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I solemnly remind myself and call upon fellow congregation to always increase our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by abiding all of

His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May our efforts further strengthen our taqwa and bring us closer to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

Let us contemplate upon a khutbah titled



The world today is becoming wide open. Wherever we are, it has become easy to communicate and interact with others. Such facility is truly beneficial if it is utilized

with responsibility. Among the facility that is frequently used is social media that is increasingly growing in today's world. With such development, social media has made it possible for information

to spread with ease and at rapid speed. Wherever we may be, all forms of data and information can be disseminated by the fingertips.

The development of communication technology today poses tremendous challenges, for without imaan (faith), it can cause great harm.

However, the question that lingers in our mind today is to what extent is the responsibility upon us in disseminating information obtained and how are we to convey it to others? It is truly

unfortunate that there are those among us that gets super excited in spreading information without any verification measures, for the sake of fulfilling their desire. Do we not feel responsible in

utilizing the communication technology for the maslahah (greater benefit) of mankind? Do we not feel guilty or sinful for spreading data and information that are

inaccurate through the mobile phone or computer, without considering the feeling of others? Do we just allow our very fingers to be used for acts of disobedience towards

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala? Take heed! For there will come a time when our hands will be held accountable in front of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala for all of the deeds that they have done.

Allah mentions in verse 65 of soorah Ya-Seen:

"That Day, We will seal over their mouths, and their hands will speak to Us, and their feet will testify about what they used to earn."

Verily, Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala has blessed us with the senses for us to perform 'ibaadah (worship) unto Him, not for us to delve into disobedience and sinful acts. If our fingers and

hands are utilized to hurt others, it only means that we have betrayed the amaanah (trust) from Allah. In the past, we would harm others through physical aggression, but today

with all of the technological advancement, we can easily hurt the feelings of others and even further aggravate the situation by spreading fitnah (slander) and cast aspersion

through the "greatness" of our own hands. How many have we hurt through our words and writings on Facebook, WhatsApp, Instagram, and Twitter?

Some actually feel pleased by indulging in these disobedience and sinful acts. It is very easy for us to increase our sins through backbiting, harming others, arguing, and insulting others on

social media, that some would even declare others as kaafir (disbeliever) only due trivial matter that could have been easily resolved. However, these matters are taken very

lightly that some are willing to cutoff the ties of silaaturrahm (kinship) just so that their view and faction would prevail.

Is this not a weakness that must be taken seriously for such attitude will incur sins against Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. Our hands and

tongues are the manifestations of our imaan in Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. So let us utilize them for good deeds, for it is noble akhlaaq

and mentioned numerous times in the *hadeeth* of the Prophet **...**

Abu Moosa al-Ash'ari radiyAllaahu 'anh once asked Rasulullah ::

"Whose Islam is the best?" He replied, "One who avoids harming the Muslims with his tongue and hands."

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

On this very opportunity, I would like to advice everyone to always remain vigilant in all of our actions so that we will not easily commit sins through our fingertips. Let us altogether reflect

on ourselves, how many times have we typed and sent messages inviting mankind towards good and righteous deeds, or are they only sinful acts? Just because of our carnal desires

overpowering us, let us not become those using their hands in increasing their sins.

Let us become upright and responsible individuals in utilizing social media by emphasizing the following matters:

First; Always cognizant and utilizing the social media today with full responsibility and not resorting to instigating others, which can incur sins with Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. Second; We should always remain trustworthy in every words and lines expressed in the social media, for if they are untrue, they can result

in catastrophes and crises within the society. Therefore, let us avoid spreading inauthentic information. Third; Practicing the culture of verifying before disseminating any information and things that we have received through social media. Let us not become among those that not only

perform 'amal jaariyah (continuous deed) but also continuous sinning. Allah mentions in verse 6 of soorah al-Hujuraat:

"O you who have believed, if there comes to you a disobedient one with information, investigate, lest you harm a people out of ignorance and become, over what you have done, regretful." To conclude the khutbah today, let us altogether derive lessons, suggestions, and important guidelines that are to be given due attention:

1. The Muslims must fully realize that both of our hands are always exposed to disobedience and sins that will be held accountable by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

2. The Muslim ummah must remain penitent and remorseful by not spreading evil, fitnah, incitement, and immoralities when utilizing social media.

3. The Muslim ummah must always remain vigilant and perform tabayyun (verification) when writing and disseminating information to others. This is because all of our deeds and actions are recorded by the angels.

"Man does not utter any word except that with him is an observer prepared [to record]."

(Qaf 50:18)

THE SECOND KHUTBAH

"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 Ahmadiyyah or Qadiyaani and teachings declared as astray such as Shee'ah and DAESH Militant Movement.

O Allah, Ya Rahmaan, Ya Raheem, unite our hearts, bestow upon us rizq with blessings, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, protect us from calamities

and epidemics such as Novel Coronavirus (Covid-19) and others. 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 wealth to Perbadanan Wakaf Negeri

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