



“MODERATION IN ENTERTAINMENT”

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: وَمَا الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا إِلَّا لَعِبٌ وَلَهْوٌ وَلِلدَّارِ الْآخِرَةِ خَيْرٌ لِلَّذِينَ
يَتَّقُونَ أَفَلَا تَعْقِلُونَ¹

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ
صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا
الْمُسْلِمُونَ! اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ. قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى:
يَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ.

Dear blessed Muslims,

Let us altogether strive to increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* will absolute obedience, certainty, and sincerity. It is by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we become among those having utmost *taqwa*, attaining salvation and success in this world and the Hereafter.

Today I will be delivering a *khutbah* titled: “**MODERATION IN ENTERTAINMENT.**”

In Islam, entertainment is an activity that is permissible. However, its implementation must be in accordance with Islamic guidelines so as to preserve the sanctity of Islam from being slandered or blasphemed by “external” entities. Furthermore, the culture of entertainment today is deemed as very worrying, for it often leads to heedlessness and disobedience, and also unrestricted free mixing not only among adults but also involving the youth, teenagers, and even children.

Dear blessed audience,

In a general sense, entertainment is deemed as an activity that intends to entertain, please, and appease one’s heart, as well as the soul. In the context of our nation today, the culture of entertainment and being entertained has received a place within the society, and it has grown widely

¹ al-An‘aam 6:32



through the printed and electronic media, where it espouses a culture with excessive glorification of celebrities that has a great effect upon our society today. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* has given reminder to His slaves regarding this matter in Soorah al-Hadeed, verse 20:

أَعْلَمُوا أَنَّمَا الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا لَعِبٌ وَهُوَ زِينَةٌ وَتَفَاخُرٌ بَيْنَكُمْ وَتَكَاثُرٌ فِي الْأَمْوَالِ
وَالْأَوْلَادِ كَمَثَلِ غَيْثٍ أَعْجَبَ الْكُفَّارَ نَبَاتُهُ ثُمَّ يَهِيجُ فَتَرَاهُ مُصْفَرًّا ثُمَّ يَكُونُ حُطَمًا
وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ عَذَابٌ شَدِيدٌ وَمَغْفِرَةٌ مِّنَ اللَّهِ وَرِضْوَانٌ وَمَا الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا إِلَّا مَتَاعُ
الْغُرُورِ ﴿٢٠﴾

“Know that the life of this world is but amusement and diversion and adornment and boasting to one another and competition in increase of wealth and children - like the example of a rain whose [resulting] plant growth pleases the tillers; then it dries and you see it turned yellow; then it becomes [scattered] debris. And in the Hereafter is severe punishment and forgiveness from Allah and approval. And what is the worldly life except the enjoyment of delusion.”

(al-Hadeed 57:20)

Dear blessed Muslims,

Such danger from excessive entertainment within our society, specifically for the young generation, through lyrics portraying love and lewdness, deifying women, exhibiting racy and revealing attire, perversion through seductive and enticing acts, excessiveness in karaoke sessions, and many others. These will directly cause free mixing between opposite genders, fornication, which then results in foundling, baby dumping, and increased population of illegitimate children within the society. This is based on a report from the National Registration Department, which revealed that a total of 159,725 illegitimate births had been registered since 2013 until today.

Blessed audience,

Excessive entertainment or *hedonism* is no secret to the general public, that even those with basic Islamic education have been immersed and drowned by the storm brought by this phenomenon.

Today, we are excessively exposed to various types of entertainment that are fascinating and in vain, leading the society to a life of pure fun with no concern for the religious limitations prescribed that one is willing to waste time, wealth, and energy just to attend concerts of no avail.



Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in Soorah Luqmaan, verse 6:

وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَن يَشْتَرِي لَهْوَ الْحَدِيثِ لِيُضِلَّ عَن سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ بِغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ
وَيَتَّخِذَهَا هُزُوًا أُولَٰئِكَ هُم مُّذٰبٌ مُّهِينٌ ﴿٦﴾

“And of the people is he who buys the amusement of speech to mislead [others] from the way of Allah without knowledge and who takes it in ridicule. Those will have a humiliating punishment.”

(Luqmaan 31:6)

Dear blessed Muslims,

The disease of excessive entertainment, in one way or another, carries a mission or objective in corrupting the *'aqeedah* of the Muslim *ummah* through its verbal utterances, clothing, and manifestation of actions or symbols that imitates the lifestyle and culture of other religions, and also the love for *shirk*.

Therefore, it behoove songwriters, composers, organizers, and everyone involved within the entertainment industry to always remain vigilant and take precautionary measures pertaining to the rulings and limitations stipulated within the *Sharee'ah*.

Dearest audience,

In concluding the *khutbah* today, I would like to remind the Muslim *ummah* to:

1. Always observe the limits of *'aqeedah*, *Sharee'ah*, and *akhlaaq* of Islam in all activities of our lives including entertainment.
2. All parties must be concerned with the education and upbringing of our children so that they will not slip into the traps of excessive entertainment.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must realize that entertainment that is excessive will not provide the tranquility and blissfulness sought. It is just like scratching the scab on the body. Even though the itchiness fades away, the disease will spread and inflict harm upon the body.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ



إِنَّمَا الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا لَعِبٌ وَلَهْوٌ وَإِن تُؤْمِنُوا وَتَتَّقُوا يُؤْتِكُمْ أَجْرَكُمْ وَلَا يَسْأَلْكُمْ
أَمْوَالَكُمْ ﴿٣٦﴾

“[This] worldly life is only amusement and diversion. And if you believe and fear Allah, He will give you your rewards and not ask you for your properties.”

(Muhammad 47:36)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ
وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ.
أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ،
فَأَسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.

THE SECOND KHUTBAH

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي جَعَلَنَا مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَرَزَقَنَا مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ. أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ
وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ
عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ. أَمَّا
بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Dear blessed audience,



Once again, I would like to remind all of us that Islam teaches us to remain moderate in every actions and deeds. As Muslims, we are to manifest noble *akhlaaq*, having utmost personality and attitude for Rasulullah ﷺ was sent to perfect *akhlaaq* and as mercy for the entire mankind and the worlds. At the same time, we 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.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ وَارْضَ اللَّهُمَّ عَنْ أَصْحَابِهِ وَقَرَابَتِهِ وَأَزْوَاجِهِ وَذُرِّيَّاتِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ وَيَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمْدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ سُلْطَانَ سَلَاعُورِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج ابن المرحوم سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عبد العزيز شاه الحاج. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهُدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِيُوَلِّيَ عَهْدِ سَلَاعُورِ، تَغْكُو أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ السُّلْطَانَ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلِعْ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمُؤَظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرِّشَادِ.

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 the state of



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 such as droughts, floods, the plagues of Zika and Dengue, so that our state will always remain protected 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.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا. رَبَّنَا
ءَاتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ. عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ
وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ عَ يَعِظُكُمْ
لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٦٠﴾

فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُواهُ عَلَىٰ نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ
يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.