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we altogether strive in increasing our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by fulfilling all **His Commands and**

abandoning all matters that He forbade. May we all be granted with happiness and success in this world and the Hereafter.

On this noble day, I will discuss upon a *khutbah*. titled...



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The Islamic teachings by **Prophet** brought over 14 Muhammad centuries ago, is always standing firmly upon the foundation of knowledge, and because of that it is inherited by the scholars

in ensuring that the wahy (revelation) received by Rasulullah ﷺ continues to be preserved. Indirectly, this legacy of *'ilm* (knowledge) of over 1400 years illustrates the seriousness of Muslim

scholars in safeguarding and Islamic teachings its propagating understanding from all whether aspects, regarding al-Qur'an, hadeeth, tafseer, fiqh, tawheed, and tasawwuf.

The role of the 'ulamaa' within society and their diligence can be clearly understood from the verse recited earlier, verse 122 of Soorah at-Tawbah:

"And it is not for the believers to go forth [to battle] all at once. For there should separate from every division of them a group [remaining] to

obtain understanding in the religion and warn their people when they return to them that they might be cautious."

The scholars are heirs of the prophets in the aspect of knowledge, as mentioned in the narration of Abu adradiyAllaahu Dardaa' 'anh where Rasulullah ﷺ said:

"The scholars are the heirs of the Prophets, and the Prophets leave neither dinar nor dirham, leaving only knowledge, and he who takes it takes an abundant portion." (Abu Dawood)

The tradition and discipline of knowledge in Islamic sciences serve as a great waseelah (means) that must be preserved so that Islamic teachings can be seen, comprehended, and

practiced it was as brought and demonstrated Rasulullah by صلالیته عليه و وسياتم Alhamdulillaah, with the earnestness the of 'ulamaa' the upon dissemination of knowledge, true Islamic

sharee'ah continues to be inherited until today's generation. Therefore, it is the very duty of the Muslim ummah today to benefit from prominent 'ulamaa' who are recognized so that these

knowledge disciplines can authentically be understood and practiced without doubts and hesitations.

Verily, *'ilm* and *amaanah* (trust) in conveying the

knowledge was that bequeathed by Rasulullah ﷺ necessitates the presence of a teacher or 'ulamaa' that honest is and responsible. One who conveys religious

teachings without amaanah (trustworthiness) and feeling the responsibility upon knowledge, will never be able to pass on what was authentically taught by

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, as mentioned by the Arab poet:

"He who does not have the possession of a thing, is unable to give it (to others)."

Hence, to ensure that Islam continues to remain respected and practiced, it behooves the scholars or du'aat (callers to Islam) to convey Islamic knowledge that is authentic and founded

upon authentic sources without being with exaggerated personal assumptions or **ill-conceived** explanations. With that, students the of knowledge can

Islam comprehend with fairness and varying evaluate opinions without being biased upon any sides.

One thing that we should reflect upon is that the teachings of Islam has preserved been throughout time. One of the reasons is through the efforts of the scholars playing their

role in ensuring that religious comprehension remain unadulterated just as it was revealed. At the same time, efforts in intellectual discourses knowledge and expansion by the

scholars should be actively pursued through various approaches and methods, to provide clear guidance in facing and solving the issues within the Muslim ummah.

fulfilling In this tremendous amaanah, scholars the have their propagated interpretations and explanations through writing, producing masterpieces in various

languages and sciences. Efforts in the recording and collection of knowledge had stemmed from the wisdom the of **Companions**, especially

'Umar al-Sayyiduna Khattaab radiyAllaahu 'anh who had proposed for the accumulation of pages of al-Qur'an after many of the huffaazh (memorizers of al-Qur'an) were martyred.

This had then led to the efforts in the hadeeth collection of the Prophet which was initially done through juz (portions) or small risaalah (booklet), until it became great works that

are organized according to certain themes such narrations from as certain Companions, authentic ahaadeeth, and hadeeth pertaining to rulings, as it was done by the likes of

Imaam Ahmad, Imaam al-Bukhaari, Imaam Abu Dawood, and many more.

As a result of the efforts in the compilation of al-Qur'an and *ahaadeeth*, the scholars then began to expand the sciences that served as the foundation for the comprehension of the two primary sources of Islam. Among them is Imaam ash-Shaafi'i (died in 204 Hijri) who had authored ar-Risaalah,

the earliest work in the field of Usool al-Figh (Principles of Islamic Jurisprudence). This book detailed the methods and principles in understanding and ithtinbaat (deducing)

legal rulings from al-Qur'an and hadeeth of Rasulullah ﷺ. Until today, ar-Risaalah continues to become an important reference and serve as basis for the advancement in works

within the field of *Usool al-Fiqh* throughout the Muslim world.

Since the field of Islamic knowledge is very deep and vast, there are scholars who were able to master almost all of the branches of knowledge, while others specialized in one or two fields with a very deep and thorough understanding. Whatever their form of mastery, the scholars are deemed as
students and disseminators of beneficial knowledge, for that is the very nature that has been custom their throughout time.

Hence, we are highly encouraged to exemplify the scholarship the of 'ulamaa' in conveying knowledge as heirs of the Prophet.

For example, Hujjatul Islam (the Proof of Islam) Imaam Abu Haamid al-Ghazaali (died in 505 Hijri) had produced over 70 works that covered almost all branches of Islamic knowledge

including tawheed, fiqh, tasawwuf, mantiq (logic), al-kalaam *'ilm* (speculative theology), and usool al-figh, even though he only lived for 55 years. Some scholars after him had made

comparison between the number of pages from his works with his age, and they discovered that on alaverage, Imaam **Ghazaali produced**

approximatelyonekuras(sixpages)everydayduring his life.

Another example is Imaam an-Nawawi (died in 676 Hijri), the author of the Forty *Hadeeth*,

Riyaad as-Saaliheen, al-Adhkaar, Minhaj at-Taalibeen, and al-Majmoo'. Imaam anis frequently Nawawi made as great exemplary of diligence in seeking knowledge where it was

mentioned that he took 12 lessons daily, day and night. He only slept when his eyes could no longer bear heavy drowsiness.

These examples indicate the significance of religious mastering knowledge with a manhaj (methodology) and clear that is organized.

only through It is authentic knowledge and pristine guidance that the tradition of Islamic scholarship can be continued and embraced as the main guidance in confronting the theories

of contemporary thoughts that is ever confusing.

In the hadeeth of Sayyiduna Mu'aawiyah bin radiyAllaahu Sufyaan 'anh, he heard Rasulullah Said:

مَنْ يُرِدِ اللهُ بِهِ خَبْرًا يُفَقِّهُهُ فِي الدِّينِ "When Allah wishes good for anyone, He bestows upon him the figh (comprehension) of the religion."

(al-Bukhaari)

conclude the То sermon today, let us derive several lessons from this khutbah as quidelines in our lives, namely:

1. The Muslim ummah must uphold knowledge as the main foundation in building a life that is balanced and pleasing to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala,

by earnestly pursuing religious knowledge according the to authentic methodology.

2. The Muslim ummah must respect the scholars who assume the role as heirs of the teachings of Rasululah

3. The Muslim ummah must internalize the sacrifices of the scholars, specifically diligence in their jihaad of pursuing religious knowledge

by attending classes in a talaqqi (face-toface) manner and support the 'ulamaa'.

"O you who have believed, when you are told, "Space yourselves" in assemblies, then make space; Allah will make space for you. And when you are told, "Arise," then arise;

Allah will raise those who have believed among you and those who were given knowledge, by degrees. And Allah is Acquainted with what you do." (Soorah al-Mujaadilah 58:11)



O Allah! Make us among Your slaves that preserves the amaanah. Protect our state and nation from destruction due to acts of disobedience, bribery,

embezzlement, and power abuse. Bestow upon us 8 leader that is trustworthy, honest, and firm 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! Protect the Muslims

and Masjid al-Aqsa in **Palestine.** Safeguard them from oppression and evil, and bestow upon them determination, courage, and victory.

O Allah! Strengthen the 'aqeedah of the Muslims in this state, 'ageedah that is upon the creed of Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah, which is upon the path of

Prophet Muhammad his **Companions** and radiyAllaahu 'anhum, and spare us from all of the fitan that can harm the union and unity of the Muslim ummah.

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