

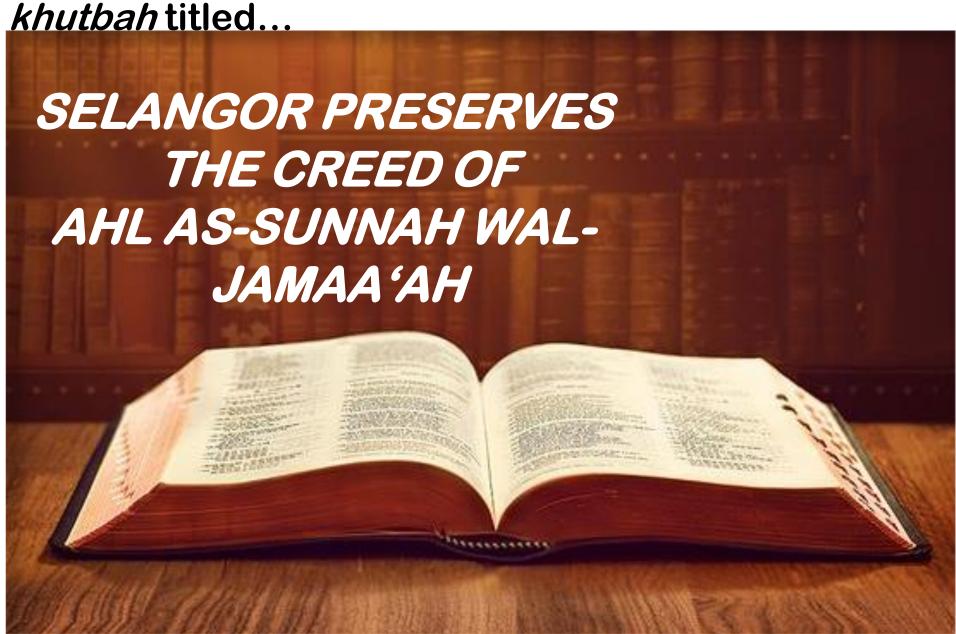
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I humbly call upon all of us to altogether strive in increasing our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by performing all of

His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we be bestowed with happiness and success in this world and the Hereafter.

On this blessed day, I will be expounding on a.



May Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala shower His Guidance and Tawfeeq so that our 'aqeedah (creed) firmly clings upon authentic 'aqeedah that is pleasing to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

Nowadays, we are witnessing the spread of deviant teachings to the point of jeopardizing unity, the nation's harmony, and the purity of 'aqeedah.

Threats upon 'aqeedah in various forms of heretical teachings and ideologies truly contradict the 'aqeedah of Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah.

Therefore, it behooves the scholars of Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah to explain the true 'ageedah so that the sanctity of 'aqeedah brought by Rasulullah

and the generations after him will continue to be defended and safeguarded.

Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah refers to the followers of the Prophet and his Companions, and they form the majority within the Muslim *ummah* in every era.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 106 of soorah Aal 'Imraan:

"On the Day [some] faces will turn white and [some] faces will turn black. As for those whose faces turn black, [to them it will be said], "Did you disbelieve after your belief? Then taste the punishment for what you used to reject.""

Imaam ibn Katheer mentioned in his tafseer that white faces in this verse, as in the opinion of ibn 'Abbaas radiyAllaahu 'anhuma, refers to Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah. While the faces that turn

black are the people of (religious bid'ah innovation) and those that are divided.

It is also the saved sect as opposed to the

## 72 deviant sects that will enter Hellfire.

"And my ummah will split into seventy-three sects. All of them are in the Fire except one sect." It was said: "And which is it, O Messenger of Allah?" He said: "What I am upon and my Companions."

(at-Tirmidhi)

The 'aqeedah of Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah according to the Asha'irah and Maatureedi are the mainstream and it forms the majority of the ummah Muslim worldwide. The term

Asha'irah refers to the followers of Imaam Abu Hasan al-Ash'ari who died in 324 Hijri. While the term Maatureedi refers to the followers of Imaam Abu Mansoor al-Maatureediy who died in 333 Hijri.

Both of these theological schools became the main stronghold for the 'aqeedah of Ahl as-Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah, cleansing the influence of the Mu'tazilah from the Islamic state during the 'Abbassiyyah Caliphate.

Ibn Hajar al-Haythami stated:

"They are the religious leaders, the leaders of the Muslim scholars. It is obligatory to adhere to them for they are among

those that empower the Sharee'ah, explaining the ambiguities, clarifying the doubts, and rejecting doubts of the misguided. It is obligatory to follow them with their knowledge regarding the

knowledge of knowing Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala in matters that obligatory, are and impossible, permissible."

Imaam az-Zabeedi stated:

"When (the term) Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah is mentioned, then what is meant by them are the Asha'irah and Maatureedi."

For many years, the coming of Islam to the Malay Archipelago is based upon the mainstream teaching and the majority of the Muslim ummah.

Such matter can understood from the last will of Shaykh 'Abdullah Fahim, a prominent 'ulamaa' (scholar) in the Malay Archipelago. He stated that for the past hundreds of years,

the Malay Muslims in this land of all levels, whether the laymen, qaadi (judge), 'ulamaa', minister, all the way to the sultan, all had firmly subscribed to the creed of Imaam Abu Hasan al-Ash'ari,

adhering to the juristic madhhab (school of thought) of Imaam ash-Shaafi'i, and practicing tasawwuf (spirituality) according to the teachings of Imaam al-Ghazzaali.

Verily, the Muslims in Selangor have embraced this 'aqeedah for so long. Their Royal Highnesses the Sultans of Selangor themselves have firmly ascribed to the 'ageedah of Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah, in accordance

with his position as the Head of Islam for the state, based on Articles 47 and 48 of the LAWS THE OF CONSTITUTION OF SELANGOR 1959.

Similarly, it has been proven with the 'ageedah of As-hab Samaahah the Muftis of Selangor, beginning with the first Mufti, namely Shaykh al-Islam Tengku Mahmud Zuhdi and the

Fatwa Committee having the role of advising the Sultan regarding Islamic laws. They were together along with the Muslims in defending and spreading this 'ageedah.

In addition, al-Marhum Ala'eddin Sultan Suleiman Shah ibni al-Marhum Raja Muda Musa had authored the book "Kitab Pohon Agama" (The Tree of Religion) in explaining the meaning

of *Arkaan al-Imaan* (Pillars of Faith) and *Sifat 20* (The 20 Attributes).

His Majesty had written and outlined the completeness of *imaan* for the Muslim individual,

also emphasizing education and strengthening the 'aqeedah the of Muslims. He wrote, in the form of poetry [loosely translated]:

The matter has all been written, So that it is remembered not ruined, Do not be lazy to

memorize and read, For imaan is in the heart and deep-rooted.

result of learning The and clinging upon this 'aqeedah had produced a Muslim society that live in harmony, peaceful, and tranquil, that it kept away ideologies and teachings that are astray.

In addition to that, the Muslims within this state were successful preserving harmony and unity by implementing religious practices of distinguished scholars of Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah since long ago.

For example, the recitation of soorah Ya-Seen and Tahleel by the umaraa' (leaders) and 'ulamaa' from the past, have become a common practice within Muslim societies as

da'wah (calling to Islam) effort and cultivating the Muslim persona in prioritizing the understanding and unity of Muslims. This is the very essence and spirit of affinity, unity of heart,

ukhuwwah and (brotherhood) based on the practice of the scholars, as mentioned in state fatwa gazetted on the 31st of July 2014.

To end this sermon, let us derive lessons and teachings as guidance in our daily lives:

1. The Muslim ummah must preserve the 'ageedah taught by the Prophet and inherited his by Companions, and later preserved by Imaam Abu Hasan al-Ash'ari and Imaam al-Abu Mansoor Maatureediy.

2. The Muslim ummah must have certainty that Islam is a religion that greatly emphasize on 'aqeedah that was brought by Rasulullah in changing from misguided belief unto having imaan in Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

3. Efforts in strengthening the 'aqeedah of Ahl aswal-Jamaa'ah Sunnah according to the Asha'irah and Maatureedi from the legal perspective is a very significant effort in safeguarding the

sanctity of Islam and the unity of the people, and curbing heretical teachings.

"And if you obey most of those upon the earth, they will mislead you from the way of Allah. They follow not except assumption, and they are not but falsifying."

(Soorah al-An'aam 6:116)

## THE SECOND KHUTBAH

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 the Muslims and Masjid al-Agsa 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.

