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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: وَلَا تَقْرَبُوا الزَّيْنَىٰ إِنَّهُ كَانَ فَحِشَةً وَسَاءَ سَبِيلًا ﴿٣٢﴾¹
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ
وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَىٰ آئِلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ
أَجْمَعِينَ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ! اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ! أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ
فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا
وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١١٢﴾²

Dear blessed Muslims,

Let us altogether strive to increase our *taqwa* of Allah by abiding all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. With such determination and *istiqaamah* (steadfastness) in performing *'ibadah* (worship), may we become among slaves having utmost *taqwa* in the Sight of Allah.

Today, I will be expounding on the topic of “**PRESERVING DIGNITY ON SOCIAL MEDIA.**”

¹ al-Israa' 17:32.

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102.



Dear beloved audience,

The Islamic *Sharee'ah* that was revealed upon mankind has certain purpose and objectives. It is this purpose and objectives that are known as *maqasid ash-sharee'ah*. It intends to bring about *maslahah* (general benefit) and reject harm in the human lives. It is for this reason that Islam is a religion that prevents mankind from committing harm and destruction.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 54 of soorah al-An'aam:

... كَتَبَ رَبُّكُمْ عَلَىٰ نَفْسِهِ الرَّحْمَةَ ...

"... Your Lord has decreed upon Himself mercy..."

Islamic law is from the mercy of Allah upon mankind. Everything that has been commanded will bring about *maslahah* for mankind, and everything that He forbade is to prevent harm from being inflicted upon human beings.

Among the objectives within the Islamic *Sharee'ah* is to preserve the dignity from anything that could disgrace and destroy the image of the Muslim or Muslimah. Because of that, whatever action that can tarnish one's dignity such as *qadhaf*, which is accusing a chaste Muslimah of committing adultery, denouncing, slandering, and exposing the fault of others and its like, are all prohibited so that human dignity is preserved.

The obligation to preserve dignity was mentioned clearly in the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radhiyAllaahu 'anh*, where the Prophet ﷺ said:



بِحَسَبِ امْرِيٍّ مِنَ الشَّرِّ أَنْ يَحْقِرَ أَخَاهُ الْمُسْلِمَ، كُلُّ
الْمُسْلِمِ عَلَى الْمُسْلِمِ حَرَامٌ: دَمُهُ وَمَالُهُ وَعِرْضُهُ

“It is evil enough for a man to hold his Muslim brother in contempt. The whole of a Muslim is inviolable for another Muslim: his blood, his property, and his honor.”

(Muslim)

Respected audience,

The borderless world today has witnessed the emergence of various websites and social media outlet that becomes a platform in seeking friendship and having discussions with fellow human beings, with great ease and instantly. Humans that are located thousands of miles away can easily communicate with others at such rapid speed.

Today, with social media platforms such as Facebook, Blogspot, Instagram, Twitter, WhatsApp and many more, they have become a necessity within the human lives. Moreover, around the clock there will be news, stories, as well as musings that are shared within those medium, in garnering attention from all acquaintances that had encountered the status shared.

Islam is not a religion that obstructs progress within the human lives, while on the contrary, Islam is a religion that calls for progress. However, Islam does not only prioritize progress from the aspect of development and technology alone, but aspects of spirituality, human capital, and *akhlaaq* (character) are also greatly emphasized in Islam, in balancing with the external progress.



Dear esteemed Muslims,

The current phenomenon whereby there is no longer confidentiality among social media users is like a disease that is rapidly spreading. Such phenomenon reveal that humans no longer possess shame and bashfulness within themselves. When there is no longer shame, then there is no more safeguarding of honor and dignity.

We always read about social media users pleading for love in their uploaded status, lovey-dovey in the social media just to show their romantic relationship. Moreover, there are even indecent images displayed, whether specifically intended for their sweethearts or for the general public.

This type of behavior truly reflects the damage inflicted upon the values and dignity of a Muslim. This is what is deemed as medium sans confidentiality, where all matters including intimate issues are revealed in their uploaded status just to garner a high number of "likers".

This is the matter that concerns us all for it truly reflects upon human beings that are devoid of civilization, having no boundaries in the matters of life and socializing. How true are the words of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ mentioned in the *hadeeth* of Abu Mas'ood *radiallāhu 'anh*:

إِنَّ مِمَّا أَدْرَكَ النَّاسُ مِنْ كَلَامِ النَّبِيِّ الْأُولَى : إِذَا لَمْ
تَسْتَحْيَ فَاصْنَعْ مَا شِئْتَ

"Verily, from what was learnt by the people from the speech of the earliest prophecy is: If you feel no shame, then do as you wish."



(al-Bukhaari)

Hence, we can see how mankind live without any feeling of shame within themselves, as if returning to the time where humans were living without civilization. Furthermore, a civilization that is based solely on progress without the development of human capital is a civilization of ignorance (*jaahiliyyah*).

As a result of having no shame and bashfulness within, we see how loving couples would spew out flirtations through words that are arousing. Not to mention that social media has also become a medium where people would curse and slander one another, even exposing the fault of their Muslim brethren, just to slaughter the dignity of those whom they do not like.

Whereas clearly, Allah has commanded us to conceal the fault of our Muslim brethren in public. Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh* narrated that Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said:

وَمَنْ سَتَرَ مُسْلِمًا سَتَرَهُ اللَّهُ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ

“And whoever conceals the faults of a Muslim, Allah will conceal his faults in this world and in the Hereafter.”

(Muslim)

It is incumbent upon the Muslims to preserve their honor and the honor of their brethren, whether Muslims or not. Exposing the fault of others will cause enmity and disputes among mankind, where it could even cause *fitnah*.

Websites and social media should be utilized as mediums for *da'wah* (calling to Islam) and increasing one's knowledge, within the context of fostering good relationship with relatives and friends. Successful are the



enemies when they are able to keep the Muslims inundated in worldly modernity to the point of losing their *imaan* (faith) and *taqwa*.

Dearest audience,

Several matters that must be given due attention in preserving dignity within the social media are:

1. It is *waajib* (obligatory) to cover the 'awrah with perfection and not expose the 'awrah in public.
2. Safeguard our language and utterances in our social media status. Do not expose the fault of others, create *fitnah*, insult others, and even making headway towards adultery.
3. Utilize the social media as a medium for *da'wah*, increasing one's knowledge, as well as strengthening *silaaturrahm* (relations) among Muslims.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُحِبُّونَ أَنْ تَشِيعَ الْفَاحِشَةُ فِي الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ فِي
الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ وَأَنْتُمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٩﴾

“Indeed, those who like that immorality should be spread [or publicized] among those who have believed will have a painful punishment in this world and the Hereafter. And Allah knows and you do not know.”

(Soorah an-Noor 24:19)



بَارِكْ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعِنِيْ وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا
فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلْ مِنِّيْ وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ
هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ.

أَقُولُ قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ
الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ 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، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ
فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Dear blessed audience,

Once more, I would like to remind all of us to always have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by guarding ourselves and our families from abominable deeds and disobedience against Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. At the same time, we will continue to pray so that our country will always remain blessed and protected from all forms of threat, as well as contagions from the Covid-19 pandemic. For that, let us graciously accept the government's recommendation by registering ourselves through the *MySejahtera* application in order 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, 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.



Let us altogether increase our *salawaat* upon our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ as Allah has commanded:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ
وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا ﴿٥٦﴾

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 أَعِزِّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَهْلِكَ الْكُفْرَةَ
وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ وَدَمِّرْ أَعْدَاءَكَ أَعْدَاءَ الدِّينِ. وَانصُرْنَا
عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ
بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعِينِ
عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمْدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا
الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونَ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ
الْحَاجِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ



الحاج. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيَّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونِ، تَغْكُو اَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ
السُّلْطَانِ شَرْفُ الدِّينِ ادريس شاه الحاج، فِي اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحِ
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمُؤَظَّفَيْنِ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ.

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, make us among Your slaves whom are always exalting Your Word and Religion. Keep us away from groups and those that like to criticize, curse, and insult Your Religion.

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 and endowment (*waqf*) 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 Darul Ehsan Islamic Foundation (YIDE).



اللَّهُمَّ يَا دَافِعَ الْبَلَاءِ، اِدْفَعْ عَنَّا هَذَا الْوَبَاءَ وَالْبَلَاءَ وَالْمَرَضَ
وَالشَّدَائِدَ وَالْمِحْنَ، بِلُطْفِكَ يَا لَطِيفُ إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ
وَبِالإِجَابَةِ جَدِيرٌ.

اللَّهُمَّ أَعِزِّ الإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ اللَّهُمَّ انصُرْ إِخْوَانَنَا الْمُسْلِمِينَ
وَالْمُجَاهِدِينَ فِي فِلَسْطِينِ اللَّهُمَّ ثَبِّتْ إِيمَانَهُمْ وَأَنْزِلِ السَّكِينَةَ
عَلَى قُلُوبِهِمْ وَوَجِّدْ صُفُوفَهُمْ وَدَمِّرْ أَعْدَائِكَ أَعْدَاءَ الدِّينِ
وَانصُرْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا.
رَبَّنَا ءَاتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿٢٠١﴾
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَى وَيَنْهَى
عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٩٠﴾

فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوهُ عَلَى نِعْمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا
تَصْنَعُونَ.