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## “THE DANGER OF LIBERAL ISLAMIC THOUGHT”

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: وَمَنْ يَبْتَغِ غَيْرَ الْإِسْلَامِ دِينًا فَلَنْ يُقْبَلَ مِنْهُ  
وَهُوَ فِي الْآخِرَةِ مِنَ الْخَسِرِينَ ﴿٨٥﴾<sup>1</sup>

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! أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى  
اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ. قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى:

يَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ  
مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٠٢﴾<sup>2</sup>

**Dear blessed Muslims,**

I implore upon myself and respected audience to altogether strive in increasing our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in its absoluteness. Let us fulfill all of the commands of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and leave out all of His prohibitions. May Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* be pleased with our lives, with blissfulness in this world and the Hereafter.

<sup>1</sup> Aal 'Imraan 3:85.

<sup>2</sup> Aal 'Imraan 3:102.



The great *museebah* (calamity) that afflicts the Muslim *ummah* in this state is the threat upon 'aqeedah and thoughts. Various types of confusions are now exposed to the Muslims today, moreover some would conceal its ideologies with Islam but in reality it greatly deviated from true authentic teachings of Islam.

Due to the suffocation of the lust and short-minded intellect, it gave birth to a thought that wants to liberate this religion from the interpretation and comprehension that has been inherited by the classical scholars since the time of our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ until today. What is meant here is that the very effort in interpreting the religion of al-Islam with a liberal or independent point of view, as well as changing what has been inherited by the earlier scholars with interpretations that are solely based upon the intellect, without the guidance of the scholars and methodology that has been utilized by the Muslim scholars from the past until today.

With this *muqaddimah* (introduction), today I will talk about "**THE DANGER OF LIBERAL ISLAMIC THOUGHT.**"

**Dear respected Friday congregation,**

"Liberal Islamic Thought" refers to the ideology that promotes freeing and 'liberating' the Muslim *ummah* from Islamic teachings that are universal, agreed upon, Islam that has been well-established and firmly grounded for so long.

From Islamic history, such ideology and thought is known as the *Ibaahiyyoon* (nihilist), referring to those that would render anything as permissible. The *haram* (unlawful) becomes *halaal* (lawful). The *waajib* (obligatory) no longer remain as *waajib*. Hence, what is there to become of



Islam if that is the state of affairs? *Zinaa* (adultery), *khamr* (intoxicant), and gambling all become *halaa*? The five obligatory prayers, fasting in Ramadaan, fulfilling *zakaah*, all are no longer *waajib*? *Inna lillaahi wa inna ilayhi raaji'oon*! Such matter is clearly astray and can cause one to invalidate his *imaan* (faith) if the person continue to believe upon those contradicting matters with "مَا هُوَ مَعْلُومٌ مِنَ الدِّينِ بِالضَّرُورَةِ" (what is known of the religion with surety).

**Dear blessed Friday congregant,**

Meanwhile today, we have the birth of an ideology that is not that far off from that of the *Ibaahiyoon*, namely Liberal Islamic Thought. Some of the causes espoused by this ideology have clearly violated the *ijmaa'*, which is the consensus of the Muslim *ummah*.

For example, in the matter of the fundamentals in establishing and determining *hukm* (ruling) or also known as *istinbaat hukm*, they no longer want to abide by the *manhaj* (methodology) that has been outlined by the earlier *mujtahid imaams*, which is following the *manhaj* of *Usool al-Fiqh*, *'Uloom al-Hadeeth*, *'Uloom at-Tafseer*, *'Ilm al-Kalaam* and many others. Therefore, they would campaign to interpret al-Qur'an at will. Moreover, the methodology for *tafseer* that is widely held as *ijmaa'* by the scholars was also trashed by them, where they would take the interpretation of text criticism (*hermeneutics*) that is utilized in understanding the Bible, instead of the *tafseer* methodology unanimously held as *ijmaa'*. What is to become of this? Hence, we have views and opinions from them as being anti-*hadeeth*, the hair is no longer *'awrah*, *zinaa* is no longer *haraam* if based on mutual consent, therefore the religion becomes destroyed.



Their Modus Operandi is not far off from the “anti-*madhhab*” quarters or *Allamadhhabiyyah*, which is to destroy the credibility and authority of past Muslim scholars. For the *Allamadhhabiyyah*, they would always criticize the opinions and *ijtihad* of previous *madhhab* scholars with the slogan that “the scholars are not *ma’soom* (infallible) and they can be wrong, and not having *daleel* (proof) or *hadeeth*, or using *da’eef* (weak) *hadeeth*.” While, the Liberal Islam sect is audacious in mocking Imaam ash-Shaafi’i and other *mujtahid* scholars, deeming them as being outdated, irrelevant, and the cause for blind *taqleed* (following). Even the magnum opus *Saheeh al-Bukhaari* is claimed to be inauthentic. So, which one is *saheeh* then? Nothing except for the views of their celebrated scholar alone.

What will happen to the Muslims in Selangor, O blessed Friday congregation, if the opinions of the scholars are mocked, the classical works that have been used as reference for hundreds of years in producing *fataawaa* and living guidelines for the Muslims are all rejected and despised? Hence, *Mufti* Facebook and Youtube ‘*Ulamaa*’ have become the source of rulings and guidance. Is truth in this modern age determined by the number of *likes* on Facebook? Or letting the comments by Netizens as the determinant for the truth of a matter? In the end, authentic religious knowledge is no longer found in the madrasah, schools, *masaajid*, and universities, but instead knowledge is evaluated of its authenticity through the social media. *Inna lillaahi wa inna ilayhi raaji’oon!*

**Dear blessed Friday audience,**

The characteristics of Liberal Islam have also spread through the feminist movement or the struggle for women’s rights. In reality, Islam is a



religion that firmly ennobles and protects the women! Islam came to prohibit the heinous *Jaahiliy* (Ignorance) custom of murdering innocent daughters, granting rights of ownership for the women after receiving the *mahr* (dowry). Islam also honors the women by obligating them to cover their *'awrah*. The *Jaahiliy* marriage had no limits, but Islam limited polygamy to only four wives.

However, what we are worried about with this Liberal Islam faction is when they want to change the rulings that have been clearly determined in Islam since the time of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. For example, there has been attempts by them in legalizing and allowing LGBTQ relationship, which clearly go against the teachings of Islam.

Even more dangerous, some among them actually deem the *fiqh* (jurisprudence) books of the scholars of the four *madhaahib* as having been produced by male scholars hence patriarchal, causing all rulings to favor the males. Therefore, some from among them had actually gone against the consensus of the scholars and resorted to vile heresies such as allowing women to become the *imaam* leading the men in *salaah*, even for the Friday prayer. Patriarchy is a system where the male would hold the position of authority and become dominant in the administration, whereas the women are subordinates. The patriarchal ruling system places the men as main candidates in inheriting the ruling position. Men are granted authority not just in terms of politics, but also morally, and granted privileges in the legal system. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 32 of soorah an-Nisaa':



وَلَا تَتَمَنَّوْا مَا فَضَّلَ اللَّهُ بِهِ بَعْضَكُمْ عَلَى بَعْضٍ لِّلرِّجَالِ  
نَصِيبٌ مِّمَّا كَتَبُوا وَلِلنِّسَاءِ نَصِيبٌ مِّمَّا كَتَبْنَ وَسَأَلُوا اللَّهَ  
مِن فَضْلِهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمًا ﴿٣٢﴾

***“And do not wish for that by which Allah has made some of you exceed others. For men is a share of what they have earned, and for women is a share of what they have earned. And ask Allah of his bounty. Indeed Allah is ever, of all things, Knowing.”***

**Dearest Muslims,**

Based on the fatwa gazetted in 2014, it clearly stated that liberalism and pluralism are misguided teachings and deviating from authentic Islamic teachings, and any individuals subscribing to these ideologies must hasten to perform *tawbah* (repentance).

I would like to humbly remind and implore upon every resident of Selangor to uphold the Royal Decree of His Highness the Sultan of Selangor made on the 13<sup>th</sup> of November 2018 in curbing deviant understanding and ideology such as liberalism.

I also would like to firmly state to the residents of Selangor to always respect the *Sharee'ah* rulings and *fataawaa* issued in this gracious state. Liberal Islamic Thought clearly is an ideology that contradicts the Islamic *Sharee'ah* and the *'aqeedah* of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah*. The basis for *Ahl as-Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah* in the matter of creed is according to the understanding of the *Ash'ariyyah* and *Maaturidiyyah*. In *fiqh*, we adhere to the *madhhab* of *Imaam ash-Shaafi'i*, also accepting of the other three



*madhaahib* (schools of thought). In *tasawwuf*, it is according to Imaam al-Junaydi and Imaam al-Ghazzaali. These three bases have been long held by the *umaraa'* (rulers) and '*ulamaa'* in Selangor for ages, may we all remain *istiqaamah* (steadfast) upon it.

### **Noble audience,**

To end the sermon today, let us altogether reflect upon the following recommendations:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that liberalism is misguidance and contradicts the '*aqeedah* of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah*, for its basis is purely '*aql* (intellect) and logic alone, while rejecting al-Qur'an and *as-Sunnah*.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must reject liberalism in its absoluteness. Moreover, such concept is also rejected by other religions.
3. The Muslim *ummah* can be afflicted with *museebah* or disasters as endured by previous nations, destroyed and cursed due to exaggerations and innovations within their religion.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ  
وَلَوْ اتَّبَعَ الْحَقُّ أَهْوَاءَهُمْ لَفَسَدَتِ السَّمَوَاتُ وَالْأَرْضُ وَمَنْ  
فِيهِنَّ بَلْ أَتَيْنَهُمْ بِذِكْرِهِمْ فَهُمْ عَنْ ذِكْرِهِمْ مُعْرِضُونَ ﴿٧١﴾

***"But if the Truth had followed their inclinations, the heavens and the earth and whoever is in them would have been ruined.***





**Rather, We have brought them their message, but they, from their message, are turning away."**

(al-Mu'minoon 23:71)

بَارِكْ 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، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ



## THE SECOND KHUTBAH

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,

Let us altogether strive to have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by increasing our obedience towards Him and avoiding acts of disobedience and abominable deeds.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا  
عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا ﴿٥٦﴾



اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ  
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.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ  
بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ  
عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمْدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا  
الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ  
الْحَاجِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ  
الْحَاجِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهَدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ  
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِيُؤَيِّدَ عَهْدَ سَلَاطُونِ، تَعَاوَنَ أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ  
السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ  
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ



عُمْرُهُمَا مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمُوظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ  
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ.

O Allah, grant us guidance in performing the five obligatory prayers in congregation, fulfilling *zakaat* through Selangor *Zakaat* Board (LZS), making endowment (*waqf*) through *Perbadanan Wakaf Selangor* (Selangor Endowment Corporation) and giving away (*infaq*) our wealth through *Tabung Infak Jariah Umat Islam Selangor* (TIJARI, Selangor Continuous Charity for Muslims Fund), and to the orphans through Darul Ehsan Islamic Foundation (YIDE).

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, and protect our state and nation from destruction due to bribery. Render the duty to lead our country upon Your slaves whom are trustworthy and honest, as well as firm and courageous in upholding the truth and executing justice according to the *Sharee'ah*. O Allah, make the *masajid* and *suraus* in the state of Selangor as Your peaceful homes, uniting everyone, and serve as the heart of the *ummah's* strength.

اللَّهُمَّ يَا دَافِعَ الْبَلَاءِ، اِدْفَعْ عَنَّا هَذَا الْوَبَاءَ وَالْبَلَاءَ وَالْمَرَضَ  
وَالشَّدَائِدَ وَالْمِحْنَ، بِلُطْفِكَ يَا لَطِيفُ إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ  
قَدِيرٌ وَبِالْإِجَابَةِ جَدِيرٌ.



رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا.  
رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿٢٠١﴾.  
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ  
وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ



فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُواهُ عَلَىٰ نِعْمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،  
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا  
تَصْنَعُونَ.