




"ETIQUETTES IN THE SOCIAL MEDIA"

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: مَا يَلْفِظُ مِنْ قَوْلٍ إِلَّا لَدَيْهِ رَقِيبٌ عَتِيدٌ ¹  أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ! اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ. قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَتَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ.

Dear blessed Muslims,

Let us altogether strive to increase our *taqwa* of Allah by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we all become among those granted Allah's Protection in the Hereafter.

Today I will discuss upon a *khutbah* titled "**ETIQUETTES IN THE SOCIAL MEDIA.**"

Before I proceed with the *khutbah*, I would like to remind fellow audience upon the message of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم to fully concentrate on the *khutbah* that is being delivered and not speak to anyone, as well as performing deeds that are in vain. This includes using the mobile phone while the *khateeb* is delivering the *khutbah*.

Respected audience,

The social media nowadays has become an alternative medium in communicating with others. It has enabled some to reconnect with old friends after not having met for many years. Some are making new friends and even discovering new cultures, business opportunities, and a plethora of information.

Almost each and every single one of us possess a social media account that is utilized for various tasks such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, WhatsApp, and many more. Moreover, many would spend most of their time on social media. The statistics have revealed that up until June 2017, a total of 19 million Malaysians have Facebook accounts.

This clearly indicates that Malaysians are among active users in the usage of the social media. However, in our excitement while indulging in social media, there are rules and etiquettes that we must adhere to as Muslims that truly believe in Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Among them:

1. Conveying good messages.

¹ Qaaf 50:18



Social media websites serve as a platform for us to convey beneficial messages for such deed will earn good rewards. This coincides with the *hadeeth* of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, narrated on the authority of Abu Hurayrah *radiallahu 'anh*:

مَنْ دَعَا إِلَى هُدًى، كَانَ لَهُ مِنَ الْأَجْرِ مِثْلُ أُجُورِ مَنْ تَبِعَهُ.

“Whoever calls to guidance, then he receives the reward similar to the reward of whoever follows him.”

(Muslim)

Therefore, we must avoid and stop committing evil deeds such as slandering, inciting others, opening up fake accounts to humiliate and degrade others, sending messages with obscenities, that it would all lead to conflicts and disputes amongst mankind. Such evil deed is a sin that must be avoided.

2. Verify that it is *saheeh* (authentic) before dissemination.

We as consumers of the social media must always ensure the authenticity of the piece of information received before disseminating it to others. Verifying its authenticity is an obligation and responsibility upon each individual. Even though the writing is not our own work, but we will remain sinful for spreading it. This reminder was explained by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in verse 18 of soorah Qaaf that was mentioned earlier in the *khutbah*, which means:

“Man does not utter any word except that with him is an observer prepared [to record].”

Even our Prophet, Muhammad ﷺ, had reminded us through his *hadeeth* that was narrated by Abu Hurayrah *radiallahu 'anh*, where Rasulullah ﷺ said:

إِنَّ الْعَبْدَ يَتَكَلَّمُ بِالْكَلِمَةِ مَا يَتَّبِعُنُ فِيهَا يَزِلُّ بِهَا فِي النَّارِ أَبْعَدَ مِمَّا بَيْنَ الْمَشْرِقِ وَالْمَغْرِبِ.

“The servant speaks words that he does not understand its repercussions but he sinks down in Hell-Fire farther than the distance between the east and the west.”
(Agreed Upon)

3. Observing the boundaries of interaction.

While we are preoccupied with the excitement of reconnecting with old friends and meeting new ones, there are boundaries that must be observed. *Ikhtilaat* or interacting with non-*mahrams* that is overboard is a matter that we must take seriously so as to avoid harm that may occur later on.

When communicating via social websites, let us avoid from becoming too intimate that it can create *fitnah* and ruin the relationship within the household. Let us ensure that whatever that needs to be conveyed is communicated clearly and explicitly, also direct to its intended meaning.



As a result of unrestricted communications when utilizing the social media, it is worried that there will be grave effects upon the heart, which would lead to corrupted *akhlaaq*. Hence, let us place limitations upon our interactions on social websites according to our level best.

4. Protecting the dignity of others.

Some of us are truly obsessed with the current trend that indirectly exposes the faults of others in their writing or when sharing article with others. Even worse is when our spouse's faults or shortcomings are exposed to the public without us even being aware of it.

Therefore, we have been commanded to protect and not expose the faults of others as mentioned in the *hadeeth* of 'Abdullah ibn 'Umar *radiallahu 'anhuma*, where the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

مَنْ سَتَرَ مُسْلِمًا سَتَرَهُ اللَّهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ

"Whoever covers up the fault of a Muslim, Allah will cover up his fault on the Day of Resurrection."

(al-Bukhaari)

Dear respected audience,

In addition to the etiquettes mentioned, as social media users, we must be truly wise in choosing the suitable time to communicate. Avoid indulging in social media when the *khateeb* is delivering the Friday *khutbah*, while eating, driving, interacting with family members, and right after completing the *salaah* that there's even no time for *dhikr* and supplication.

The *adab* of using social media is not intended to restrict individual freedom. However, it is to ensure that we will successfully become Muslims having utmost *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, hence manifesting the true image as Muslims possessing noble *akhlaaq*.

As Muslims, we are all agents in spreading good to all walks of society. Let us emulate our beloved Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم whom interacted with his own people with respect, even though they openly opposed him. Let us emulate him whom befriended his Companions and maintained good friendship with the non-Muslims. Let us emulate him whom interacted with the womenfolk with honor and dignity. Verily, in him (صلى الله عليه وسلم) we find excellent exemplary that are to be emulated by all of us.

Respected audience,

To end today's *khutbah*, let us altogether derive important lessons from the *khutbah*, among them:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that every action and deeds will be questioned and held accountable by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in the Hereafter.



2. The Muslim *ummah* must utilize and benefit from the social media on beneficial matters only.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must protect and not disgrace others under any circumstances.
4. The Muslim *ummah* is prohibited from spreading information that has yet to be verified of its truthfulness or authenticity.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
يَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَقُولُوا قَوْلًا سَدِيدًا ﴿٧٠﴾ يُصْلِحْ لَكُمْ أَعْمَالَكُمْ وَيَغْفِرْ
لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ ۗ وَمَنْ يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ فَازَ فَوْزًا عَظِيمًا ﴿٧١﴾

“O you who have believed, fear Allah and speak words of appropriate justice. He will [then] amend for you your deeds and forgive you your sins. And whoever obeys Allah and His Messenger has certainly attained a great attainment.”

(al-Ahzaab 33:70-71)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ
وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ.
أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ،
فَأَسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.

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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي جَعَلَنَا مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَرَزَقَنَا مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ. أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Dear blessed audience,

Once again, I would like to remind all of us to always have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and realize that Islam teaches us to remain moderate in every actions and deeds. As Muslims, we are to manifest noble *akhlaaq*, having utmost personality and attitude for Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم was sent to perfect *akhlaaq* and as mercy for the entire mankind and the worlds. Therefore, let us always increase our *salawaat* and *salaam* upon our Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions:

"Indeed, Allah confers blessing upon the Prophet, and His angels [ask Him to do so]. O you who have believed, ask [Allah to confer] blessing upon him and ask [Allah to grant him] peace."

(al-Ahzaab 33:56)

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ وَارْضَ اللَّهُمَّ عَنْ أَصْحَابِهِ وَقَرَابَتِهِ وَأَزْوَاجِهِ وَذُرِّيَّاتِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ وَيَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَعِزِّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَهْلِكَ الْكُفْرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ وَدَمَّرْ أَعْدَاءَكَ أَعْدَاءَ الدِّينِ. وَانصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمْدَانِيَّةِ،



جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُورِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، ابن المرحوم سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عبد العزيز شاه الحاج. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعُوْنَ وَالْهَدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِيُوَلِّيَّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُورِ، تَعْكُو اَمِيرِ شَاهِ، اِبْنِ السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِي اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْتِكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا، مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمُوظَّفِيْنَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ.

O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed upon us *rahmah* and *ni'mah*, that we are able to continue the effort in empowering the Muslim *ummah*, as an advanced state, prosperous and providing welfare, under the auspices and leadership of our Ruler as the Head of Islamic affairs in this state.

Hence, we sincerely beseech You, O Allah, strengthen our *imaan* and creed according to that of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*, accept our righteous deeds, cultivate our soul with good mannerisms, unite our hearts, bestow upon us *rizq* with blessings, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, protect us from disasters and save us from teachings that are outside the fold of Islam such as *Qadiyaani*, deviant teachings such as *Shee'ah*, and other teachings deemed as deviating from Islamic teachings or contradicting the creed of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*. O Allah, open up our hearts in performing the five daily prayers, fulfilling *zakaat* through *Lembaga Zakat Selangor* (Selangor *Zakaat* Board), making *waqf* and *infaaq* of our wealth to *Perbadanan Wakaf Negeri Selangor* (Selangor *Waqf* Corporation), and *Tabung Amanah Pembangunan Islam Selangor* (Islamic Development Trust Fund of Selangor).

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ اَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ اَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ اِمَامًا. رَبَّنَا اِنَّا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةٌ وَفِي الْاٰخِرَةِ حَسَنَةٌ وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ
عِبَادَ اللّٰهِ، اِنَّ اللّٰهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْاِحْسَانِ وَاِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿١٠١﴾
فَاذْكُرُوا اللّٰهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوهُ اَعْلَىٰ نِعْمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ ۗ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللّٰهِ اَكْبَرُ وَاللّٰهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.
