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## “ISLAM REJECTS RELIGIOUS PLURALISM”

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: إِنَّ الدِّينَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الْإِسْلَامُ<sup>1</sup>  
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ  
وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَىٰ آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ  
أَجْمَعِينَ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ، يَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ! اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ! أُوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ  
فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ  
إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ<sup>2</sup>

Dear blessed Muslims,

Let us strive to increase our *imaan* (faith) and *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, by performing everything that He commanded and leaving out everything that He prohibited. Only true *taqwa* and firm *imaan* can make us servants that are successful in this world and the Hereafter.

Today I will be discussing upon a *khutbah* titled “**ISLAM REJECTS RELIGIOUS PLURALISM.**”

Can a person having a sound mind accept that all religions are the same? Is a religion of divine revelation (*wahy*) equal to a religion that was

<sup>1</sup> Aal 'Imraan 3:19.

<sup>2</sup> Aal 'Imraan 3:102.



created? Is it the same, between a religion whose adherents glorify the Oneness of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and a religion whose followers commit *shirk* against Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and disobey His Commands?

### **Respected Muslims,**

Nowadays, there are efforts undertaken by certain quarters to render all religions as being equal. These efforts espouse the notion all religions are equal and true. This means that religions other than Islam are also upon the truth even those associating partners (*shirk*) with Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Such misguided thinking is known as religious pluralism.

Such thought will definitely create doubts upon mankind, especially for the Muslim *ummah*. If all religions are upon truth, definitely we can subscribe to any religion that we like for their objectives are all the same, which is servitude and devotion to the same God, and the good ending (Paradise) can be attained through any religion.

In our nation, specifically, those subscribing to this heretical thinking have raised several issues such as establishing an Inter-Faith Council (IFC), religious freedom, joint festival celebration and religious rites, and demanding the use of the word "Allah" by non-Muslims. The existence of *kerajaan langit* (heavenly kingdom) Ayah Pin deviant sect was also due to such perverted thinking.

Based on the fatwa gazetted by the Selangor state government on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2014, religious pluralism is misguidance and deviating from unadulterated Islamic teachings. As for Muslims ascribing to this ideology, they must hasten to perform *tawbah* (repentance) and return to the fold of



Islam. Therefore, these quarters are to be avoided and their ideology is to be rejected outright so that we will not slip into the strayed path.

**Dear blessed audience,**

It must be emphasized here that Islam is the one and only true religion. It is a religion of *wahy* that was authentically revealed from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. The only religion that is pleasing and accepted by Him. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 3 of soorah al-Maa'idah:

الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَتْمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَتِي  
وَرَضِيتُ لَكُمُ الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا

***"This day I have perfected for you your religion and completed My favor upon you and have approved for you Islam as religion..."***

As the religion that is accepted and pleasing to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, there are several matters that distinguishes it from religions that are not accepted by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Among them is the pillars (*arkan*) of Islam that is *wajib* (obligatory) to be fulfilled by all Muslims. In the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, when Rasulullah ﷺ was asked by Jibreel *'alayhissalaam*, "What is Islam?" He ﷺ replied:

الْإِسْلَامُ أَنْ تَعْبُدَ اللَّهَ وَلَا تُشْرِكَ بِهِ شَيْئًا، وَتُقِيمَ  
الصَّلَاةَ، وَتُؤْتِيَ الزَّكَاةَ الْمَفْرُوضَةَ، وَتَصُومَ رَمَضَانَ



**“Al-Islam is that you worship Allah and do not associate anything with Him and you establish obligatory prayer and you pay the obligatory alms (zakaat) and you observe the fast of Ramadaan.”**

*(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)*

For those searching for religion other than Islam, Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* will never accept it and all of their deeds will render in vain. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 85 of Soorah Aal 'Imraan:

وَمَنْ يَبْتَغِ غَيْرَ الْإِسْلَامِ دِينًا فَلَنْ يُقْبَلَ مِنْهُ وَهُوَ فِي الْآخِرَةِ مِنَ

الْخَاسِرِينَ ﴿٨٥﴾

**“And whoever desires other than Islam as religion - never will it be accepted from him, and he, in the Hereafter, will be among the losers.”**

Hence, it is crystal clear here that Islam is the only religion upon truth that is accepted and pleasing to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. All other religions are rejected and all of the deeds performed by its adherents will not be accepted by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Therefore, it behooves us to ensure that we and our family members remain firm and steadfast upon the religion of al-Islam.

**Dear noble audience,**

Islam does not reject tolerance towards adherents of other creed. Rasulullah ﷺ had practiced tolerance towards followers of other faiths over 1400 years ago, as stipulated in the Constitution (or Charter) of Madeenah. Rasulullah, as the Messenger of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and the



head of state, had demonstrated the best exemplary in matters of religious tolerance.

However, it must be remembered that tolerance does not mean that we must consider all religions as being equal. Islam also does not prohibit its adherents from doing good and being just to those of others faiths. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 8 of soorah al-Mumtahanah:

لَا يَنْهَىٰكُمْ اللَّهُ عَنِ الَّذِينَ لَمْ يُقَاتِلُوكُمْ فِي الدِّينِ وَلَمْ يُخْرِجُوكُمْ مِّن دِيَارِكُمْ أَن تَبَرُّوهُمْ وَتُقْسِطُوا إِلَيْهِمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُقْسِطِينَ ﴿٨﴾

***“Allah does not forbid you from those who do not fight you because of religion and do not expel you from your homes - from being righteous toward them and acting justly toward them. Indeed, Allah loves those who act justly.”***

**Dear blessed Muslims,**

To end this *khutbah*, let us derive lessons so that it can serve as guidance in our lives, among them:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that Islam is the only true religion and pleasing to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must reject deviated ideologies that attempts to advocate the equality of all religions.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must firmly cling upon the religion of Islam and practice all of its teachings.



أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ  
يَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا ادْخُلُوا فِي السِّلْمِ كَآفَّةً وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا خُطَوَاتِ  
الشَّيْطَانِ إِنَّهُ لَكُمْ عَدُوٌّ مُّبِينٌ ﴿٢٠٨﴾

**“O you who have believed, enter into Islam completely [and perfectly] and do not follow the footsteps of Satan. Indeed, he is to you a clear enemy.”**

(Soorah al-Baqarah 2:208)

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  
المُسْلِمِينَ وَالمُسْلِمَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الغَفُورُ 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.

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 deriving lessons from everything that has happened, always vigilant and mindful though we have been given a bit of freedom to move about. This is because the entire nation is still fighting the Covid-19 pandemic, for the sake of our own safety and the society as a whole.





For those that are truly affected by this pandemic, do not take the easy way out by harming and injuring oneself. 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  
الْكَفْرَةَ 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



المُعْظِم، سُلْطَانِ سَلَاطُور، سُلْطَانِ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ  
الْحَاجِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانِ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ  
الْحَاجِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ  
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُور، تَعَكُّوْ اَمِيْرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ  
السُّلْطَانِ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ، فِيْ اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ  
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ  
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِيْنَ لِلْمُؤَظَّفِيْنَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ  
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيْقِ الْهُدَى وَالرِّشَادِ.

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), making endowment (*waqf*) through *Perbadanan Wakaf Selangor* (Selangor Endowment Corporation) and giving away (*infaaq*) our wealth through *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، اذْفَعْنَا هَذَا الْوَبَاءَ وَالْبَلَاءَ وَالْمَرَضَ  
وَالشَّدَائِدَ وَالْمِحْنَ، بِلُطْفِكَ يَا لَطِيفُ إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ  
قَدِيرٌ وَبِالإِجَابَةِ جَدِيرٌ.

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



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