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***FACING THE CHALLENGE OF
DEVIANT TEACHINGS AND
SUPERSTITION IN MODERN TIMES***

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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

**His Commands and
abandoning all of the
matters He forbade.
May we be bestowed
with happiness and
salvation in this world
and the Hereafter.**

Esteemed audience
is reminded to not
converse and use the
cellular phone while
the *khutbah* is being
delivered.

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

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SUPERSTITION IN MODERN TIMES***

May we all derive
lessons and strive our
utmost in safeguarding
the *'aqeedah* of the
ummah from being
distorted.

**According to the
Department of Islamic
Development Malaysia
(JAKIM), beginning from
the year 1950 until 2023,
a total of 154 Islamic
teachings throughout
Malaysia have been**

declared as astray. This is a figure that is very alarming. In Selangor alone, 45 deviant teachings and *khurafaat* (superstition) have been declared as deviating from authentic

Islamic teachings. Some of them are still active and operate secretly in several districts such as Gombak, Kuala Selangor, and Sabak Bernam.

These facts clearly indicate that the threat of corruption within *'aqeedah* still exist and has yet to cease. For that reason, continuous monitoring by religious authorities is truly vital.

However, the
responsibility of
preserving the sanctity of
'aqeedah does not fall
upon their shoulders
alone. Each and every
single one of us must
remain vigilant,

concerned, and brave in reporting any suspicious activities or ceremonies.

The emergence of various types of misguided teachings and ideologies is not a new phenomenon

**in the history of mankind.
It has been occurring
over time, alternately
comes and goes,
appearing in various
forms and names.
However, the reality
remains the same,**

**deviating from pure
unadulterated Islamic
teachings.**

**Among the main doctrines
that are often used by
these deviant sects are
claiming to be god or**

god's representative,
claiming to be Prophet,
whereby some even
admitted being Imaam al-
Mahdi. These phenomena
have been occurring
since the time of
previous *ummah* who

took their priests and
monks as deities other
than Allah *Subhaanahu
Wa Ta'aala*, as He
mentions in verse 31 of
Soorah at-Tawbah:

***“They have taken their
scholars and monks
as lords besides
Allah, and [also] the
Messiah, the son of
Mary. And they were
not commanded***

***except to worship
one God; there is no
deity except Him.
Exalted is He above
whatever they
associate with Him.”***

Islamic history has
proven that the distortion
of *'aqeedah* had
appeared during the time
of Rasulullah ﷺ and his
Companions
radiyAllaahu 'anhum.
Three figures that

claimed to be Prophets
during the time of
Rasulullah ﷺ and the
Companions *radiyAllaahu*
'anhum were al-Aswad al-
Ansi, Musaylimah al-
Kadhdhaab, and Tulayha
ibn Khuwaylid.

During the reign of Abu
Bakr as-Siddeeq
radiyAllaahu ‘anh, seven
individuals emerged
along others, all claiming
to be *rasool*
(messengers) namely
‘Uyaynah bin Hisn,

**Qurrah bin Salamah al-
Qushayri, al-Fujaa'ah bin
'Abd al-Yaleel, Maalik bin
Nuwayrah, Sajaah binti
Mundhir, al-Ash'ath bin
Qays and al-Hatim bin
Zayd.**

**So, it is not surprising if
in our time now, heretical
ideologies and teachings
reappear in many forms,
especially in an era of
ignorance and worldly
influence that is
increasingly rampant.**

**Therefore, when there
appears to be action,
speech, or ceremony that
is dubious, do not
become quickly
influenced. Refer to
religious authorities,
specifically the**

Selangor Mufti
Department, and at the
same time peruse through
the *fataawa* that have
been gazetted, lest we
become spreaders of
confusion without even
realizing it.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa*
***Ta'aala* mentions in verse 7**
of Soorah an-Anbiyaa':

فَسْأَلُوا أَهْلَ الذِّكْرِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَ

***“So ask the people of
the message if you do
not know.”***

**Take heed, this religion
does not belong to
certain individuals or
groups, but it purely
belongs to Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala,
which was revealed with
complete guidance.**

In a narration of ‘Umar al-Khattaab *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ firmly asserted on the importance for the Muslims to live in *jamaa‘ah* (community) and avoid division. He ﷺ said:

***“Adhere to the
Jamaa‘ah, beware
of separation, for
indeed ash-Shaytaan
is with one, and he is
further away from***

***two. Whoever
wants the best
place in Paradise,
then let him stick to
the Jamaa‘ah”***

(at-Tirmidhi)

Therefore, dearest
brothers, living in
jamaa'ah is a necessity.
When the *ummah* unite
upon *'aqeedah* that is
agreed upon, it will be
very difficult for deviant
teachings to gain foothold.

But when there are those
that chooses to tread
their own path, rejecting
the guidance of the
scholars and staying in
jamaa'ah, that's where
the door to division and
deviation opens.

**Some deviant teachings
will not appear openly.
They would always hide
under the name of
religion and *da'wah*
(calling to Islam).
However, they possess
characteristics that are**

**easily spotted, which are
to be conveyed in secret,
privately, and only to
certain groups.**

**Here lies the danger,
dearest brothers. Any
teachings that are only**

focusing on selected groups is not true Islamic teachings. Islam is not a secret and private religion. Islam is open and clear for all. Any teachings that contradict the generality of Islam,

**without going through
the proper channel of
Islamic scholarship and
guidance of the
scholars, then it must
be abandoned.**

If we ponder, how in this modern age there are still those among us that believe and elevate certain individuals as Imaam Mahdi, Prophet 'Isa, or saints (*waliy*)

that are infallible
(*ma'soom*), deeming
them to be protected
from sinning. While it is
only the Prophets and
Rasool that are
ma'soom.

**This is where the seeds
of corruption begin and it
does not just suddenly
happen. It develops
through various
channels, especially the
social media that
becomes the medium for**

the spread of perverted
ideologies and
khurafaat. In the vast
virtual world, anything
can be disseminated
without filtering, and
many are gullible

**enough to be
influenced due to
ignorance, deficient of
religious knowledge
and inclined to look for
shortcuts to enter
Paradise.**

**The root of all these
corruptions is our very
own attitude in taking
knowledge in small doses,
only by looking at short
video clips or social
media postings without
learning properly with a**

credible teacher and referring to religious authorities. In the end, we find interpretations that would often contradict principles of *'aqeedah* regarding

**divinity, prophethood, and
unseen matters.**

**Even though a plethora of
reminders have been
given, the reality is that
there are still many
heretical teachings and**

**superstitions that
continue to remain
rampant within our
society today. This
indicates that efforts in
curbing the corruption of
'aqeedah must be further
empowered continuously.**

We must always remain vigilant, evaluating every deviant teaching that had reached us and take guidance from *fataawa* that have been gazetted by religious authorities.

Among elements of deviant teachings that have been declared astray is one claiming to have supernatural abilities and even forgive sins. Admitting having received *wahy* (revelation) and

being able to
communicate directly
with Allah *Subhaanahu
Wa Ta'aala*. Claiming the
era of prophethood is
still ongoing and every
ethnicity has its own
Prophet. And even more

worrying, those believing
Prophet ﷺ as god, he
neither begets nor
begotten. These are all
beliefs of *kufr* (disbelief)
that can take one outside
the fold of Islam.

Nowadays, these types of teaching exist in an undetectable manner. It seeps in subtly, instilling influence little by little until it finally ensnares the *'aqeedah* of its followers without them

realizing it. They are no longer apparent as they used to be, but operates through private classes, small groups, and secret discussions that are only accessible to “selected members.”

The state of Selangor greatly emphasizes on the preservation of *'aqeedah* of the Muslim *ummah*. His Royal Highness the Sultan of Selangor has decreed in March 2025 for the

**monitoring of deviant
teachings to be carried
out continuously by
religious agencies, in
ensuring that teachings
that have been
eradicated are not
revived.**

His Majesty also asserted on the importance of early prevention within the Muslim *ummah*, so that any perverted ideologies will not have the opportunity to spread and damage the creed of

Ahl as-Sunnah wal-
Jamaa'ah. Any
distortion within the
matter of *'aqeedah* will
definitely lead to
confusion and disunity
within society.

This decree depicts His Majesty's concern upon the purity of '*aqeedah* of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*, which serves as the foundation of the belief of the Muslims in this state. To curb the

spread of heretical
teachings and *khurafaat*
that truly threatens the
'aqeedah of the
Muslims, the Selangor
Islamic Religious
Council (MAIS) along

with Selangor Islamic
Religious Department
(JAIS) have solidified
measures through
Sharee'ah Criminal
Offences (Selangor)
Enactment 1995. This
enactment is not only laws

but a legal fortress to
protect the sanctity of
Islam and the well-being
of *'aqeedah* of the
society.

Hence, if we ourselves
witness or hear regarding

**teachings that are
peculiar, suspicious
ceremonies, or any
insults to Islam, do not
remain silent. Lodge a
report to religious
authorities so that
actions can be taken.**

Do not allow any room of ignorance to become the entry point for deviant teachings and superstitions. For as long as that room exists, they will attempt

to find a place to establish
themselves among us.

To end the *khutbah* today,
let us derive lessons that
can be used as guidance
in our lives, namely:

1. We must ensure that our *'aqeedah* is according to the creed of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*, which is in accordance with

al-Qur'an and *as-Sunnah*, by referring to religious authorities so that we will not be swayed by deviant interpretations.

2. We must always remain vigilant upon suspicious teachings and report them to religious authorities, saving our generation from being affected by misguidance.

3. We must shut the door of ignorance within ourselves and our families by attending circles of knowledge, guiding our children upon

authentic *'aqeedah*,
and embracing the
masjid as the center
of learning and unity
of the *ummah*.

“And whoever desires other than Islam as religion - never will it be accepted from him, and he, in the Hereafter, will be among the losers.”

(Soorah Aal ‘Imraan 3:85)



THE SECOND KHUTBAH



**O Allah! Strengthen the
'*aqeedah* of the Muslims
upon the creed of *Ahl as-*
Sunnah *wal-Jamaa'ah*,
which is upon the path of**



Prophet Muhammad ﷺ
and his Companions
radiyAllaahu ‘anhum.

Spare us from all forms
of bribery, abuse of
power, as well as



**misguidance, shirk and
superstition, and protect
us from *fitan* that can
harm the union and unity
of the Muslim *ummah*.**



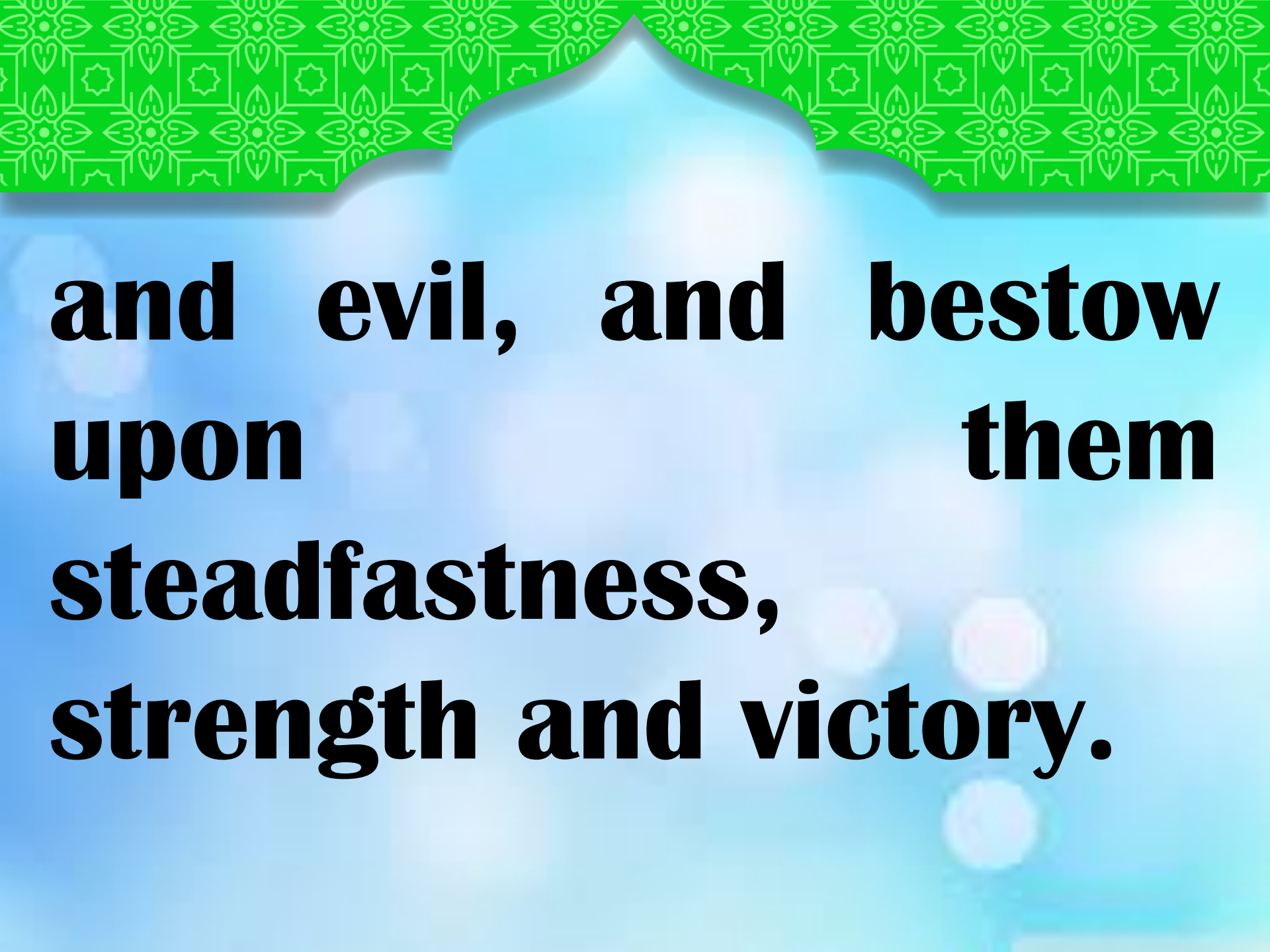
O Allah! Bestow peace and prosperity upon our state and nation. Protect us from all forms of disaster, fitnah and calamities such as murder, bullying, and



**oppressing others. Bestow
upon us leaders that have
utmost integrity, firmness,
and courage in upholding
the Truth according to
Your *Sharee'ah*.**



**O Allah! Protect the
Muslim *ummah* and
Masjid al-Aqsa in
Palestine. Preserve
them from oppression**



**and evil, and bestow
upon them
steadfastness,
strength and victory.**



**ILUSTRASI INI
DISEDIAKAN OLEH**

**unit khutbah
bahagian pengurusan masjid**