



AMAANAH: IS IT TRUE THAT IT IS INCREASINGLY ERODING?

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and respected audience that let us altogether strive to enhance our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala

with the truest of taqwa, by fulfilling all of His Commands and abstaining from all of His prohibitions. May we all attain success in this world and the Hereafter. Today's khutbah will discuss upon a topic, namely

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In wading through this worldly life that is becoming increasingly Islamic challenging, principles and ideals must be continued to be practiced and preserved. What is sad is that the

dignity of the Muslim ummah is becoming increasingly marred and when some eroded Muslims that are entrusted with the (trust) amaanah have drowned in the tidal wave

of greed while chasing worldly bounties that are only temporary. Of late, we would always come across cases involving Muslims that are caught bribery, in misappropriation of

funds,andlackofintegrity.

The trait of amaanah (trustworthiness) is one of the four traits that are waajib (obligatory) upon the Prophets and

Messengers 'Alayhim assalaam. The amaanah (trust) upon every Muslims that are mukallaf (religiously accountable) entrusted by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala is truly grave and heavy,

for it encompasses all aspects of the Muslims' life in this world. The translation of meaning of what Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 72 of soorah al-Ahzaab that was recited

during the early part of the *khutbah* are as follows:

"Indeed, we offered the Trust to the heavens and the earth and the

mountains, and they declined to bear it and feared it; but man [undertook to] bear it. Indeed, he was unjust and ignorant."

Cases of breach of trust are not only evident in the public and private service sectors, but it has also seeped into religious institutions. If it is not handled with firmness and urgency,

then it will continue tospreadamongthegenerations to come.

This predicament is due to the ugly attitude of some quarters whom are heartless and very selfish,

betraying the very amaanah and trust bestowed by organizations or their employers. Such heinous act not only humiliate the Muslim ummah in general, but it violates Islamic teachings.

I would like to take this opportunity to very remind officials from Islamic agencies within Selangor that have been entrusted to administer and manage the funds belonging to the Muslim

ummah such as zakaat money, Bayt al-Maal, orphans' funds, infaaq (charity) funds for the Muslim ummah, infaaq funds from masaajid and suraus, as well as fidyah (penalty) collected,

they are reminded to continue preserving the amaanah shouldered with full responsibility and honesty.

The officers that have been entrusted with the

management of monetary funds must possess the traits of amaanah and honesty, due to their roles in dealing with wealth and money. When the trust is lost among the officers,

then it means that there is severe threat upon financial Islamic resources that are used for the well-being of the lives of the Muslims. Let us fear the punishment and torment of Allah that

is very severe, awaiting in the realm of barzakh and the Hereafter, by not deviating and betraying the amaanah shouldered.

AnasbinMaalikradiyAllaahu'anhnarratedthatanarratedthatainquiredfromRasulullah



"If I give zakaat to your messenger, am I free from

the responsibility of zakaat to Allah and His Messenger?" The Prophet **# replied: "That** is true, if you have paid the zakaat to my messenger then you have been freed from the

responsibility of the zakaat to Allah and His Messenger. And you have already received its reward, while the sin is borne by the person who has misappropriated it." (Ahmad) Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala had commanded that we fulfill our amaanah and Allah praises His servants whom remain steadfast upholding the in amaanah,

as He mentions in verse 8 of soorah al-Mu'minoon:

"And they who are to their trusts and their promises attentive."

Hence, let us altogether internalize upon this command of Allah for fulfilling the amaanah is a sign of perfection of *imaan* (faith) for a Muslim. Our failure in preserving the amaanah

and dishonest in carrying out our responsibilities will diminish the society's confidence upon Islamic institutions. Avoid having the mentality where one's rank is a privilege, hence utilizing one's position

and authority to take advantage in pursuing one's self-interest. Do not shaytaan's allow temptation and the lustful desire to overcome the soul that one is willing to jeopardize his own

dignity, as in the Malay adage "harapkan pagar, pagar makan padi" (meaning: betrayal of trust by those in positions). If the very Muslims that have been entrusted to safeguard

and manage the wealth of the Muslim ummah are willing to commit betrayal and deceits, then who else can be depended upon to protect the interests of the Muslim ummah?

Therefore, amaanah is a duty that is waajib to be emphasized and appropriately safeguarded, even though at times it is not as easy as said. What more when one sees the

golden opportunity and chance that is wide open in front of his or her very eyes. Then, take heed, let us not render in vain the amaanah that has been entrusted upon us. Though the value of the

trust may seem trivial in our eyes, it will still be accounted for and recompensed by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

I humbly advise Muslims that are well informed of any quarters that have betrayed their amaanah to hasten in reporting it to the authorities so that we can together curb this heinous practice from

continuing to spread within the society. Let us become Muslims that are always alert and manifest our opposition to all forms of khiyaanah (betrayal) in front of our eyes.

Such is the significance of amaanah that the Prophet M commanded for us to fulfill the amaanah even to those who have betrayed us. This is the very characteristic of a true

Muslim. This is because he is did not want his ummah to betray one another that in the end the society is in disarray. On the authority of Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu *'anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

"Fulfill the trust for the one who entrusted you, and do not betray the one who betrayed you." (Abu Dawood and at-Tirmidhi)

If committing khiyaanah upon those that have betrayed us is not allowed, then definitely committing khiyaanah upon those that did not betray is clear cut prohibited and forbidden

by the Prophet **Set.** Moreover, those that committed khiyaanah will surely be thrown into the Hellfire by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, even though they may be spared from punishment in this world.

Sayyidina 'Umar bin al-Khattaab *radiyAllaahu 'anh* reported:

"On the day (of the battle) of Khaybar, some Companions of the Prophet () came and

remarked: "So-and-so is a martyr and so-and-so is a martyr." When they came to a man about whom they said: "Soand-so is a martyr," the Prophet (ﷺ) declared:

"No. I have seen him in Hell for a mantle (or cloak) which he has stolen (from the booty)."

(Muslim)

If a garment or jubbah (cloak) that was taken through betrayal, whose price is not even that much, yet its doer will be thrown in the Hellfire, then imagine

predicament the those that upon embezzled funds to the hundreds and even millions of **Ringgit in value?**

To end the sermon on this glorious Friday, the among conclusions that can be derived from this sermon are:

1. It is waajib for the Muslim ummah to remain trustworthy in rendering all tasks that have been entrusted, with certainty that one is always being watched, and fearful of the punishment from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

2. The Muslims must firmly cling upon virtuous akhlaaq (character), which serve as the key for excellence in this world and salvation in the Hereafter.

3. The Muslim ummah must stay away from khiyaanah, no matter how small the amaanah shouldered, and always cooperate in combating abuse of power and breach of trust.

"Indeed, Allah commands you to render trusts to whom they are due and when you judge between people to judge with justice. Excellent is that which Allah instructs you. Indeed, Allah is ever Hearing and Seeing." (an-Nisaa' 4:58)



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.

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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 throughDarulEhsanIslamicFoundation (YIDE).

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

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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,

unitingeveryone,andserveastheheartofummah'sstrength.

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