





I solemnly remind myself and fellow congregation to altogether strive in empowering our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala with the truest of

taqwa by performing all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we all attain success in this world and the Hereafter. The *khutbah* today will explain upon matters and issues that had taken place in the past few years, namely the



Technological facilitation and ease from the internet network today has allowed for the latest information to be easily obtained by the fingertips. However, the misuse of facts and

information regarding Islam nowadays has been misinterpreted by irresponsible quarters to create elements unrest among race and ethnicities that have lived in peace for so long.

It necessitates for us to comprehend that any aspects of insults and accusations upon any religion and race will not contribute anything towards nation building that is harmonious,

but on the contrary it will only taint the longestablished multiracial relations. Let us not deem the

current scenario as something normal or trivial within the heart

and soul of the Muslim community. Furthermore, this situation can trigger serious racial hatred if it is not properly controlled. This can be seen with the various insults, accusations, and

fitnah (slander) against Islam reported in the social media. There are emotional and provocative statements hurled in sowing fitnah relentlessly. For the believers, guided by the

holy book of al-Qur'an, we are prohibited from insulting, let alone blaspheming other religions. This can be understood from verse 108 of soorah al-An'aam:

"And do not insult those they invoke other than Allah, lest they insult Allah in without enmity knowledge."

According to Dr. Wahbah al-Zuhailiy in his work Tafseer al-Muneer, the hukm (ruling) from this verse is that it remains a prohibition to insult revered symbols of other religions, for it will only

give them the reason to retaliate and insult the religion of Allah and Rasulullah . This is in adherence with the legal maxim known as sadd which adh-dharaa'i', means blocking or

preventing any means that can lead to destruction.

We must realize that the tales of insults and accusations against Islam did not just begin yesterday. Moreover, its

narrative had begun since the time when the Prophet started to spread the message of al-Islam. Suffice for us the lessons and asbaab an-nuzool (reasons for revelation) from

soorah al-Lahab and soorah al-Kawthar, as clear evidence that Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala served as the best protector for Rasulullah from defamations, vile accusations, and fitnah

by the *mushrikeen* (polytheists) whom hated Islam with their guts.

The reality is that if we scrutinize the issue of blasphemy against Islam nowadays, we find that it

revolves around mocking Allah and publishing posts that insults Prophet Muhammad as committed by several individuals through their Facebook accounts. Among them is a man by

the name of Alvin Chow who defamed Islam, Prophet Muhammad , and Sayyidatina 'A'ishah radiyAllaahu 'anha, the wife of the Prophet religious Similarly, practices and

'ibaadah (acts of worship) of the Muslims are among the matters that are often made viral in the social media. As Muslims, it is an obligation upon us to preserve the sanctity of

Islam from being belittled and misconceived at all times. The sacredness of Islam must safeguarded, akin to holding onto the embers of fire until it turns into dust. This is because

Islam remains to be seen as a religion having 'Izzah (very noble and highly regarded). In the hadeeth of 'Aa'idh bin 'Amr radiyAllaahu 'anh, Rasulullah said:

ٱلْإِسْلَامِ بَعْلُو وَلَا بُعْلَى

"Islam is always superior and should never be surpassed."

(al-Bayhaqi)

Even though the instances of blasphemy and insults are not consistent at all times and period, whenever there are matters that are related to Islam we will find that there will be

despicable postings uploaded on the social media. The effect of these accusations and fitnah is truly grave and detrimental for it can arouse the fire of anger within the Muslim

in this community Therefore, country. religious authorities must take actions that are more stern and concrete upon the perpetrators by establishing prosecution motions in the Sharee'ah

Court. This initiative is necessary, so that sacrilegious acts will not be repeated and leaves great impact and profound lesson within all walks of society in becoming more aware

and sensitive upon matters, religious specifically those pertaining to Islam. Let it be known that indeed Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala had honored the children of Adam

regardless of color, ethnicity, and even creed, and Allah also made them superior over other creations, as He mentions in verse 70 of soorah al-Israa':

"And We have certainly honored the children of Adam and carried them on the land and sea and provided for them of the good things and preferred them over much of what We have created, with [definite] preference."

Elements of contempt and accusations upon faith nowadays, specifically against Islam, halted must immediately with several aspects of enforcement to be tightened to ensure

the harmony of the nation-state so that any form of prejudices and ill thoughts within the social relationship of multiracial communities can be avoided. Perhaps the maximum possible legal

action is to be imposed in religious preserving sanctity and the nation's wellbeing. It is not merely paying a fine of hundreds Ringgit of imprisonment for several months, just to get the job

done, but the punishment meted out must be harsh and proportional with the intensity of the mockery disseminated so that it teaches and humbles other slanderers, for the sake of upholding the

sanctity of Islam. This is because this issue is seen as being repeated day in and day out, that it is seen as being difficult to contain, like "pouring water on yam leaves" (meaning: beating a dead horse).

let us As Muslims, demonstrate mutual respect within a multiracial and multi-faith society, for it is the core of national unity. Similarly, the existence of social websites such as

Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram should be embraced as new da'wah (calling to Islam) medium to communicate with the target group that lack the proper understanding of Islam so that pure

unadulterated understanding of Islam can be propagated to the intended audience. We must truly realize upon this matter, which is the hikmah (wisdom) of having diverse ethnicity,

race, and hereditary that will surely result in a diversity of culture, lifestyle, thought patterns, as well as beliefs and convictions that makes this life more beautiful to be shared together.

Tawsiyah (advice) and lessons that can be derived from the sermon today are:

1. The Muslim ummah must have certainty that the religion of Islam is the religion of truth and superior to other religions.

2. The Muslims are prohibited from insulting and defaming other religions for it will tarnish the relationship a multiracial within society.

3. The Muslim ummah must distance itself from extreme attitudes and actions that can harm the image of Islam as a religion that upholds peace and universal wellbeing.

"Say, "O People of the Scripture, do not exceed limits in your religion beyond the truth and do not follow the inclinations of a people who had

gone astray before and misled many and have strayed from the soundness of the way.""

(al-Maa'idah 5:77)

THE SECOND KHUTBAH

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

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 our wealth (infaaq) 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.

