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إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ، وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ
شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا، مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ
لَهُ، وَمَنْ يَضِلَّ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ

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

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

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ
إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ¹

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 staying away from all of His prohibitions. May we be bestowed with blissfulness and success in this world and the Hereafter.

¹ Aal 'Imraan 3:102



On this blessed day, I will be expounding on a *khutbah* titled "**IMAM MAHDI : BETWEEN TRUTH AND FALSEHOOD.**"

Blessed Friday audience,

Islamic history has revealed numerous individuals claiming themselves or others as the real Imam Mahdi. Such claims have caused confusion and disunity within the Muslim *ummah*. The failure to distinguish between the truth and falsehood can yield grave consequences upon religious harmony and Muslim societies.

In Malaysia, every individual claiming to be Imam Mahdi are deemed as deviant. The Meeting of the Consulting Committee for *Shara'* Rulings (FATWA) for the state of Selangor has decided that claiming to be Imam Mahdi is misguidance and deviating from authentic Islamic *'aqeedah*. This can be seen in the outlawing of the Qadiyaani sect, al-Arqam sect, and also Shi'i groups claiming their imams as Imam Mahdi.

We must identify the differences between the signs mentioned by Rasulullah ﷺ with the false and nonsensical claims by individuals or certain groups regarding Imam Mahdi, that they were willing to make baseless interpretations by associating it with the Malay race, and interpreting *ahaadeeth* according to their whim just to support the claims being propagated, even though it clearly deviated from established interpretations by erudite scholars.

The question begs, why is it that a portion within our community is gullible enough to be duped by these propaganda and false teachings? Is it because they are so deficient in their religious comprehension?

Today, I will clarify with regards to "Imam Mahdi: Between Truth and Falsehood" based on various authentic *hadeeth*, which should serve as the



primary source in knowing about Imam Mahdi, as well as distinguishing between truth and falsehood upon individuals and certain groups.

Dear beloved Friday audience,

In the book *al-Fitan wal-Malaahim* (الفتن والملاحم), al-Imaam al-Haafizh ibn Katheer *Rahimahullaah* stated:

"I believe that al-Mahdi will appear before the descent of Prophet 'Isa 'Alayhissalaam".

This is based on the *hadeeth* of Jaabir bin 'Abdullah *radiyAllaahu 'anhuma* where Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

...فَيَنْزِلُ عَيْسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ فَيَقُولُ أَمِيرُهُمْ
تَعَالَ صَلِّ لَنَا. فَيَقُولُ لَا. إِنَّ بَعْضَكُمْ عَلَى بَعْضٍ أُمَرَاءُ.
تَكْرِمَةً لِلَّهِ هَذِهِ الْأُمَّةَ

"... 'Isa ibn Maryam will descend, and their leader [al-Mahdi] will say, "Come and lead us in prayer," but he will say, "No, some of you are leaders over others as an honor from Allah to this ummah.""

(Muslim)

Dear beloved Friday congregation,

Among the characteristics of Imam Mahdi are as follows:

First, the name of Imam Mahdi and his father coincides with the name of our beloved Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم, which is Muhammad bin 'Abdullah.

The characteristics of Imam Mahdi mentioned in the narrations are clear,



where Imam Mahdi hails from the descendant of Rasulullah ﷺ through the lineage of his daughter Sayyidatina Faatimah *radiallahu 'anha*. His name is Muhammad ibn 'Abdullah.

In the *hadeeth* of 'Abdullah bin Mas'ood *radiallahu 'anhu*, Rasulullah ﷺ stated:

"If only one day of this world remained, Allah would lengthen that day, till He raised up in it a man who belongs to me or to my family whose father's name is the same as my father's, who will fill the earth with equity and justice as it has been filled with oppression and tyranny."

(Abu Dawood)

Second, the *nasab* (lineage) of Imam Mahdi originates from *ahl al-bayt* (the family of Rasulullah ﷺ) through the descendants of Sayyidatina Faatimah *radiallahu 'anha*.

Third, the physical appearance of Imam Mahdi coincides with what the authentic *hadeeth* mentions such as having a broad forehead and pointed nose.

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

"Al-Mahdi is of my lineage, with a high forehead and a long, thin, curved nose. He will fill the earth with fairness and justice as it was filled with oppression and injustice, and he will rule for seven years."

(Abu Dawood)

Fourth, at that time the world will be afflicted with chaos and filled with tyranny and oppression.

In the book *'Awn al-Ma'bood* (عون المعبود), Shaykh Muhammad Ashraf

Abaadi *Rahimahullaah* stated that Prophet 'Isa 'Alayhissalaam will descend to earth after Imam Mahdi appears, and he will kill Dajjaal (Anti-Christ), or that he will descend along with Imam Mahdi and aid him in killing Dajjaal. He will also perform *salaah* (prayer) behind Imam Mahdi as the *imam*.

Also, in the aspect of the blessings of times. During the reign of Imam Mahdi, the Muslim *ummah* will be bestowed with *barakah* (blessings) and prosperity that the inhabitants of earth will feel safe and prosperous.

In the *hadeeth* of Abu Sa'eed al-Khudri *radiallaahu 'anhu*, Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

"At the end of the time of my ummah, al-Mahdi will appear. Allah will grant him rain, the earth will bring forth its fruits, he will give a lot of money, cattle will increase and the ummah will become great. He will rule for seven or eight years."

(*al-Haakim*)

Fifth, Imam Mahdi will not claim, announce, or appoint himself as the actual Imam Mahdi. He also would not coerce others to acknowledge or give *bay'ah* (pledge) to him, for he will be appointed and given *bay'ah* by the Muslim *ummah* of that time. Hence, Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* will decree that he will be appointed as Imam Mahdi on a night next to the Ka'bah.

In the *hadeeth* of 'Ali bin Abi Taalib *radiallaahu 'anhu*, Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

المَهْدِيُّ مِنْ أَهْلِ الْبَيْتِ يُصَلِّحُهُ اللَّهُ فِي لَيْلَةٍ

"Al-Mahdi is one of us, a member of my family. Allah will guide him in a single night."



(ibn Maajah)

Aside from that, on the personal side, Imam Mahdi is a person of *taqwa*, with mastery in the knowledge of the *sharee'ah*, and having sound *hikmah* (wisdom).

Dear beloved Friday audience,

Let us always remain vigilant and not easily deceived by false allegations claiming to be Imam Mahdi. The real Imam Mahdi will appear with clear signs that were prophesized in the narrations of Rasulullah ﷺ. A person who is righteous, *amaanah* (trustworthy), and proven in his wisdom for managing and administering the affairs of the Muslims. He will not disrupt the existing harmony within the Muslim community. Moreover, he will unite all the Muslims and uphold justice. It is very clear that the widespread false claims pertaining to Imam Mahdi has been reminded by the Prophet ﷺ as from among the major signs of the Last Day.

Blessed Muslims,

To conclude the sermon today, let us derive several lessons from this sermon as guidance in our lives, namely:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have full certainty upon the appearance of Imam Mahdi at the end of time, who will uphold justice and eliminate injustice.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must reject claims by anyone admitting to be Imam Mahdi, or even as the assistant or the army of Imam Mahdi.
3. The *'aqeedah* of the Muslim *ummah* can be corrupted by admitting, claiming, and deifying someone as Imam Mahdi. Moreover, legal actions can be pursued for violating fatwa that has been gazetted.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ



هَلْ يَنْظُرُونَ إِلَّا أَنْ تَأْتِيَهُمُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ أَوْ يَأْتِيَ رَبُّكَ أَوْ يَأْتِيَ بَعْضُ
آيَاتِ رَبِّكَ يَوْمَ يَأْتِي بَعْضُ آيَاتِ رَبِّكَ لَا يَنْفَعُ نَفْسًا إِيْمَانُهَا لَمْ تَكُنْ
ءَامَنَتْ مِنْ قَبْلُ أَوْ كَسَبَتْ فِي إِيمَانِهَا خَيْرًا قُلْ أَنْتَظِرُونَ إِنَّا مُنْتَظِرُونَ



“Do they [then] wait for anything except that the angels should come to them or your Lord should come or that there come some of the signs of your Lord? The Day that some of the signs of your Lord will come no soul will benefit from its faith as long as it had not believed before or had earned through its faith some good. Say, “Wait. Indeed, we [also] are waiting.””

(Soorah al-An'aam 6:158)

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.

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 يَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ.

اللَّهُمَّ أَصْلِحْ أُمَّةَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَوُلَاةَ أُمُورِهِمْ وَجَمِيعَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةَ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةَ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونَ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج ابن المرحوم سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عبد العزيز شاه الحاج. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهَدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيَّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونَ، تَعَكَوْ أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمُوظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرِّشَادِ.



O Allah! We seek refuge in You from severe trials, from being afflicted with calamities, from evil in destiny, and from the joy of the enemies upon the tribulations and misfortunes that befell us. O Allah! We beseech Your protection, from losing the favors that You have bestowed, from the loss of health that You have granted, protect our state from calamity and disaster. O Allah! You are our One and Only Savior, we humbly beg You to save Masjid al-Aqsa in Palestine.

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, embezzlement, and power abuse. 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.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا ﴿٧٤﴾
رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ 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 وَاشْكُرُواهُ عَلَىٰ نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا
تَصْنَعُونَ.

