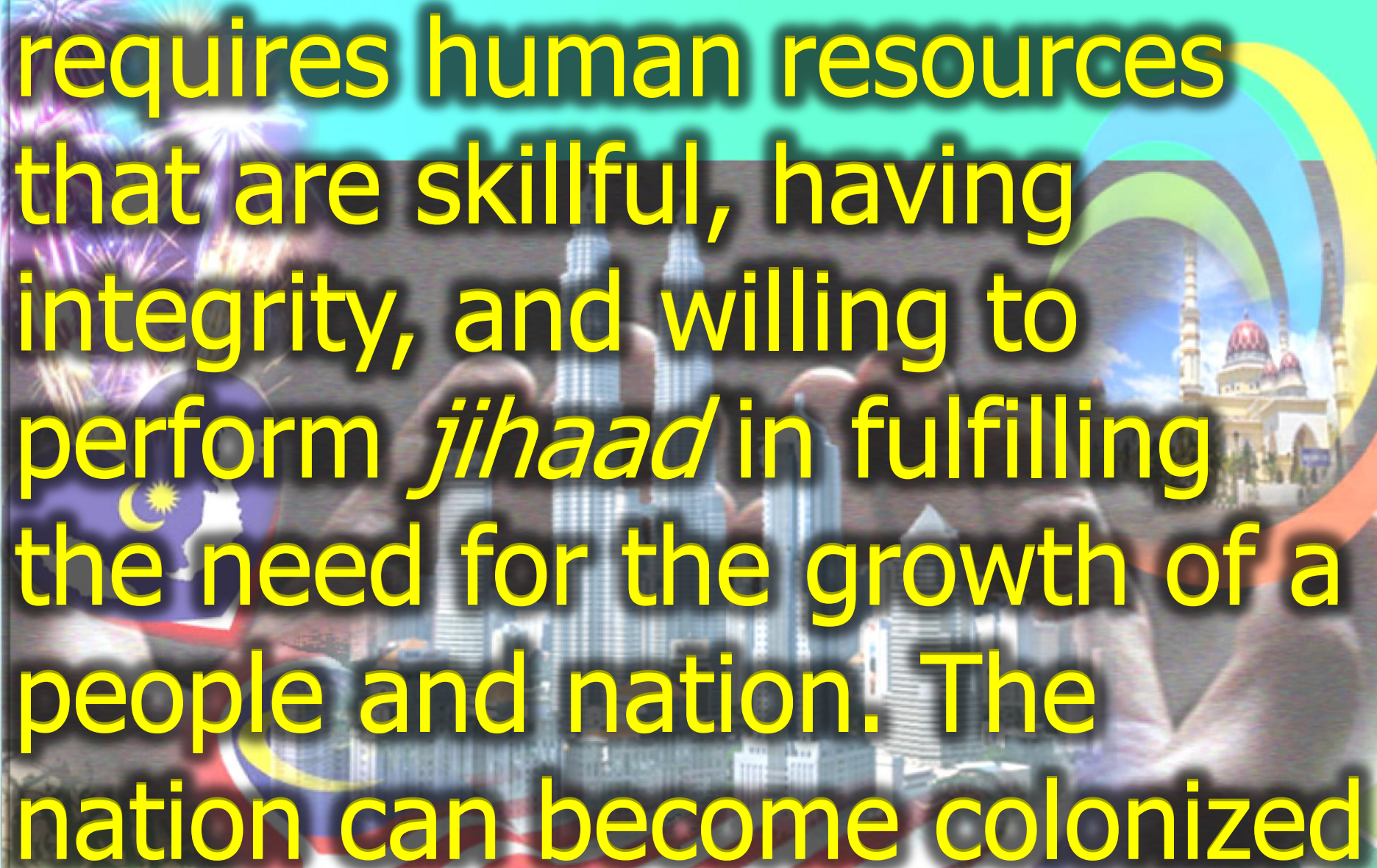


to The Almighty. For the knowledge of *fard al-kifaayah*, it necessitates the grooming of citizens that are skilled in mastering the fields of education, science and technology, economics,

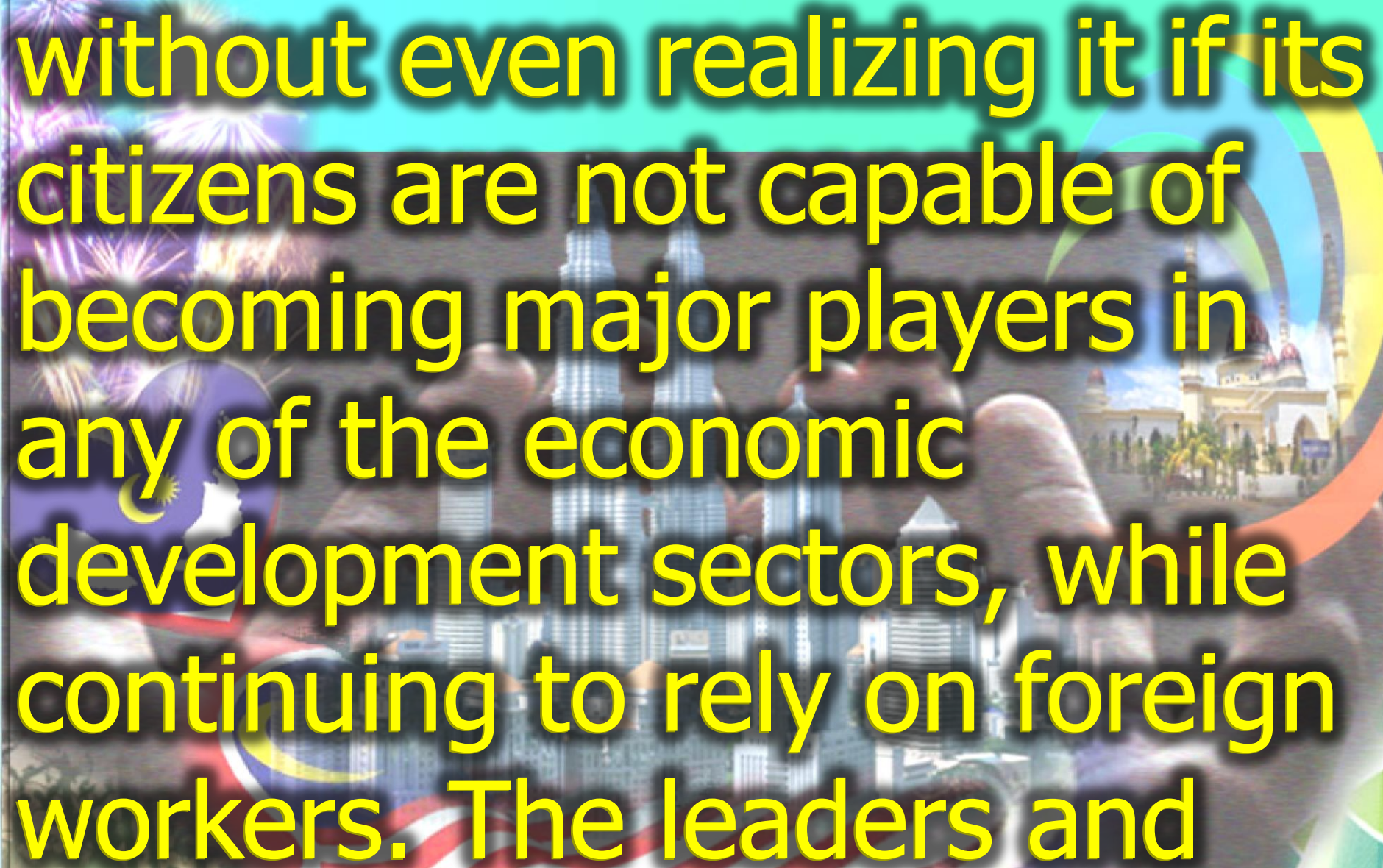


industrial, social science,
security, and health.

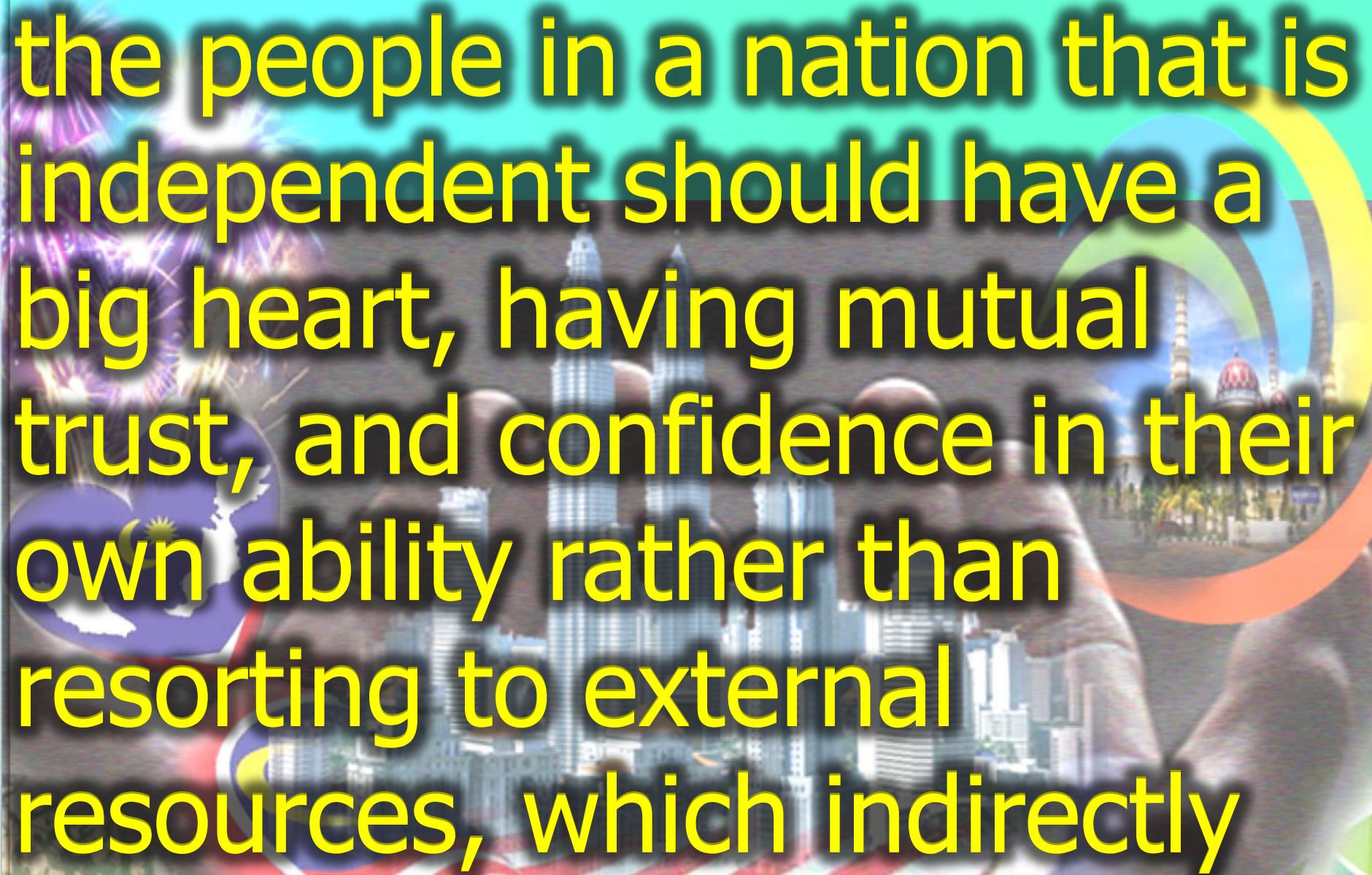
A successful independent
nation surely would have
quality planning in educating
its people. The nation



requires human resources that are skillful, having integrity, and willing to perform *jihad* in fulfilling the need for the growth of a people and nation. The nation can become colonized



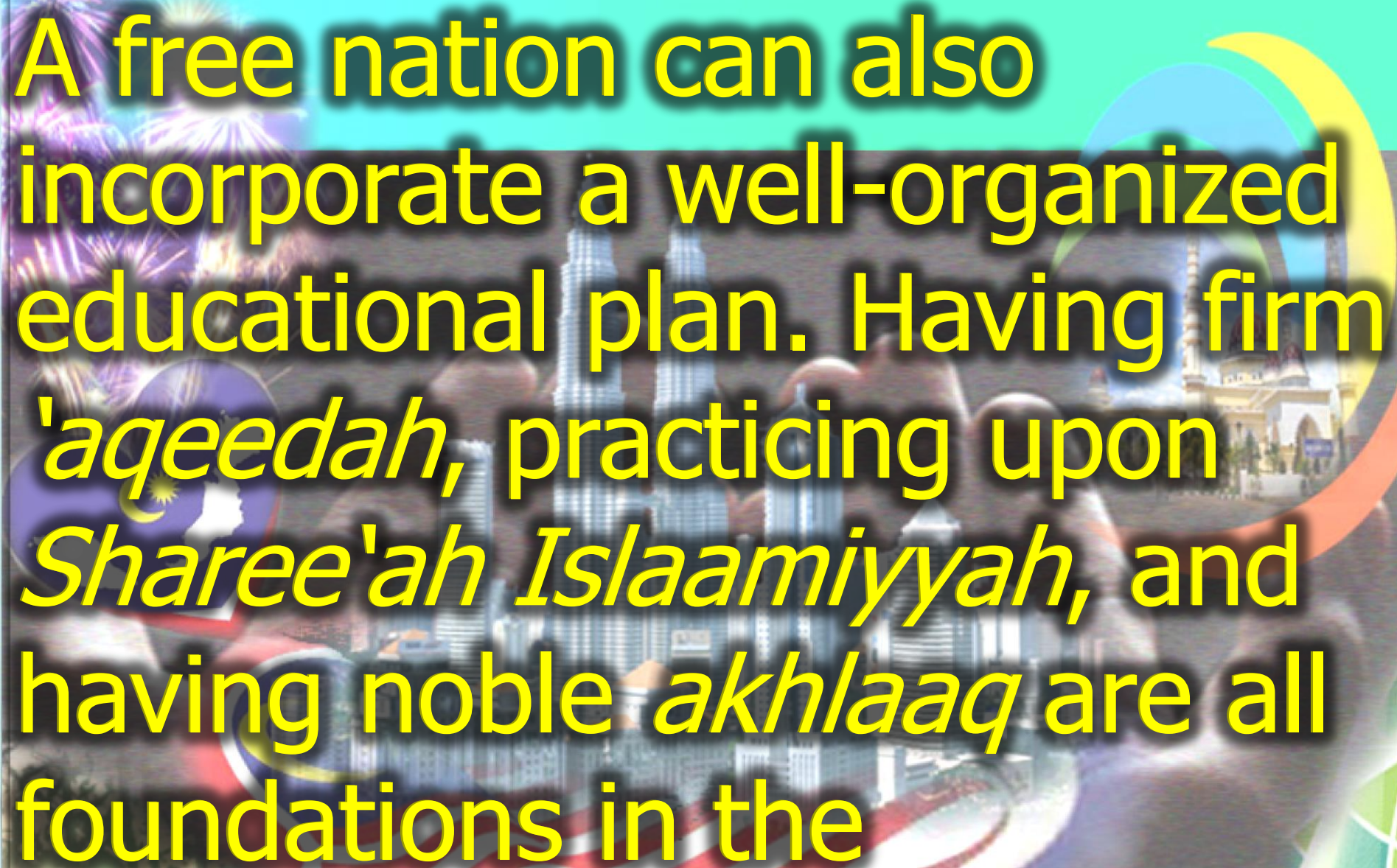
without even realizing it if its citizens are not capable of becoming major players in any of the economic development sectors, while continuing to rely on foreign workers. The leaders and

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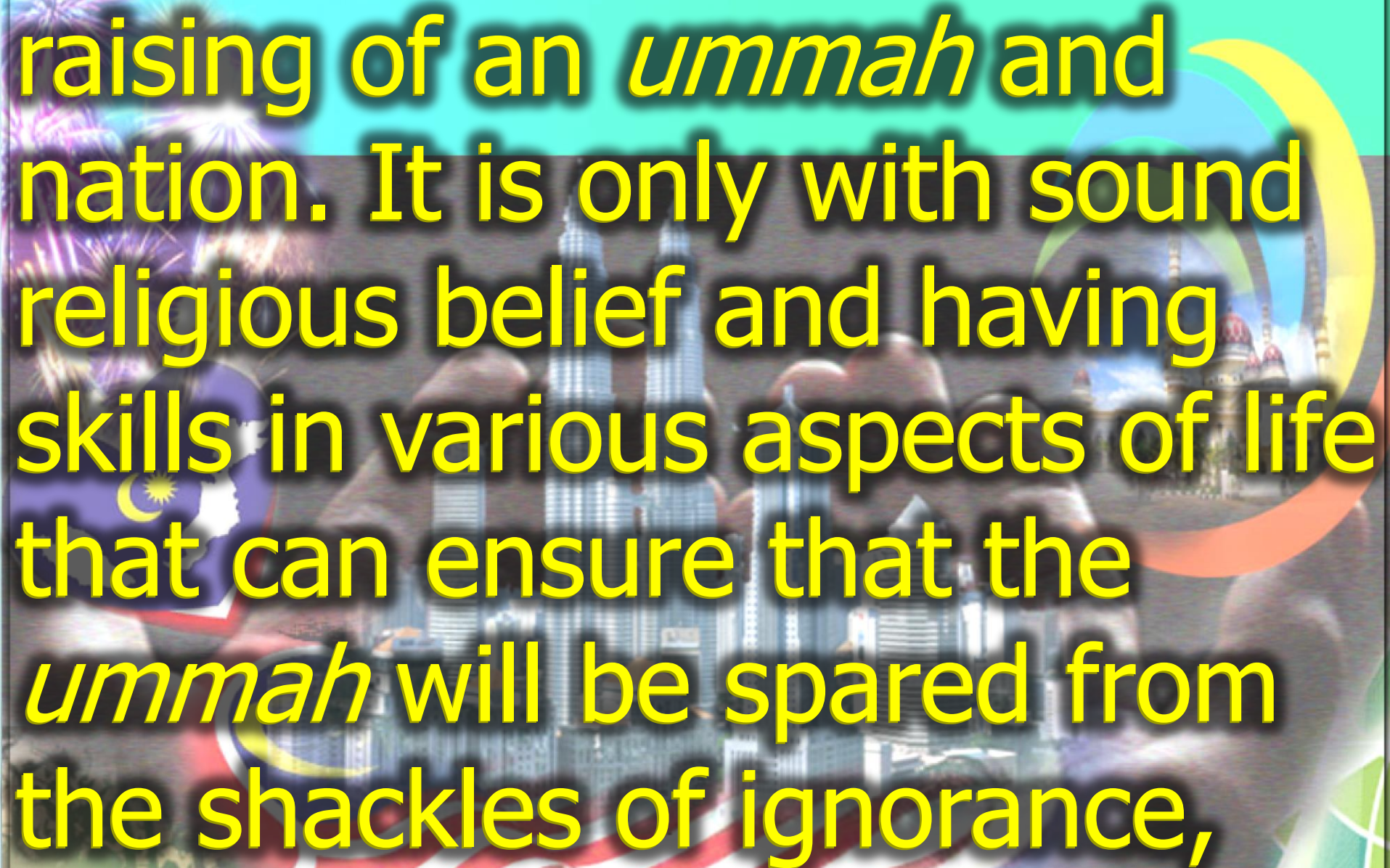
the people in a nation that is independent should have a big heart, having mutual trust, and confidence in their own ability rather than resorting to external resources, which indirectly

contributes to the multitudes of social dilemmas in the nation. This will surely burden the nation from the aspect of expenditure, aside from indirect colonization taking place.

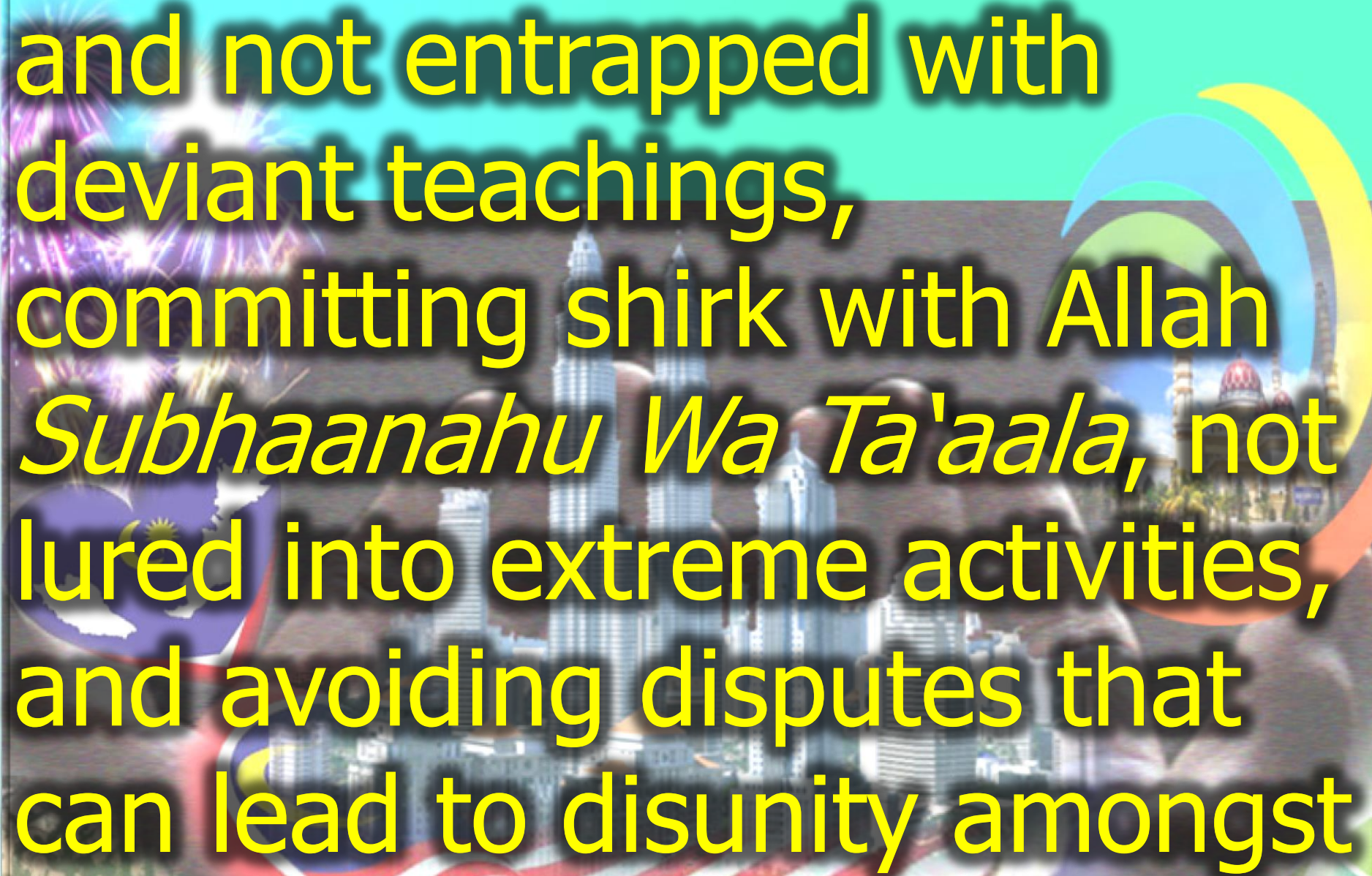
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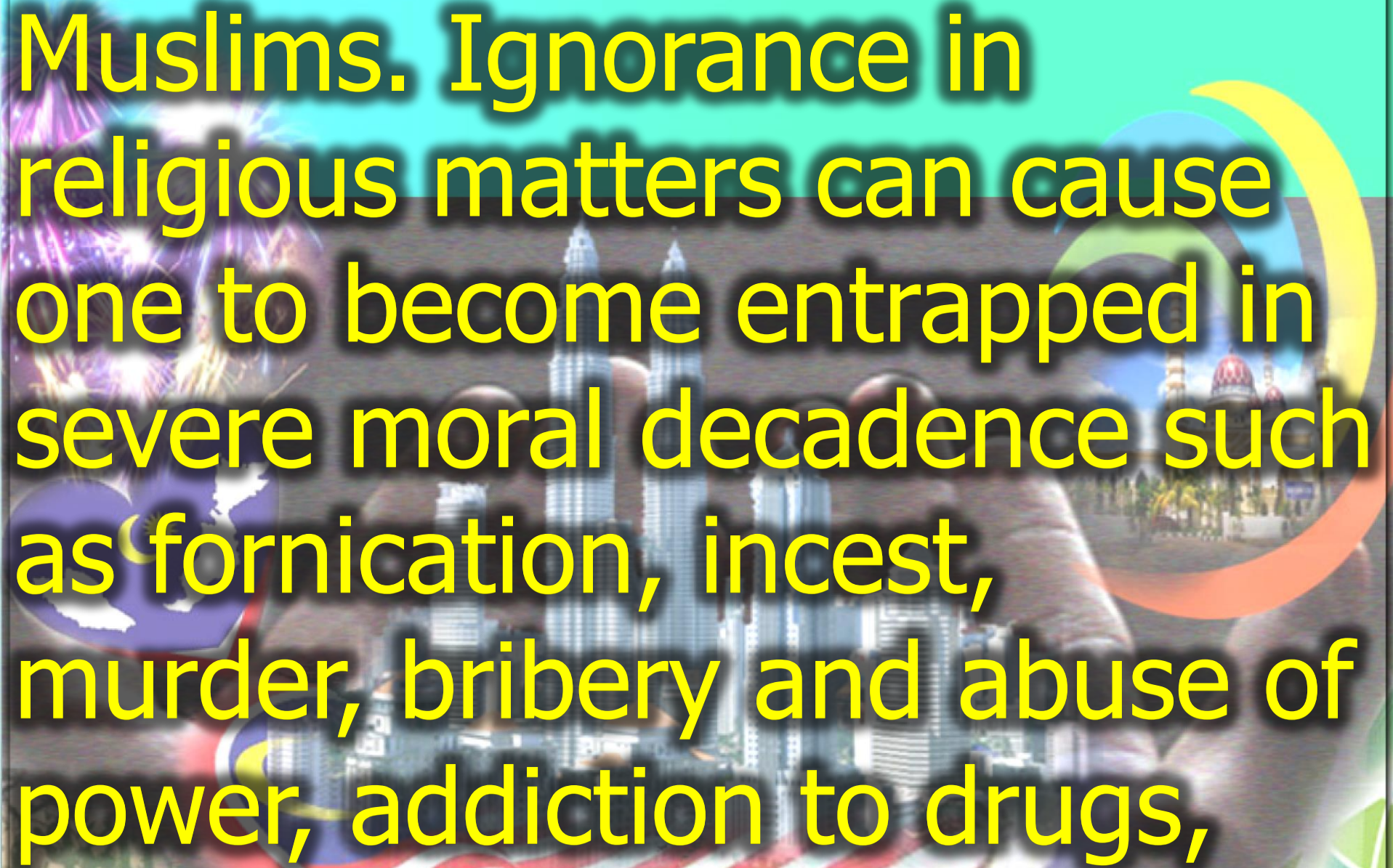
A free nation can also incorporate a well-organized educational plan. Having firm *'aqeedah*, practicing upon *Sharee'ah Islaamiyyah*, and having noble *akhlaaq* are all foundations in the



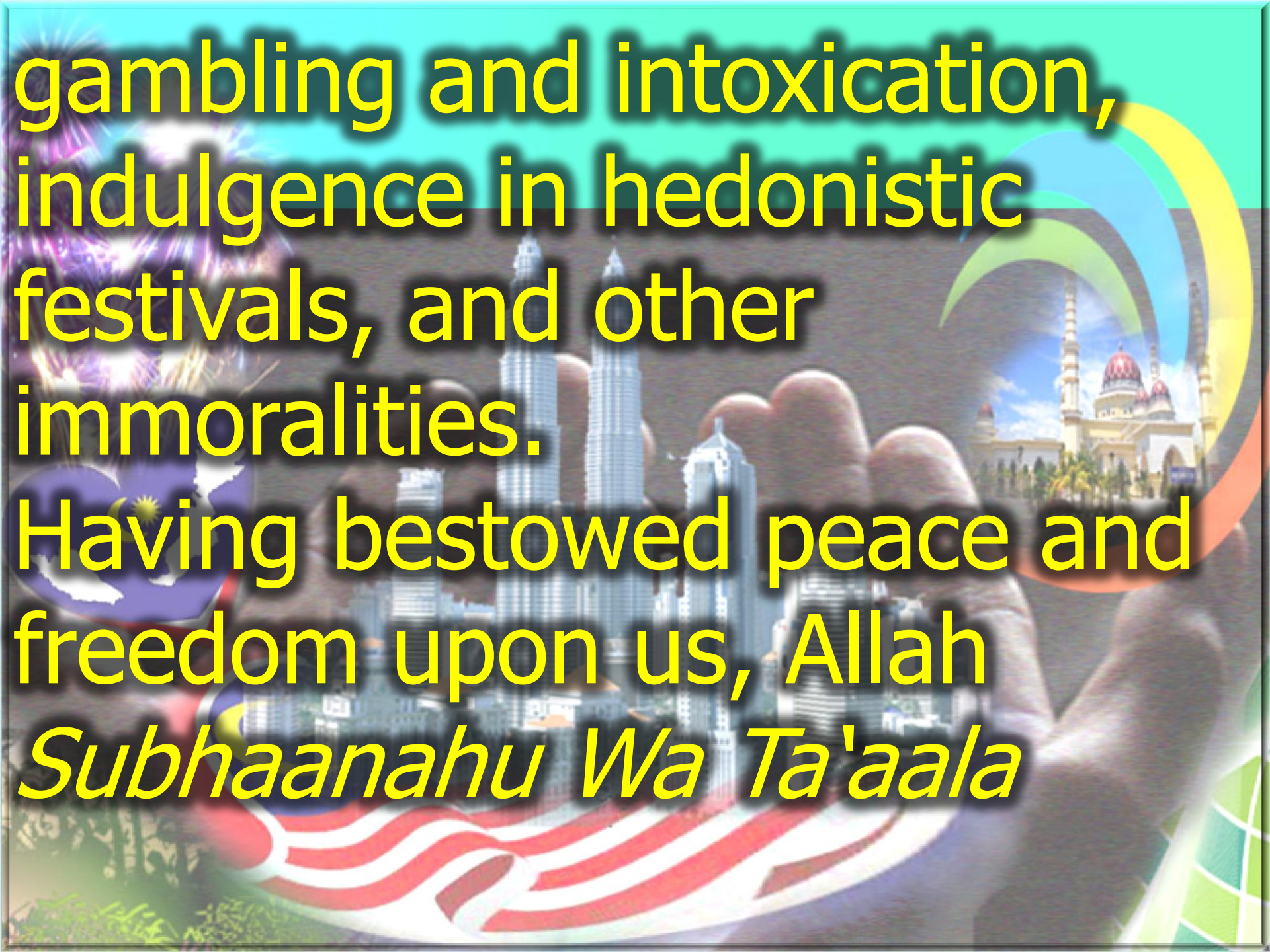
raising of an *ummah* and nation. It is only with sound religious belief and having skills in various aspects of life that can ensure that the *ummah* will be spared from the shackles of ignorance,



and not entrapped with
deviant teachings,
committing shirk with Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, not
lured into extreme activities,
and avoiding disputes that
can lead to disunity amongst



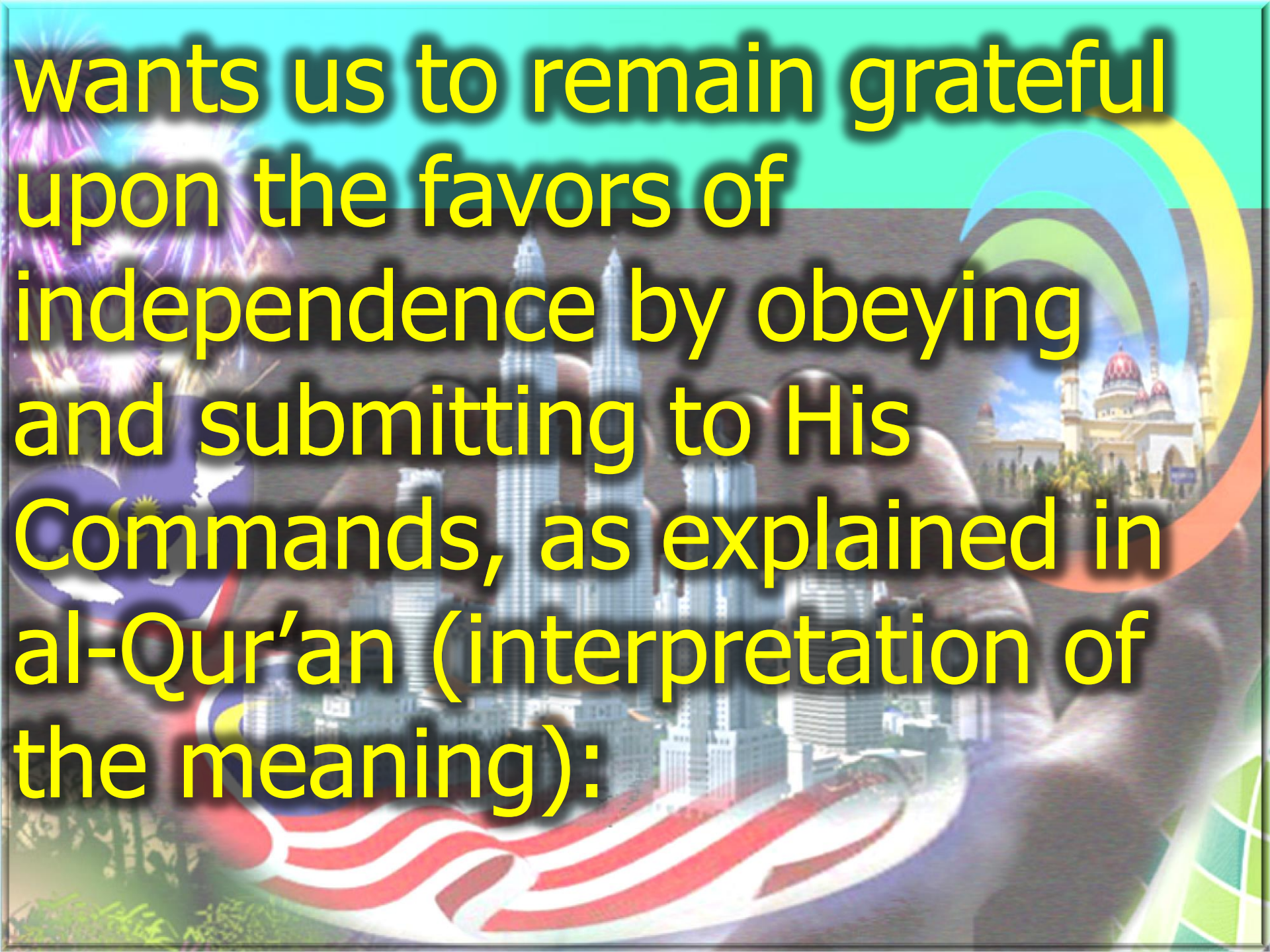
Muslims. Ignorance in religious matters can cause one to become entrapped in severe moral decadence such as fornication, incest, murder, bribery and abuse of power, addiction to drugs,

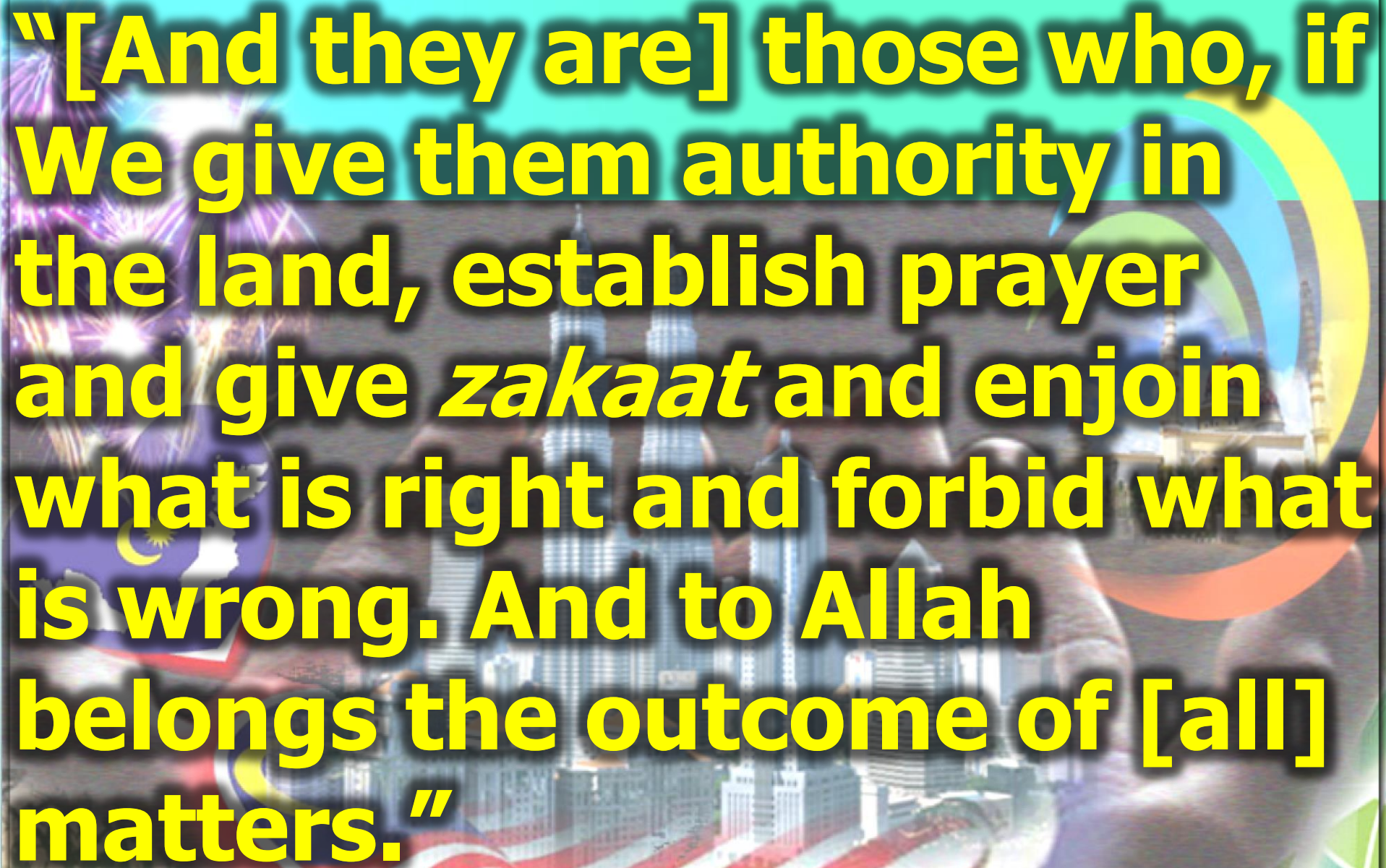


gambling and intoxication,
indulgence in hedonistic
festivals, and other
immoralities.

Having bestowed peace and
freedom upon us, Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala

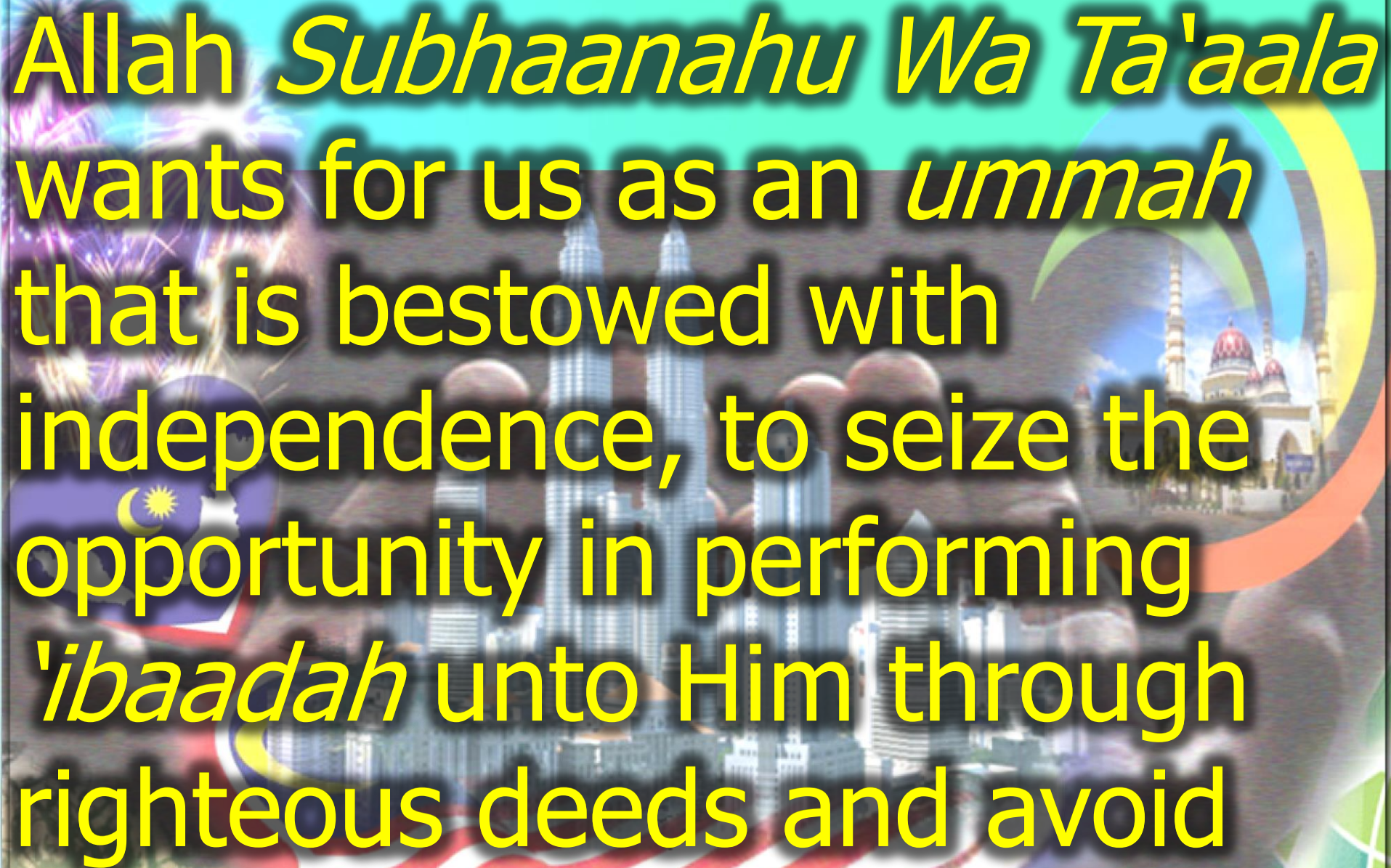
wants us to remain grateful upon the favors of independence by obeying and submitting to His Commands, as explained in al-Qur'an (interpretation of the meaning):





“[And they are] those who, if We give them authority in the land, establish prayer and give *zakaat* and enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong. And to Allah belongs the outcome of [all] matters.”

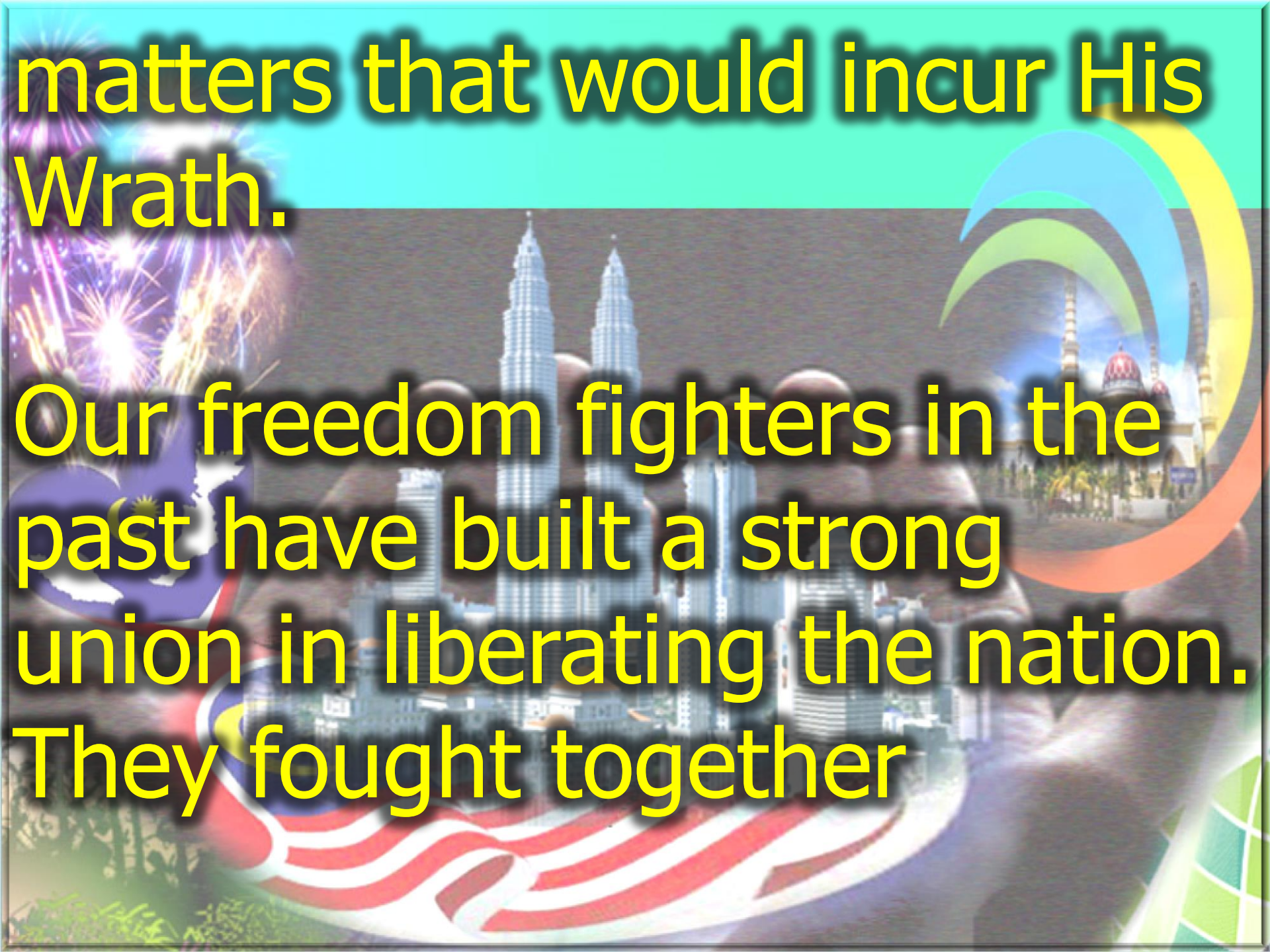
(al-Hajj 22:41)

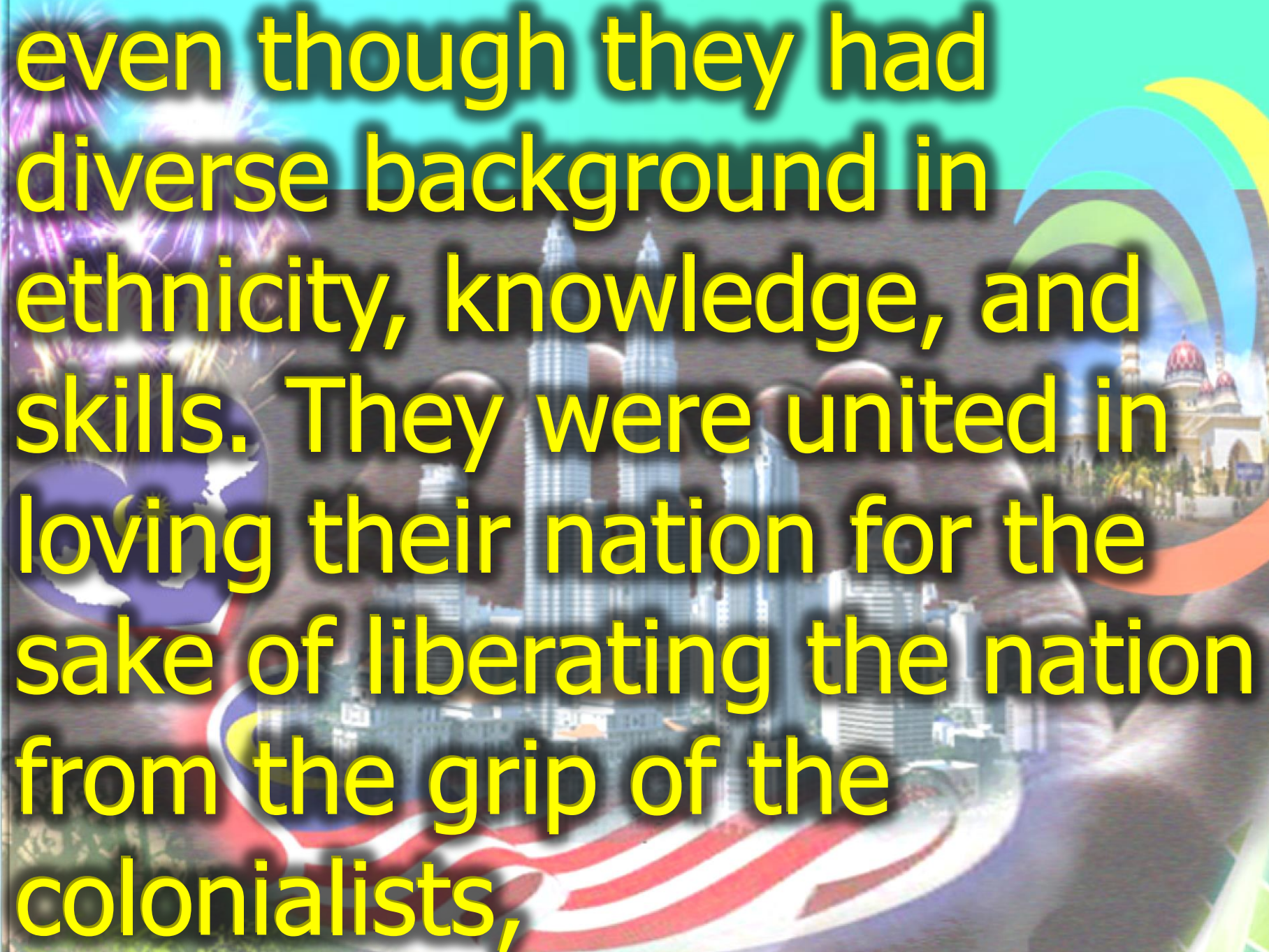


Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*
wants for us as an *ummah*
that is bestowed with
independence, to seize the
opportunity in performing
'ibaadah unto Him through
righteous deeds and avoid

matters that would incur His
Wrath.

Our freedom fighters in the
past have built a strong
union in liberating the nation.
They fought together





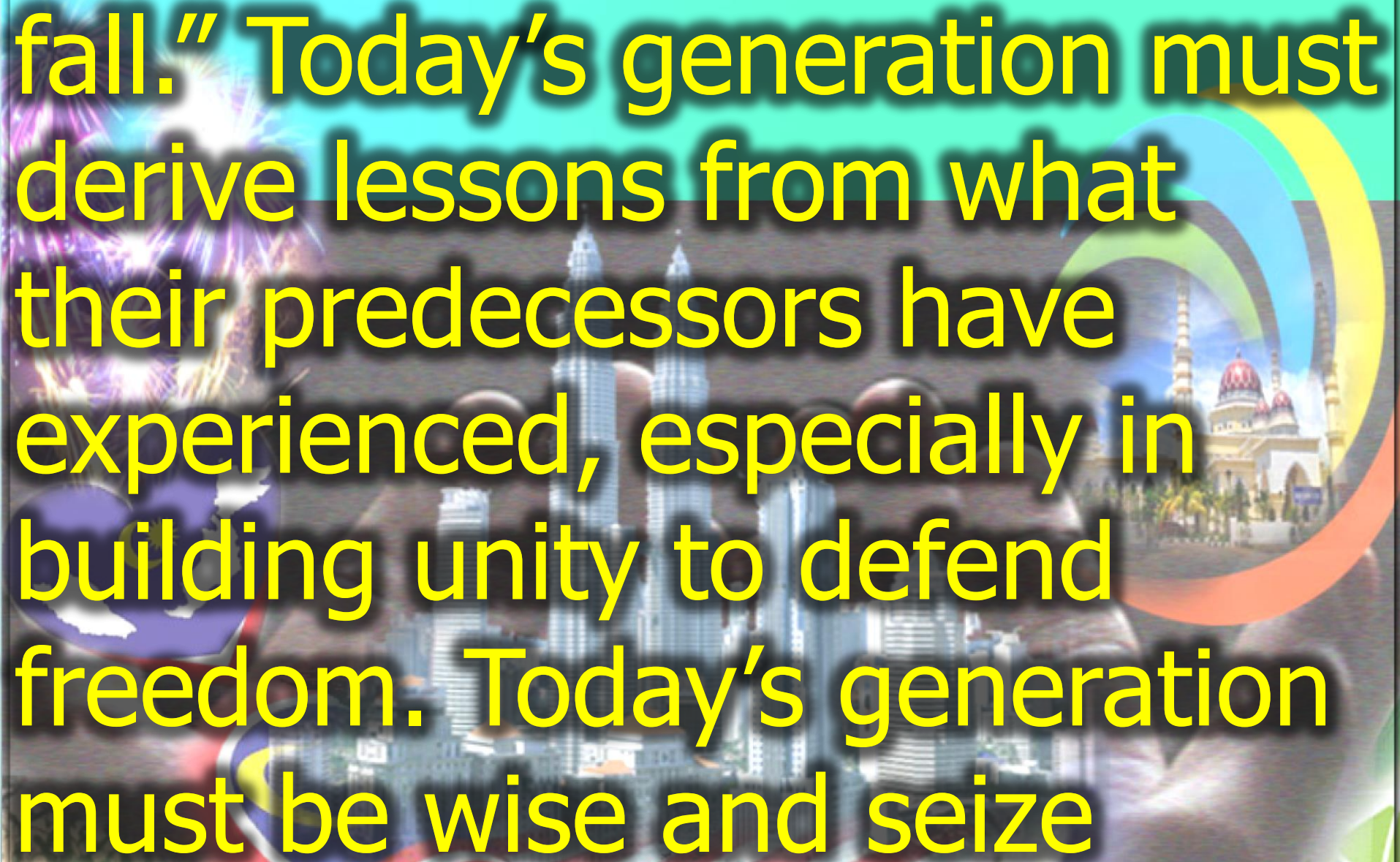
even though they had diverse background in ethnicity, knowledge, and skills. They were united in loving their nation for the sake of liberating the nation from the grip of the colonialists,



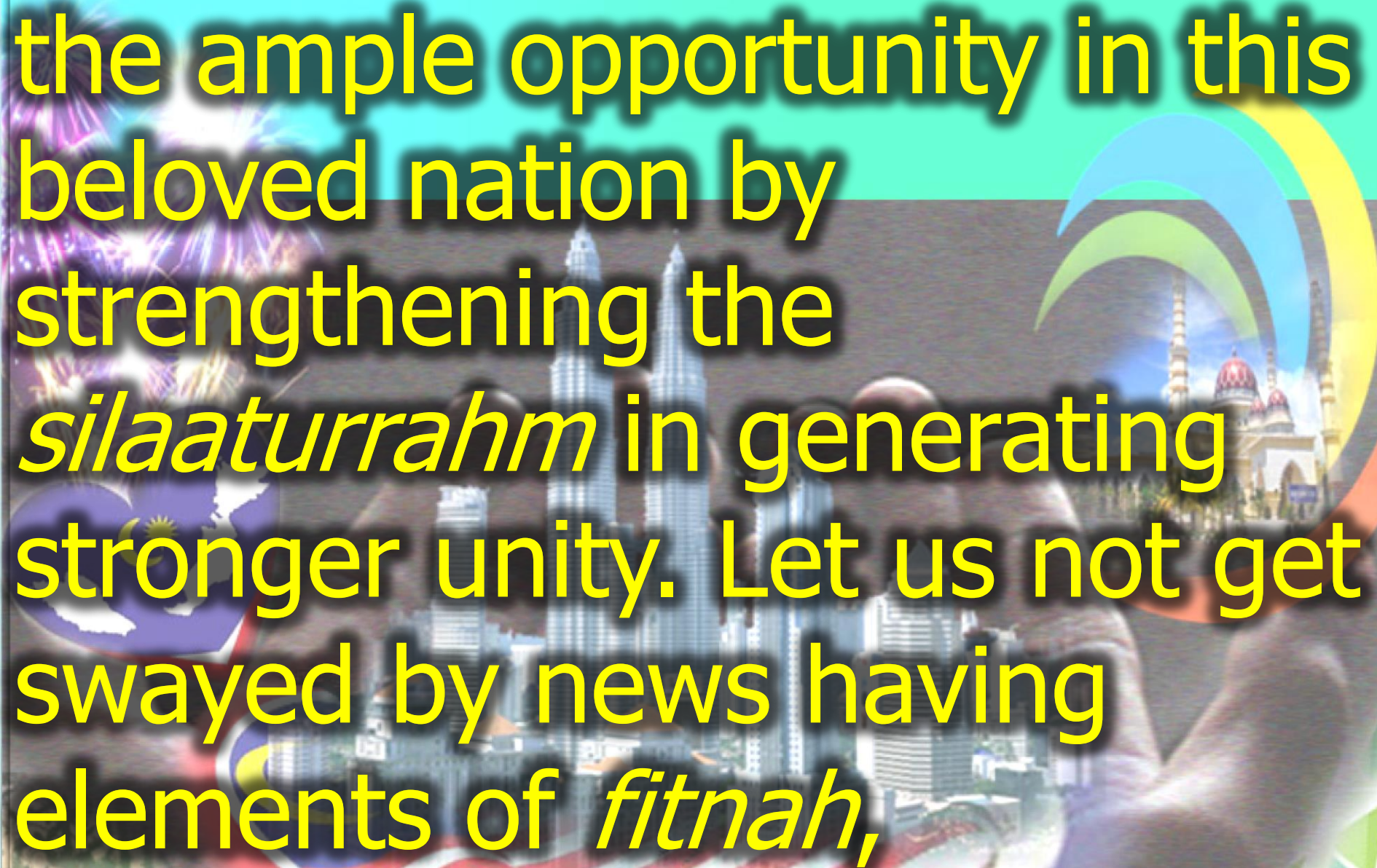
as the scholars have said:

"Loving one's homeland is part of faith."

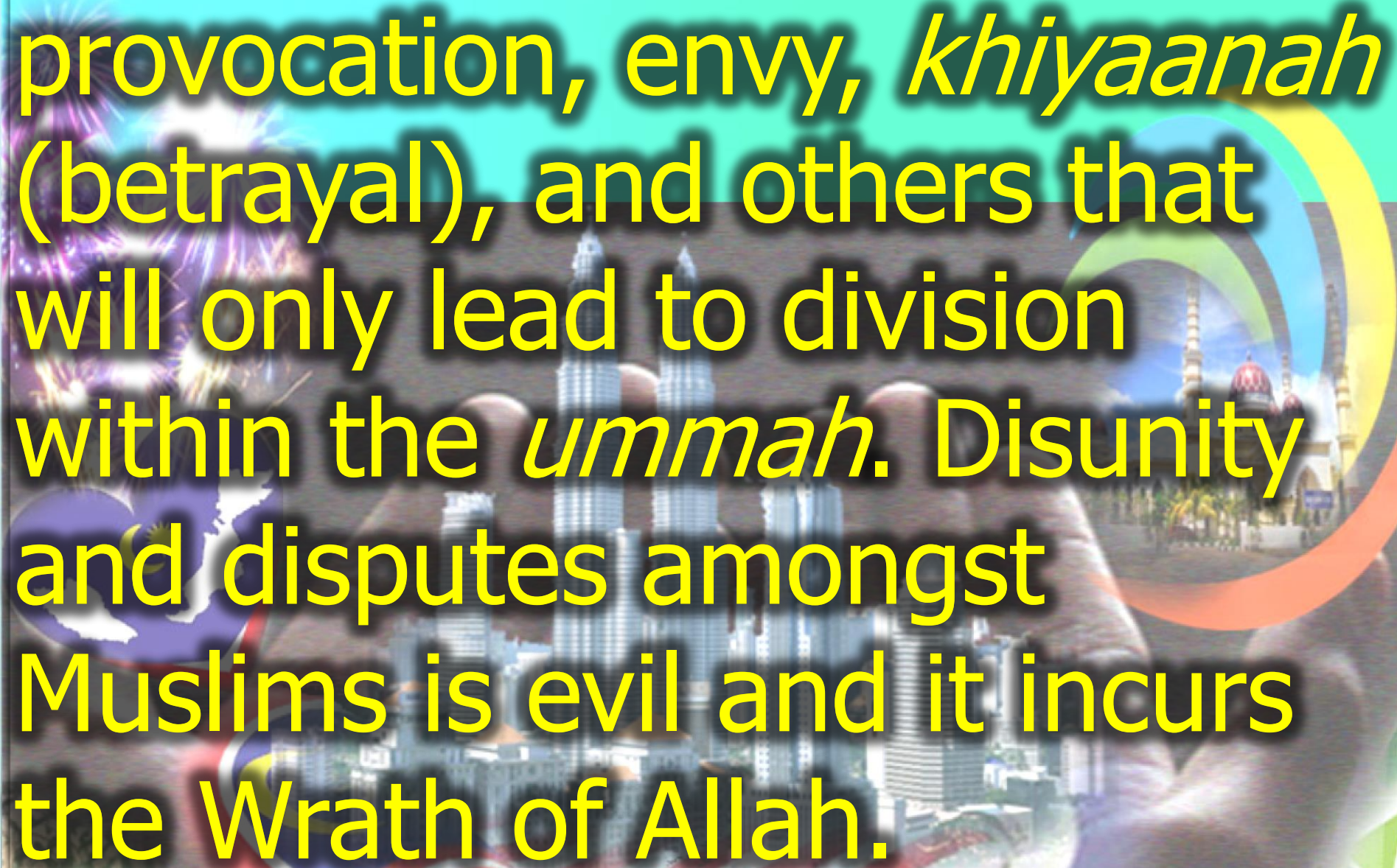
It is undeniable that their foundation of strength is drawn from the principle of "united we stand, divided we



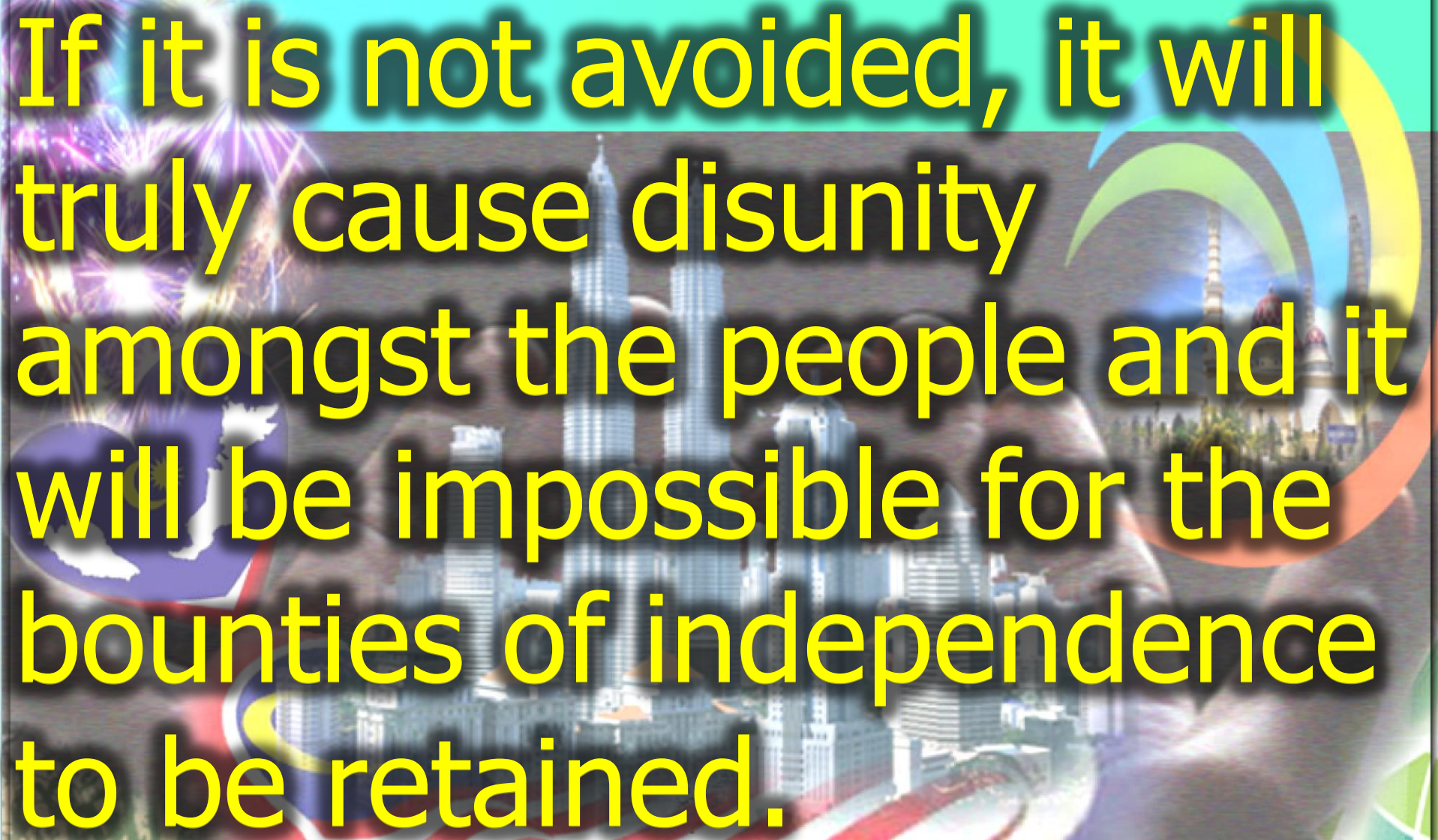
fall." Today's generation must derive lessons from what their predecessors have experienced, especially in building unity to defend freedom. Today's generation must be wise and seize



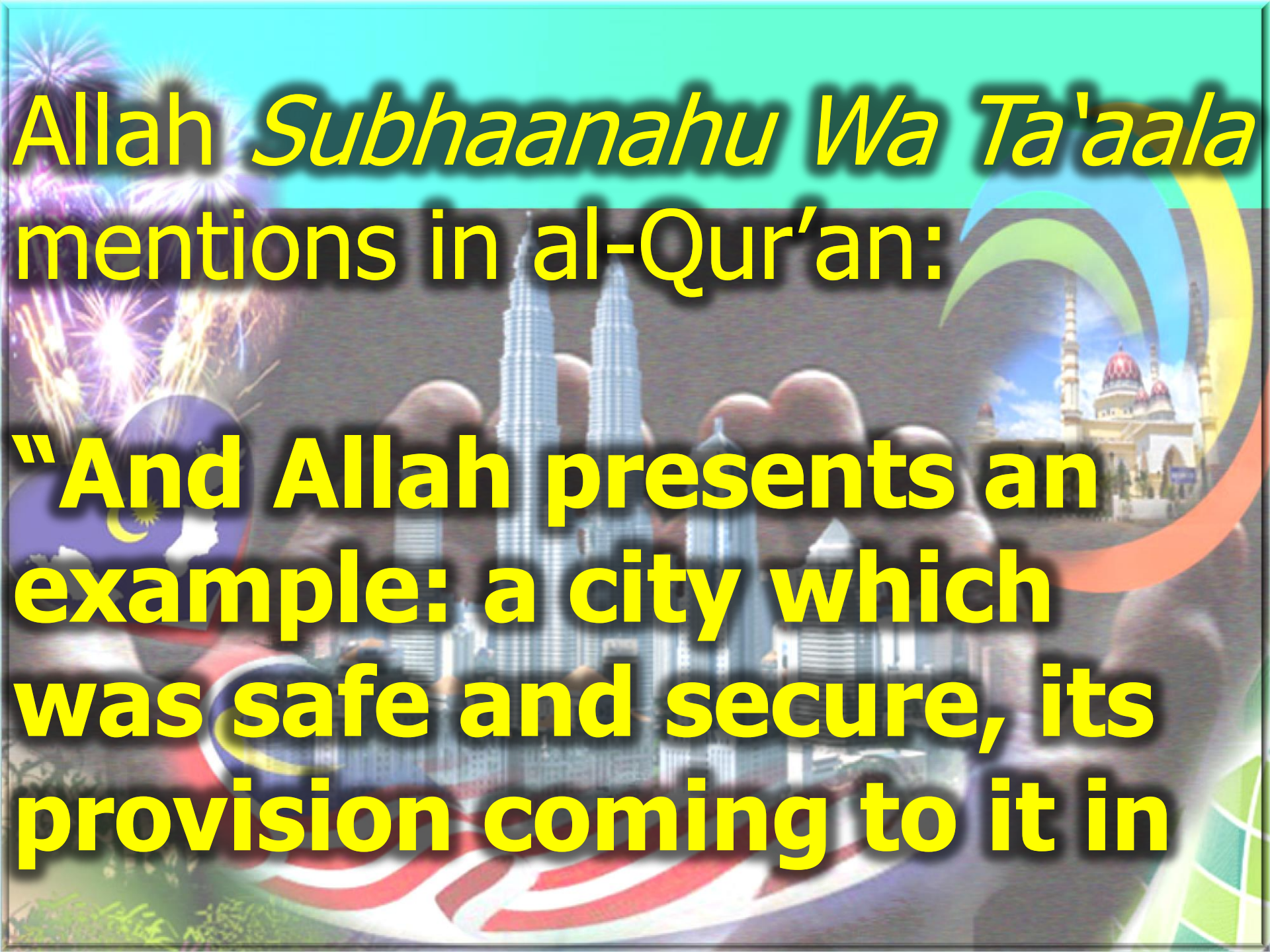
the ample opportunity in this beloved nation by strengthening the *silaaturrahm* in generating stronger unity. Let us not get swayed by news having elements of *fitnah*,



provocation, envy, *khiyaanah* (betrayal), and others that will only lead to division within the *ummah*. Disunity and disputes amongst Muslims is evil and it incurs the Wrath of Allah.

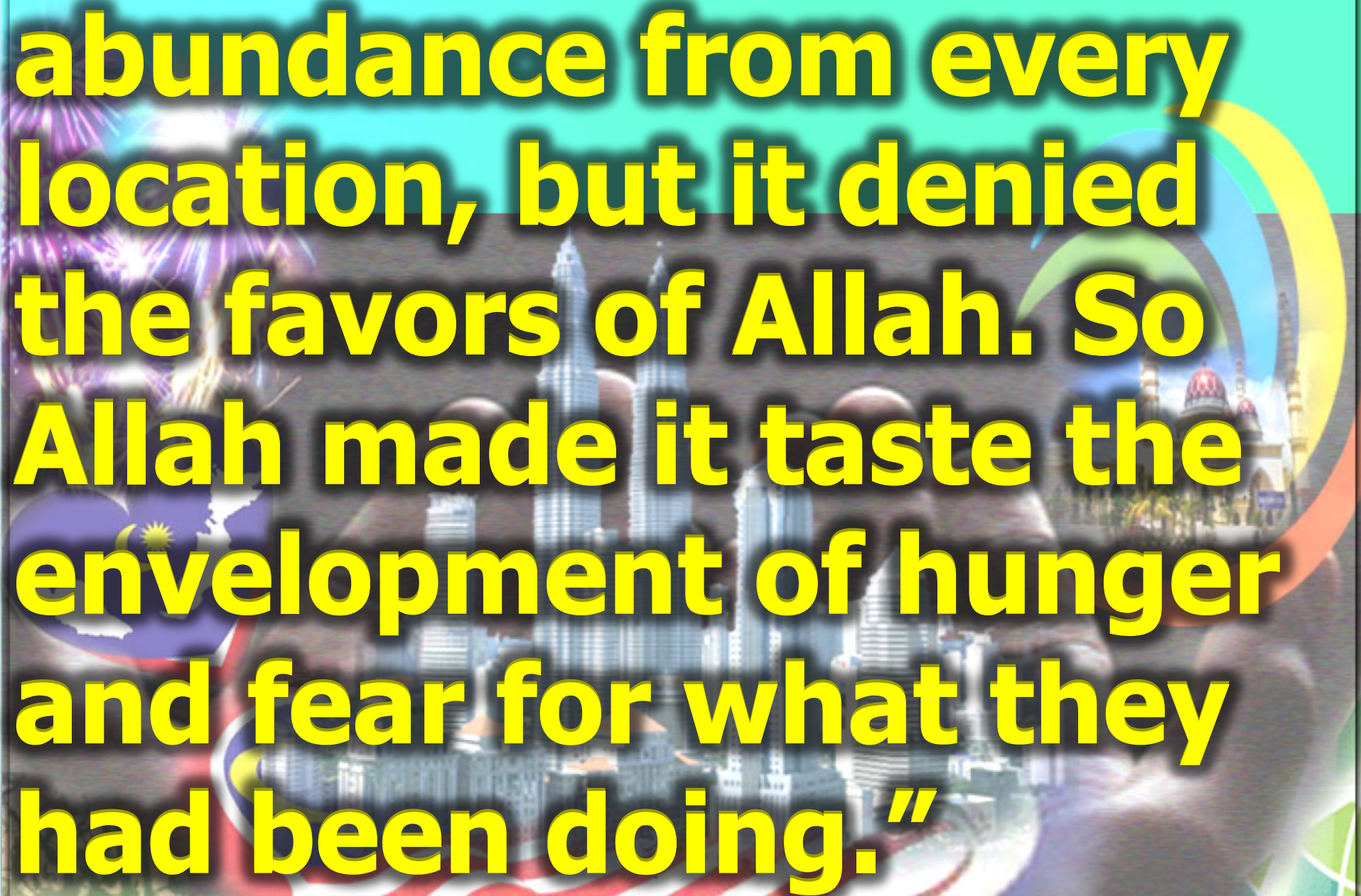
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If it is not avoided, it will truly cause disunity amongst the people and it will be impossible for the bounties of independence to be retained.



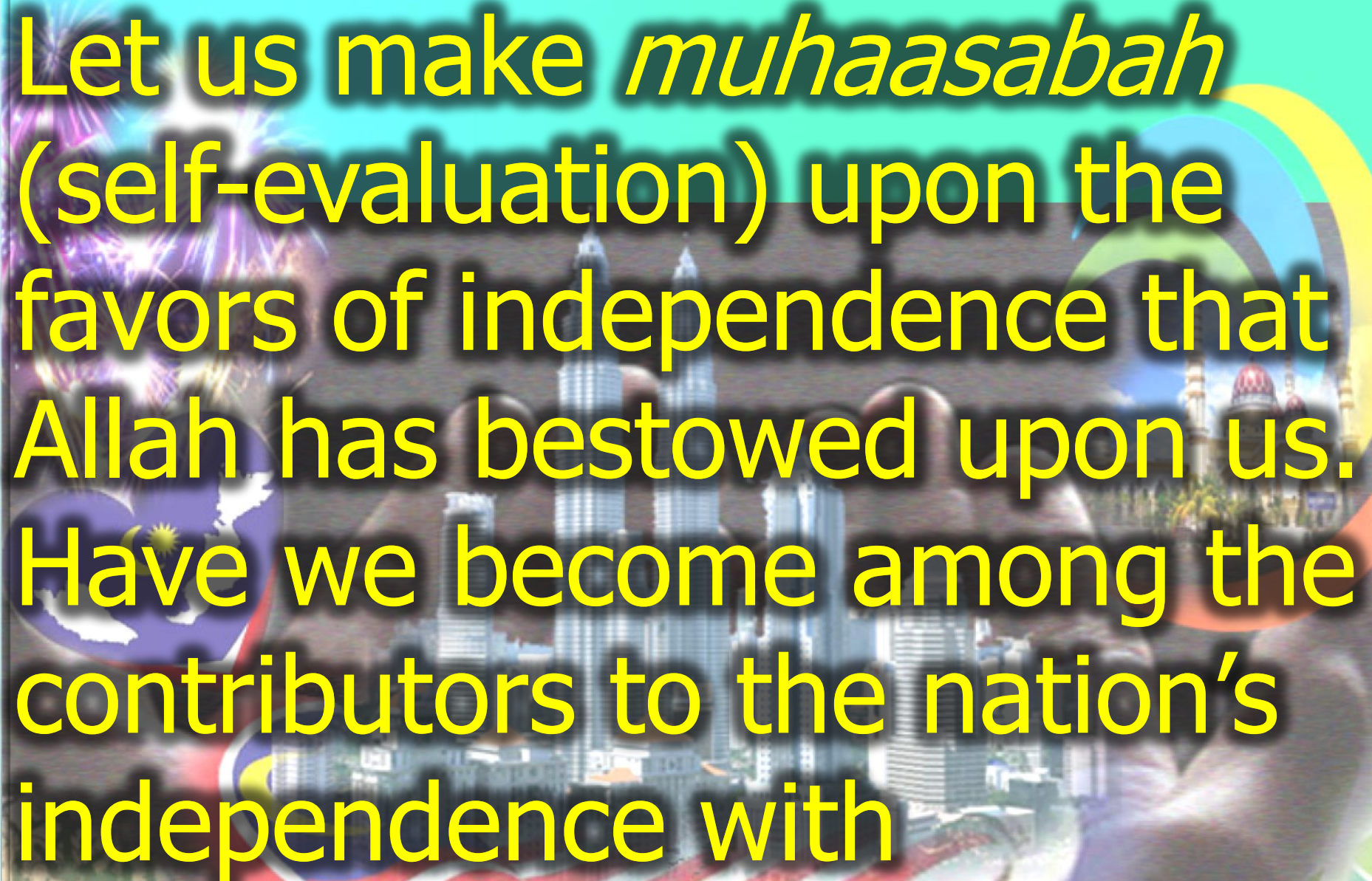
Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*
mentions in al-Qur'an:

**“And Allah presents an
example: a city which
was safe and secure, its
provision coming to it in**

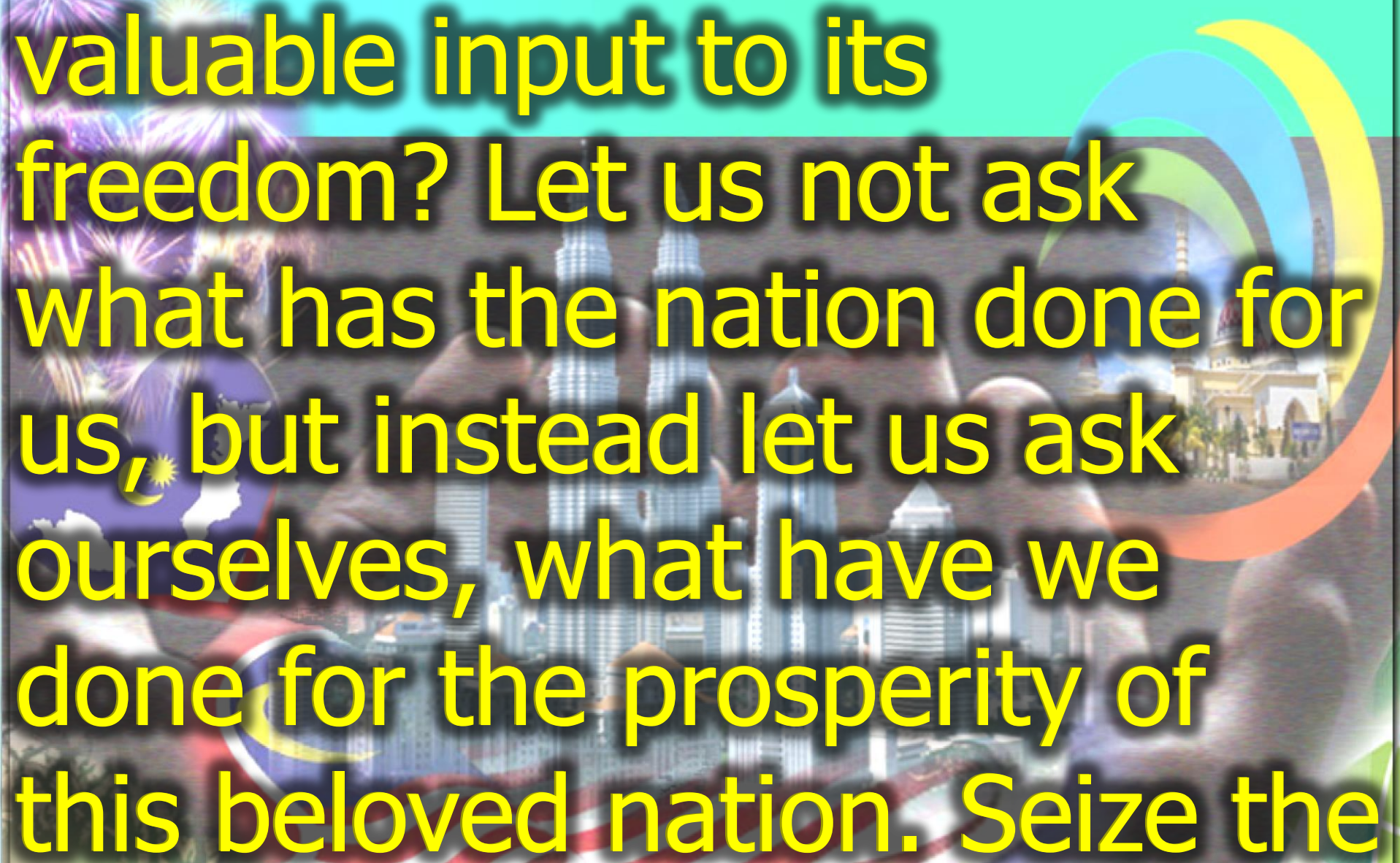


abundance from every location, but it denied the favors of Allah. So Allah made it taste the envelopment of hunger and fear for what they had been doing.”

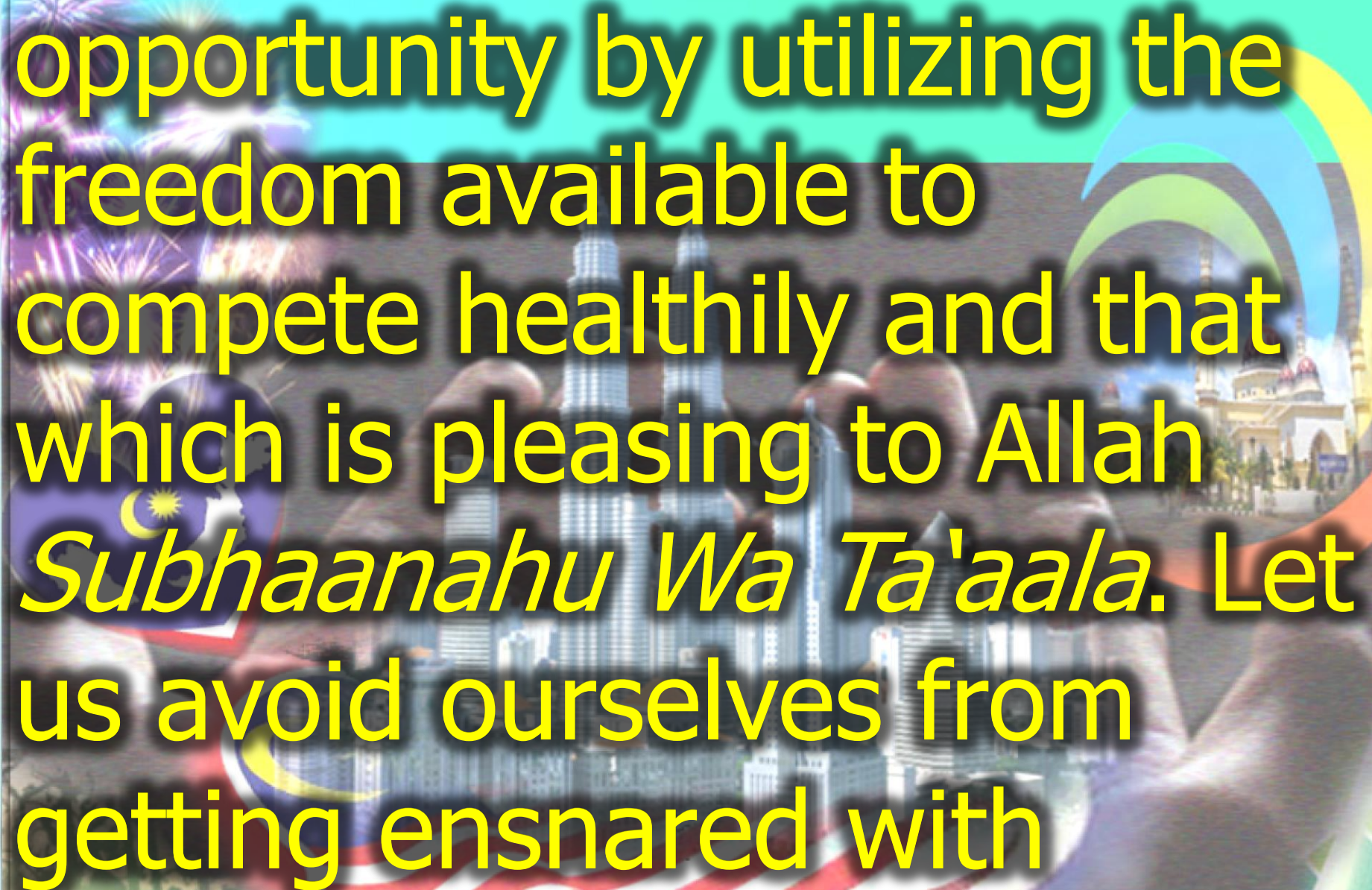
(an-Nahl 16:112)



Let us make *muhaasabah*
(self-evaluation) upon the
favours of independence that
Allah has bestowed upon us.
Have we become among the
contributors to the nation's
independence with



valuable input to its
freedom? Let us not ask
what has the nation done for
us, but instead let us ask
ourselves, what have we
done for the prosperity of
this beloved nation. Seize the



opportunity by utilizing the freedom available to compete healthily and that which is pleasing to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Let us avoid ourselves from getting ensnared with

matters than can destroy
the sovereignty of the free
nation that we truly love.

In concluding today's
khutbah, let us derive the
following lessons:

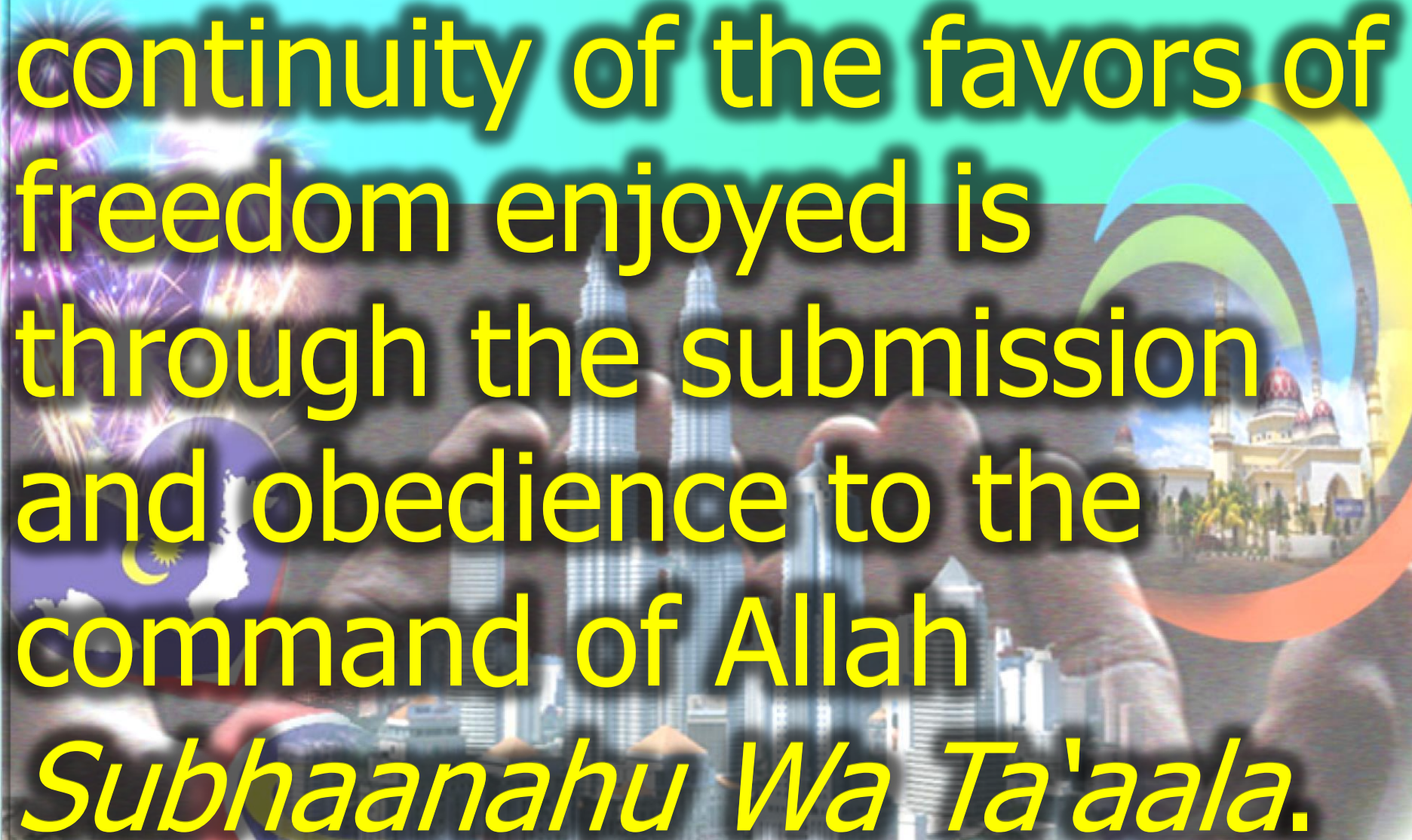
1. The Muslim *umamah* must become the best agents in utilizing the freedom available by increasing their knowledge of *fard al-'ayn* and *fard al-kifaayah*





2. The Muslim *ummah* must strive to perform righteous deeds and avoid all forms of evil and disobedience.

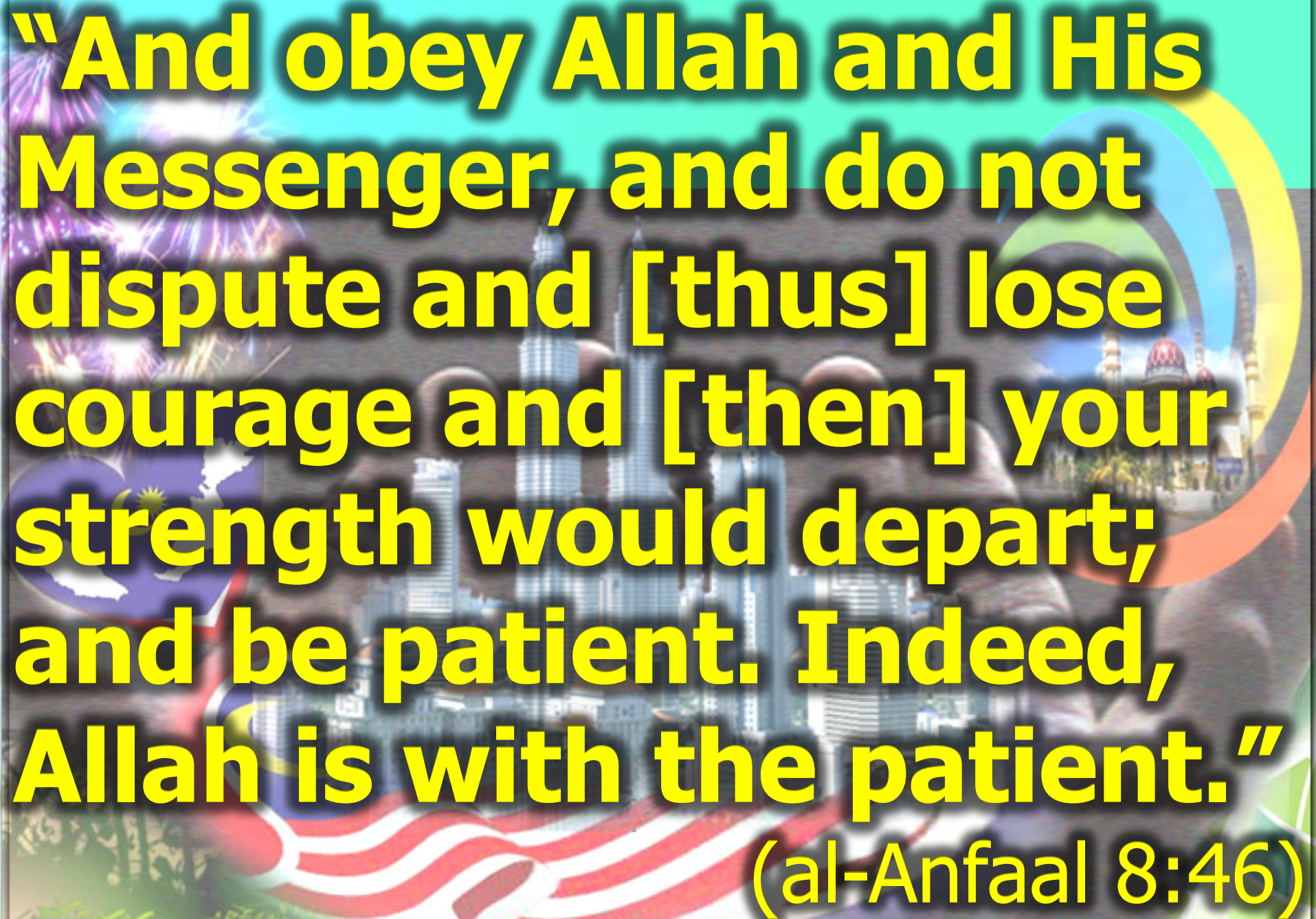
3. The Muslim *ummah* must accept the reality that the



continuity of the favors of
freedom enjoyed is
through the submission
and obedience to the
command of Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

4. The Muslims must avoid from getting involved with disputes that will lead to division amongst themselves, which in the end destroys the favors of freedom.

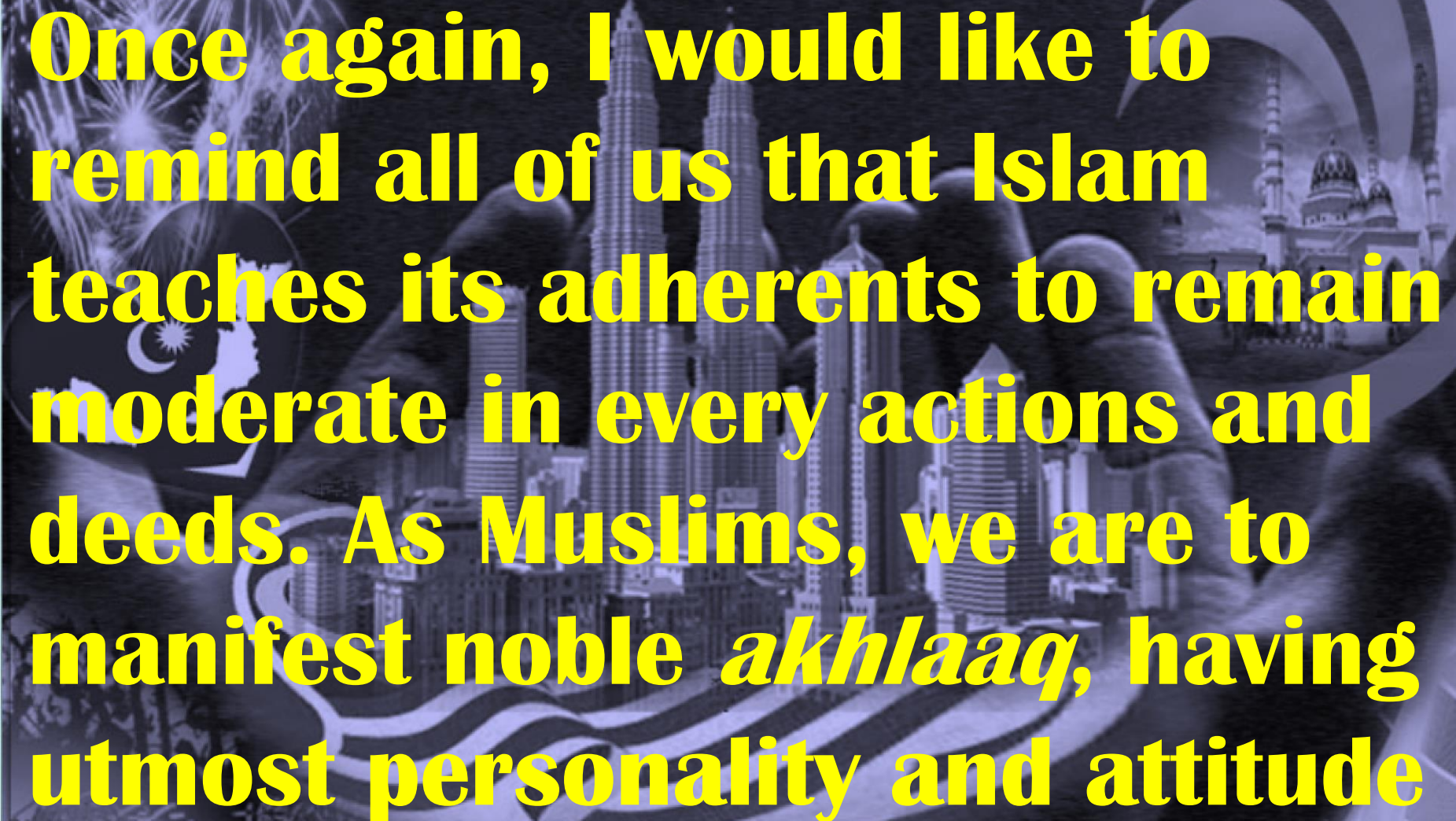
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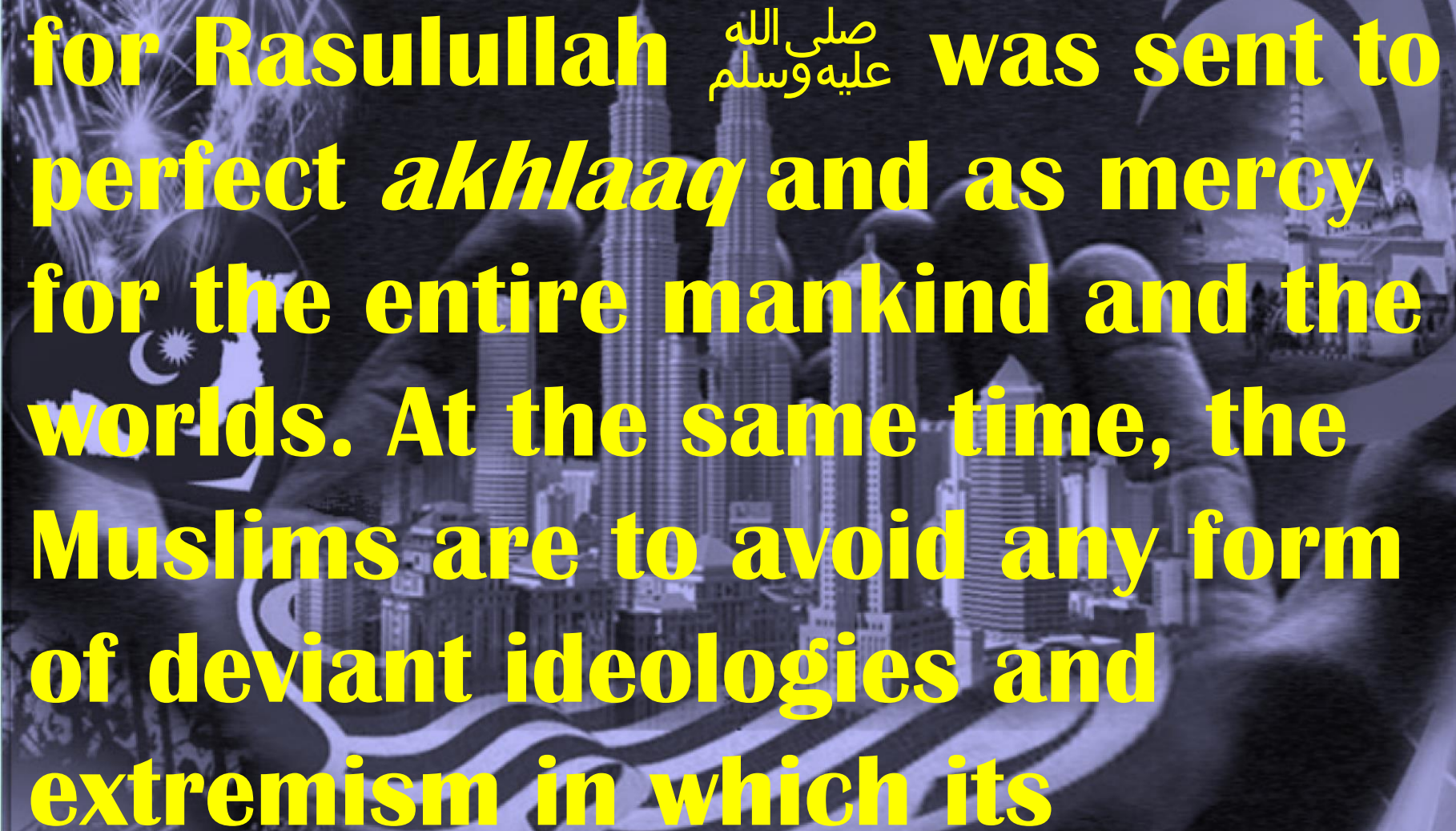
“And obey Allah and His Messenger, and do not dispute and [thus] lose courage and [then] your strength would depart; and be patient. Indeed, Allah is with the patient.”
(al-Anfaal 8:46)



***THE SECOND
KHUTBAH***



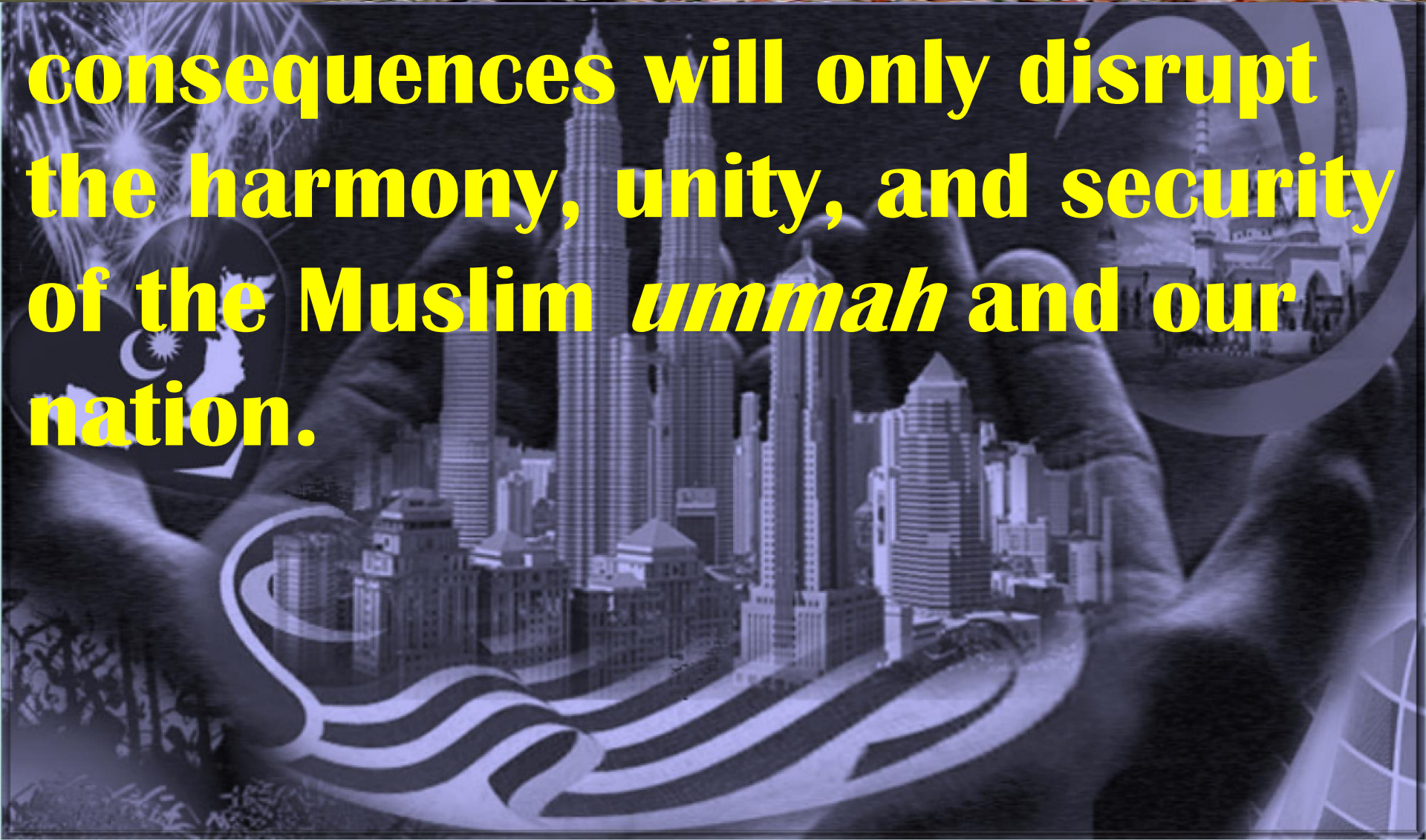
Once again, I would like to remind all of us that Islam teaches its adherents to remain moderate in every actions and deeds. As Muslims, we are to manifest noble *akhlaaq*, having utmost personality and attitude

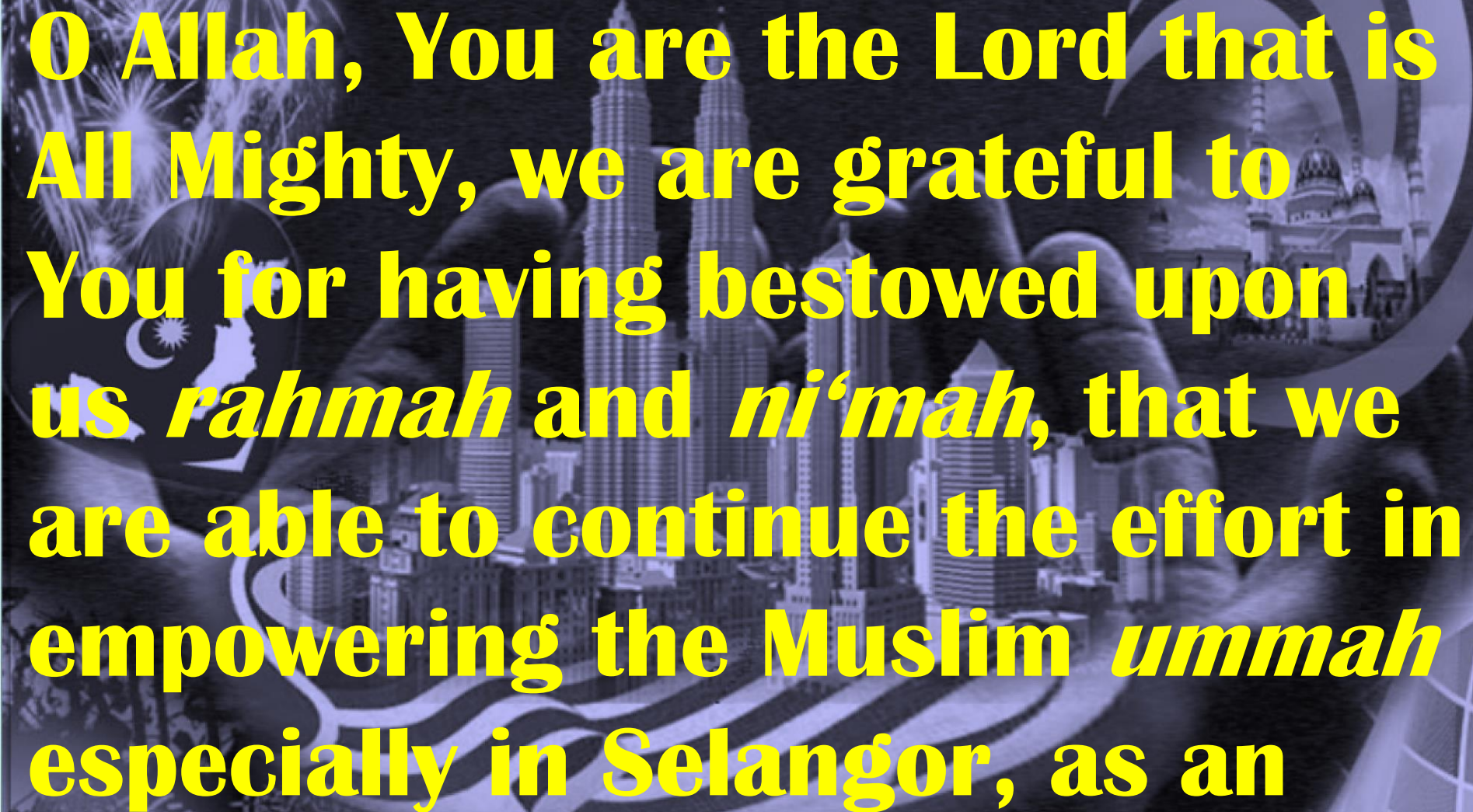


for Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم was sent to perfect *akhlaaq* and as mercy for the entire mankind and the worlds. At the same time, the Muslims are to avoid any form of deviant ideologies and extremism in which its



**consequences will only disrupt
the harmony, unity, and security
of the Muslim *ummah* and our
nation.**

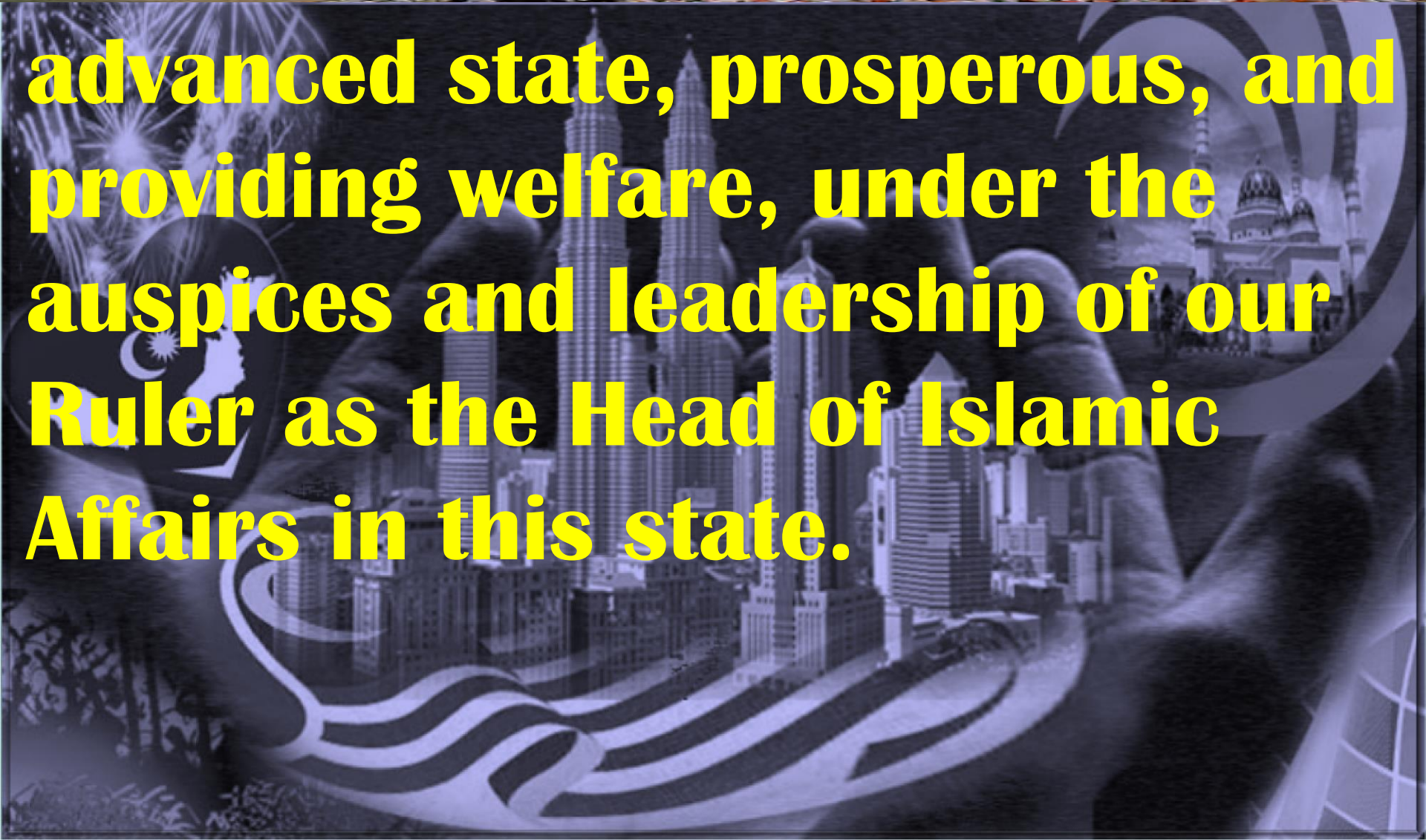


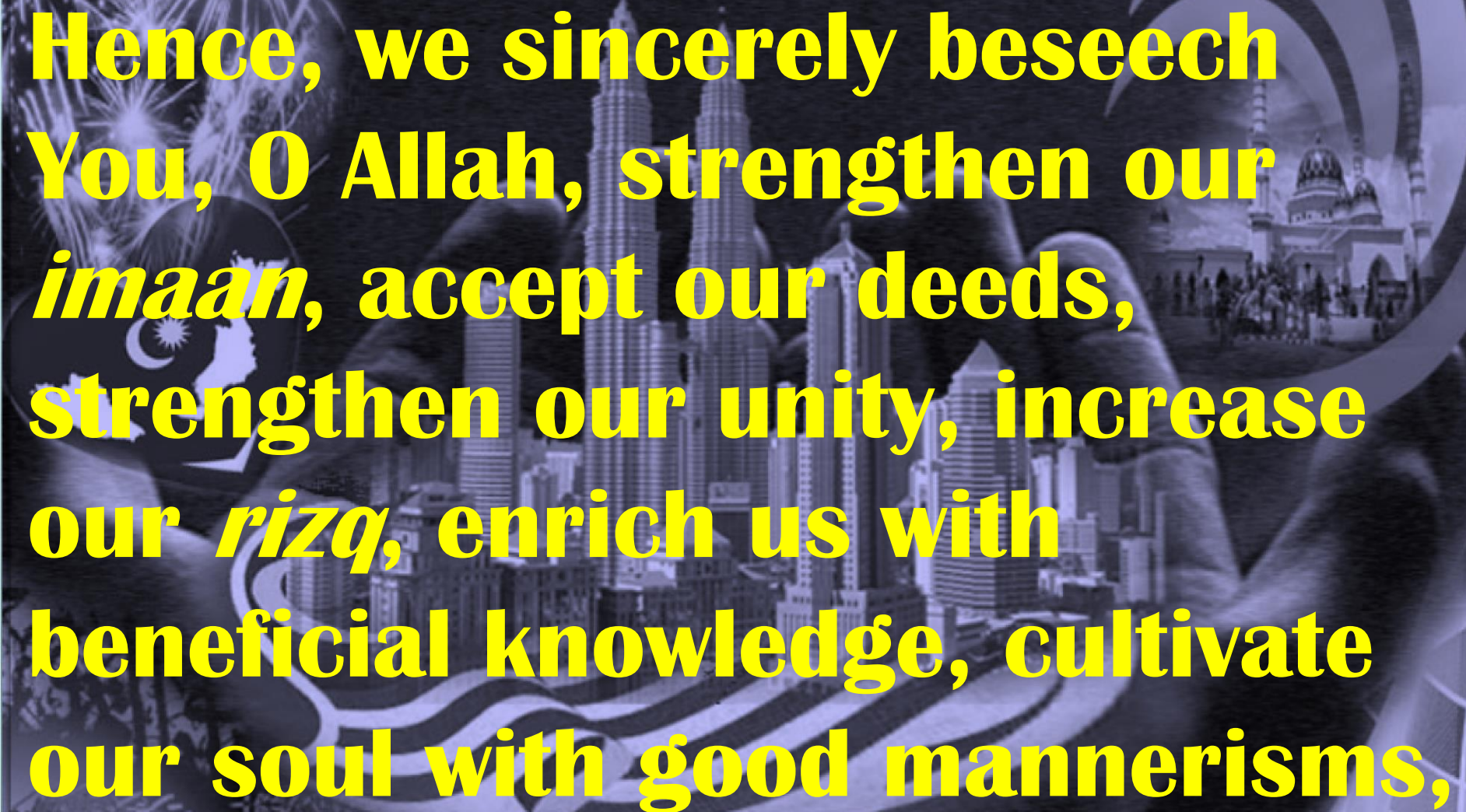


O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed upon us *rahmah* and *ni'mah*, that we are able to continue the effort in empowering the Muslim *ummah* especially in Selangor, as an

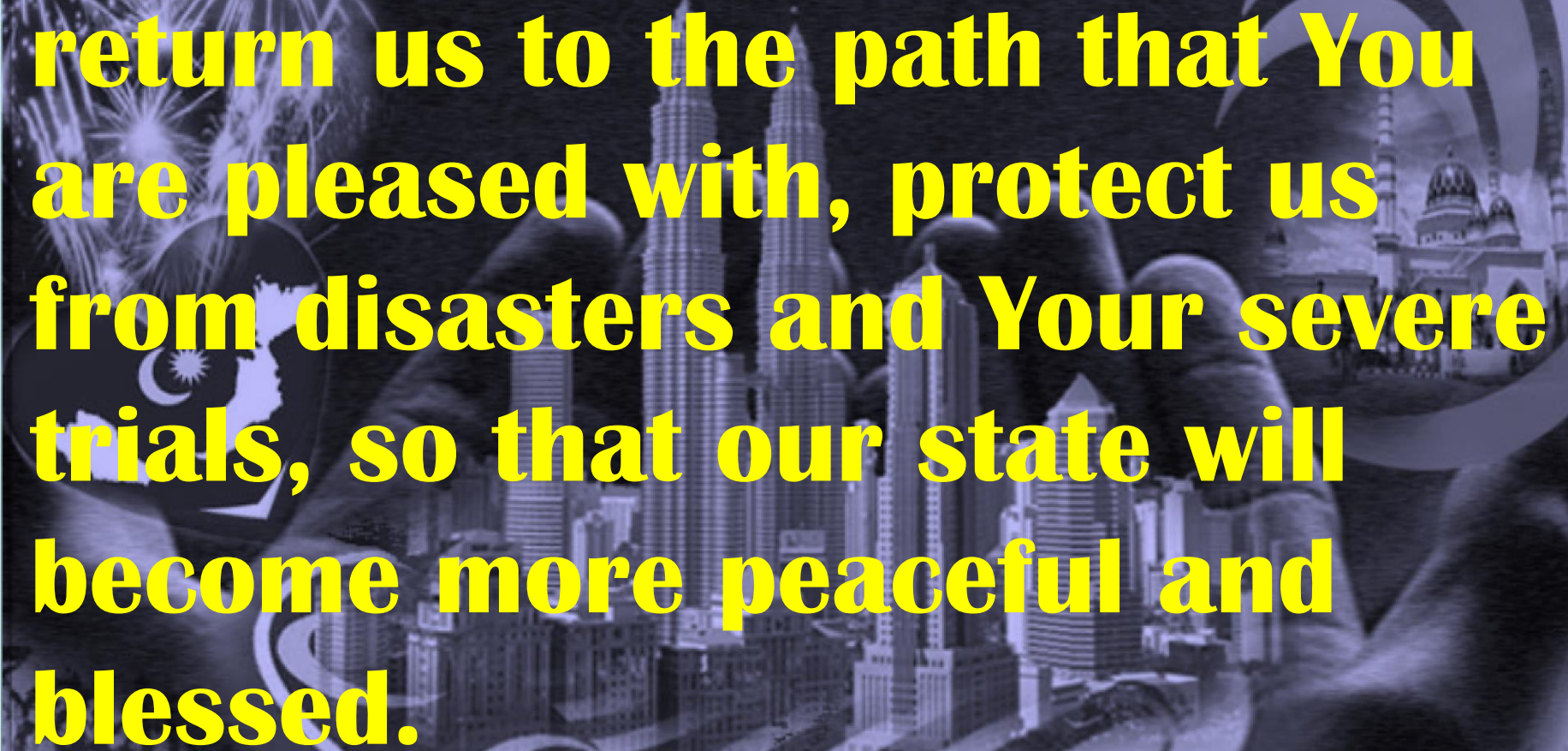


advanced state, prosperous, and providing welfare, under the auspices and leadership of our Ruler as the Head of Islamic Affairs in this state.

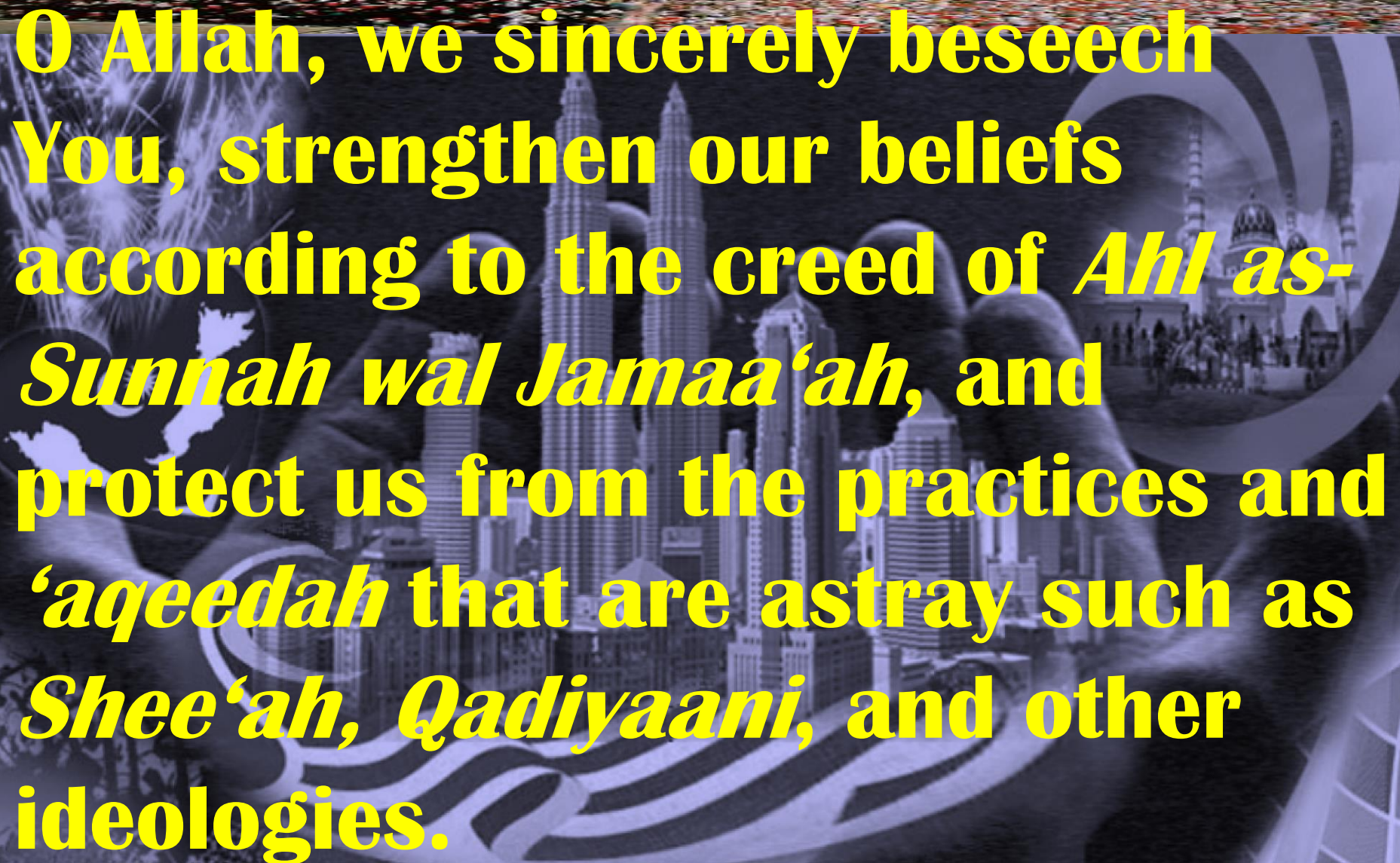




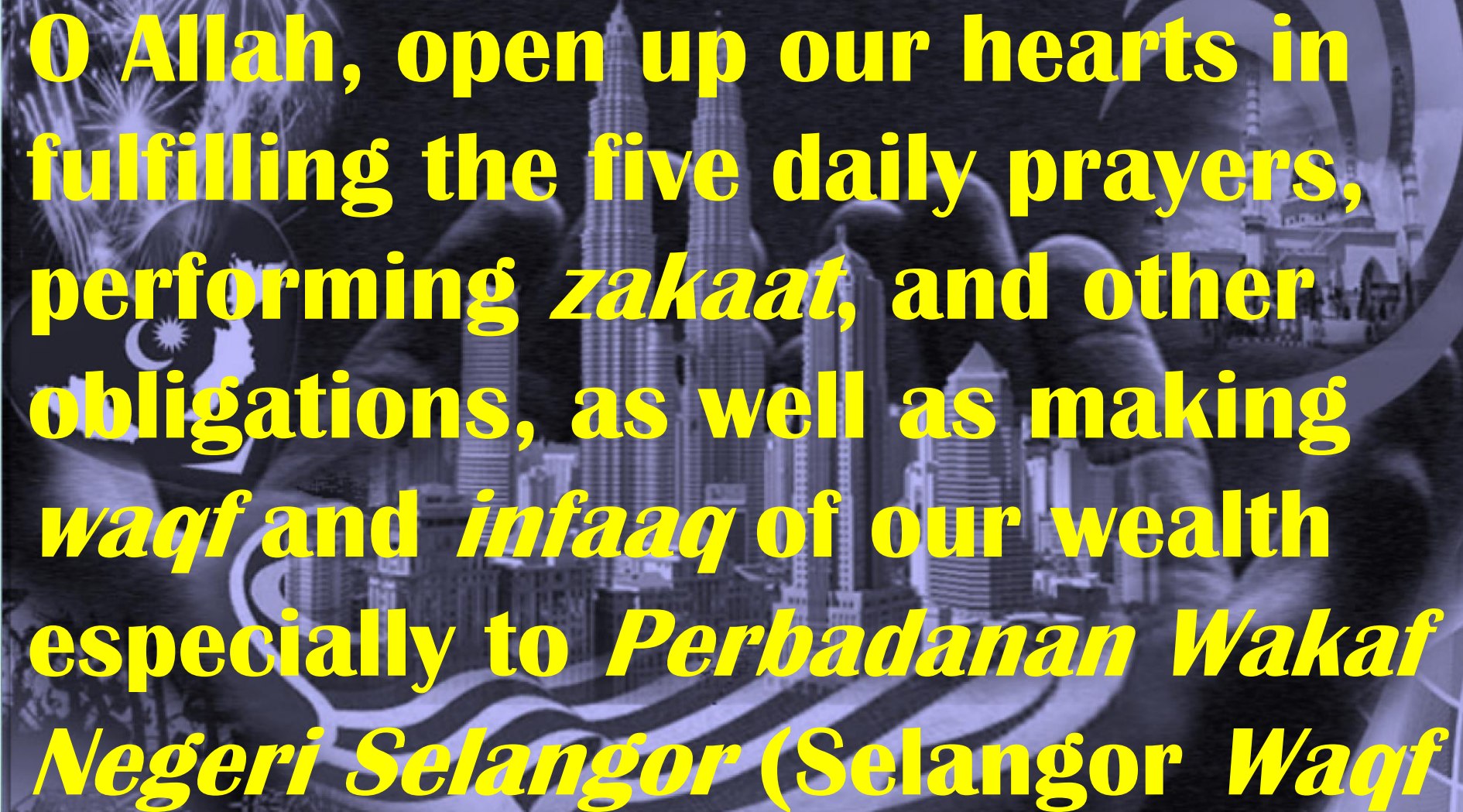
**Hence, we sincerely beseech
You, O Allah, strengthen our
imaan, accept our deeds,
strengthen our unity, increase
our *rizq*, enrich us with
beneficial knowledge, cultivate
our soul with good mannerisms,**



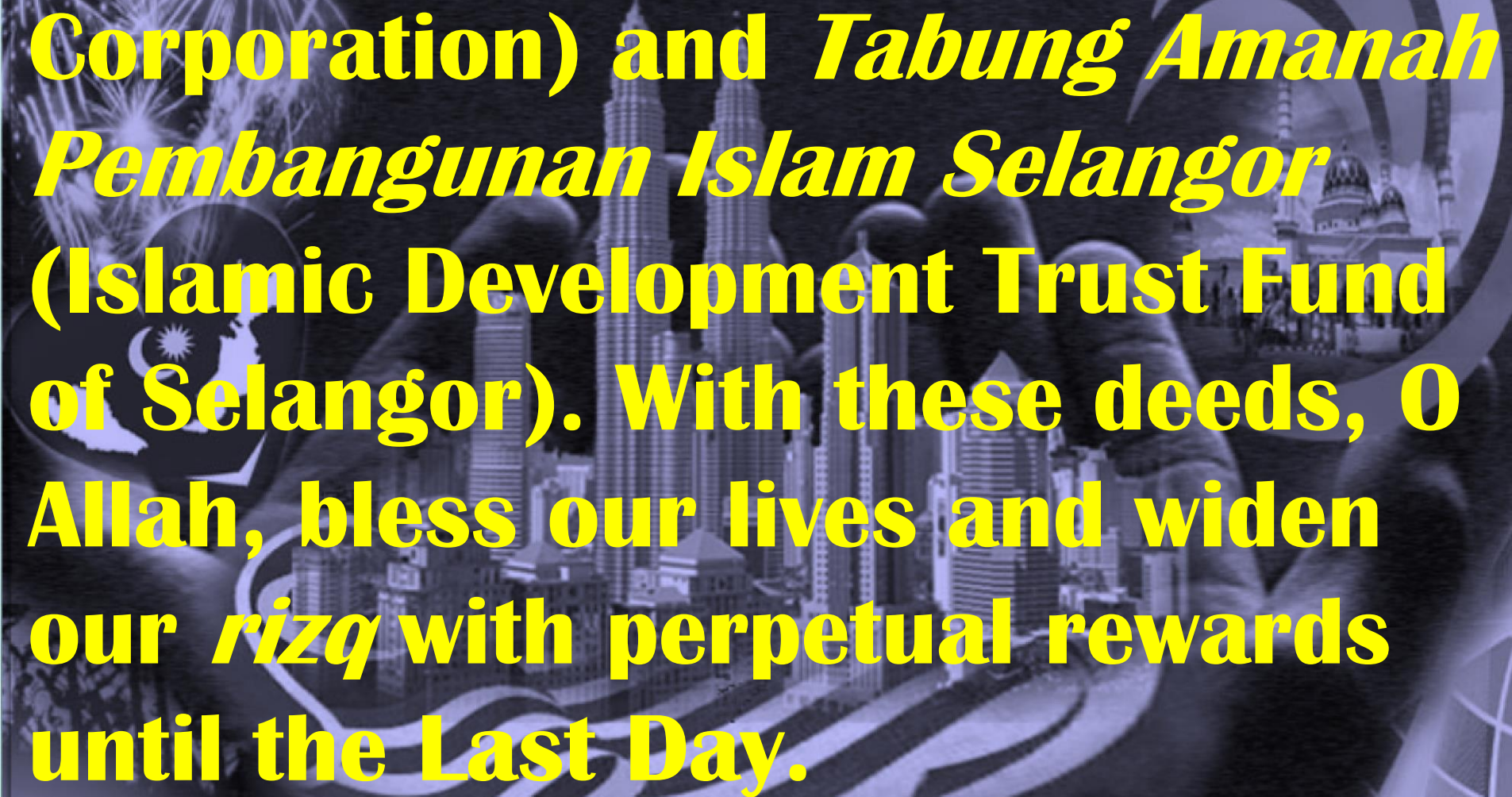
return us to the path that You are pleased with, protect us from disasters and Your severe trials, so that our state will become more peaceful and blessed.



**O Allah, we sincerely beseech
You, strengthen our beliefs
according to the creed of *Ahl as-
Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah*, and
protect us from the practices and
'aqeedah that are astray such as
Shee'ah, *Qadiyaani*, and other
ideologies.**



O Allah, open up our hearts in fulfilling the five daily prayers, performing *zakaat*, and other obligations, as well as making *waqf* and *infaaq* of our wealth especially to *Perbadanan Wakaf Negeri Selangor* (Selangor *Waqf*



**Corporation) and *Tabung Amanah
Pembangunan Islam Selangor*
(Islamic Development Trust Fund
of Selangor). With these deeds, O
Allah, bless our lives and widen
our *rizq* with perpetual rewards
until the Last Day.**



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