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THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SAFEGUARDING THE RELIGION

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

I sincerely call upon all of us to altogether increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by performing all of His Commands and leaving out all of His prohibitions.

Let us give full attention to the *khutbah* that is to be delivered. Additionally, let us not talk or utilize the cellular phone. May this *khutbah* benefit all of us.

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



***THE RESPONSIBILITY
OF SAFEGUARDING
THE RELIGION***

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The responsibility of safeguarding the religion is an obligation or duty upon all Muslims in preserving, comprehending, and practicing the teachings of the religion.

According to Imaam ash-Shaatibi, the meaning of safeguarding the religion is “Empowering the pillars of Islam, as well as the rulings that have been ordained.” This very duty encompasses

several significant aspects which includes the affairs of daily living, society, nationhood, law, economy (*mu'ammalaat*), social, and so forth. This is because, *Hifzh ad-Deen* (حفظ الدين) is a

concept of preservation of the religion of Islam from any threats and pressure. This coincides with the principles of *al-Maqaasid ash-Sharee'ah* that is espoused in Islam

with priorities in preserving the religion, life, *'aql* (intellect), lineage, and wealth, so as to attain salvation in this world and the Hereafter. Success in this worldly life serves as the bridge

heading towards the
aakhirah (Hereafter) that
is everlasting.
Blissfulness in this world
is the very foundation in
raising a generation
having *taqwa*, inheriting
the excellence achieved

by mankind. However, this reward is not granted upon those that are always neglecting the *Sharee'ah* and religion of Allah.

**For those among us
proclaiming to be
Muslims, what are our
roles in safeguarding this
religion? Preserving the
religion is a very heavy
responsibility that is not
merely words and fiery**

speeches, but it necessitates commitment and precise actions. This religion must be preserved so that it remains intact and practiced throughout the passage of time and era.

The Muslims must rise with *istiqamah* (steadfastness) in pursuing several matters so that the religion will remain exalted and glorified. Among them:

Upholding the commands and practices mentioned in al-Qur'an and *as-Sunnah* with certainty, with *'aqeedah* as the creed that is firmly ascribed and conclusive, based on the *'aqeedah* of

*Ahl as-Sunnah wal
Jamaa'ah.* Therefore,
away with the beliefs and
practices, thoughts,
ideologies, and modern
philosophies regarding
the life of this world and
life after death, which

blatantly contradicts and
deviates from pure
authentic teachings of
Islam. This can be seen
with various aspects as
the cause for the
corruption within the
'aqeedah of the Muslims

that can lead to *kufr*
(disbelief), ignorance,
resorting to absolute
reasoning, inclined to
worldliness, seeking
influence and followers,
where all of these serve
as factors that leads to

the corruption of
'aqeedah. Its impact
and effect are
tremendous and
dangerous upon the
religion and its
adherents, if it is

allowed to continue and failed to be curbed.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 19 of soorah Aal 'Imraan:

إِنَّ الدِّينَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الْإِسْلَامُ

“Indeed, the religion in the sight of Allah is Islam.”

2. Empowering the administration and implementation of *Shar'i* rulings. This means that the Muslims must elevate, respect, and strengthen Islamic laws in various aspects of life.

**It encompasses the
development,
understanding,
acceptance, and
implementation of
Sharee'ah principles in
all fields including legal,
economics, social, and**

culture. Several proactive measures can be done in dignifying the Islamic *Sharee'ah* by empowering laws and religious institutions, for the sake of ennobling Islam and the Muslim

ummah. In addition to that, updating enactments and the Islamic law governance system to ensure its practice remain relevant to be carried out at all times. This is because

the establishment and strengthening of *Sharee'ah* law aims to call mankind to be under the protection of laws that are just and equitable. Therefore, embracing laws that are

based upon *hawaa'* (lust) and human desire alone without divine guidance of the *wahy* (revelation) is rejected by Islam. The reality is that the implementation of Islamic *Sharee'ah* in a

**comprehensive manner
will provide protection
and justice, as well as
security to the Muslims
and non-Muslims.
Indirectly, through the
empowerment of the**

Sharee'ah, the society
will benefit from
programs and activities
that are spiritual and
religious in nature.

3. The effort and commitment in spreading the *shi'aar* (symbols) of Islam. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* has provided guarantee to safeguard the religion of Islam from any form of distortion and

protect the religion with
symbols that are
manifested to the
Muslims. It is the practice
that has been inherited
by the Muslim *ummah*
since the time of Prophet
Muhammad ﷺ until today,

in its practical sense. In truth, the *shi'aar* of Islam must be manifested and propagated wherever we may be. There are *hikmah* (wisdoms) and lessons in spreading the *shi'aar* of Islam so that

the truth can be revealed and practiced by the society. In addition to that, while propagating the *shi'aar* of Islam, we must also demonstrate the attitude of *at-tasammuh* (tolerance)

among adherents of other faiths, so as to avoid any conflicts by internalizing the *rooh* (spirit) of the teachings of al-Qur'an in fostering relations with the

**non-Muslims. Among
them is to uphold
justice and fulfill
promises, as well as
ensuring protection
and peacefulness to
them.**

4. The command to always invite others in doing good (*ma'roof*) and prevent evil (*munkar*), as Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 71 of soorah at-Tawbah:

“The believing men and believing women are allies of one another. They enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong and establish prayer and give zakaah

and obey Allah and His Messenger. Those - Allah will have mercy upon them. Indeed, Allah is Exalted in Might and Wise.”

The efforts and responsibility of inviting to perform good deeds and prevent evil is a duty and *amaanah* (trust) that is grave. It cannot be completely done individually, but instead it

is a collective responsibility. Its purpose is to attain the objective of the *Shara'*, which is to preserve the religion, *'aql*, life, wealth, and lineage. Preventing *munkar*, harm, and

disobedience from taking place within the society is a requirement, as mentioned in the *hadeeth* of Abu Sa'eed al-Khudri *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, where he heard Rasulullah ﷺ said:

“Whosoever of you sees an evil, let him change it with his hand; and if he is not able to do so, then [let him change it] with his tongue; and if he is

***not able to do so, then
with his heart — and
that is the weakest of
faith.”***

(Muslim)

5. In realizing that the religion of Islam is safeguarded from internal and even external threats, we must seek and study religious knowledge without fail. This is because, having

knowledge and authentic facts, we will be able to put forth our argument and defend it from being manipulated. Do not ever become like *lalang* (coarse weedy grass), shaky and unprincipled when stating

the truthfulness of the *wahy* and matters pertaining to the sanctity and nobility of the religion. In one *hadeeth*, Rasulullah ﷺ conveyed to us news that is very true, where some within this *ummah*

will surely follow the footsteps of the previous nations. This *hadeeth* is *saheeh* (authentic), narrated on the authority of Abu Sa'eed al-Khudri *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, where Rasulullah ﷺ said:

“You would tread the same path as was trodden by those before you inch by inch and step by step so much so that if they had entered into the hole of the

lizard, you would follow them in this also.” We said: “Allah’s Messenger, do you mean Jews and Christians?” He said: “Who else?”

(Muslim)

Moreover, I would like to remind that the responsibility of preserving the religion is required upon the entire Muslim *ummah* without exception. However, it must be administered

with intelligence and
wisdom. Similarly, this
responsibility requires
various modern and
contemporary *da'wah*
techniques in calling
mankind to return to the
religion in its entirety.

This can be seen through cooperations of various quarters in the effort to provide the awareness and understanding upon a particular issue and matter within the religion that has been raised

within the society, so that it can be resolved thoroughly and effectively. At times, an issue may seem to be trivial and yet it has a tremendous impact

upon the society, and
vice versa. As an
ummah that loves its
religion, we must try
our level best in
improving our *da'wah*
methodology and

**human relations so
that the religion of
Islam will be loved,
upheld, and
preserved at all
times.**

**To end this sermon,
let us altogether
derive lessons and
reflections as guide
and guidance for us.
Among them:**

1. The responsibility to preserve the religion is an obligation or duty upon every Muslim to protect, comprehend, and practice its teachings.

2. The Muslim *ummah* must safeguard Islam from any threats and intimidation.

**3. Allah has
commanded us to
always invite
others to do good
and prevent evil.**


***“And, [moreover],
this is My path, which
is straight, so follow
it; and do not follow
[other] ways, for you
will be separated***

***from His way. This
has He instructed
you that you may
become righteous.”***


***(Soorah al-
An'aam 6:153)***




**THE SECOND
KHUTBAH**




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.



O Allah! Make us among Your slaves that fulfills the *amaanah*. Strengthen our *imaan* so that we avoid treachery, protect us from becoming among those that neglect their responsibilities,



and protect our state and nation from destruction due to bribery. Render the duty to lead our country upon Your slaves whom are trustworthy and honest, as well as firm and courageous in upholding



**the truth and executing
justice according to the
Sharee'ah. O Allah, make the
masaajid and *suraus* in the
state of Selangor as Your
peaceful homes,**




**uniting everyone, and
serve as the heart of the
ummah's strength.**



O Allah, O our Lord! Save our Muslim brethren whom are oppressed in the land of Palestine, and wherever they may be. O Allah! Love them and have mercy upon them, remove them from the



oppression and hardship that they have endured this while. O Allah! Remove all the tyranny that exist on this earth. Bestow justice upon those that have been mistreated and oppressed.



O Allah! Grant victory upon our Muslim brethren in Palestine. Bestow upon the Muslim fighters, as well as the Palestinians, strength and patience in enduring the cruelty of the enemy.



**O Allah! Restore peace
in the land of Palestine
and return the land to
the Muslims.**



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