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On this morning of 'Eid al-Fitr that is glorious and full of barakah (blessings), let us altogether intensify our gratitude and increase

our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala with the truest of taqwa. That is taqwa with earnestness until we truly feel a sense of responsibility in abiding by all of the commands

from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala and abandoning all of things that He forbade. May we all be bestowed with barakah, protection, and salvation in this world and in the Hereafter.

Let us altogether internalize the *'Eid al-Fitr khutbah* for this , year titled:



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On this joyful morning, we have gathered in a blissful atmosphere in celebrating 'Eid al-Fitr after one month of mujaahadah (striving) and 'ibaadah (worship) through the Ramadaan

madrasah. Today is not just a day of victory, but it is far greater than that, it is a day where we return to the fitrah (natural disposition) of our very origin.

'Eid al-Fitr is symbolic for a spiritual journey, a return to the original human self that is pure, clean, and full submission to the will of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. Fitrah means

the original nature or instinct that has been instilled within the human soul since the beginning of their creation.

'Eid al-Fitr reminds us that human fitrah in actuality is knowing and testifying that Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala is The One God, The Almighty Creator. He is The Almighty God that governs the universe.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 172 of Soorah al-A'raaf:

"And [mention] when your Lord took from the children of Adam from their loins - their

descendants and made them testify of themselves, [saying to them], "Am I not your Lord?" They said, "Yes, we have testified.""

It is on this basis that Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala sends the **Prophets and Messengers** along with His Risaalah (Message) to remind mankind upon their pledge and confession

that there is no Deity worthy of worship except Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

'Eid al-Fitr teaches us that human fitrah, in essence, inclines to upholding the

tawheed (Oneness) of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala and accepting the religion of al-Islam sent down by Allah Wa Subhaanahu Ta'aala, as a way of life

in accordance with human *fitrah*.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 30 of Soorah ar-Room:

"So direct your face toward the religion, inclining to truth. [Adhere to] the fitrah of Allah upon which He has created [all] people. No change

should there be in the creation of Allah. That is the correct religion, but most of the people do not know."

We must comprehend that Islam is the only true religion in the Sight of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, and no other religion compares to it. Hence, cling firmly

upon this religion of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, for the sake of our blissfulness and success in this world and the Hereafter.

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'Eid al-Fitr makes us realize that human fitrah is sacred. Every child is born upon fitrah, which is pure and sacred from any sins and filth, but it is the environment upbringing that will shape

the human condition and personality.

In the *hadeeth* of Abu
Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu*'anh, Rasulullah said:

"No child is born except on al-Fitrah and then his parents make him Jewish, Christian or Magian."

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

Therefore, let us educate ourselves, our spouses and children so that they will always remain upon the straight path. Provide a good environment and atmosphere by praying salaat al-fard in

at the congregation masjid or surau, attend circles of knowledge, and maintain close ties with religious scholars for they are the heirs to the Prophets and Messengers.

Truthfully, Eid al-Fitr invites us to become cognizant that human fitrah, in essence, yearns for goodness and desires the Truth. Naturally, humans can distinguish between right and wrong,

with the instinct to do good.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verses 7-10 of Soorah ash-Shams:

"And [by] the soul and He who proportioned it. And inspired it [with discernment of its wickedness and its

righteousness. He has succeeded who purifies it. And he has failed who instills it **[with** corruption]."

With this, let us cleanse our heart and soul from the traits of mazhmoomah (blameworthy) such as riyaa' (boastful), takabbur (arrogant), selfishness. Instead, instill the traits of

mahmoodah (praiseworthy) such as tawaddu' (humble), humility, patience, and gratefulness upon all of the favors bestowed.

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'Eid al-Fitr affirms the reality that human fitrah instinctively wants to live as a family. Humans are created with the inclination to pair up in continuing have to progeny, preserving their

legacy, and attaining peace of mind.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 21 of Soorah ar-Room:

"And of His signs is that He created for you from yourselves mates that you may find tranquility in them; and He placed

between YOU affection and mercy. Indeed, in that are signs for a people who give thought."

Let us make the family institution as the foundation of blissfulness and building a successful Islamic society. Guide the family towards a life that is blessed and pleasing to

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. Teach our spouses and children the fundamentals of our religion along with the necessary knowledge of fard al-'ayn (individual obligation).

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'Eid al-Fitr reinforces the reality that human fitrah at its origin of creation are brethren. This is because all humans originated from one common lineage, namely the lineage of

Prophet 'Alayhissalaam.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in the first verse of Soorah an-

Adam

Tirst verse of Sooran and Nisaa':

"O mankind, fear your Lord, who created you from one soul and created from it its mate and dispersed from both of them many men

and women. And fear Allah, through whom you ask one another, and the wombs. Indeed, Allah is ever, over you, an Observer."

The strength of this brotherhood is further strengthened and mankind blessed if would have imaan Allah (belief) in Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

Subhaanahu Allah Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 10 of Soorah al-Hujuraat:

"The believers are but brothers, so make settlement between your brothers. And fear Allah that you may receive mercy."

Furthermore, one's faith is imperfect if devoid of love and mercy for fellow believing brethren.

In the *hadeeth* of Anas radiyAllaahu 'anh, Rasulullah said:

"None of you believes until he loves for his brother what he loves for himself."

(al-Bukhaari)

Such is our reality as the Muslim ummah, where we are ummatan waahidah, which is the one ummah. Let us cultivate a sense of ukhuwwah (brotherhood) among us, so that Islam remains firm and united.

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On this very noble day, it behooves us to remorseful and repent to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. Moreover, we should take the opportunity to mutually forgive and seek

forgiveness from one another, reconnect with others, and nourish our love for one another. Do not deem the celebration of 'Eid al-Fitr just as part of the custom and tradition but embrace it

as an opportunity to purify the heart and mend relations between family, friends, and neighbors.

Imaam ibn Rajab al-Hanbali Rahimahullaah stated in his book Lataa'if al-Ma'aarif.

"Eid is not for the one who wears new clothes, but for the one whose obedience to Allah rises. 'Eid is not for the one with beautiful clothes and fine means

of transport, 'Eid is for the one whose sins are forgiven."

Imaam ibn Rajab also quoted the words of Imaam al-Hasan al-Basri Rahimahullaah, stating:

"Every day in which Allah is not disobeyed is 'Eid. Every day the believer spends in obedience, servitude, remembrance, and gratitude is 'Eid."

Therefore, let US internalize the actual reality that 'Eid al-Fitr means having gratitude upon the favors of Allah Subhaanahu Ta'aala, strengthening

our imaan and taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, a time for solidifying further Islamic ukhuwwah, reviving and reestablishing

silaaturrahm (ties of kinship), expanding generosity, and aiding those that are in need.

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To end the 'Eid al-Fitr khutbah for this year, let us reflect and derive guidance from the following matters:

1. The Muslim ummah must be thankful to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala for today we have returned to our fitrah that is pure and sacred.

2. The Muslim ummah must live according to the Islamic way of life, for Islam is the only religion in the Sight of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala that is in accordance with the fitrah of human creation.

3. The Muslim ummah must always preserve the relationship among fellow Muslims, for the truth is that we are brothers and in need of each other.

"And hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided. And remember the favor of Allah upon you - when you were enemies and He brought your hearts together and you became,

by His favor, brothers. And you were on the edge of a pit of the Fire, and He saved you from it. Thus does Allah make clear to you His verses that you may be guided."

(Soorah Aal 'Imraan 3:103)

THE SECOND KHUTBAH

Ramadaan has gone by, leaving us with various memories pertaining to 'ibaadah, repentance, and forgiveness. the But question begs, what

Ramadaan? happens after Will we return to our old ways, or we will remain istigaamah in righteous deeds that we have bulit throughout the noble month?

One of the signs of success a person having for undergone Ramadaan tarbiyyah is that he or she continues to maintain engaging in righteous

deeds after the month is over. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 30 of Soorah Fussilat:

"Indeed, those who have said, "Our Lord is Allah" and then remained on a right course - the angels will descend upon them,

[saying], "Do not fear and do not grieve but receive good tidings of Paradise, which you were promised.""

Hence, let us altogether remain consistent with praying in congregation, reciting al-Qur'an, making dhikr, giving

sadaqah (charity), and maintaining the 'ibaadah spirit as it was in Ramadaan.

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تَقبّل الله مِنّا وَمِنكُمْ صَالِحَ الأعمال مِنَ الْعَائِدِيْنِ وَالْفَائِزِيْنَ، وَكُلُّ مِنَ الْعَائِدِيْنِ وَالْفَائِزِيْنَ، وَكُلُّ عَامٍ وَأَنْتُمْ بِخَيْرٍ

