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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: الَّذِي عَلَّمَ بِالْقَلَمِ ﴿٤﴾ عَلَّمَ الْإِنْسَانَ مَا لَمْ

يَعْلَمُ ﴿٥﴾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:

يَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ ۖ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ.²

Dear blessed Muslims,

On the very occasion on this noble day of Friday, I sincerely remind myself and fellow Friday congregation to altogether strive in increasing our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by diligently performing all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we attain *rahmah* (mercy), success, and salvation in this world and the Hereafter.

The focus of our *khutbah* today is: “**KNOWLEDGE AND ISLAM.**”

¹ al-'Alaq 96:4-5.

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102.



Dear blessed Friday audience,

In wading through our lives, we are greatly demanded in learning various branches of knowledge that are beneficial in regard to governing and prospering this earth. Islam highly encourages its adherents to seek any type of knowledge, for knowledge and Islam truly go hand in hand. Knowledge and Islam are inseparable for Islam itself is based upon sound knowledge.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* placed the supremacy of the 'aql (reason) and 'ilm (knowledge) as distinguishing factors that differentiate between humans and animals. With 'aql (intellect) and *wahy* (revelation), mankind is able to expand the potentials and strength that they possess. History has shown the continuity in the culture of seeking knowledge remained continuous beginning from Prophet Adam 'Alayhissalaam up until the final messenger, which is Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم. Similarly, with the historical incident regarding the first *wahy* in the Hira' cave, which placed great emphasis upon 'ilm.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in the first five verses of soorah al-'Alaq:

أَقْرَأْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ ① خَلَقَ الْإِنْسَانَ مِنْ عَلَقٍ ② أَلَمْ يَكُنْ أَكْرَمًا ③
الَّذِي عَلَّمَ بِالْقَلَمِ ④ عَلَّمَ الْإِنْسَانَ مَا لَمْ يَعْلَمْ ⑤





“Recite in the name of your Lord who created - Created man from a clinging substance. Recite, and your Lord is the most Generous - Who taught by the pen - Taught man that which he knew not.”

The word *IQRA'* when translated becomes a command to read and undertake research, serves as the very key for the knowledgeable ones. The verses also explained that Islam calls upon the Muslim *ummah* to become knowledgeable. Islam placed knowledge as the main foundation and the path to attain success and the well-being of the *ummah*.

From the illustrious history of Islam, we find the success of the Companions and the Muslim scholars whom carried the *shi'ar* (symbols) of Islam that the religion of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* had expanded to almost a third of the world, by virtue of sound knowledge. For example, during the glorious days of the Abbasids, Ottomans, Constantinople, and other Islamic civilizations, Muslim societies had achieved outstanding success in various sciences, whether the *'ilm* of *fard al-'ayn* (individual obligations) or *fard al-kifaayah* (communal obligations), from astronomy to architecture, all within a period of less than 900 years between the 7th and 16th century CE (Common Era).

Therefore, Islam obligates all Muslims to seek knowledge so as to attain success in this world and the Hereafter. Moreover, the process of seeking *'ilm* is also an ongoing effort throughout one's entire life. In the context of the nation's needs in the era of Industrial Revolution 4.0, the nation truly need human capitals that are not only creative and innovative, but also firmly grounded in *'aqeedah* (creed), upon the correct *Sharee'ah*, and possessing noble *akhlaaq* (character).

Dear blessed Friday congregation,



Islam has elevated the stature of those having *imaan* (belief) and possessing knowledge to a high degree of civilization and exemplary, as Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 11 of soorah al-Mujaadalah:

يَرْفَعُ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا مِنْكُمْ وَالَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ دَرَجَاتٍ
وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرٌ ﴿١١﴾

“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.”

As Muslims, both al-Qur'an and *as-Sunnah* are the primary sources in producing Muslims having *imaan* and *'ilm* whom will preserve the greatness of Islamic civilization. However, if both al-Qur'an and *as-Sunnah* are neglected, the Muslim *ummah* will go astray due to weak faith and loss in knowledge, and also greater inclination towards worldly matter. The Prophet ﷺ had mentioned in the narration of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh*:

تَرَكْتُ فِيكُمْ أَمْرَيْنِ لَنْ تَضِلُّوا مَا تَمَسَّكْتُمْ بِهِمَا كِتَابَ
اللَّهِ وَسُنَّةَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ

“I have left two matters with you. As long as you hold to them, you will not go astray. They are the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of His Messenger.”

(*Muwatta' of Imaam Maalik*)



Hence, when we yearn for faith and knowledge, we then must first recite and truly comprehend al-Qur'an and *as-Sunnah* so that we will always attain *hidaayah* (guidance) from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Allah preserves *imaan* and increases *'ilm*, and also protects us from misguidance when al-Qur'an and the *Sunnah* of the Prophet ﷺ becomes our credo, and even fully embraced as our routine practice and daily garment.

We do not want to become Muslims that are devoid of *imaan* and *'ilm*. We do not want to become Muslims that are highly educated but indulging in deviant teachings. We also do not want to become Muslims that are moderately educated but influenced by heretical teachings. Do not become Muslims that are lazy and devoid of effort in increasing knowledge so as to advance oneself, one's own household, and the nation. Therefore, let us become Muslims that firmly cling upon authentic *'aqeedah*, *Sharee'ah*, and *akhlaaq* so that we become *khayra ummah* (the best of nations) that is balanced in all aspect of lives. And most importantly, pleasing to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

Dear blessed Friday audience,

In concluding the *khutbah* today, among the lessons and reflections are:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must ensure that its daily lives are always illuminated with righteous practice and the culture of seeking knowledge.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must ensure that every individual including the family members are always advancing themselves with knowledge based on *'aqeedah*, *Sharee'ah*, and Islamic *akhlaaq*.



3. The Muslims must remain penitent and cognizant that at any time Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* can make a person astray, weak, and debased due to the knowledge possessed, if the very intent of attaining that knowledge is not for the pleasure of Allah and Islam's sake, but purely to satiate the desire in chasing after this worldly life.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
أَفْرَعَيْتَ مَنْ أَخَذَ إِلَهَهُ هَوْنَهُ وَأَضَلَّهُ اللَّهُ عَلَى عِلْمٍ وَخَتَمَ عَلَى
سَمْعِهِ وَقَلْبِهِ وَجَعَلَ عَلَى بَصَرِهِ غِشَاوَةً فَمَنْ يَهْدِيهِ مِنْ بَعْدِ اللَّهِ
أَفَلَا تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٢٣﴾

“Have you seen he who has taken as his god his [own] desire, and Allah has sent him astray due to knowledge and has set a seal upon his hearing and his heart and put over his vision a veil? So who will guide him after Allah? Then will you not be reminded?”

(al-Jaathiyah 45:23)



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، 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'ala* 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 الرَّبَّانِيَّةَ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمْدَانِيَّةَ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا
الْمُعْظَمِ، 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 بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمُؤَظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرِّشَادِ.

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 (*infaaq*) 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 *masaajid* 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، اذْفَعْ عَنَّا هَذَا الْوَبَاءَ وَالْبَلَاءَ وَالْمَرَضَ
وَالشَّدَائِدَ وَالْمِحْنَ، بِلُطْفِكَ يَا لَطِيفُ إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ
قَدِيرٌ وَبِالْإِجَابَةِ جَدِيرٌ.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَأَجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا.
رَبَّنَا ءَاتِنَا 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.