



## “LIVING HARMONIOUSLY WITHIN A PLURAL SOCIETY”

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ : يَتَأَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ مِنْ ذَكَرٍ وَأُنْثَىٰ وَجَعَلْنَاكُمْ شُعُوبًا وَقَبَائِلَ لِتَعَارَفُوا إِنَّ أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَتَقَنُّكُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ خَبِيرٌ<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، 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,

In conjunction with the noble day of Friday, I remind myself and fellow blessed congregation to strive our utmost in increasing our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* bless our lives with *ni'mah* (bounties), *tawfeeq* (aid), and *hidaayah* (guidance) that is everlasting, and that we attain salvation in this world and the Hereafter.

Today, I would like to invite fellow audience to internalize upon a *khutbah* (sermon) titled “**LIVING HARMONIOUSLY WITHIN A PLURAL SOCIETY.**”

Before proceeding with the *khutbah*, I would like to remind fellow audience upon the reminder of Rasulullah ﷺ that we are to give our full undivided attention to the *khutbah* that is being delivered. Let us not speak and indulge in idle matters, including using our mobile phone while the *khateeb* is delivering the *khutbah*.

### Dear blessed audience,

Verily, the diversity of ethnicity and way of life, difference in opinion, and cultural clash amongst mankind is from the *fitrah* (natural disposition) of the creation of mankind itself. Such diversity must be governed and administered in an intelligent manner. This is the great challenge in which the failure to preserve such diversity leads to conflict and war.

### Respected audience,

Diversity in ethnicity and culture is actually important for the wellbeing of this earth. When they are combined with the spirit of mutually aiding one another, tolerance, and sacrificing for the nation's success, then human lives will remain peaceful and prosperous.

Therefore, Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* reminds us to live on earth with harmony, helping and respectful of one another, and celebrating diversity. Islam prohibits

<sup>1</sup> al-Hujuraat 49:13



mankind to distinguish one another based on race, lineage, and skin color. On the contrary, Islam evaluates one's nobility based on the level of *imaan* (faith) and *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. This is clearly mentioned in al-Qur'an in verse 13 of Soorah al-Hujuraat:

يَتَأَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ مِنْ ذَكَرٍ وَأُنْثَىٰ وَجَعَلْنَاكُمْ شُعُوبًا وَقَبَائِلَ لِتَعَارَفُوا ۗ إِنَّ

أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَتَقَىٰكُمْ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ خَبِيرٌ ﴿١٣﴾

**“O mankind, indeed We have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another. Indeed, the most noble of you in the Sight of Allah is the most righteous of you. Indeed, Allah is Knowing and Acquainted.”**

This verse explains that even though a Muslim may hail from various ethnicity, the reality is that they are all one *ummah* (nation), equal and brethren, firmly tied by the bond of *tawheed* (monotheism) that is sacred and significant in the Sight of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* without diminishing one's ethnic identity by a tiny bit. This was proven when Sayyidina Abu Bakr as-Siddeeq who is from the Arabs, Bilaal bin Rabah from the Abyssinians, Salman al-Faarisi from the Persians, and Suhayb from the Romans were all united as one Muslim *ummah* that is upright due to their *imaan* and Islam.

### **Beloved Muslims,**

Indeed, diversity in ethnicity and nation amongst mankind is not an obstacle in living united. Islam affirms that differences are a reality that is *wajib* (obligatory) to be accepted and viewed in a positive light. Every creation of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* has its own *hikmah* (wisdom) and benefit. What is important is that ethnic diversity and cultural differences must be dealt with intelligently and with wisdom, consistent with human nature that is in need of each other.

Considering the human *fitrah* with cultural variety and ethnic diversity, Islam has outlined several ways to accelerate unity and relationship. Among them:

**First:** We must identify the commonalities and guard the limits of dispute whenever there arise differences. For example, all nations love mutual aiding of one another, preserving one's honor, and friendliness. So, let us trigger such environment for it can unite the hearts of mankind and create harmony.

**Second:** We must become individuals that initiate the culture of smiling and spreading *salaam* (greeting) to anyone that we encounter. It is a special *kalimah* (words) that is to be disseminated and spread according to Islamic teachings, which loves peace and harmony. Such was the advice of the Prophet ﷺ to the Ansaar and Muhaajireen, when he ﷺ first arrived in Madeenah, as mentioned by 'Abdullah bin Salaam *radiallahu 'anh*, stating:

**“When the Rasulallah (ﷺ) arrived in al-Madeenah, the people came out to meet him. It was said that Rasulallah (ﷺ) had arrived, so I went among the people**



**to get a look at him. When I gazed upon the face of the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ), I knew that this face was not the face of a liar. The first thing that he spoke about was that he said: 'O you people! Spread the salaam, feed (others), and perform salaah while the people are sleeping; you will enter Paradise with (the greeting of) salaam.'**"

(at-Tirmidhi)

**Dear blessed audience,**

It must be known that a diverse society is nothing new within the Muslim world. A plural society has existed for many centuries. It cannot be denied factually that mankind lived in peace when ruled by a just ruler on earth. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* firmly asserted that harmony can only exist when the nation's leadership is committed to uphold justice and equality that are espoused within Islamic teachings. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 8 of Soorah al-Maa'idah:

يَتَأْتِيهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا كُونُوا قَوَّامِينَ لِلَّهِ شُهَدَاءَ بِالْقِسْطِ ۗ وَلَا يَجْرِمَنَّكُمْ  
شَنَّانُ قَوْمٍ عَلَىٰ ءَلَّا تَعْدِلُوا ۗ أَعْدِلُوا هُوَ أَقْرَبُ لِلتَّقْوَىٰ ۗ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ خَبِيرٌ  
بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٨﴾

**"O you who have believed, be persistently standing firm for Allah, witnesses in justice, and do not let the hatred of a people prevent you from being just. Be just; that is nearer to righteousness. And fear Allah; indeed, Allah is Acquainted with what you do."**

Based on this verse, it is very clear that upholding justice is greatly demanded in Islam. Justice that is meant is not equality as espoused by the West, but justice according to Islam is granting rights upon those deserving of it.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* has commanded us to be compassionate and humane upon those that are weak and in need of assistance.

**Respected audience,**

To end the *khutbah* this time, I would like to implore and invite the entire Muslim *ummah* to internalize upon the following lessons so as to serve as guidance in our lives:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that the creation of different nations and ethnicities truly manifests the greatness of Allah, for us to know one another.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must remain respectful of one another though living amongst diverse ethnicity in attaining harmonious living.



3. It is waajib upon the Muslim *ummah* to strive in spreading the truthfulness and justice of Islam to all walks of life that are comprised of various ethnicities and nations.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ  
وَلَا تَسُبُّوا الَّذِينَ يَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ فَيَسُبُّوا اللَّهَ عَدَوًّا بِغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ كَذَلِكَ زَيْنًا  
لِكُلِّ أُمَّةٍ عَمَلُهُمْ ثُمَّ إِلَىٰ رَبِّهِمْ مَرْجِعُهُمْ فَيُنَبِّئُهُمْ بِمَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ

**"And We have not sent you except comprehensively to mankind as a bringer of good tidings and a warner. But most of the people do not know."**

(Saba' 34:28)

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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## 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,

Once again, I would like to remind all of us to always have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and diligently indulge in righteous deeds, as well as manifesting the *akhlaaq* of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم. Furthermore, 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. وَأَنْصُرْنَا 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 سَلَاعُورِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، ابن المرحوم سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عبد العزيز شاه الحاج. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهُدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيَّ عَهْدِ سَلَاعُورِ، تَغْكَو أَمِيرِ شَاهِ، ابْنِ



السُّلْطَانُ شَرَفُ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا، مُصْلِحِيْنَ لِلْمَوْظِفِيْنَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيْقِ الْهُدَى وَالرِّشَادِ.

O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed *rahmah* and *barakah* upon this state, which continues to remain advanced and prosperous, with its residents united 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*, and protect us from teachings that are outside the fold of Islam such as *Qadiyaani* and deviant teachings such as *Shee'ah*. O Allah, Ya *Rahmaan*, Ya *Raheem*, unite our hearts, bestow upon us *rizq* with blessings, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, protect us from calamities. O Allah, bestow upon us guidance in performing the five daily prayers in congregation, 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 أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا. رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ.  
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايِ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٩١﴾  
فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُواهُ عَلَىٰ نِعْمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ ۗ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.

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