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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: إِنَّمَا يَخْشَى اللَّهَ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ الْعُلَمَاءُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزِيزٌ غَفُورٌ

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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: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ ۖ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنتُمْ
مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٠٢﴾

Dear blessed Muslims,

I sincerely remind myself and esteemed audience, that let us strive our utmost in increasing our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* with *istiqaamah* (steadfastness) in performing all of His Commands and leaving out all of His prohibitions. With firm *imaan* (faith), may we attain the pleasure of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, hence becoming His servants that are successful in this world and the Hereafter.

¹ Faatir 35:28.

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102.



Today I will be discussing upon a *khutbah* titled **“SCHOLARS AND KNOWLEDGE.”**

Dear respected audience,

If we traverse through history, we will come across the extraneous efforts by the scholars (*'ulamaa'*) of the past in giving *da'wah* (calling to Islam) to all mankind regarding the teachings of Islam according to al-Qur'an, *as-Sunnah* of Rasulullah ﷺ, *al-Ijmaa'* (consensus), and *al-Qiyaas* (deductive analogy). In the context of our nation, the *'ulamaa'* whom mainly came from the Arabian Peninsula had brought along with them the teachings of Islam to be conveyed. Practices having elements of *shirk* (polytheism) and *khurafaat* (superstition) that were deeply-rooted within the society were then purified as a result of their earnest efforts.

In Islam, the scholars have a very noble stature for they are responsible in explaining what is good and bad, right and wrong, permissible and impermissible. Whatever they convey will not exceed the fold of the two major references of the Muslim *ummah*, namely al-Qur'an and *as-Sunnah* of Rasulullah ﷺ.

Respected Muslims,

A person who is deemed as an *'ulamaa'* is from among those whom are experts in Islamic sciences. According to *Kamus Dewan* (Malay language dictionary), *'ulamaa'* means a person who is well-versed (expert) in Islamic knowledge. While in Islam, they would master various sciences within Islam such as *tafseer*, *hadeeth*, *tawheed*, *fiqh*, contemporary *fiqh*, *tasawwuf*, *qira'at*, and others. Among scholars that could be emulated as exemplary is al-Imaam al-Ghazzaali who is greatly known with the title *Hujjat al-Islam* (the Proof of



Islam). He mastered various branches of knowledge such as *fiqh*, *usool al-fiqh*, *tasawwuf*, *'ilm al-kalaam*, and others.

Due to their mastery of knowledge and *istiqaamah* in their practice, they are from among those possessing *taqwa* and are always worried and fearful from transgressing against the commands of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. As Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 28 of soorah Faatir that was recited earlier in the *khutbah*, which means:

"Only those fear Allah, from among His servants, who have knowledge. Indeed, Allah is Exalted in Might and Forgiving."

Rasulullah ﷺ had also explained regarding who is deemed as an 'ulamaa', as mentioned in the *hadeeth* of Abu ad-Dardaa' *radiallaahu 'anh*:

إِنَّ الْعُلَمَاءَ وَرَثَةُ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ، إِنَّ الْأَنْبِيَاءَ لَمْ يُورِثُوا دِينَارًا وَلَا
دِرْهَمًا، إِنَّمَا وَرِثُوا الْعِلْمَ، فَمَنْ أَخَذَ بِهِ فَقَدْ أَخَذَ بِحِظِّ وَافِرٍ

"Indeed the scholars are the heirs of the Prophets, and the Prophets do not leave behind Dinar or Dirham. The only legacy of the scholars is knowledge, so whoever takes from it, then he has indeed taken the most able share."

(at-Tirmidhi)

Nowadays, the general public including the Muslims have become bold in questioning the role of the scholars. Those associated with Liberal Islam and Anti-*Hadeeth* ideologies openly reject the legacy of the traditions of past scholars. For them, it suffices resorting to their intellect alone in interpreting al-Qur'an and comprehending its teachings. Not just that, they brazenly accuse the scholars as being dangerous to the Muslim *ummah* for being rigid (*jumud*).



These groups are to be avoided so that we will not drown and stray from the Straight Path.

Dear blessed audience,

The knowledge attained from reading, which is then attempted to be understood on one's own is not the best way in Islamic learning. Mastering a particular science necessitate having a qualified teacher to explain its details. The role of the teacher is truly enormous especially in religious knowledge. To attain authentic knowledge, one must study with the right '*ulamaa*'. The right '*ulamaa*' are the ones that possess knowledge that are reputable and acknowledged by the *Sharee'ah*.

Islam also teaches its adherents to respect and observe proper *adab* (manners) with those deemed as '*ulamaa*'. The '*ulamaa*' is respected for the high level of knowledge and depth of comprehension possessed in matters of religion. Among the *adab* that must be observed are:

1. Accepting the admonition and advice given.
2. Accompanying them so as to attain blessings in the knowledge attained.
3. Avoid arguing, disputing, or fighting.
4. Avoid uttering words that can be offensive.
5. Abide by their instructions and commands for as long as they do not contradict the *shara'*.

Dear esteemed audience,

A good Muslim is one that comprehends and realizes the significance of adhering to every command and advice given by the '*ulamaa*' and ruler. As an example, the existence of religious authorities in Selangor such as the Islamic Religious Council (MAIS) and the Mufti's Department that are under the



auspices of His Royal Highness the Sultan himself, as the Head of Islamic Affairs, plays the role in monitoring the Muslims from going outside the fold of Islam, according to the creed of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*. Any instructions and commands from the Religious Authorities in preserving and protecting the sanctity of Islam must be abided by the Muslims.

Therefore, any person that insults, disobey, violate, or dispute the orders and instructions of the Religious Authority has committed an offense, and can be persecuted if convicted, based on Section 12 and 13 of the *Sharee'ah* Criminal Enactment (Selangor) 1995.

Dear blessed Muslims,

To end the *khutbah* today, let us altogether internalize and derive lessons upon the following matters, as guidance in our lives, among them:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must realize that the '*ulamaa*' have significant roles in imparting authentic understanding of Islamic teachings based on al-Qur'an and *as-Sunnah* to the society.
2. Every Muslim must know that those deemed as '*ulamaa*' are the ones that have mastered the major sciences in Islam.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must not be swayed by those that blatantly attempt to question and reject the roles of the '*ulamaa*' in carrying out *da'wah* efforts.
4. The Muslim *ummah* must always refer to reputable scholars in understanding and practicing Islamic teachings with authenticity and perfection.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ



وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ قَبْلِكَ إِلَّا رِجَالًا نُوْحَىٰ إِلَيْهِمْ فَسْأَلُوا أَهْلَ الذِّكْرِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ

لَا تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٤٣﴾

“And We sent not before you except men to whom We revealed [Our message]. So ask the people of the message if you do not know.”

(Soorah an-Nahl 16:43)

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، 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. اَللَّهُمَّ 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 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.



While dealing with this pandemic, let us not take the easiest way out by harming and injuring ourselves. We must be selfless, patient, and strong mentally and physically, built upon solid *imaan*.

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 بَعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةَ،
وَيَحْفَظَ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمْدَانِيَّةَ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ



سلاطون، سُلطان شَرَفُ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج ابن المرحوم
سُلطان صلاحُ الدِّينِ عبد العزيز شاه الحاج. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعُوْنَ
وَالْهَدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدِ
سلاطون، تغكو أمير شاه ابن السُلطان شَرَفُ الدِّينِ ادریس
شاه الحاج، فِي اَمْنٍ وَصَلٰحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلالِ
وَ الْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمُوْظَفِيْنَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ
وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدٰى 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 فِلَسْطِينَ اللَّهُمَّ ثَبِّتْ إِيمَانَهُمْ وَأَنْزِلِ السَّكِينَةَ عَلَى
قُلُوبِهِمْ وَوَحِّدْ 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 نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا
تَصْنَعُونَ.