

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

I sincerely remind
myself and respected
audience to altogether
strive in strengthening
our *taqwa* of Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala

with the truest of *taqwa*
by performing all of His
Commands and avoiding
all of His prohibitions.
May we all attain
blissfulness in this world
and the Hereafter.

According to the explanation within the Shaafi'i *madhhab* (school of thought), *murtad* (apostasy) is defined as strong determination to sever one's ties with the religion of Islam

through *niyyah*
(intention), speech, or
action that indicates *kufr*
(disbelief), hence leaving
the fold of Islam.

Therefore, when *murtad*
is mentioned, it does not
mean leaving one religion

for another religion. It actually means leaving Islam.

Lately, the issue of pronouncing *murtad* has become a very hot topic

**within the Muslim
community in the social
media. This matter is
deemed as very sensitive
to the Muslims, when it is
uttered openly with
certain assumptions. The
statement of apostasy**

**is not plaything that can
just be loosely uttered on
the lips and mouth. It is
also not a controversial
speech merely to garner
popularity and sympathy.
Every speech that can
inflict harm upon**

oneself or others will be deemed as a sin. The declaration of *murtad* will have a major impact upon one's actions for it destroys the *imaan* (faith) when it is clearly stated without coercion

and carries the meaning of *kufr*.

Meanwhile, joking around or deliberately uttering “I have left Islam” is the essence of speech that

actually mocks the religion. Such utterance is gravely prohibited and cursed in Islam. It cannot be uttered at one's will or due to stressful personal issue. This matter can be seen when one is truly

ignorant upon the
knowledge of *Tawheed*
(Oneness of Allah) and
not knowing the reality of
the true God. This is
because the majority of
people that do not know
God will easily utter

statements of apostasy.
However, for those that truly know the reality of the true God, it is impossible for them to utter the speech of *murtad*, for knowing the reality and actual

attributes of The Most Divine. The prohibition to utter the statement of *kufr* and *murtaḍ* is clearly stated in Islam. Allah mentions in verse 65 and 66 of soorah at-Tawbah:

“And if you ask them, they will surely say, “We were only conversing and playing.” Say, “Is it Allah and His verses and His Messenger that you were mocking?”

Make no excuse; you have disbelieved after your belief. If We pardon one faction of you - We will punish another faction because they were criminals.”

The implication of uttering words of apostasy not only affects the one that uttered it, in fact it leaves a great impact upon the interests of the Muslim *ummah*, the religion, and nation.

This scenario can indirectly threaten religious harmony within civil society. As a result, some within the society will become confused and begin making assumption in interpreting the

speech with various perceptions.

The issue of *murtad* is nothing new within the history of the Muslim *ummah*. It had existed

during the time of
Prophet Muhammad ﷺ,
the era of the *salaaf as-
saalih* (pious
predecessors), and up
until today. The approach
in curbing the spread of
this issue requires

internalization and
education of Islamic
tarbiyyah (upbringing)
since young, as in the
Malay proverb
*“melentur buluh biarlah
dari rebung”* (meaning:

Educating the children from an early age).

Hence, the parents are advised to equip their children with the knowledge of *fard al-'ayn* (individual obligations) that includes the

studies of *usool al-*
'aqeedah (principles of
creed), *'ibaadah*
(worship), and *akhlaaq*
(character). Let us
become good example for
our offspring by obeying
the commands of

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Such actions and practice will cultivate Islamic spirit (*rooh*), *ihsaan* (excellence), and fear within the soul of the children regarding the severe punishments of

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

Let us not even think of uttering words that can nullify our *imaan* and causing us to apostate

from Islam. This is because Islam is the true religion and that is pleasing to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.* Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 19 of soorah Aal-'Imraan:

“Indeed, the religion in the sight of Allah is Islam.”

Islam is a religion of salvation and that it rescues mankind from

misguidance. It is from the favor of Allah that is unparalleled, pure guidance that is perfect, just, and *rahmah* (mercy) for the entire mankind and universe. We must always remain grateful for being

among the chosen ones
upon the bounty of *imaan*
(belief) and Islam.

In preserving one's *imaan*
while living at the End of
Time that is filled with

challenges and tribulations, Rasulullah ﷺ had reminded us in the *hadeeth* of Anas bin Malik *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*, where the Prophet ﷺ said:

“There shall come upon the people a time in which the one who is patient upon his religion will be like the one holding onto a burning ember.”

(at-Tirmidhi)

In preserving religious harmony, everyone must view this matter with seriousness by taking firm and appropriate actions to the relevant authority so that the noble religion that is

highly regarded will not
be mocked by certain
individuals and groups.
Let us not turn the issue
of *murtad* into a political
matter. It is an issue that
deeply concerns the
entire Muslim *ummah*

that truly love their religion. Every Muslim individual has a role in planning a strategy according to his or her level best, in ensuring that Islam is protected from any negative

elements. Whatever the excuses and justification that are used to legitimize the very action of declaring apostasy, the Islamic *Sharee'ah* has clearly stipulated that such speech is severely

**forbidden within the
Shara'.**

**We are forbidden from
taking shortcuts
according to our emotions
and lustful desire. The
appropriate consideration**

is to return through
repentance (*tawbah*) and
making *istighfaar*
(seeking forgiveness) to
Allah *Subhaanahu Wa
Ta'aala*, earnestly
beseeching guidance
from Him.

To end the *khutbah* today, let us altogether ponder and derive lessons so that we are bestowed with guidance in this life. Among them:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that Islam is the true religion that brings prosperity to universal humanity.

2. Every Muslim is obligated to safeguard religious harmony and preserve the sanctity of *imaan* and Islam.

3. The Muslim *ummah* must realize that *imaan* is a favor from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* upon His chosen slaves, and that it is from the greatest favor,

**whose value is
incomparable even
with the wealth of the
entire world.**

“Whoever disbelieves in Allah after his belief except for one who is forced [to renounce his religion] while his heart is secure in faith. But those who [willingly]

open their breasts to disbelief, upon them is wrath from Allah, and for them is a great punishment.”

(an-Nahl 16:106)




**THE SECOND
KHUTBAH**




Let us altogether pray that our country will always remain blessed and protected from all forms of threat, as well as contagions from the Covid-19 pandemic. May it be expunged with effectiveness and end




with immediateness. Let us have certainty that for every darkness, surely there will be light that will illuminate life. For that, let us graciously accept the government's recommendation in the




vaccination efforts by registering ourselves through the MySejahtera and Selangkah applications, as well as other means that will enable us to obtain vaccine shots that have been authorized by the Ministry of Health Malaysia.




May we become among the slaves of Allah that are patient while enduring all diseases afflicted, and disciplined in adhering to the Standard Operating




Procedures (SOP) and the new normal practices in overcoming the Covid-19 pandemic, for the sake of our own safety and the community.



O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed upon us *rahmah* and blessings upon this state that continues to prosper and progress, and that its residents remain united,




**under the auspices and
leadership of our Ruler as
the Head of Islamic affairs
in this state.**



O Allah, grant us guidance in performing the five obligatory prayers in congregation, fulfilling *zakaat* through Selangor *Zakaat* Board (LZS), and give away our wealth through



Perbadanan Wakaf Selangor
(Selangor Endowment
Corporation) and *Tabung Infak*
Jariah Umat Islam Selangor
(TIJARI, Selangor Continuous
Charity for Muslims Fund),



**and to the orphans through
Yayasan Islam Darul Ehsan
(Darul Ehsan Islamic
Foundation).**



**ILUSTRASI INI
DISEDIAKAN OLEH**

**unit khutbah
bahagian pengurusan masjid**