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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 on a khutbah titled



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

"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 reasons. certain 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 belief as firm or conviction that is excessive upon a particular individual 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:

"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:

"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 Deviant is thought). 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 'Ageedah Division of the Development Islamic 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 practices and 'aqeedah contradicts Islamiyyah, opposes

al-Qur'an and as-Sunnah, contradicting established madhaahib (juristic schools of thought), and contradics the creed of Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah.

Lately, factual evidence has indicated that becoming easily influenced and obsessed have become 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.

Seeking influence for one's personal gain, easily becoming 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.

are usually Influencers individuals that will benefit from those that are easily influenced, added with obsession, where those influenced obsessed will and become agents in

spreading their becoming influence, those that will pressure, spreading perception and provocation to the authorities. 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 (sam'iyyah).

Some Muslims that do not have proper tasawwur Islam (Islamic worldview) as well as comprehensive outlook of Islam are easily

matters

influenced and duped by and appearance eloquence, becoming excessively obedient to certain teachers, seeking in religious shortcuts and matters, surrendering to the

nafs (desire) and shaytaan. Those are among the main cause for the Muslims to become entrapped in arguments and misguidance comprehending and practicing authentic

teachings of Islam. The ummah must Muslim 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 'ageedah 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:

يَّأَيُّهَا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُواْ قُوٓا أَنفُسَكُمْ فَارًا وَأَهْلِيكُمْ فَارًا وَأَهْلِيكُمْ فَارًا

"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 said:

"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 obligates hadeeth evil renouncing 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."

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 surroundings, its to religious referring authorities if there are allegations or sects resembling the Muslims that appears doubtful.

"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)

THE SECOND KHUTBAH

Once more, I would like to remind all of us to always have the tagwa 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

mindful of and one's be hygiene personal and surroundings by adhering to **SOP** has been that the stipulated avoiding in contagion.

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 masaajid and suraus in

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

