



## THE SANCTITY OF THE WORD ALLAH THE ALMIGHTY

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I humbly remind myself and respected audience to have the taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by performing all of His Commands and

leaving out all of His prohibitions. May we all become among the servants of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala whom He is pleased with in this world and the Hereafter.

On this glorious day, I will be discussing upon a *khutbah* titled

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Recently, the Muslims were stunned with the issue of using the word Allah whereby this issue had actually persisted for a while and there have been resolutions made and decided with regard

to it. His Royal Highness the Sultan of Selangor, as the Head of Islam in the state of Selangor had forbade the utilization of the word Allah in publications related to **Christianity in the state** 

of Selangor. His Majesty asserted that the use of the word Allah in the Malaysia Bahasa translation of the Bible or any type of publications and writings related to **Christianity in any form** 

still are whatsoever, prohibited within the His state of Selangor. decree was Majesty's based on the decision the Selangor made by Committee Fatwa regarding the demand

made by the Christians in using the word Allah, which was gazetted on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February 2010.

At the same time, the Religions **Non-Islamic** Propagation (Control of Muslims) Among 1988 has Enactment been enforced in the of Selangor state stipulating that the use of

the word Allah is an offense when utilized by adherents of religion other than Islam. This is strengthened further with the legal position related to the ban and prohibition on the use of

the word Allah upheld by the Federal Court of Malaysia in 2014 in the case of the Home Minister v. Titular Roman Catholic Archbishop of Kuala Lumpur.

In this very case, the court ruled that the word Allah cannot be used in Christian publications.

The word Allah is not the translation for the word 'God' in Bahasa Malaysia. On the contrary, the word that befits the translation is 'tuhan' or 'dewa'. If one is to refer to dictionaries,

one will find that the word 'Allah' refers to the name of God for the Muslims, the only God worthy of worship in the religion of Islam, or that it is the name of God originating from Arabic

that is referred to by all Muslims regardless of their mother tongue. There is a reason put forth stating that the use of the word Allah is demanded for it is used in the Arabic and Bahasa Indonesia

version of the Bible. In reality, it was a mistake from early translation works. The proof is that the English Bible does not utilize the word Allah at all, but instead uses the word 'God' referring

to God the Father and 'Lord' referring to God the Son. Therefore, why does one want to translate the word 'God' with the word Allah? With that, the use of the word Allah by religions other

than Islam is a contradiction to the very concept of the Oneness of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, and it can lead to confusion among Muslims.

The word Allah is a proper noun that refers to God in the religion of Islam. When it is a proper noun, then it is specific, special, and determined or allocated for its nominee. It is unlike

common nouns that can be used in general such as god, humans or animals. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala is the name of God for the Islamic faith. Hence, does the religion that

demands to use the word Allah not have a name for their god?

The entity that is named with a proper noun has its very own identity, characteristics, and attributes that introduces or distinguishes itself from others. For example, a house of worship is a common noun that is shared by all, but terminologies such as masjid, church, and

gurdwara are words that have identity that distinguishes itself from others. Therefore, is it rational that the word Allah can be referred to two gods with differing concepts and identities?

The concept of godliness or divinity is the very that essence distinguishes one religion from another. The identity and attributes of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, the Divine Being that is

worshipped by the Muslims, have been comprehensively mentioned in the entire soorah al-Ikhlaas. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions:

"Say, "He is Allah, [who is] One, Allah, the Eternal Refuge. He neither begets nor is born, nor is there to Him any equivalent.""

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala is The Almighty God, the One or Unique. According to Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah, the Oneness (Tawheed) of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala is in His Essence (Dhat),

Attributes, and Actions. The Oneness of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala in His Essence means that (لَا قِسْمَ لَه) there is no fraction or equivalent to Him. The **Oneness in His Essence is** mutlaq (absolute), not

meaning one having two elements or one having three elements. The **Oneness of Allah** Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala in His Attributes means that there is nothing like or no (لَا شَبِيْهَ لَه) or no

comparison to Him. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala is not Almighty God having human-like attributes and there is no human being possessing His Attributes. The **Oneness of** 

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala in His Actions means there is no (لَا شَرِيْكَ لَه) associate of Him or nothing matches Him. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala had firmly stated in al-Qur'an,

## in verse 73 of soorah al-Maa'idah:

"They have certainly disbelieved who say, "Allah is the third of three." And there is no god except one God.

And if they do not desist from what they are saying, there will surely afflict the disbelievers among them a painful punishment."

This verse clearly indicates that one kaafir becomes a (disbeliever) when stating gods other than Allah as Allah. This that the word means Allah cannot be used for

gods other than Allah The Almighty, which leads to *kufr* (disbelief).

The Federal Constitution and the Laws of the Constitution of Selangor have placed Islam as the

official religion of the Federation and this state. This is a legal guarantee and it becomes the main principle within the government policy and religious authorities in protecting the 'aqeedah

### and Islamic Sharee'ah.

With policies that preserve the interests of Islam, the Muslims must take full advantage in increasing their religious practice and manifest upright

Islamic akhlaaq (character), as well as reflecting the beauty of Islam within the society, organization, and nationhood. Non-Muslim societies must respect the religion of Islam and

the Muslims, just as the Muslims respect the belief of the non-Muslims. Avoid at all costs any matters, issues, or questions that touches upon the sensitivities and beliefs

### within the multi-faith society of this country.

His Royal Highness the Sultan of Selangor firmly asserted in his decree that His Majesty always emphasizes the citizens to

respect the religious beliefs of everyone and not meddle upon the sensitivity of other religions, which could destroy racial unity within the state of Selangor. If the Muslims can respect

adherents of other religion by not interfering in matters pertaining to their faith, then His Majesty also urges adherents of religions other than Islam to respect the adherents of

Islam specifically in the utilization of the word Allah, which is from the main beliefs of the Muslims.

To end this khutbah, let us altogether internalize and derive lessons as in the following:

1. The Muslim ummah must truly comprehend that the word Allah is an honorable speech (لَفْظُ الْجَلَالَة) whose sacredness must be safeguarded from being mocked, ridiculed, or misused.

2. The Muslims must know that Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala is The One God in His Essence, Attributes, and Actions (af'al) with the explanation that there is no equivalent, comparison, and rival to Him.

"That is Allah, your Lord; there is no deity except Him, the Creator of all things, so worship Him. And He is Disposer of all things."

(al-An'aam 6:102)



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,

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