



WHAT I PERCEIVED AS DIAMOND WAS ACTUALLY GLASS

I remind myself and everyone to have the taqwa of Allah by fulfilling all of His **Commands** and avoiding all of His

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prohibitions. May Allah bless all of us in this life and place us among those promised with Paradise.

The title of today's khutbah is

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We are truly grateful to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala for the prosperity He bestowed upon our state that many would migrate from out of state in seeking livelihood (rizq) here. However,

what is worrying to us is that some of them are taking advantage of such opportunity by bringing and disseminating deviant teachings to the locals.

Such attitude is akin to the Malay adage "sambil menyelam minum air" (meaning: killing two birds with one stone).

Official reports released by the Selangor Mufti **Department stated that a** total of 45 sects have been officially declared as deviants and astray, discovered to be operating in this state.

Some of these groups were brought in from neighboring and other countries. **Among those sects** detected are:

1. The Ahmadiyyah or Qadiyaani sect that was declared as being outside the fold of Islam, originating from Qadyan, Punjab, India. Several institutions from various **Islamic countries have**

banned this sect. Both **Daar al-Iftaa' of Egypt** (2017) and Daar al-Iftaa' of Jordan (2009) have issued fataawa (plural of fatwa) stating that the Qadiyaanis have gone outside the fold of Islam. The fatwa pertaining to this sect was issued by the Selangor Fatwa **Committee and it has** been gazetted since 24th September 1998.

2. Shee'ah whom also use other names to hoodwink the masses such as Ahl al-Bayt, the Mahdi Army, and others.

3. Hizb at-Tahreer has been outlawed in several nations including Turkey, **Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**, Egypt, Libya, Yemen, as well as Jordan and other **Islamic countries.** This group

has been declared as deviants by the **Selangor Fatwa Committee**, which was gazetted on 11th September 2015.

4. Millah Abraham, which is also known as the Indonesian Islamic State, the Youth of al-Kahf, ad-**Deen**, and others. The **Selangor Fatwa Committee has banned** this sect and officially

declared as such on 17th September 2015. This matter was openly mentioned at the pulpits of masaajid (plural of masjid) throughout **Selangor in a Friday**

khutbah prepared by the Selangor Islamic **Religious Department** (JAIS) on 9th October 2015.

5. Islam Jamaa'ah, which often would change their name to other ones such as Indonesian Employees **Council** (Lemkari), **Mangul Studies**, Jamaa'ah Hadeeth, **Indonesian Islamic**

Da'wah Council, and many others. This is deliberately intended to deceive the masses and local religious authorities. **The Selangor Fatwa Committee has outlawed** this group and its fatwa

was gazetted on 24th September 1998.

In addition, there are also deviant teachings established by the locals such as

Jamaa'ah Kerajaan Langit (Kingdom of Heaven), Malay Rasool, al-Argam, God Haroon, **Breathing Dhikr by Ismail** Kasim, and others. There are also extreme and deviant ideologies

imported from certain countries such as Wahhabism, Mujassimah (anthropomorphism), and Takfeeri. In terms of 'aqeedah, they are adamant in stating that Allah has physical

features such as hands, feet, face, and eyes. These groups would often ridicule and declare as bid'ah (religious innovation) on matters that are khilaafiyyah (disputed) that is

incompatible with them. **The Selangor Fatwa Committee has declared** that khilaafiyyah matters cannot be deemed as bid'ah, with the fatwa issued on 31st July 2014.

Furthermore, the detrimental ideologies of religious Liberalism and Pluralism have also been decreed and gazetted on 31st July 2014 as astray and

deviating. These ideologies can lead to danger and greater calamity, namely atheism, which does not believe in the existence of God.

I implore each and every one of us to perfect our knowledge of 'ageedah or usool ad-deen (principles of religion) that is authentic and unadulterated, so that we are able to distinguish

between truth and falsehood. Such knowledge must be sought from qualified teachers known as *'ulamaa'* (Islamic scholar) or religious teacher, not tok bomoh (shaman)

or dukun (healer).

How unfortunate it is for one to be in this temporary world and actually think that he is on the path of truth while on the contrary, he is upon

falsehood. What enormous loss it is when what we deem as diamond actually turns out to be just glass!

Indeed, misguidance can definitely take place if

one is ignorant (jah), negligent, and unconcerned with matters pertaining to the religion especially with regard to 'ageedah. Hence, in this very opportunity, I would like

to outline several guidelines so that one will not become entrapped by the lure of deviance and misguidance. Let us firmly cling upon the following guidelines:

First: That there is no deity worthy of true worship except Allah. He possesses attributes of perfection that is unparalleled. Exalted is He from attributes that are similar to the

creations such as the hand, foot, eye, and face. He neither originate nor cease, neither descend nor ascend. Furthermore, He does not sit in a particular location.

Second: That Prophet Muhammad and is the final **Prophet and Messenger,** and it is undisputed that there is no Prophet after him. To claim that there is Prophet after him () is pure misguidance and

contradicts Islamic *'aqeedah*.

Third: Al-Qur'an that is in the hands of the Muslim ummah now is purely complete, and that there is not even a verse that

is concealed as claimed by some. Whoever amongst the Muslims that claim as such, then corrupted is his 'aqeedah, wal 'iyaadhu billaah.

Let us make muhaasabah (evaluation) and remain penitent, that how can we stand before Allah in the Hereafter if we are not from among those that are saved, while Allah reminds us to choose

the path that is straight and upon truth. Allah mentions in verse 153 of soorah al-An'am:

"And, [moreover], this is My path, which is

straight, so follow it; and do not follow [other] ways, for you will be separated from His way. This has He instructed you that you may become righteous."

Finally, let us traverse through the contents of the khutbah, while deriving lessons within it:

1. It is waajib (obligatory) upon the Muslim ummah to have certainty that only with authentic 'ageedah that one will attain salvation in this world and the Hereafter.

2. It is waajib upon the Muslim ummah to learn the essentials of fard al-'ayn (individual obligations) especially those pertaining to 'aqeedah and

'ibaadah (worship), which are to be strengthened with complete internalization.

3. The Muslim ummah must always accompany and refer to religious teachers that are qualified, and avoid referring to those that are unknown of their scholarship.

"Say, "Sufficient is Allah between me and you as Witness. He knows what is in the heavens and earth. And they who have believed in falsehood and disbelieved in Allah - it is those who are the losers.""

(al-'Ankaboot 29:52)





Once again, I would like to remind all of us to always have the taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala and diligently indulge in righteous deeds, as well as manifesting the akhlaag of Rasulullah



Furthermore, let us always increase our salawaat and salaam upon our Prophet Muhammad مَالتَّالِيَّهِ. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala **mentions:**



"Indeed, Allah confers blessing upon the Prophet, and His angels [ask Him to do so]. O you who have believed, ask [Allah to confer] blessing upon him and ask [Allah to grant him] peace." (al-Ahzaab 33:56)



O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed upon us rahmah and barakah upon this state, which continues to remain advanced and prosperous, with its residents



united 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 and creed according to that of Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah, and protect us from teachings that are outside the fold of Islam such as Qadiyaani



and deviant teachings such as Shee'ah. O Allah, Ya Rahmaan, Ya Raheem, unite our hearts, bestow upon us rizg with blessings, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, protect us from calamities. O Allah,



bestow upon us guidance in performing the five daily prayers in congregation, fulfilling zakaat through Lembaga Zakat Selangor (Selangor Zakaat Board), making waqf and infaaq of our



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