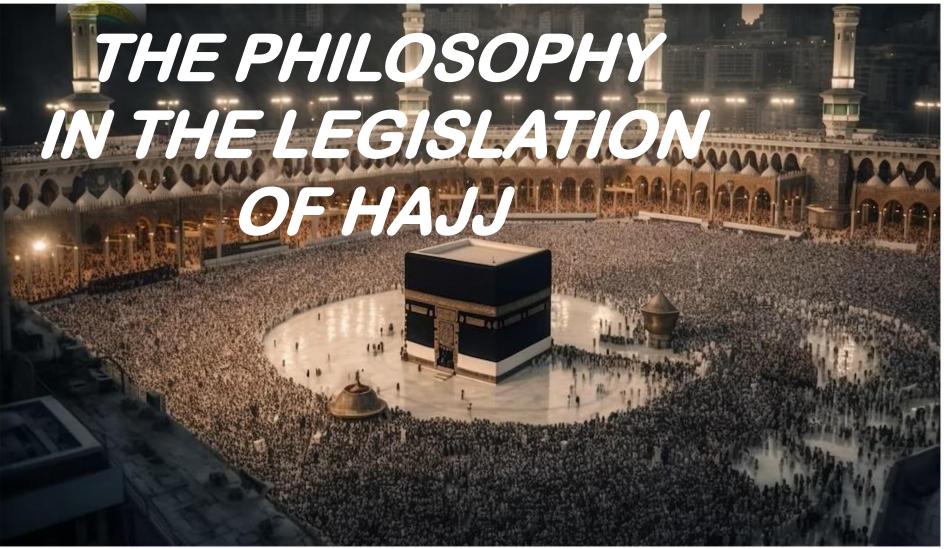


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Isincerely call upon myself and respected audience to altogether strengthen our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, that is by performing all of

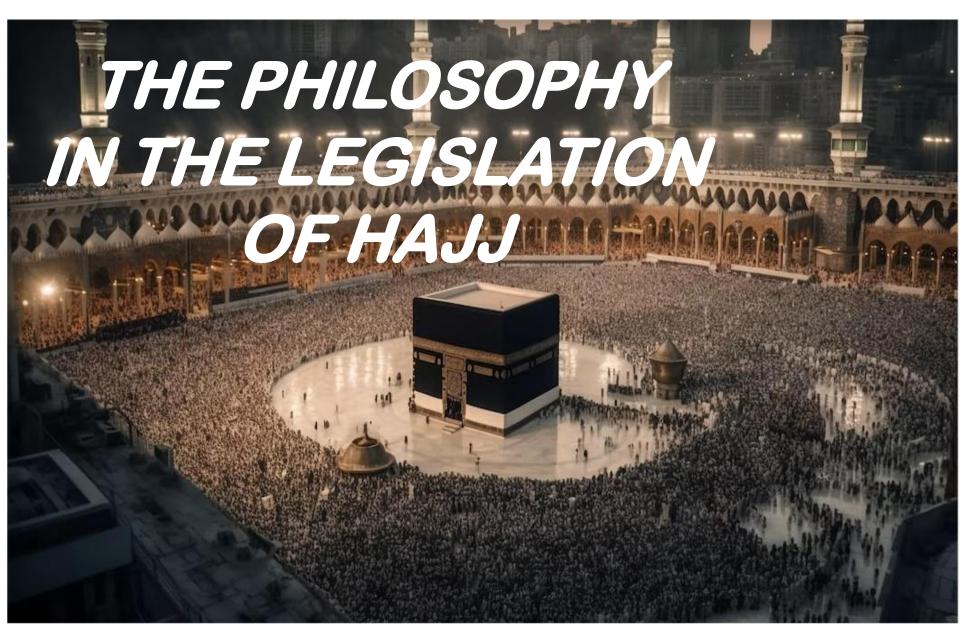
His Commands and staying away from all of His prohibitions. For those who will be truly successful in the Hereafter are only those having the taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

Alhamdulillaah, by the Leave of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, this year we are still bestowed with the opportunity to celebrate the arrival of the month of Dhul Hijjah that is full

of honor and barakah (blessings). It is the where month thousands of Muslims in Malaysia are honored by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala

participate along to with millions of Muslims from around the globe performing the in 'ibaadah (worship) of Hajj in Makkah al-Mukarramah.

Therefore, today I will be expounding on a khutbah titled



In soorah al-Hajj, verses 27 and 28, Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala had commanded Prophet Ibraaheem 'Alayhissalaam to call upon mankind to perform hajj at Bayt Allah al-Haram. With that very

call, hujjaaj (pilgrims) from all nooks and corners of the world would flock and gather in Makkah al-Mukarramah to perform the 'ibaadah of hajj every single year. Not only they come to

fulfill the shi'aar (symbols) of the 'ibaadah of hajj, but they would witness various lessons and benefits, manifesting the very philosophy in the legislation of Hajj upon mankind.

Indeed, embedded within the 'ibaadah of Hajj are major philosophies that are waajib (obligatory) to be internalized within the daily lives of the Muslims. Among them:

First: Hajj is a pledge of tawheed (monotheism) to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

In this month, the Muslim ummah from all over the globe would flock into

Makkah al-Mukarramah with only one objective. They would come with souls that are fully submissive to Allah Wa Subhaanahu Ta'aala. All praise,

veneration, enjoyment, and authority will be returned to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. Throughout the 'ibaadah of Hajj, the chanting of

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would be frequently heard with full enthusiasm. They passionately utter

"I am here at Your service, O Allah, I am here at Your service. I am here at Your service, You have no partner, I am here at Your service.

Surely the praise, and blessings are Yours, and the dominion. You have no partner."

This is the pledge of tawheed in upholding the Oneness of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, acknowledging servitude to the Owner of this world and universe. **Everything fully belongs**

to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala Alone. This pledge should be planted and embedded within the lives of the hujjaaj and Muslims throughout the ages.

The Second Philosophy in the 'ibaadah' of hajj is that Hajj instills the purely divine spirit of sacrifice.

In performing hajj, wealth, time, and energy are to be sacrificed. The comforts

of life, stature, ego, and worldly pleasures are to be let go. Only those that truly have imaan (belief) are capable of sacrificing those matters. The hujjaaj that are willing to sacrifice those

matters for the sake of to the responding commands of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala will surely develop in their hearts the comprehension and spirit of true sacrifice in

all matters of good and piety unto Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

They are certain that their wealth and everything they possess, whenever they are utilized upon the

good and path of obedience unto Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, is that their its effect blessings in life will They increase. have with certainty the promise of

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala upon those that give away their wealth for His Sake. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 39 of soorah Sabaa':

"And whatever thing you spend [in His cause] - He will compensate it; and He is the best of providers."

Similarly, Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh narrated that the Prophet said:

"Charity does not decrease wealth."

(Muslim)

Imaam an-Nawawi, when explaining this hadeeth said, "The decrease in wealth due to giving away in the path of Allah will be remedied by its barakah or tremendous rewards from Allah."

Third: Hajj is a symbol of unity of the *ummah*.

A matter that is undeniable is that every time the hajj season comes, the city of Makkah al-Mukarramah will be

flooded with millions of Muslims. They come from all corners of the world, hailing from various ethnicities and languages. From various skin color and culture. Some are from the

nobles, while others are just common people. All came with only one purpose, which is to perform the 'ibaadah of Hajj. They all assembled during the wuqf (standing) in the plains of

'Arafah, donning the same clothing, on the same day. They would tawaaf perform (circumambulation) and sa'iee at the same place. All these depicts that the unity of fikrah (thoughts),

practice, and actions in fulfilling the command of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala is a religious requirement that cannot be taken lightly. The difference in skin color, culture, ethnicity,

language, and social standing are for all us to get to know one another. For what is of utmost nobility in the Sight of Allah are those having true taqwa. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in

verse 13 of soorah al-Hujuraat: "O mankind, indeed We

have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know

one another. Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you. Indeed, Allah is Knowing and Acquainted."

To end this khutbah, let us comprehend and derive lessons from the following recommendations:

1. The Muslim ummah must have certainty that the 'ibaadah of hajj is a symbol of the unity of the ummah in exercising obedience and sacrifice, upholding

the tawheed of Allah Subhaanahu Ta'aala and glorifying His Symbols.

2. The Muslims are called upon to always remain prepared in sacrificing their wealth, time, and energy, for the sake of responding to the command of

Subhaanahu Allah Wa Ta'aala, as well as upholding His Sharee 'ah.

3. The Muslims must always remain ikhlaas (sincere) in performing all of the commands of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala and every sacrifice undertaken so

as to attain rewards and the pleasure of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

"And proclaim to people the Hajj [pilgrimage]; they will come to you on foot and on every lean camel; they will come from every distant pass - That they may witness benefits for

themselves and mention the name of Allah on known days over what He has provided for them of [sacrificial] animals. So eat of them and feed the miserable and poor."

(al-Hajj 22:27-28)

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).

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,



