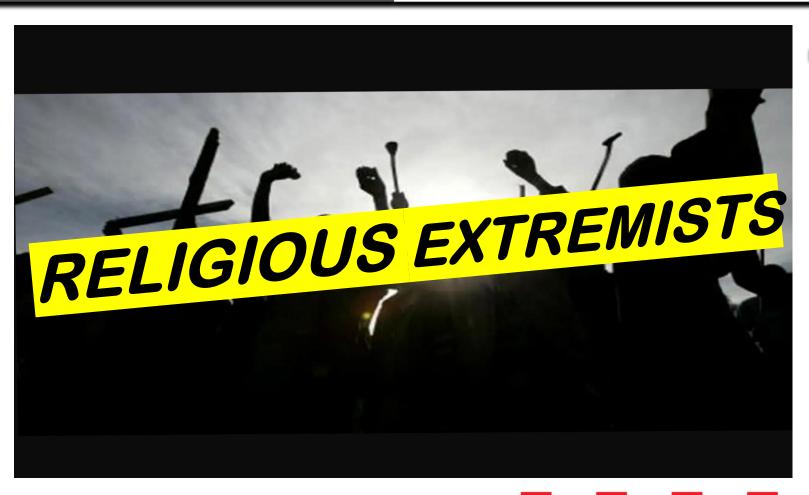




## RELIGIOUS EXTREMISTS



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I humbly remind myself and fellow respected audience to always strive in increasing our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by performing all

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

On this blessed day, I will be expounding on a *khutbah*-titled...



Islam is a religion of ease, moderation, and practical. It is between two extremes, namely between exaggeration and heedlessness (or laid back) بَيْنَ الإِفْرَاط وَالتَّفْرِيط . The beauty of Islam and all of

its teachings are deemed as rahmah (mercy) to the worlds. Moreover, the messengership of His namely Messenger, Muhammad , who came with al-Qur'an is deemed as rahmah, guidance,

cure, clarification, and glad tidings.

The Muslim ummah is deemed as ummatan wasatan that is an ummah that is moderate, just, and balanced in all aspects of

life. Islamic teachings yield prosperity to all mankind.

Extremism, radicalism, or fanatical beliefs exist in every group of people, regardless of religion,

race, or clan. Extreme attitudes stemming from certain individuals or groups should not be generalized upon an entire population, unless if it is apparent that it has become the foundation,

core, or teaching for that entity. particular Extremists, in general, are those that go overboard in a particular method, system, or laws. Religion, which in general is a set of

procedures, ethics, or governance in life, will definitely not espouse matters that are extreme in nature. What more with the religion of Islam, which means well-being, security, and peace.

In the hadeeth of 'Abdullah ibn 'Abbaas radiyAllaahu 'anhuma, Rasulullah had english reminded us:

"Beware of exaggeration in religious matters for those who came before you were doomed because of exaggeration in religious matters."

(an-Nasaa'i and ibn Maajah)

The inappropriateness of exaggeration in religion, which is a reprehensible attitude, was reminded by Rasulullah as a significant factor in the destruction of previous nations. Being extreme,

rigid, or inflexible in the religion occurs in two scenarios, whether extreme in belief or extreme in practice. In reality, both are interrelated where

extreme in belief leads to extreme in practice.

Extreme in belief or creed happens when there is ta'assub (obsession) and becoming blindly fanatical upon a matter. It is coined

as fanaticism, which is a very strong false belief. This attitude will engrain the belief that only they are upon the truth, while others are all wrong, misguided, upon baatil (falsehood), or

kufr (disbelief). Hence, we find allegations such as 'we are the only Muslims', 'we are the only upholders of sunnah', or 'only we will enter Paradise.' Among the reasons for these

attitudes are ignorance regarding authority in the determination of Shar'i rulings or matters usool regarding (principles) and furoo' (subsidiary), not clinging upon authoritative

interpreting sources, Shar'i textual evidences through unreliable methods, having interests, and personal following the hawaa (desire). In result, their Muslim brethren are

disgraced, criticized, their oppressed, janaazah (deceased's body) is not prayed upon, and even worse is when the blood of a Muslim is made halaal (lawful) to be shed.

In reality, Islam is a religion that took mankind out of darkness, narrowness, and tyranny. Rabee' bin 'Aamir radiyAllaahu 'anh, when asked by Rustum, the leader of the Persian

army, "What brought you here?" He replied:

"Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala has sent us to deliver you from worshiping the creation to worshiping the Creator of the creation and to deliver

you from the constriction of this world to the vastness of this world and the Afterlife and from the oppression of the religions to the justice of Islam."

in practice Extreme occurs in the form of difficulty imposing upon oneself or others and excessiveness in practicing or implementation of

Shar'i rulings. Rasulullah had عَلَيْكُمْ وَ عِلَيْكُمْ وَ عِلْكُمْ وَعِلْمُ عِلْمُ عِلَيْكُمْ وَعِلْمُ عِلْمُ عِلَمُ عِلْمُ عِلْمِ عِلْمُ عِلْمُ عِلْمُ عِلْمُ عِلْمُ عِلْمُ عِلْمُ عِلْمُ عِلْمِ عِلْمُ عِلِمُ عِلْمِ عِلْمُ عِلْمُ عِلْمُ عِلْمُ عِلْمُ عِلْمِ عِلْمُ عِلْمِ عِلْمِ عِلْمِ عِلْمِ عِلْمِ عِلْمُ عِلْمِ عِلْمُ عِلْمِ forewarned through the narration of 'Abdullah Mas'ood bin 'anh, radiyAllaahu where he said:

"Ruined are the extremists. Ruined are the extremists. Ruined are the extremists."

(Muslim)

Imaam an-Nawawi had explained that the meaning of the word 'الْمُتَنَطِّعُون' refers to those who delve too deeply, are extreme, and go beyond bounds in their speech and actions.

(ابْنِ الْأَدْرَع) Ibn al-Adra' radiyAllaahu ʻanh narrated that Rasulullah said: "You will not be able to carry out these (religious) affairs by forcing yourself."

(Ahmad)

The fact is, juristic rulings in Islam are determined according to circumstances or priority, waajib whether it is sunnah (obligatory), (recommended), permissible,

makrooh (detestable), and haraam (unlawful). While, waajib can be further expanded whether it is to be done immediately (mudayyaq) or within its allotted time (muwassa').

Besides its that, implementations are weighed whether it is to be implemented through 'azheemah (firmness) or rukhsah (concession). For example, the obligatory prayer can be done

whether standing, sitting, lying down, or in whichever manner one is capable of. Or the example of rukhsah is the permissibility to shorten a four raka'ah prayer to two raka'ah when one is traveling.

Rasulullah had taught us that if there are options in performing a deed, then opt for the easier one. Narrated 'A'ishah radiyAllaahu 'anha: "Whenever the Prophet ( ) was given a

choice between two matters, he would choose the easier as long as it was not sinful to do so; but if it was sinful he was most strict in avoiding it." (al-Bukhaari)

Rasulullah once reprimanded man a whom appeared to be exhausted, weak, and while suffering hajj performing walking due to his nadhr (vow). In the hadeeth of

Anas radiyAllaahu 'anh, Rasulullah said:

"Allah is not in need of this man torturing himself."

(al-Bukhaari)

Verily, Islam is a religion of ease, moderation, and practical. On the authority of Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh, Rasulullah said:

"The religion is ease, but if anyone overdoes it it gets the better of him; so keep to the right course, approximate to perfection, rejoice,

and ask help in the morning, the evening, and some of the latter part of the night."

(al-Bukhaari)

To conclude this let sermon, us altogether ponder and derive lessons as in the following:

1. The Muslim ummah must know that Islam is a religion of ease, moderation, and practicality, in accordance with the fitrah (nature) of humans, that it can be practiced in all situations, time, and place.

2. The Muslim ummah must fully realize that extremism and radicalism within the religion will only serve as the cause for fitnah, harm, and destruction

of the ummah. Stay away from being prejudice, intolerant, coercing others with one religious opinion, excessiveness, and uncouth.

3. The Muslim ummah must humbly realize that authentic knowledge is the very key in delving into the beauty and perfection of the religion, moreover in attaining success in this world and the Hereafter.

"But as for one believes and does righteousness, he have a reward of Paradise, and we will speak to him from our command with ease."

(al-Kahf 18:88)

## 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,



