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اَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِل: وَلَقَدُ صَرَّفْنَا فِي هَذَا الْقُرْءَانِ لِلنَّاسِ مِن كُلِّ مَثَلِّ وَكَانَ الْإِنسَانُ أَكْثَرَ شَيْءِ جَدَلًا ١٠٠٥ مَثَلِّ وَكَانَ ٱلْإِنسَانُ أَكْثَرَ شَيْءِ جَدَلًا ١٠٠٥ مَثَلِّ وَكَانَ الْإِنسَانُ أَكْثَرَ شَيْءٍ جَدَلًا

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لاَ شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اَللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وسَلِّم عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اَللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وسَلِّم عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اَللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وسَلِّم عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ عَرَفُهُ وَصَحْبِهِ عَلَى اللَّهُمُ عَنْ .

أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا آيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ اِتَّقُواْ اللَّهَ، أُوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَّأَيُّهَا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُواْ ٱتَّقُواْ ٱللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنتُم مُّسُلِمُونَ ﴿ وَالْأَوْلَ اللَّهُ مَّسُلِمُونَ ﴿ وَالْأَوْلَ اللَّهُ مَا اللَّهُ مَا اللَّهُ مَا اللَّهُ اللّ

Dear blessed Muslims,

Let us altogether strive to increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by abiding all of His Commands and leaving out all of His prohibitions. May Allah become pleased with us, bestowing upon us His *Rahmah* (Mercy) and Forgiveness. *Allaahummaa ameen*.

¹ al-Kahf 18:54

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102



On this very noble day, let us reflect upon a *khutbah* titled "LET THE CLOWNS DROWN ALONG WITH THEIR ENTOURAGE."

Dear blessed Friday congregation,

The Islamic world is always flooded with teachings that are deviant and contradicting the 'aqeedah (creed) of Ahl as-Sunnah. Some of these misguidance have long existed among the Muslims in this country. Among them are Al Arqam or Rufaqa', Shee'ah, Ahmadiyyah Qadiyaani, Millah Abraham, the teachings of 'Ilm Shahaadah, zikir nafas, Islam Jamaa'ah, Hizb at-Tahreer, and many others. Some of these deviant teachings have been declared as heretical through fatawa issued by Majlis Agama Islam Selangor (Selangor Islamic Religious Council) or Islamic Religious Council of other states. Unfortunately, some within the general public are still adamant in their heretical beliefs, though kept in secret or disguised in their jubbah (robes) and other 'brands'.

Aside from those deviant sects, there are other ones that have been detected by Islamic religious authorities in their respective states. For example, the teachings of Kahar bin Ahmad, Tareeqah Naqshabandiyyah Kadirun Yahya, Aurad Isma'iliyyah, 'Ilm Hakikat teaching by Hassan bin Jonit, Tareeqah Samaniyyah Ibrahim Bonjol, Liberalism in Thoughts and Religious Pluralism, *Pembedahan Batin* ('spiritual' surgery), and a long list of others.

Respected audience,

Usually these deviant teachings would spread through grandiloquent names such as *ilmu kebatinan* (spiritual knowledge), the army of Imaam Mahdi, the Youth of al-Kahf, the Youth of Bani Tameem, and others. The Muslims can easily identify the early symptoms of these doubtful



teachings. Among the characteristics of heretical teachings in Malaysia that are evaluated from the aspects of misguidance in 'aqeedah, Sharee'ah, and akhlaaq (character) are as follows:

- 1. By adding the phrase "Sayyidina 'Ali as the rightful *Ameer al-Mu'mineen* (Commander of the Faithful)" within the *shahaadah* (testimony of faith).
 - 2. Rejecting the *shahaadah*.
- 3. Salaah (prayer) can be performed through the *niyyah* (intention) alone.
- 4. The five daily prayers are not *waajib* (obligatory). It suffices by performing good deeds and avoiding evil.
 - These deviant sects will reject fasting.
- 6. Some deemed that Muslims are not required to perform the 'ibaadah (worship) of hajj in Makkah. Instead, it can be performed anywhere. Going to Makkah is only for the purpose of seeing historical remains from the lives of Rasulullah
 - 7. Insulting the personality and stature of Rasulullah ملي الله.
- 8. Rejecting *ijmaa* (consensus) of the scholars and *qiyaas* (deductive analogy).
 - 9. Understanding al-Qur'an through their own interpretation.
- 10. Not accepting *hadeeth* and considers *hadeeth* as fabrication by humans after the demise of the Prophet مليالياء.
- 11. Claiming that their leader would always meet and communicate with Allah, Prophet Muhammad عِنْتُور , and the angels.
- 12. Deeming those outside of their sects as *mushrikoon* (polytheists) and *kaafiroon* (disbelievers), the people of *bid'ah* (religious innovation), and followers of the desire.



13. Usually those that espouse and spread these misguidances and the adherents are comprised of those that possess no basic Islamic knowledge whatsoever. Some of them are only *silat* instructors, *bomoh* (shaman), healers claiming to be practitioners of Islamic medical treatment, and motivational speakers that would add and mix Islamic flavors into their lectures and speeches.

Blessed audience,

What are factors that spurs the spread of these heretical teachings? Some of the answers are in the following:

a) Seeking attention,

The knack for fame and attention and would drive one to commit acts that are strange and reckless, for as long as they become famous and garner many following, as well as followers and subscribers on the social media. The Prophet had warned on the danger of these type of individuals. Narrated Ka'b bin Maalik *radiyAllaahu 'anh* that Rasulullah said:

"Two wolves free among sheep are no more destructive to them than a man's desire for wealth and honor is to his religion."

(at-Tirmidhi)

b) Received sponsorship and funding from hidden hands, whether locally or from abroad.



c) Not taking knowledge from authentic and authoritative sources. Muhammad bin Sireen *radiyAllaahu 'anh* said:

"Indeed this knowledge is religion, so carefully consider from whom you take your religion."

(Muslim)

d) Suffering from mental illness or confusion. In this regard, Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala had reminded us in verse 125 of soorah at-Tawbah:

"But as for those in whose hearts is disease, it has [only] increased them in evil [in addition] to their evil. And they will have died while they are disbelievers."

e) Isolated and not mixing or interacting with *surau* and masjid goers, and community members. These type of people will be easily duped by elements of misguidance. Take heed of the reminder of the Prophet mentioned in the *hadeeth* of Mu'aadh bin Jabal, where he said:

"Surely Satan is like wolf to man. Just as the wolf attacks the sheep that strays away from the flock. So beware of the paths which branch off and adhere to the Jamaa'ah, the masses, and the masjid."

(Ahmad)

Dear blessed Muslims,



Due to the *amaanah* (trust) and love of the Prophet upon his nation, he searnestly reminded us regarding the helter-skelter atmosphere at the End of Time. He mentioned in the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu* 'anh, which means:

"There will come to the people years of treachery, when the liar will be regarded as honest, and the honest man will be regarded as a liar; the traitor will be regarded as faithful, and the faithful man will be regarded as a traitor; and the Ruwaybidah will decide matters." It was said: "Who are the Ruwaybidah?" He said: "Vile and base men who control the affairs of the people."

(ibn Maajah)

In responding to the command of the beloved Prophet, it behooves the Muslim *ummah* to stay away from these perverted teachings and take the hard stand to "Let the clowns drown along with their entourage, leave them! Let it be!"

Noble audience,

Treading through the sermon today, let us scrutinize the lessons and recommendations as guidance in our lives, among them:

- 1. It is waajib upon the Muslim ummah to learn and firmly cling upon the 'aqeedah of Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah without budging an inch till the final breath.
- 2. The Muslim *ummah* must learn from teachers that are *murabbi* (godly) and truly learned when learning the sciences of the religion, in remaining safeguarded from the virus of deviance by unauthoritative and irresponsible folks.



- The Muslim ummah must learn from teachers that truly comprehend the sciences that they teach so as to remain protected from lies and forgery.
- 4. The Muslim *ummah* must not be overly excited in seeking popularity just to attain worldly reward by spraying the poison of heresy and masquerading behind religious appearance.

"And believe in what I have sent down confirming that which is [already] with you, and be not the first to disbelieve in it. And do not exchange My signs for a small price, and fear [only] Me."

(al-Baqarah 2:41)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ، وَنَفَعَنِيْ وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِيْ وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيْعُ الْعَلِيْمُ.

أَقُولُ قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَآئِرِ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَآئِرِ الْلُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْلُسْلِمَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوْهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيْمُ.



THE SECOND KHUTBAH

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِيْ جَعَلَنَا مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ، وَرَزَقَنَا مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ. أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللهُ وَحْدَهُ لاَ شَرِيْكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُوْلُهُ. اَللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّيْنِ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللهِ، إتَّقُواْ الله، أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ الدِّيْنِ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللهِ، إتَّقُواْ الله، أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقُوى اللهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَقُونَ.

Dear blessed audience,

Let us altogether strive to have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by increasing our obedience towards Him and avoiding acts of disobedience and abominable deeds.

إِنَّ ٱللَّهَ وَمَلْيِكَتَهُ و يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى ٱلنَّبِيِّ يَأَيُّهَا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُواْ صَلُّواْ عَلَى عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُواْ تَسْلِيمًا ٥

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِيْنَ.



ٱللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِیْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِیْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْیَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِیْعٌ قَرِیْبٌ مُجِیْبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ وَیَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اَللَّهُمَّ أَعِزَّ الْإِسْلاَمَ وَالْمُسْلِمِیْنَ، وَأَهْلِكِ الْكَفَرَةَ وَالْمُسْلِمِیْنَ، وَأَهْلِكِ الْكَفَرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِیْنَ.

ٱللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِيْنِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بأَسْمَآئِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بِعَيْن عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبحِفْظِ وِقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلاَلَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعَظِّم، سُلْطَان سلاغُور، سُلْطَان شَرَفُ الدِّين ادريس شاه الحاج ابن المرحوم سُلْطَان صَلاَحُ الدِّين عبد العزيز شاه الحاج. اَللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيْقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيّ عَهْدِ سلاغُور، تَعْكُو أَمِير شَاه اِبْن السُّلْطَان شَرَفُ الدِّين ادريس شاه الحاج، فِيْ أَمْنِ وَصَلاَح وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَاالْجَلالِ وَالإِكْرَامِ. اَللَّهُمَّ أَطِلْ مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلمُوَظِّفِيْنَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبلادِ، مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ.

O Allah, grant us guidance in performing the five obligatory prayers in congregation, fulfilling *zakaat* through Selangor *Zakaat* Board (LZS), making endowment (*waqt*) 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).

O Allah, bestow upon us *rizq* that are lawful and blessed, keep us away from acts of corruption and abuse of power for they are betrayals upon the trust given.

اَللَّهُمَّ يَا دَافِعَ الْبَلَاءِ، اِدْفَعْ عَنَّا هَذَا الْوَبَاءَ وَالْبَلَاءَ وَالْمَرَضَ وَاللَّهُمَّ يَا وَالْمَرْفُ وَاللَّهُمَّ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَاللَّهَ دَائِدَ وَالْمِحَنَ، بِلُطْفِكَ يَا لَطِيْفُ إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيْرٌ وَبِالْإِجَابَةِ جَدِيْرٌ.

رَبَّنَا هَبُ لَنَا مِنُ أَزُوَ جِنَا وَذُرِيَّتِنَا قُرَّةً أَعْيُنِ وَٱجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا. رَبَّنَا ءَاتِنَا فِي ٱلدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي ٱلْآخِرةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ ٱلنَّارِ . وَبَنَا عَذَابَ ٱلنَّارِ فَي اللَّهِ، إِنَّ ٱللَّه يَأْمُرُ بِٱلْعَدُلِ وَٱلْإِحْسَنِ وَإِيتَآيِ ذِي ٱلْقُرْبَى وَيَنَهَىٰ عَنِ ٱلْفَحْشَاءِ وَٱلْمُنكرِ وَٱلْبَغِيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ ٱلْفَحْشَاءِ وَٱلْمُنكرِ وَٱلْبَغِي يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ

فَاذْكُرُواْ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوْهُ عَلَى نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاشْكُرُوهُ عَلَى نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَصْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.