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JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

BROTHERHOOD AMONG MUSLIMS



Let us strive to increase our

taqwa of Allah *Subhaanahu*

Wata'aala with absolute *taqwa*

and performing all that has been

commanded by Allah and His

Messenger,

as well as abstaining from all of His prohibitions. May *salawaat* (blessings) and *salaam* (peace) be upon our beloved *Nabi Muhammad* *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam*.

On this blessed day, let us
reflect upon the *khutbah* titled:
***“Brotherhood Among
Muslims.”***

The bond of brotherhood is a vital Islamic principle that is deeply engrained in the hearts of the Muslims. The firmness of the bond of brotherhood among Muslims is heavily emphasized

in realizing solid Islamic *ukhuwwah*. Moreover, the Islamic bond that is joined and established based upon deep-rooted ‘*aqeedah* is much stronger as the Muslim *ummah* tightly clings upon

the same core and basis, which is upholding *ad-deen* as the foundation of its fraternity. How significant it is for us to safeguard the bond of brotherhood amongst Muslims for it was the advice

of Rasulullah *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* (on the authority of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*):

“... O servants of Allah, be brothers ...”

(al-Bukhaari, Muslim and Abu Dawood)

Islam has taught the Muslim *ummah* to remain united and emphasized the Muslims to live as one family (brethren), as it was mentioned in al-Qur'an:

“The believers are but brothers, so make settlement between your brothers. And fear Allah that you may receive mercy.”

(al-Hujuraat 49:10)

Islam prescribes the Muslims to be alert and aware of the affairs of their Muslim brethren. It teaches the Muslim *ummah* to aid their brethren that are less fortunate and oppressed.

The fraternity upon one religion or creed is truly noble and leaves a great impact in the nurturing the unity of the *ummah*. Without it, the society will split and divide, weaken, and further

susceptible to manipulation.
Therefore, when brothers, we
must exercise manners and
actions that promotes the
fostering of brotherhood

such as helping one another and mutual cooperation especially in welfare and beneficial matters. Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala* mentions in al-Qur‘an:

**“The believing men and
believing women are allies of
one another. They enjoin what
is right and forbid what is
wrong...”**

(at-Tawbah 9:71)

If there exist within us differing opinions and ideologies in understanding a particular branch of knowledge or in political parties or others, it does not mean that we should sever

the ties of kinship and brotherhood that is ordained to be strengthened in Islam. However much we differ due to our differences in understanding based upon the religious texts,

Islam does not allow at all for the Muslims to be divided. That is, if such differences are based upon the differences resulting from *ijtihaa*d of the Muslim scholars.

Similarly, difference of opinion is a matter that is inseparable from the trait and norm of mankind. Moreover, difference of opinion is something that makes Islam more dynamic

and flexible as a religion. In this regard, narrated Anas ibn Maalik *radiyAllaahu ‘anh* that Rasulullah *sallAllaahu ‘alayhi wasallam* said:

**“Do not hate one another, and
do not be jealous of one
another, and do not desert
each other, and O servants of
Allah! Be brothers...”**

(al-Bukhaari)

This *hadeeth* reminds us to always safeguard our ties of kinship and fraternity amongst us. Envy, hatred, betrayal, and other vile attitude would only result in enmity and hostility within

the Muslim *ummah*, which ultimately leads to disunity.

In preserving our bond of brotherhood, Islam has outlined several guidelines, among them:

1- Every Muslim must strive to aid and support their Muslim brethren as a unified body, as it was prescribed in the *hadeeth* of Nu‘man bin Basheer *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*

where Rasulullah *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* said:

**“The similitude of believers in
regard to mutual love,
affection, fellow-feeling is that
of one body;**

when any limb of it aches, the whole body aches, because of sleeplessness and fever.”

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

The firmness of the Islamic brotherhood is deeply emphasized in instilling the love and care for each other, for it will build a strong unity of the Muslim *ummah*.

Furthermore, the brotherhood
that is built upon this love and
care will be bestowed with
rahmah and great blessings
from Allah.

2- Every Muslim must not harbor feelings of ill will and strife towards each other, what more with hurling accusations and slander against each other. If there arises any displeasing

or unsatisfying matter, then it calls for a discussion within the spirit of *mushaawarah* (consultation), united and cooperative in the fundamental principles. But in matters without consensus

agreement especially in trivial or secondary matters (*furoo'*), then we must be tolerant, open-minded, and forgiving. Every Muslim should also do away with deplorable traits such as

being envious of others. Envy will only sever the bond of brotherhood among Muslims.

Similarly with dispraised attributes like causing *fitnah*, backbiting, suspicion, and always

looking for faults and mistakes
of other Muslims. Allah
Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala
mentions in al-Qur’ān:

“O you who have believed,
avoid much [negative]
assumption. Indeed, some
assumption is sin. And do not
spy or backbite each other.

Would one of you

like to eat the flesh of his brother when dead? You would detest it. And fear Allah; indeed, Allah is Accepting of repentance and Merciful.”

(al-Hujuraat 49:12)

Therefore, every Muslim is reminded to not easily accept and believe everything conveyed to them, especially those originating from unreliable or suspicious sources.

Islam highly discourage the
Muslims to have liking to hear
and easily believing in what is
transmitted by others at face
value because it could be false
or made up news maliciously
intended to

disgrace and humiliate others,
or even ruin the unity of the
Muslim *ummah*. Such emphasis
is mentioned by Allah
Subhaanahu Wata'aala in al-
Qur'an:

**“O you who have believed, if
there comes to you a
disobedient one with
information, investigate,**

**lest you harm a people out of
ignorance and become, over
what you have done,
regretful.”**

(al-Hujuraat 49:6)

Islam heavily promotes good relationship amongst each other, and this can be truly observed in the relationship between Muslims, where Islam came with *rahmah* to unite the hearts,

strengthening the ranks, and directing them to a unity of brotherhood. At the same time, avoiding elements that can lead to disunity and division that will only weaken the fraternity.

The purpose of this union is to
nurture noble and honorable
values so that mankind can fully
engage in ‘ibaadah to Allah
Subhaanahu Wata‘ala.

The bond utilized by Islam in uniting the Muslim *ummah* is one that is solid and firm, unlike the other ones, unlike the knot that crumbles when the rope is destroyed. On the contrary,

the bond of *ukhuwwah* in Islam is one that is very powerful, even stronger than blood relations, ethnicity, mother tongue, or even native land. It is the bond of *imaan*, where the Muslims

are governed by it. With the bond of *imaan*, the believer can further strengthen their brotherhood and relationship, as mentioned in a *hadeeth* by Anas ibn Maalik *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*

that Rasulullah *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* said:

“None of you truly believes until he loves for his brother what he loves for himself.”

(al-Bukhaari, Muslim, at-Tirmidhi, an-Nasaa’i, and ibn Maajah)

This is the basis of Islamic brotherhood that is established in the religion, safeguarded with the spirit of *imaan*, erected by true love (*mahabbah*) as its solid foundation.

Hence with such spirit, it spurs the formation of praiseworthy characteristics such as respecting others, helping others, striving to do good, preventing evil, ultimately becoming the

living norm for the Muslims within the society. This is among the guidance and lessons derived from *ahadeeth* that should be heeded by all Muslims in preserving the strength and

integrity of unity in the bond of brotherhood, for its preservation will produce a sense of goodwill that is engulfed with peaceful atmosphere.

The conclusion and lessons
derived from today's *khutbah*
are:

1- As part of the Muslim
ummah, we are all brothers, so it
is obligated upon us to
strengthen our tie of kinship

at all times.

2- To maintain the brotherhood amongst Muslims, we must always preserve and safeguard ourselves from succumbing to behaviors that can sever

the relationship such as
guarding the tongue so as to not
utter matters that are prohibited
by Allah *Subhaanahu
Wata 'aala.*

3- Always and diligently
clinging upon the teachings of
al-Qur'an and *as-Sunnah* so that
we will not stray from the very
path that has been outlined by it.

“The believers are but brothers, so make settlement between your brothers. And fear Allah that you may receive mercy.”

(al-Hujuraat 49:10)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَإِيَّاكمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْأَيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ
مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ
قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ
الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.

**O Allah, You are the Almighty Lord,
we are grateful unto You for having
bestowed upon us Mercy and
Blessings, nourishing us to strive
to continue in strengthening the
Muslim nation especially the state
of Selangor, as an advanced,
progressive, peaceful, and
benevolent state.**

**We beseech and beg You, Ya Allah,
to strengthen our *imaan*, increase
our good deeds, strengthen our
unity, increase our provision,
enrich us with beneficial
knowledge, nourish our soul with
beautiful *akhlaaq*, guide us to the
Path that is Pleasing to You,**

protect us from Your severe tribulations such as the long drought, severe flooding, disease outbreak, violence and instability, poverty, and others, so that our land will become more peaceful and blessed.

Oh Allah, we ask You to open up the hearts of the Muslim *ummah* especially in Selangor, to fulfill their *zakaat* obligation as You had decreed in al-Qur'an. Bless the lives of those who have fulfilled their *zakaat* obligation, loving and caring for the poor and needy.

**Purify their wealth and soul so that
they will live according to that
which pleases You. Protect the poor
and needy from disbelief and
everlasting poverty. *Allaahummaa
ameen***



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