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SCHOLARS AND KNOWLEDGE



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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

I sincerely remind myself
and esteemed audience,
that let us strive our
utmost in increasing our
taqwa of Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala

with *istiqamah*
(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.

Today, I will be discussing upon a *khutbah* titled ...

SCHOLARS AND KNOWLEDGE

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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.

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'aat, 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 *istiqamah* 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' *radhiyAllaahu 'anh:*

***“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.

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'*.

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.

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.

***“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)



**THE SECOND
KHUTBAH**



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

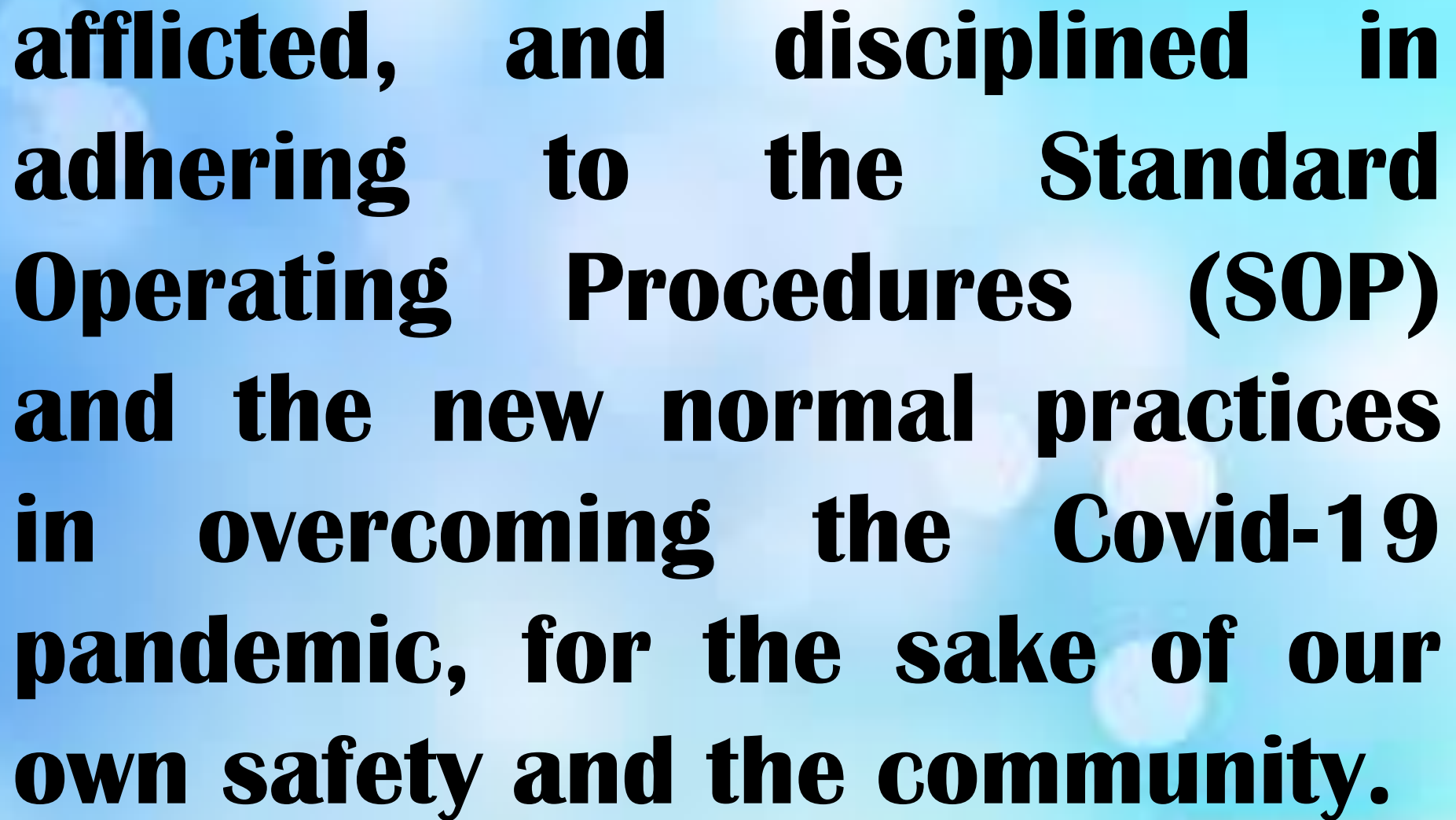


**pandemic. For that, let us
graciously accept the
government's recommendation
by registering ourselves
through the *MySejahtera*
application in order to obtain
vaccine shots that have been**




**authorized by the Ministry of
Health Malaysia.**

**May we become among the
slaves of Allah that are patient
while enduring all diseases**




afflicted, 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.



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:**




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).**



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