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بن المحالي محالي محال to altogether strive in increasing our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by fulfilling all of His Commands and leaving out all of

His prohibitions. May we be blessed with happiness and success in this world and the Hereafter. **Respected** audience is reminded to not use the mobile phone while the sermon is being delivered.

On this glorious day, I will expound on a *khutbah*. titled...

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According Islam, to teenagers are those that have reached the age of (puberty), baaligh intelligence, possessing bearing and responsibility upon the takleef(divine obligation)

of the shara'. This means that at this age, the teenager has shouldered the very consequences of their own actions, sins and rewards. The terminology "teenager" often refers to the youth

in the Arabic language, with the term shabaab (شَبَاب) or fataa (شَبَاب), where al-Qur'an gives specific attention to the teenagers as a generation bringing hope and change.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verses 59-60 of soorah al-Anbiyaa', which details the bravery of Ibraaheem Prophet 'alayhissalaam.

"They said, "Who has done this to our gods? Indeed, he is of the wrongdoers." They said, "We heard a young man mention them who is called Abraham.""

Teenagers are the pillar of the Muslim ummah's future and a very asset in important shaping a nation that is blessed, baldatun tayyibah warabbun ghafoor. They are not

only heirs of the previous generation, but also agents of change that will determine the direction of the ummah and nation.

In developing a nation that is highly civilized,

the young generation must have firm 'aqeedah with full conviction, fulfilling religious obligation with full cognizance as servants of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, and possessing

Islamic akhlaaq (character) in all aspects of life. These attributes are vital to ensure that they are capable of making decisions based on certainty, knowledge, priority, and wisdom,

in accordance with *shar'i* stipulations and fundamentals of religious obligations.

However today, Muslim teenagers' self-identity is seen as becoming

increasingly eroded and faded. Aside from contemporary challenges becoming that are greater, the certainty within the teenagers regarding Islam as the way of life is getting

weaker. Teenagers today are more inclined to a negativity, culture of endorsing new ideologies and thoughts without the consideration for Islamic knowledge and its principles.

That some teenagers would even neglect the basics and fundamentals of the religion, specifically the five daily prayers. Salaah (prayer) is not

primary just a obligation, but it is the pillar of religion that distinguishes between a Muslim and non-Muslim.

Muslim teenagers are to be empowered with the knowledge of al-Qur'an, nurtured with the guidance to practice them in their daily affairs.

Al-Qur'an, also known as al-Furgaan (the Criterion between truth and falsehood), provides inspiration that the Muslim youth are to be prominent than other youths.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in the first verse of soorah al-Furgaan: "Blessed is He who sent down the Criterion upon His Servant that he may be to the worlds a warner."

Muslim teenagers self-identity possessing must have pride and certainty as true Muslims without feeling shameful or inferior in practicing teachings Islamic wherever they may be.

Even though they may be deemed as strange from the norm of other teenagers, yet they remain steadfast with firm confidence and self-esteem, engaging

in righteous deeds, and sparing themselves from fitnah and division. This "difference" is to be a process of selfmaturation, not just being different for the

sake of fanaticism or extreme tendencies.

In the hadeeth of Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu صلى الله (anh, Rasulullah عليه و سلم) said:

بَدَأَ الإِسْلَامُ غَرِيبًا وَسَيَعُودُ كَمَا بَدَأُ غَرِيبًا. فَطُوبَى لِلْغُرَبَاءِ

"Islam began as something strange and will go back to being strange, so glad tidings to the strangers." (Muslim)

Deriving inspiration from verses 13 and 14 of soorah al-Kahf, as recited at the beginning of the khutbah, it depicted the story of 'ashaab al-Kahf' (the people of the Cave), a group of

youth who were patient and firm in safeguarding their 'ageedah though having to endure threats and intimidation. With extraordinary bravery, they proclaimed:

"Our Lord is the Lord of the heavens and the earth. Never will we invoke besides Him any deity!"

The soundness of the imaan (faith) of 'ashaab al-Kahf' is to be emulated by the teenagers, youths, and the entire Muslim ummah in proudly

66 stating, am a Muslim!" Believing individuals will remain steadfast in clinging to principles Islamic any iota of without doubt or shame.

With full courage, we should firmly state our ground when invited to matters that are prohibited the by religion:

"My religion does not allow this act! I fulfill the obligations for it is the command of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala and His Messenger! I abandon wrongdoings for fear of incurring His Wrath."

History has proven that the Muslims had once became pioneers and leaders the in development of knowledge and science, which had changed the course of the world.

Unfortunately, a plethora from the treasures of Islamic knowledge were seized, eliminated, and pillaged by the enemies of Islam. The reality is that knowledge today that is being utilized as

reference globally is deeply rooted in the works of Muslim scholars of the past. Today, the world is witnessing how developed nations are utilizing a blend of principles and formulas

from Muslim past scholars in carving their greatness. By mastering knowledge, now they are able to create innovations, build their own civilization, and dominate the world

through the power of technology and economy.

Hence, do not neglect the importance of seeking knowledge simply to pursue a bit of monetary gain or fulfill personal

desires. Let us restore the strength and civilization of our beloved nation with Muslim youths that are awakened in prioritizing and pioneering both religious and worldly

knowledge. With knowledge as the guide of truth, Muslim teenagers not only are far superior in quality, moreover they are able to attain success in this

world and the Hereafter. As stated by Imaam ash-Shaafi'i rahimahullaah:

"Whoever desires the world, then upon him is knowledge. And whoever desires the Hereafter, then upon him is knowledge. And whoever desires them both, then upon him is knowledge."

صلى الله عليه وسلم Rasulullah had also emphasized on the importance of seeking knowledge in forming noble personalities and a prosperous society. In the hadeeth of Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh,

صلى الله Basulullah عليه وسلم said: "And whoever follows a path to seek knowledge therein, Allah will make easy for him a path to Paradise." (Muslim) Therefore, Muslim teenagers! Seek knowledge with earnestness, not do youth with waste your propaganda the and glitters of this world that are only temporary.

To end the sermon today, let US altogether internalize and derive lessons as in the following:

1. Teenagers must have pride in their identity as Muslims, proclaiming with full certainty that 'I am a Muslim' and cling firmly upon the Islamic sharee'ah.

2. Teenagers must elevate themselves with authentic knowledge, preserve their 'ibaadah (worship), and remain with Islamic steadfast akhlaaq in becoming successful individuals.

3. Teenagers must take advantage of their youth, good health, and free time in the best manner for the benefit of themselves, their families and society, and contribute to the religion and nation.

"Say, "Indeed, my prayer, my rites of sacrifice, my living and my dying are for Allah, Lord of the worlds. No partner has He. And this I have been commanded, and I am the first [among you] of the Muslims."" (Soorah al-An'aam 6:162-163)



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

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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-**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,

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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,

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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.

O Allah! Open up the hearts of the Muslims, specifically in the state of Selangor, to fulfill their zakaat with full sincerity, in accordance with Your noble command.

Shower blessings upon those that fulfill the obligation of zakaat in their wealth, income, and families. Keep them away from all types of calamities

and difficulties and make zakaat as one of the path for them to attain Your mercy and the reward of paradise that is everlasting in the Hereafter.

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