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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: مَنْ يَهْدِ اللَّهُ فَهُوَ الْمُهْتَدِيٌّ وَمَنْ يُضِلِّ
فَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْخَاسِرُونَ ﴿١٧٨﴾¹

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا
عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ
وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ! اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ! أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى
اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ
إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٠٢﴾²

Dear blessed Muslims,

I humbly call upon all of us to strive in increasing our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. Let us fully focus on the sermon that is to be delivered. Do not speak and fiddle with the mobile phone. May this *khutbah* benefit all of us.

Today I will be discussing upon a *khutbah* titled "**INFLUENCE AND OBSESSION FUELS MISGUIDANCE.**"

¹ al-A'raaf 7:178.

² Aal 'Imran 3:102.



Dear blessed Friday congregation,

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in the third verse of Soorah al-Maa'idah:

الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَتَمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَتِي وَرَضِيْتُ
لَكُمْ الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا ...

"This day I have perfected for you your religion and completed My favor upon you and have approved for you Islam as religion."

"Influence" is power or authority born from an individual dominating certain persons due to certain reasons. Influence can be born due to good or adverse effect that is understood, believed, and practiced by the influencer. Hence, a scenario is born, deemed as being "influenced" by something, whether right or wrong, be it in the worldly or religious matter.

"*Ta'assub*" or fanaticism (or obsession) is defined as firm belief or conviction that is excessive upon a particular individual or matter. *Ta'assub* has been a bad and negative culture within Muslim societies since early on. *Ta'assub* can also be associated with attitudes that are extreme and overboard in a particular stance or creed, and it is frequently associated with religion. Such fanaticism is prohibited by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, as stated in verse 77 of Soorah al-Maa'idah:

قُلْ يَا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ لَا تَغْلُوا فِي دِينِكُمْ غَيْرَ الْحَقِّ وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا أَهْوَاءَ
قَوْمٍ قَدْ ضَلُّوا مِنْ قَبْلُ وَأَضَلُّوا كَثِيرًا وَضَلُّوا عَنْ سَوَاءِ السَّبِيلِ ﴿٧٧﴾

"Say, "O People of the Scripture, do not exceed limits in your religion beyond the truth and do not follow the inclinations of a people



who had gone astray before and misled many and have strayed from the soundness of the way.””

Excessiveness also contradicts being just and moderate, as demanded in Islam. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 143 of Soorah al-Baqarah:

وَكَذَلِكَ جَعَلْنَاكُمْ أُمَّةً وَسَطًا لِتَكُونُوا شُهَدَاءَ عَلَى النَّاسِ وَيَكُونَ
الرَّسُولُ عَلَيْكُمْ شَهِيدًا ...

“And thus we have made you a just community that you will be witnesses over the people and the Messenger will be a witness over you.”

“Deviant teaching” is a term that yields many definitions and portrayal. According to *Kamus Dewan*, teaching is defined as all things that are taught, advised, guidance, theory, and *madhhab* (school of thought). Deviant is defined as not adhering to the right path, having erred on the path, confused in the deeds, belief, and others, as well as having gone astray from the path of truth. Therefore, it can be said that deviant teaching is knowledge that is taught and conveyed in secret, or widespread to those that have veered off the actual truth.

Deviant teaching has been defined by the ‘*Aqeedah* Division of the Islamic Development Department of Malaysia (JAKIM) as teachings or practices subscribed by the Muslims or non-Muslims that claim such teachings and practices are based on Islamic teachings, while in reality, those teachings and practices contradicts ‘*aqeedah Islamiyyah*, opposes al-Qur’an and *as-Sunnah*, contradicting the established *madhaahib* (juristic schools of thought), and contradicts the creed of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa’ah*.



Esteemed Friday audience,

Lately, factual evidence has indicated that becoming easily influenced and obsessed have become a conundrum that not only leads to division within the *ummah*, but it leads to the habit of labeling fellow Muslims as deviants, and claiming the soundness of a teaching deemed as from Islamic teaching but in reality, it contradicts authentic Islamic principles. The facts have shown to us how *ta'assub* upon certain groups have caused the Muslims to continue quarreling until today. Fanaticism upon certain individuals and people of knowledge have blinded the hearts of some Muslims from identifying between the falsified truth for the worldly interest of a person or group, as compared to something that is *haqq* (truth) and rightful, as well as room for differing views.

Respected Muslims,

Seeking influence for one's personal gain, becoming easily influenced to something without having knowledge, and *ta'assub* are all detrimental to the Muslim *ummah*. These negative attitudes cannot be allowed to go on for they can halt principles that are espoused within the religion in seeking knowledge as the guide to the truth, it hinders the implementation of the religion as a whole (*kulli*), kills open-mindedness and unity within diversity of views and differences, fosters positive attitude, diminishes forbearance in inviting others to Islam, not safeguarding the rights of Muslim brethren, and not respecting the decisions of the Ruler in affairs pertaining to Islam.

Influencers are usually individuals that will benefit from those that are easily influenced, added with obsession, where those influenced and obsessed will become agents in spreading their influence, becoming those that will pressure, spreading perception and provocation to the authorities. The influencer will then attain the rank and position for the worldly life with the blind following of their followers.



In result, aside from conflicts among the Muslims that will never seem to cease, records from Selangor Islamic Religious Department (JAIS) indicated that there are many cases involving deviant teachings because they were accepted by some within the society. Some of them have made bold claims regarding certain individuals that are truly illogical and contradicts the fundamental principles of divinity (*ilaahiyyah*), the principles of prophethood (*nubuwwah*), and heavenly matters (*sam'iyah*).

Beloved Muslims,

Some Muslims that do not have proper *tasawwur Islam* (Islamic worldview) as well as comprehensive outlook of Islam are easily influenced and duped by appearance and eloquence, becoming excessively obedient to certain teachers, seeking shortcuts in religious matters, and surrendering to the *nafs* (desire) and *shaytaan*. Those are among the main cause for the Muslims to become entrapped in arguments and misguidance in comprehending and practicing authentic teachings of Islam. The Muslim *ummah* must avoid from getting swayed and influenced by matters pertaining religion that are doubtful or by any individuals attempting to instill fanaticism upon oneself or others. If this continues to persist, it will have a great impact upon the religion of Islam itself, the Muslims, and the society as a whole. To avoid such predicament from continuing to spread, the Muslims must:

First: Always enhancing religious knowledge within the self by seeking knowledge from teachers that are upon authentic teachings of al-Qur'an and *Hadeeth*, with explanation according to the views of erudite scholars. Frequent the masjid and *surau* to learn from teachers that have been authorized by Selangor Islamic Religious Council (MAIS).

Second: Parents must provide the proper understanding of *'aqeedah* and *Sharee'ah*, as well as manifesting virtuous *akhlaaq* (character) to members of the household. Only *tarbiyyah* (education) and religious upbringing can erect



a fortress that will prevent one from being easily influenced and fall into extreme obsession, only to succumb to misguidance.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 6 of Soorah at-Tahreem:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا قُوا أَنفُسَكُمْ وَأَهْلِيكُمْ نَارًا...

“O you who have believed, protect yourselves and your families from a Fire.”

Third: Members of society must attain explanation and views in matters that are unclear with regard to the religion from religious authorities for verification and true understanding.

Fourth: The society must report religious activities that are conducted in secret and small scale in premises other than masjid and *surau*, to religious authorities for further investigation, because Islam is a religion that is open to everyone.

In the *hadeeth* of Abu Sa'eed al-Khudri *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

مَنْ رَأَى مِنْكُمْ مُنْكَرًا فَلْيُغَيِّرْهُ بِيَدِهِ، فَإِنْ لَمْ يَسْتَطِعْ فَبِلِسَانِهِ، فَإِنْ لَمْ يَسْتَطِعْ فَبِقَلْبِهِ، وَذَلِكَ أَوْعَفُ الْإِيمَانِ

“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)



Ibn Rajab stated: "This *hadeeth* obligates renouncing evil according to one's ability. The ruling of renouncing evil is *waajib* (obligatory), for those that do not reject evil indicates that *imaan* (faith) has departed from their hearts."

Dearest audience,

To end the *khutbah* today, let us altogether ponder upon the following matters:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must firmly cling upon the teachings of al-Qur'an and *as-Sunnah*, based on the understanding of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*.
2. Build a fortress within oneself with sound religious comprehension so as to avoid from becoming influenced and obsessed with matters that are wrong and from inauthentic Islamic teachings.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must remain vigilant with its surroundings, referring to religious authorities if there are allegations or sects resembling the Muslims that appears doubtful.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
كُنْتُمْ خَيْرَ أُمَّةٍ أُخْرِجَتْ لِلنَّاسِ تَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَتَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ
الْمُنْكَرِ وَتُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَلَوْ ءَامَنَ أَهْلُ الْكِتَابِ لَكَانَ خَيْرًا لَهُمْ مِّنْهُمْ
الْمُؤْمِنُونَ وَأَكْثَرُهُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ ﴿١١٠﴾

"You are the best nation produced [as an example] for mankind. You enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong and believe in Allah. If only the People of the Scripture had believed, it would have been better for



them. Among them are believers, but most of them are defiantly disobedient."

(Aal 'Imraan 3:110)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا
فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ،
إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ.

أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ
الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.



THE SECOND KHUTBAH

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي جَعَلَنَا مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَرَزَقَنَا مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ.
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا
عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ
وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ. أَمَّا
بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ! اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ! أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ
فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Dear blessed audience,

Once more, I would like to remind all of us to always have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by protecting ourselves and our families from committing acts of disobedience and abominable deeds. At the same time, we continue to supplicate so that we will always be blessed and protected from all forms of threat and the spread of Covid-19 endemic. The Muslims are advised to practice self-care and be mindful of one's personal hygiene and surroundings by adhering to the SOP that has been stipulated in avoiding contagion.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ
وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا ﴿٥٦﴾
اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ
أَجْمَعِينَ.



اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ
وَيَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَعِزِّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَهْلِكَ
الْكُفْرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ
بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ
عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا
الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ
الْحَجِّ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ
الْحَجِّ. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهَدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونِ، تَعَكُّو أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ
السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَجِّ، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْتِكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمُؤَظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ.



اللَّهُمَّ يَا عَزِيزُ يَا مُنْتَقِمُ يَا جَبَّارُ، يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ
انصُرْ إِخْوَانَنَا الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُجَاهِدِينَ وَالْمُسْتَضْعَفِينَ فِي
فَلَسْطِينَ.

O Allah, O our Lord! Save our Muslim brethren whom are oppressed in the land of Palestine, and wherever they may be. Remove all the tyranny that exist on this earth. Bestow justice upon those that have been mistreated and oppressed.

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 *masajid* and *suraus* in the state of Selangor as Your peaceful homes, uniting everyone, and serve as the heart of the *ummah's* strength.

اللَّهُمَّ يَا دَافِعَ الْبَلَاءِ، اِدْفَعْ عَنَّا هَذَا الْوَبَاءَ وَالْبَلَاءَ وَالْمَرَضَ
وَالشَّدَائِدَ وَالْمِحْنَ، بِلُطْفِكَ يَا لَطِيفُ إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ
وَبِالإِجَابَةِ جَدِيرٌ.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا ﴿٧٤﴾
رَبَّنَا ءَاتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿٢٠١﴾



عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ
عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٩٠﴾
فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوا لَهُ عَلَىٰ نِعْمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا
تَصْنَعُونَ.