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JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

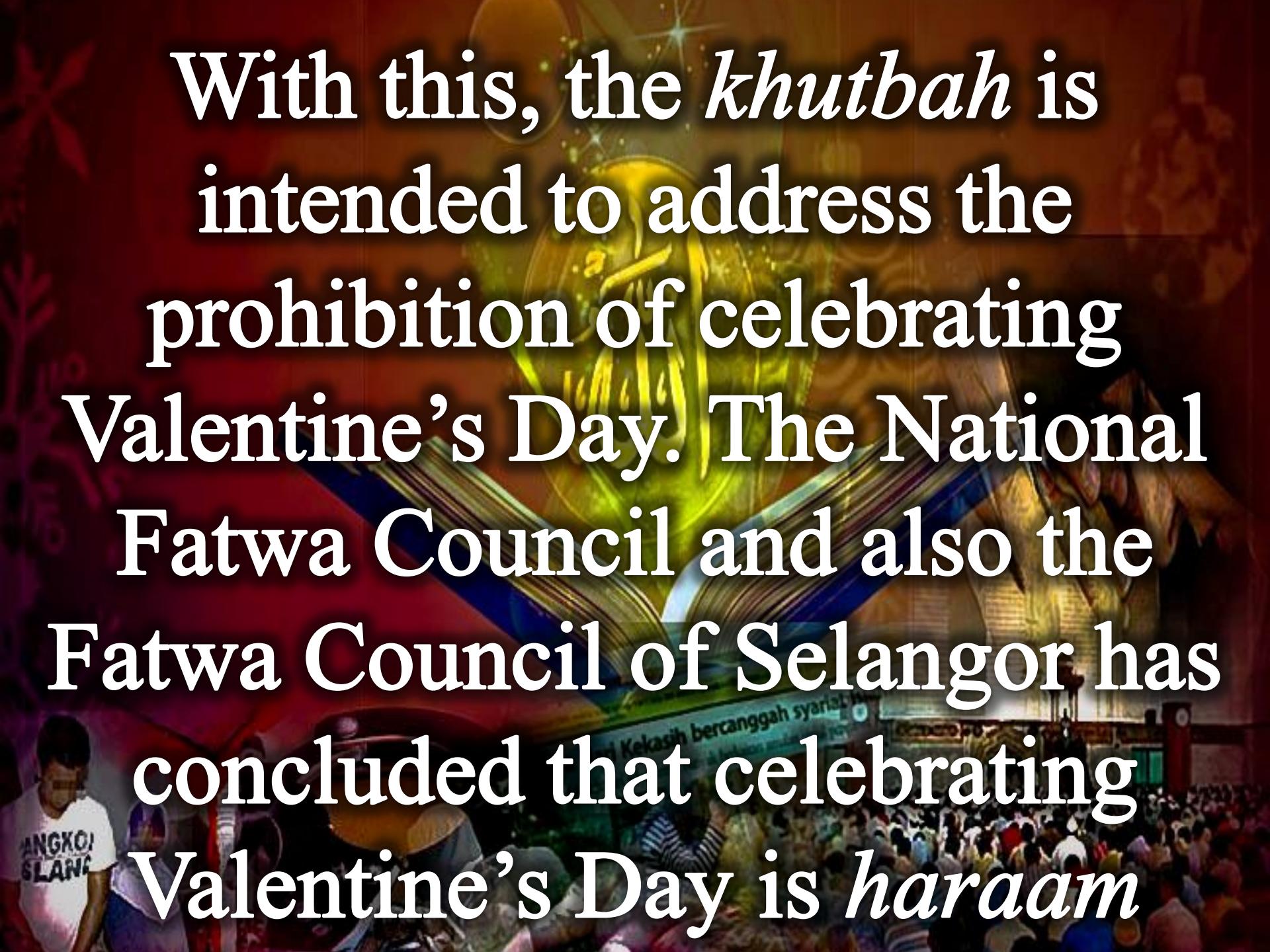
THE PROHIBITION OF CELEBRATING VALENTINE'S DAY



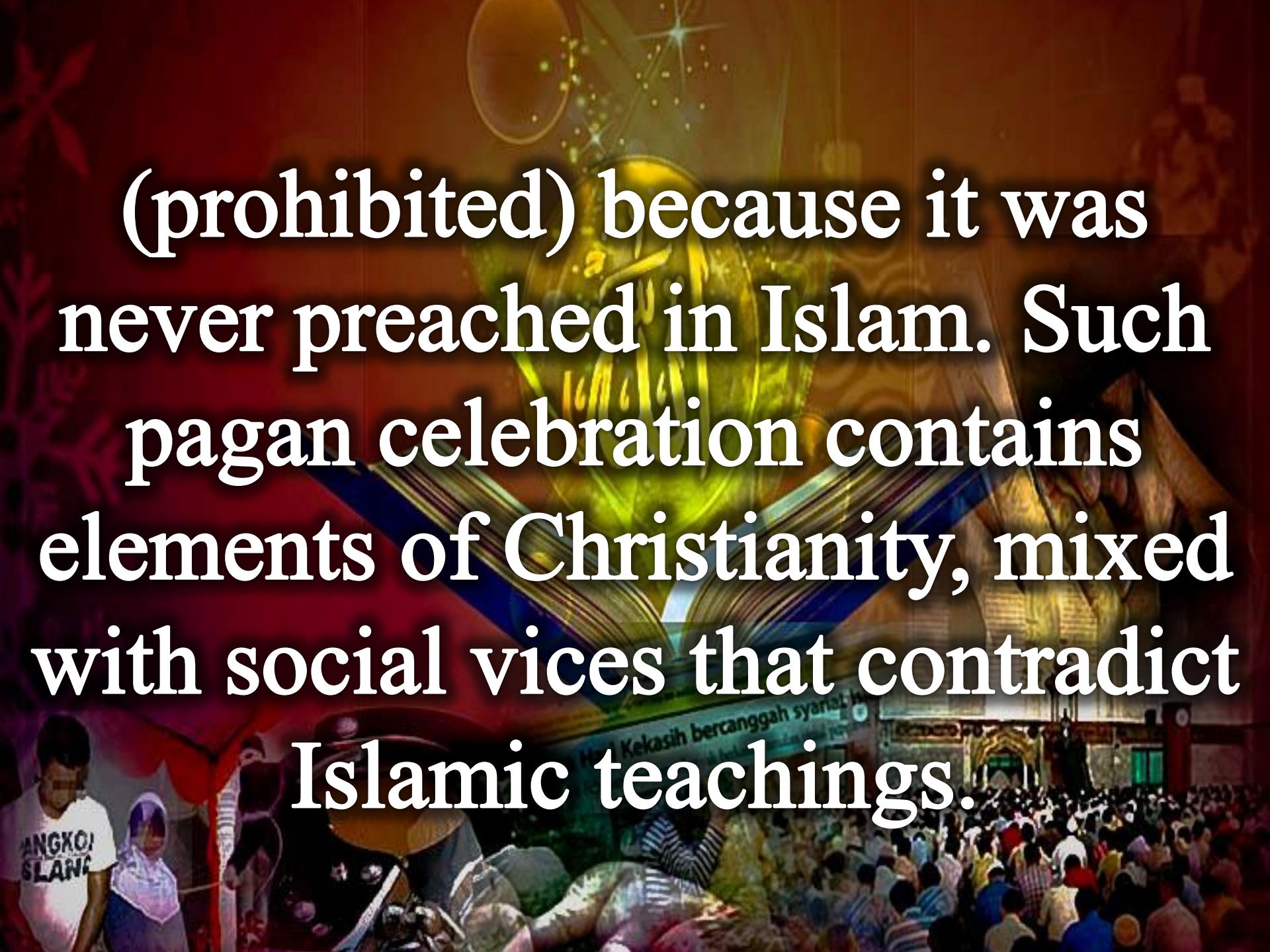
Let us have constant *taqwa* of Allah

***Subhaanahu Wata'aala* by accepting the
Sharee'ah as our guidance, in fulfilling all
of His Commandments and avoiding His
prohibitions. We truly hope to attain His
Mercy in this temporary life and eternal
bliss in the Hereafter.**

Accepting and implementing Islam as *ad-deen* (the way of life) is a must for the Muslim *ummah* in manifesting our sincerity and certainty on the noble teachings of our beloved Messenger *sallAllaahu 'alayhi wasallam*.

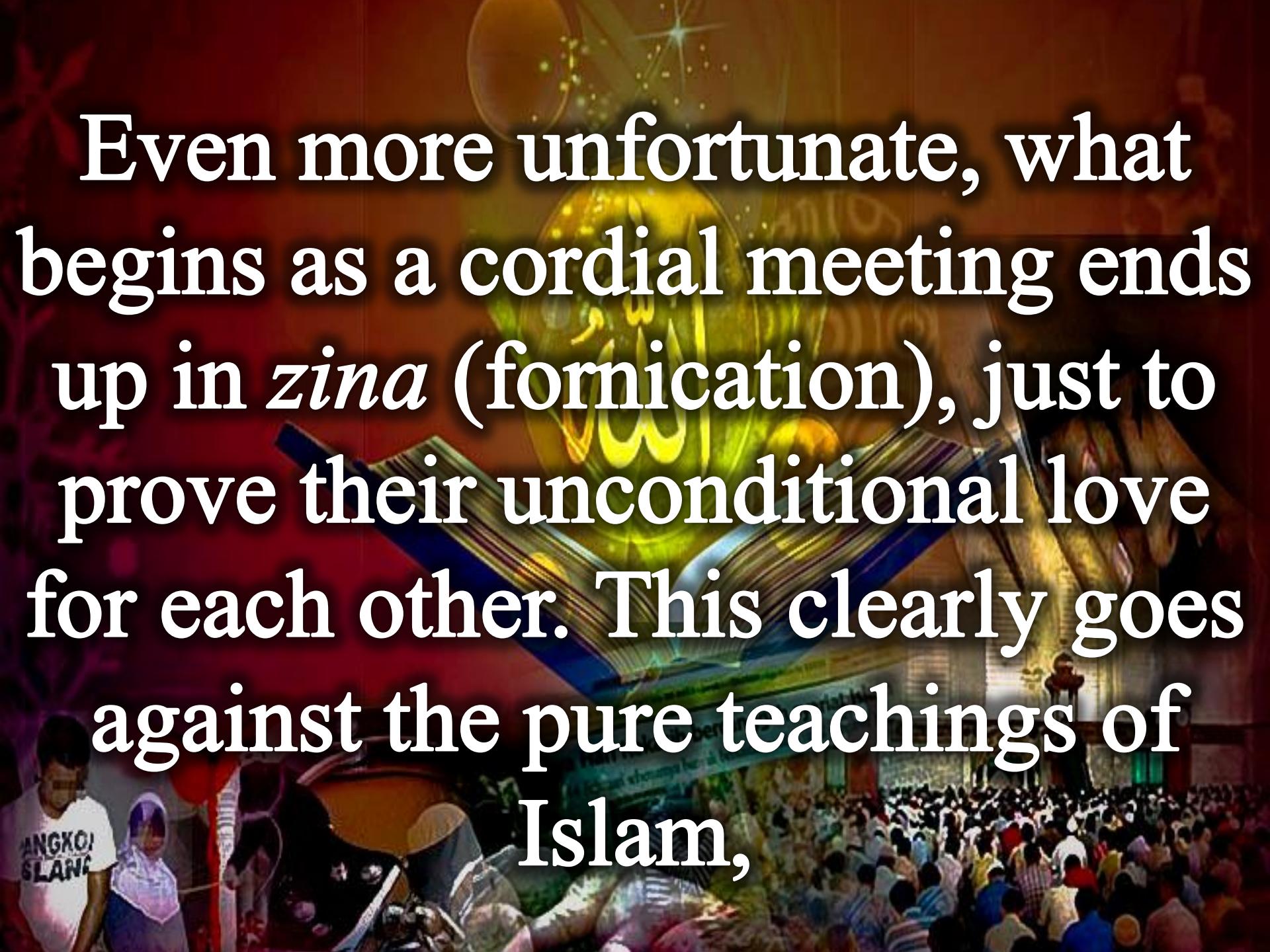
A blurry background image showing the interior of a mosque. In the foreground, a person wearing a white t-shirt with the text "MANGKOK SELANGOR" is visible. A banner with the text "Kekasih bercanggah syariah" is partially visible. The background shows a large crowd of people and architectural details of the mosque.

With this, the *khutbah* is intended to address the prohibition of celebrating Valentine's Day. The National Fatwa Council and also the Fatwa Council of Selangor has concluded that celebrating Valentine's Day is *haraam*

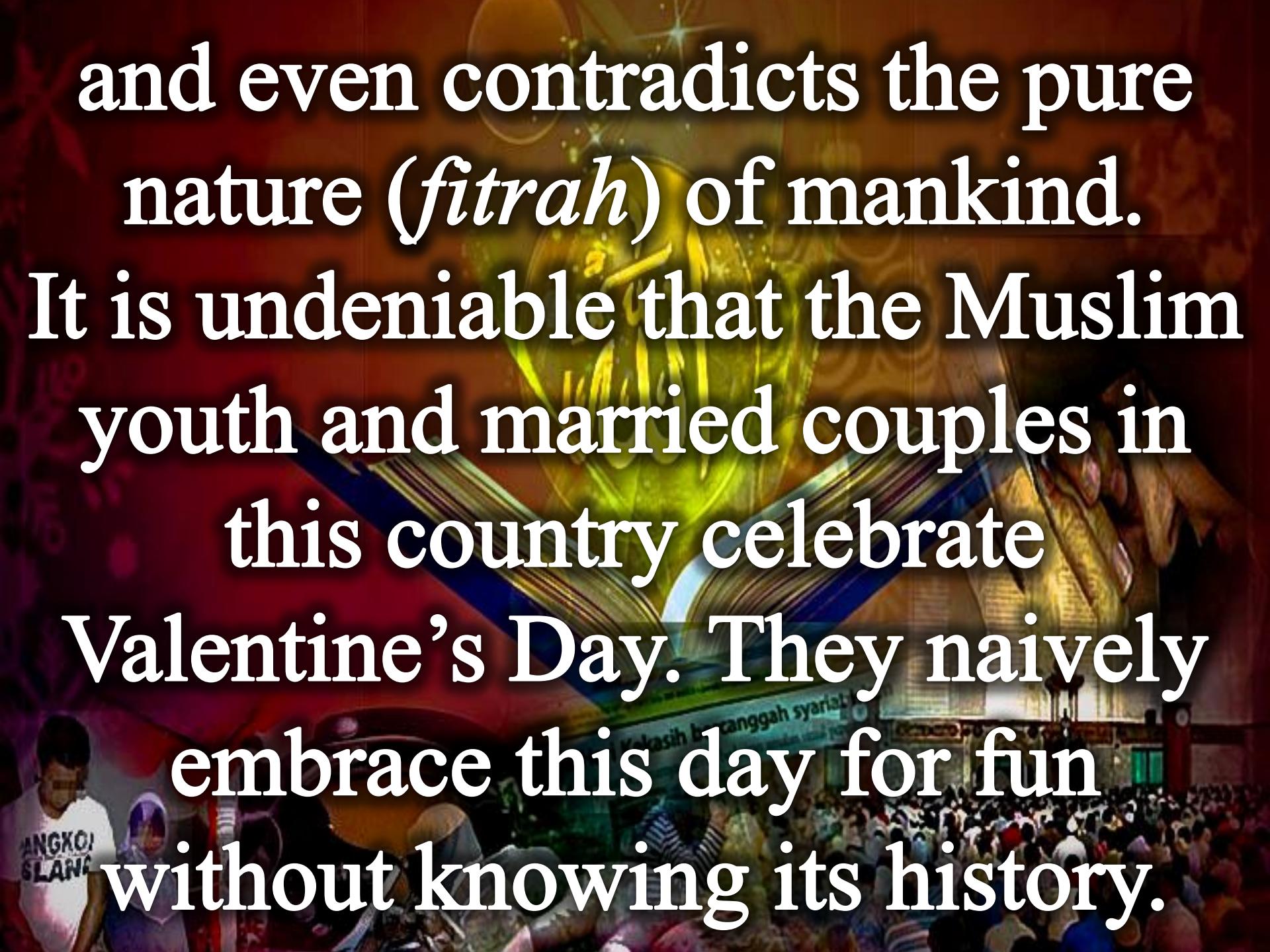


(prohibited) because it was never preached in Islam. Such pagan celebration contains elements of Christianity, mixed with social vices that contradict Islamic teachings.

Valentine's Day, which falls on February 14th, is much anticipated by teenagers every year to express their love and emotions toward each other. This is done in various ways, from greeting cards and flower bouquets to dancing parties.



Even more unfortunate, what begins as a cordial meeting ends up in *zina* (fornication), just to prove their unconditional love for each other. This clearly goes against the pure teachings of Islam,



and even contradicts the pure nature (*fitrah*) of mankind.

It is undeniable that the Muslim youth and married couples in this country celebrate Valentine's Day. They naively embrace this day for fun without knowing its history.

As it was explained above, there is no such thing as Valentine's Day or Lover's Day in Islam. Hence, Muslims are not allowed to participate and celebrate such occasion. Islam preaches its adherents to be caring and loving towards each other,

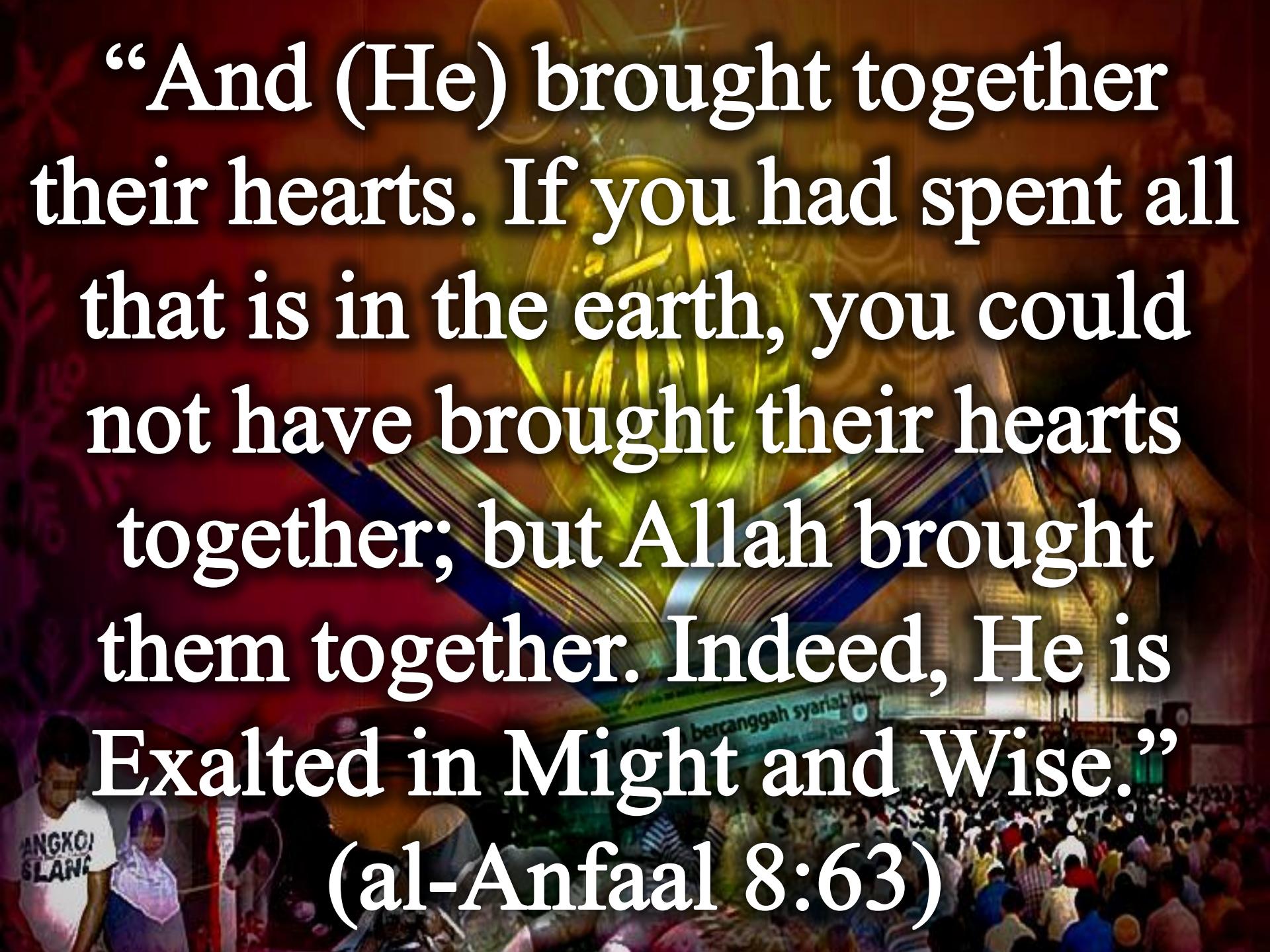
but expressing love between opposite genders that are non-*mahram* can only be done through allowable means by the *Sharee'ah*, not through that which leads to lewdness and sinful acts.

Islam is a religion upon *fitrah* that is practical and does not repress freedom, nor does it allow absolute freedom without guidelines. It helps organize the Muslim *ummah* in attaining a complete balanced life.

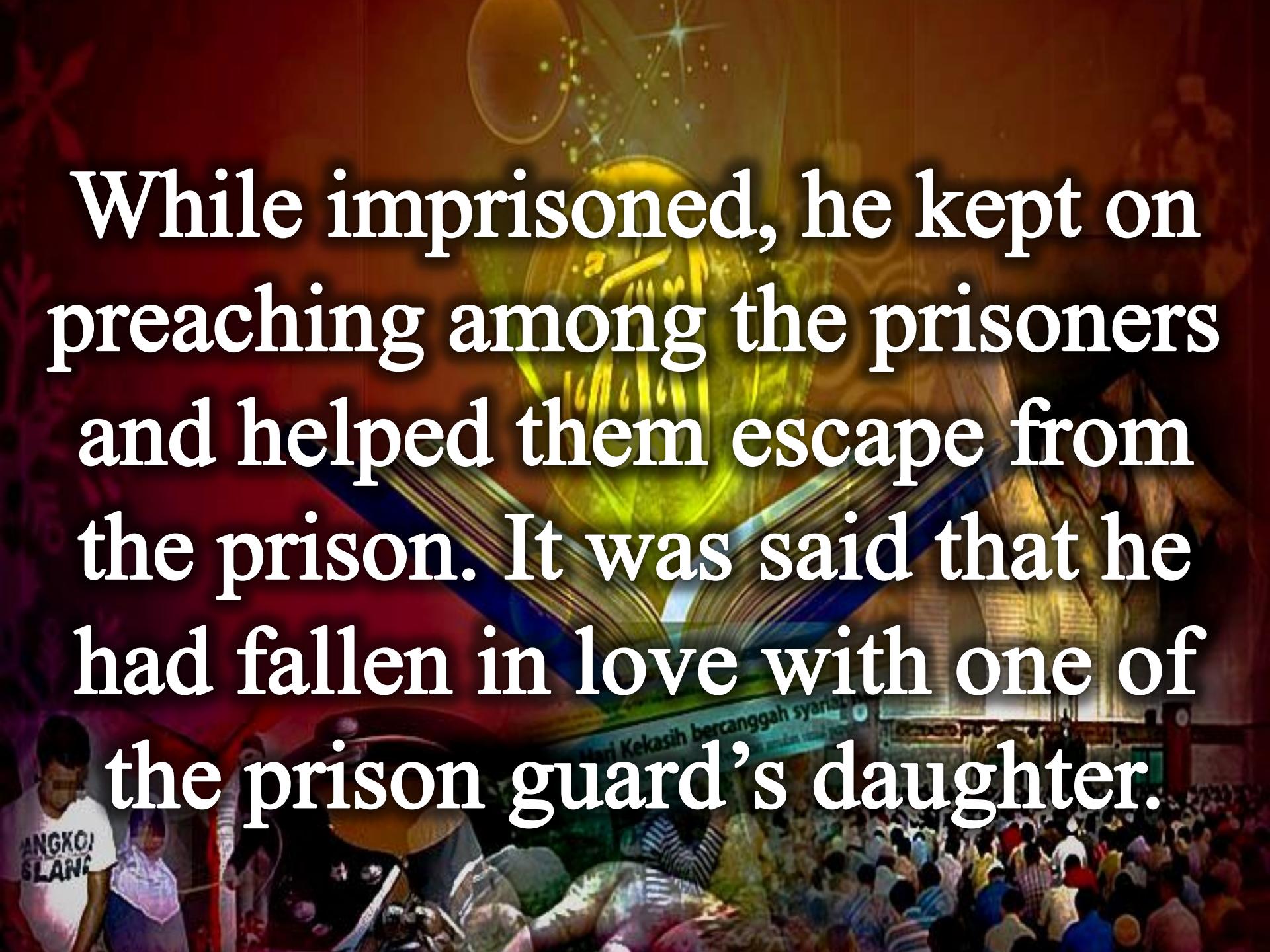
Islam never advocates severing the love and care within the *ummah*. Moreover, its wisdom is cited in numerous verses in al-Qur'an and *ahadeeth*.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* mentions in al-Qur'an:

“And (He) brought together their hearts. If you had spent all that is in the earth, you could not have brought their hearts together; but Allah brought them together. Indeed, He is Exalted in Might and Wise.”
(al-Anfaal 8:63)



According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, Valentine was a Christian priest who was actively preaching in Rome until he was arrested and tortured in prison.

A vibrant, colorful illustration depicting a lively night scene. In the background, a large, ornate mosque with multiple domes and minarets is illuminated, casting a warm glow over the surrounding area. In the foreground, there's a dense crowd of people, some wearing traditional clothing like turbans and sarongs. A person on a motorcycle is prominent in the lower left. The overall atmosphere is festive and dynamic.

While imprisoned, he kept on preaching among the prisoners and helped them escape from the prison. It was said that he had fallen in love with one of the prison guard's daughter.

Before Valentine was executed,
he wrote a love letter to her
signed “From Your Valentine.”

Since then, the Christians
recognize the 14th of February
in celebrating the day of
affection and to commemorate
the demise of Valentine.

It is clear that Valentine's Day originate from such incident. As a Muslim who profess belief in Allah and His Messenger *sallAllaahu 'alayhi wasallam*, is it appropriate for us to cherish this celebration?

Should we acknowledge this incident to have it observed and celebrated? Such ignorance, that we are unable to distinguish between our religion and others. How true is the *hadeeth* narrated by Abu Sa‘eed al-Khudry *radiyAllaahu ‘anh* that the Messenger *sallAllaahu ‘alayhi wasallam* said:

“You will certainly follow the ways of those who came before you hand span by hand span, cubit by cubit, to the extent that if they entered the hole of a lizard, you will enter it too.”

We said: “O Messenger of Allah, (do you mean) the Jews and the Christians?”
He said: “Who else?”

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

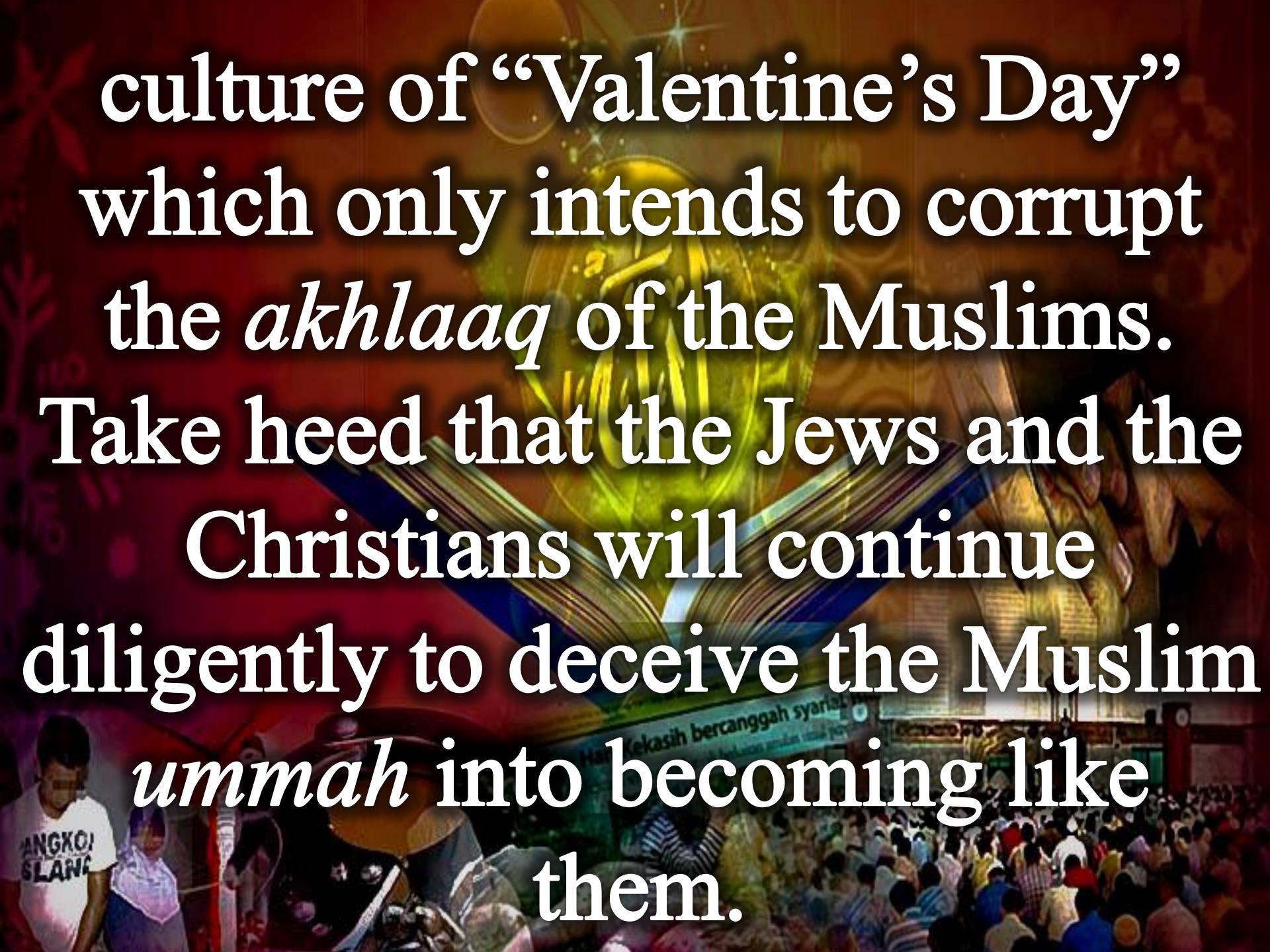
It's very unfortunate that resulting from celebrating these type of occasion, the Muslim youth have become heedless and many are involved in social problems and moral vices. The

National Registration
Department records

have shown that between 2000 and 2008, a total of 257,411 birth certificates were registered without the father's name. This indicates the large amount of illegitimate children or children born out of wedlock in those nine years.

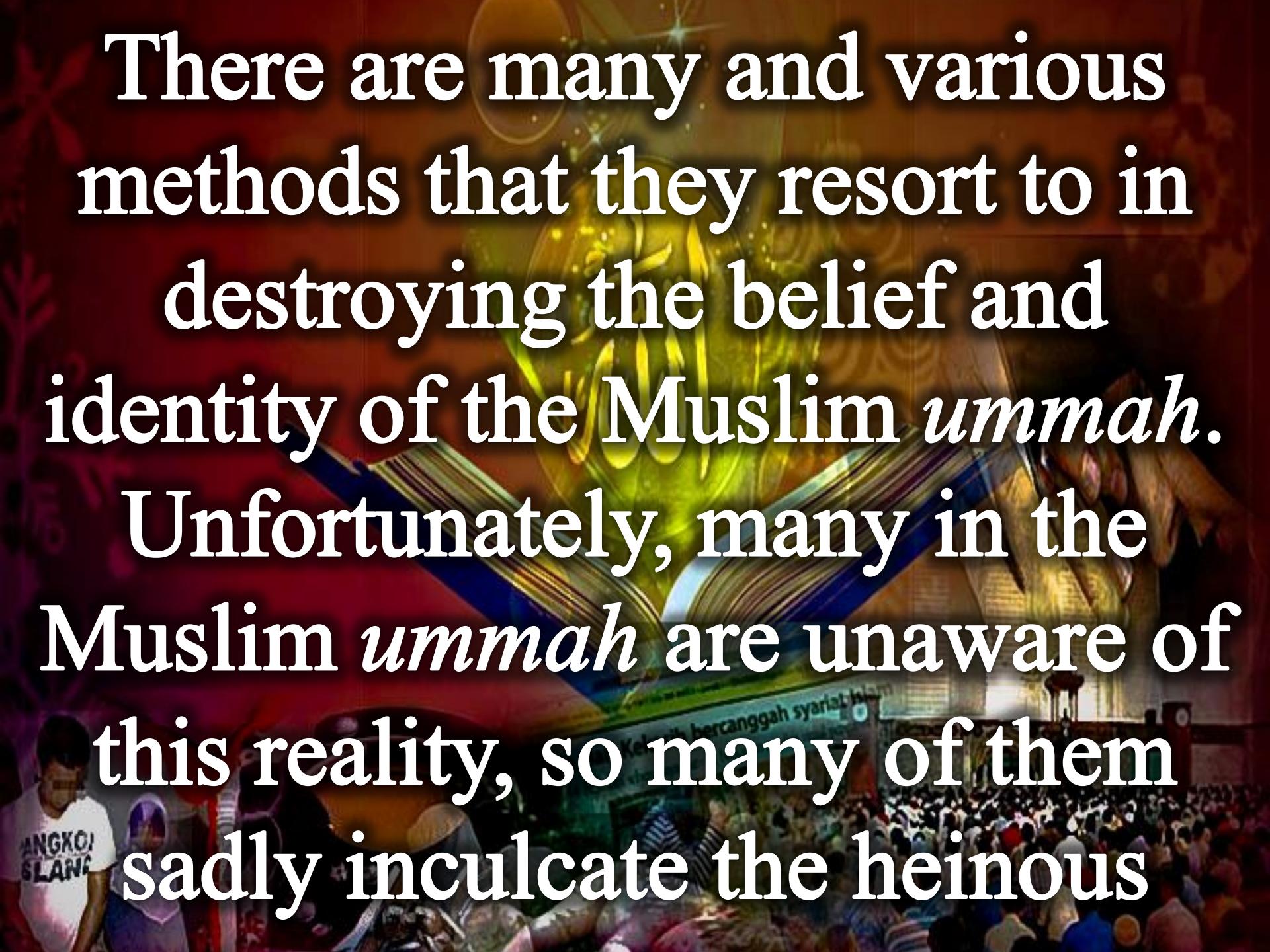
Such high figure in less than 10 years is very alarming and disturbing in considering the future Muslim generation. This statistics yield an average of 28,601 illegitimate births every year.

Wake up, O Muslims! All these have originated from the un-Islamic Western style of living that is widely acceptable by our Muslim society. Therefore, every Muslim especially the teenager must abandon the detrimental



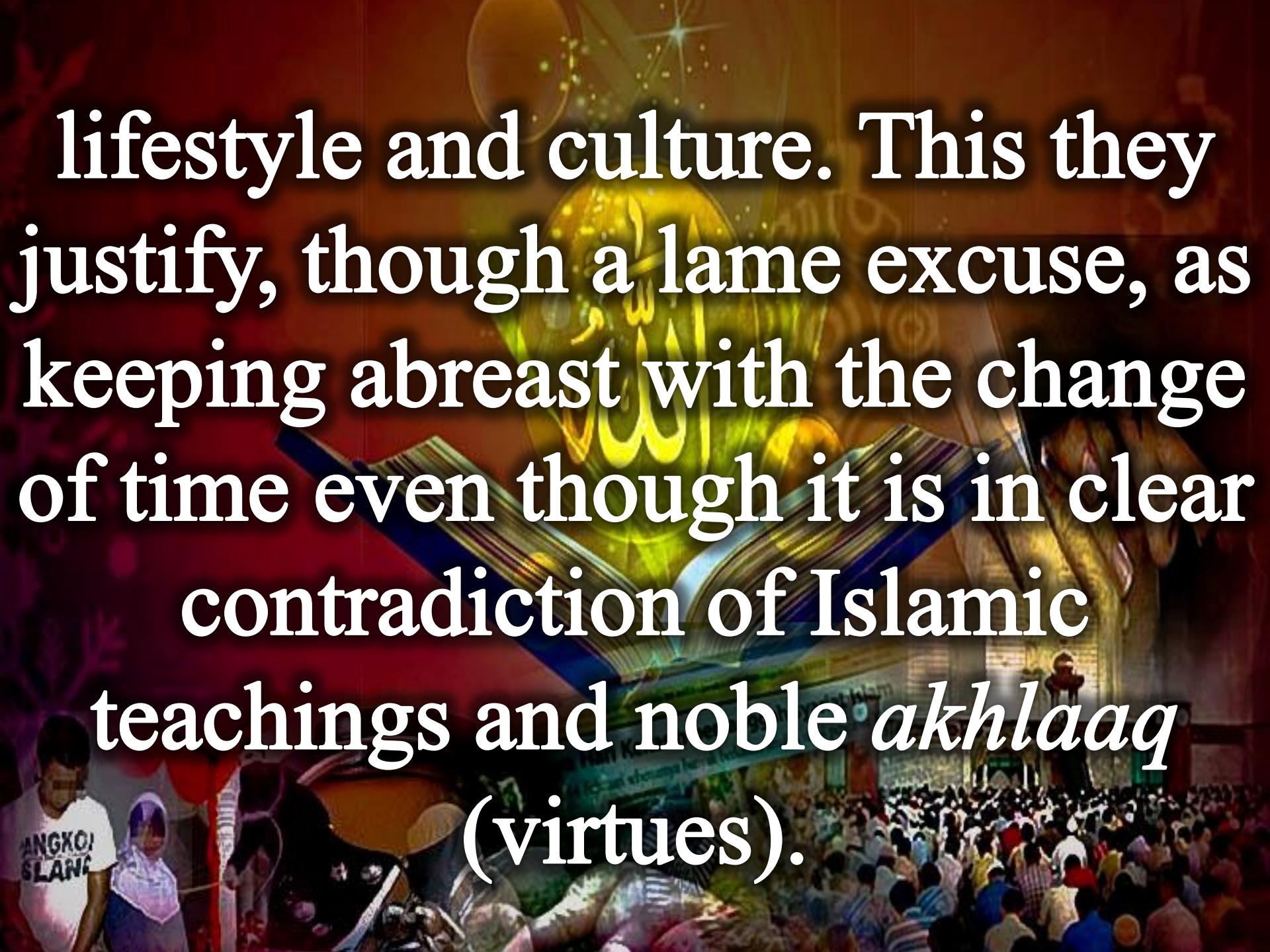
culture of “Valentine’s Day”
which only intends to corrupt
the *akhlaaq* of the Muslims.

Take heed that the Jews and the
Christians will continue
diligently to deceive the Muslim
ummah into becoming like
them.

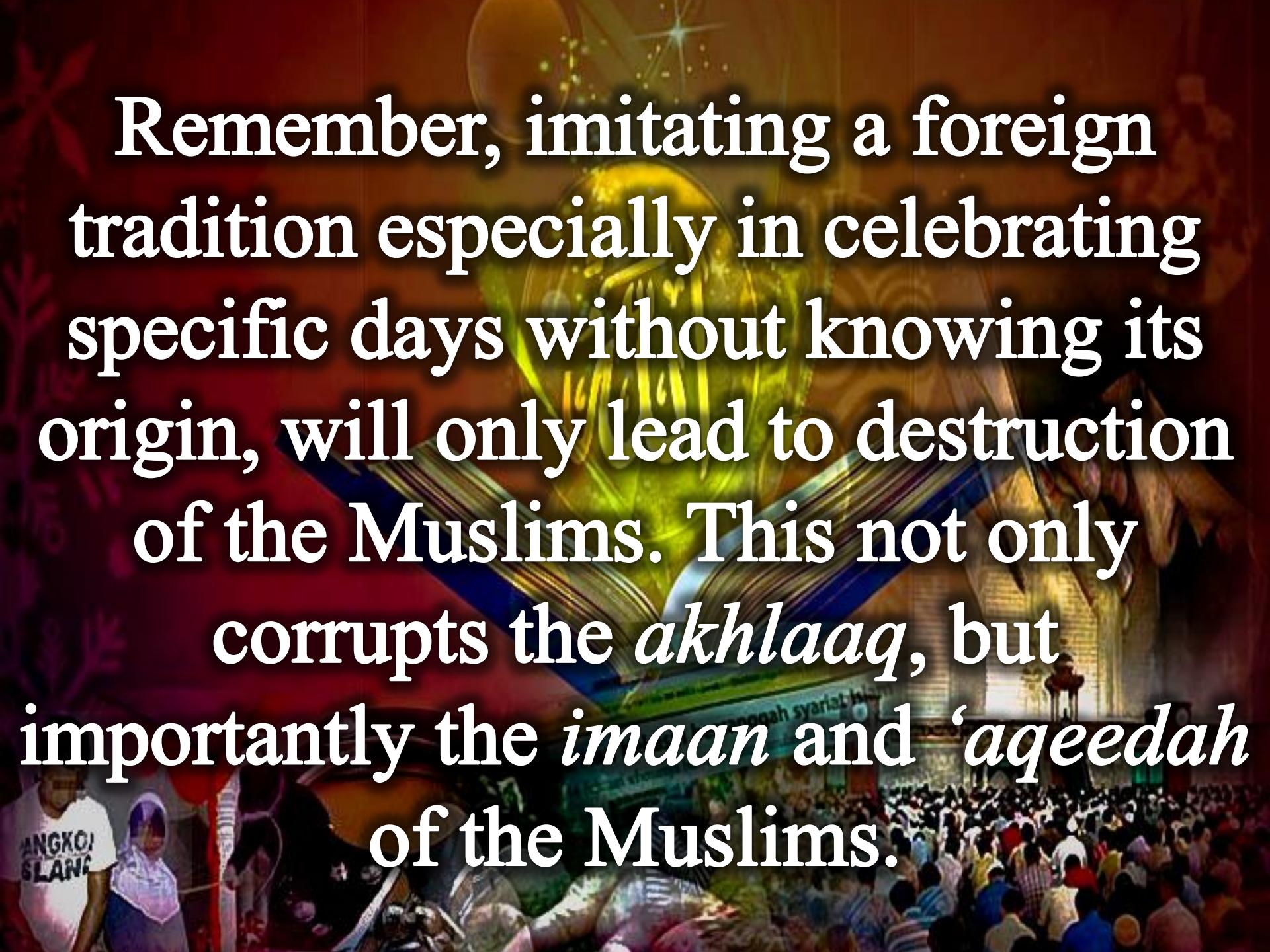


There are many and various methods that they resort to in destroying the belief and identity of the Muslim *ummah*.

Unfortunately, many in the Muslim *ummah* are unaware of this reality, so many of them sadly inculcate the heinous

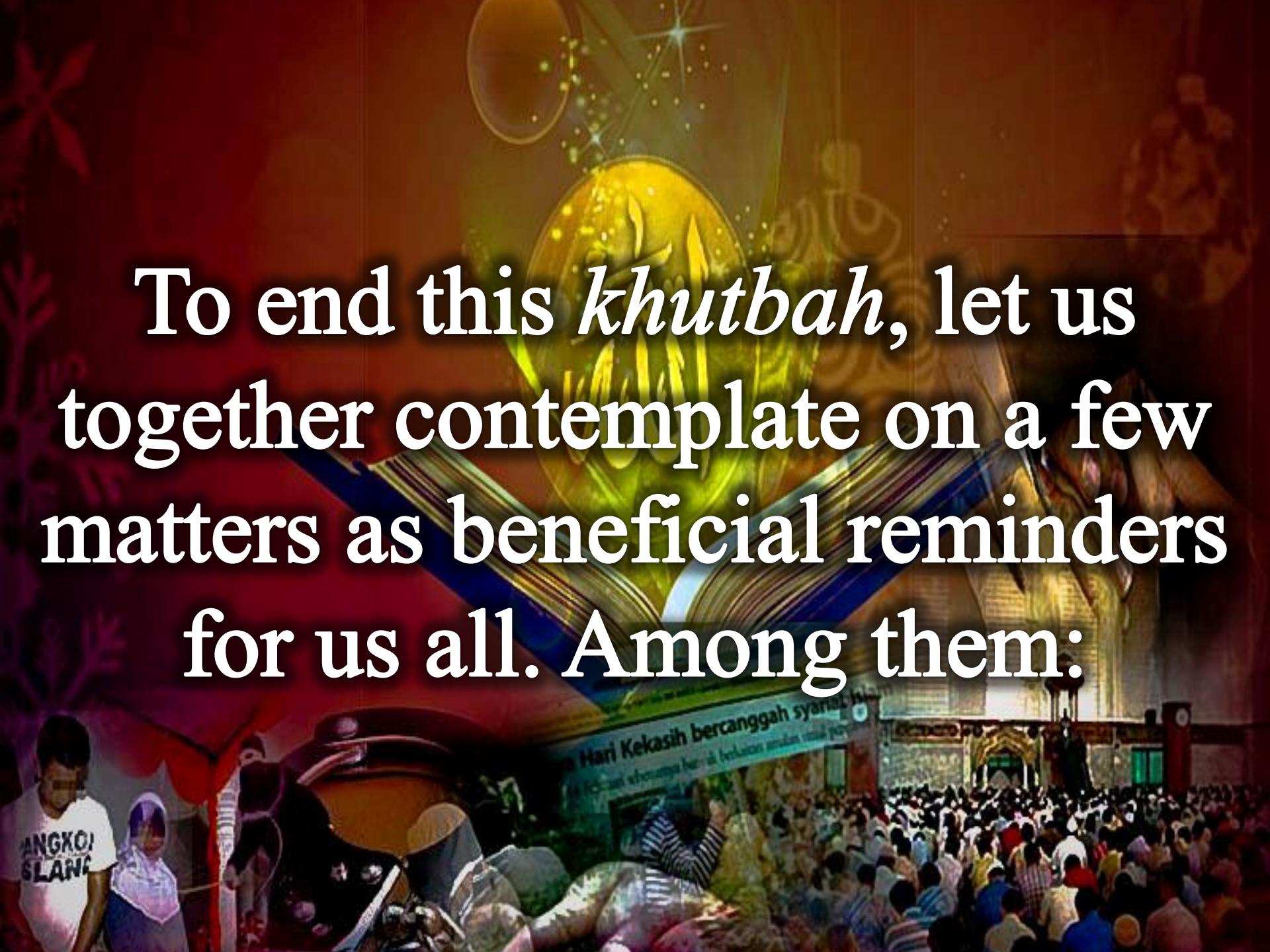


lifestyle and culture. This they justify, though a lame excuse, as keeping abreast with the change of time even though it is in clear contradiction of Islamic teachings and noble *akhlaaq* (virtues).

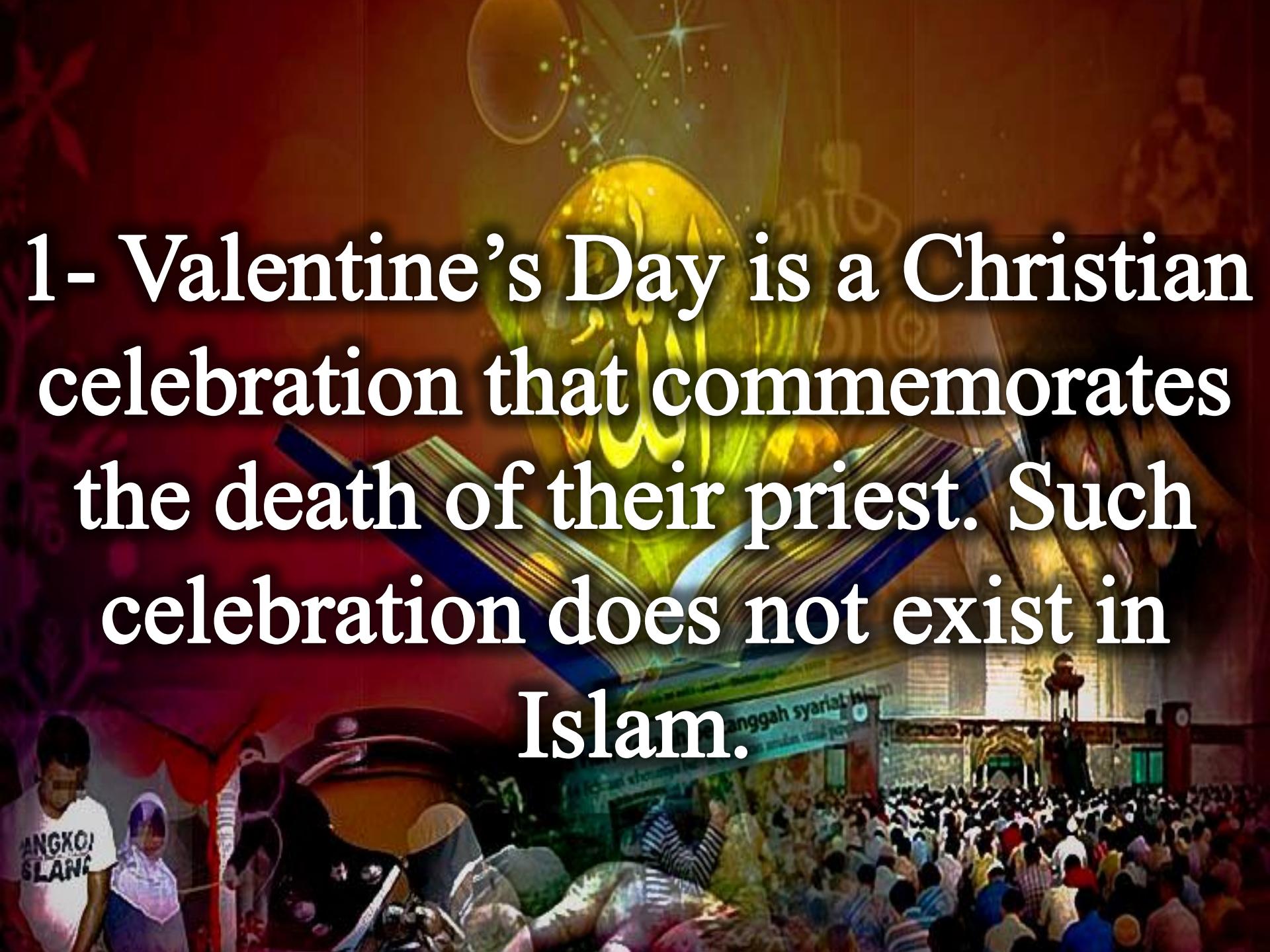


Remember, imitating a foreign tradition especially in celebrating specific days without knowing its origin, will only lead to destruction of the Muslims. This not only corrupts the *akhlaaq*, but importantly the *imaan* and ‘*aqeedah* of the Muslims.

Hence, we must stay on the true path of Islam. Is it not better to practice our culture and tradition as long as it does not go against Islamic teachings and principles?

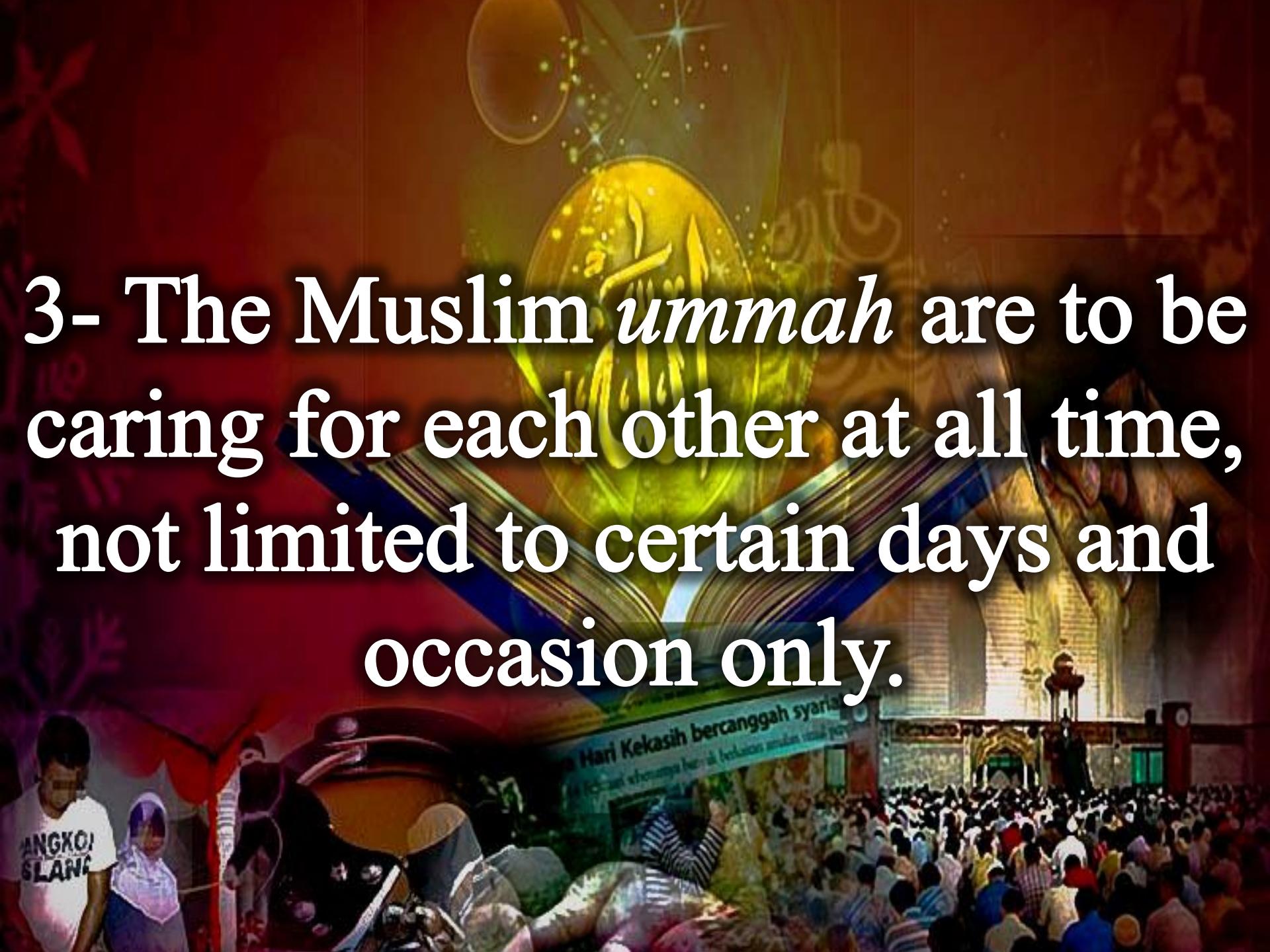


To end this *khutbah*, let us together contemplate on a few matters as beneficial reminders for us all. Among them:



1- Valentine's Day is a Christian celebration that commemorates the death of their priest. Such celebration does not exist in Islam.

2- It is forbidden for the
Muslims to celebrate
Valentine's Day, even by
expressing support, promoting,
informing, and distributing any
matter pertaining to this day.

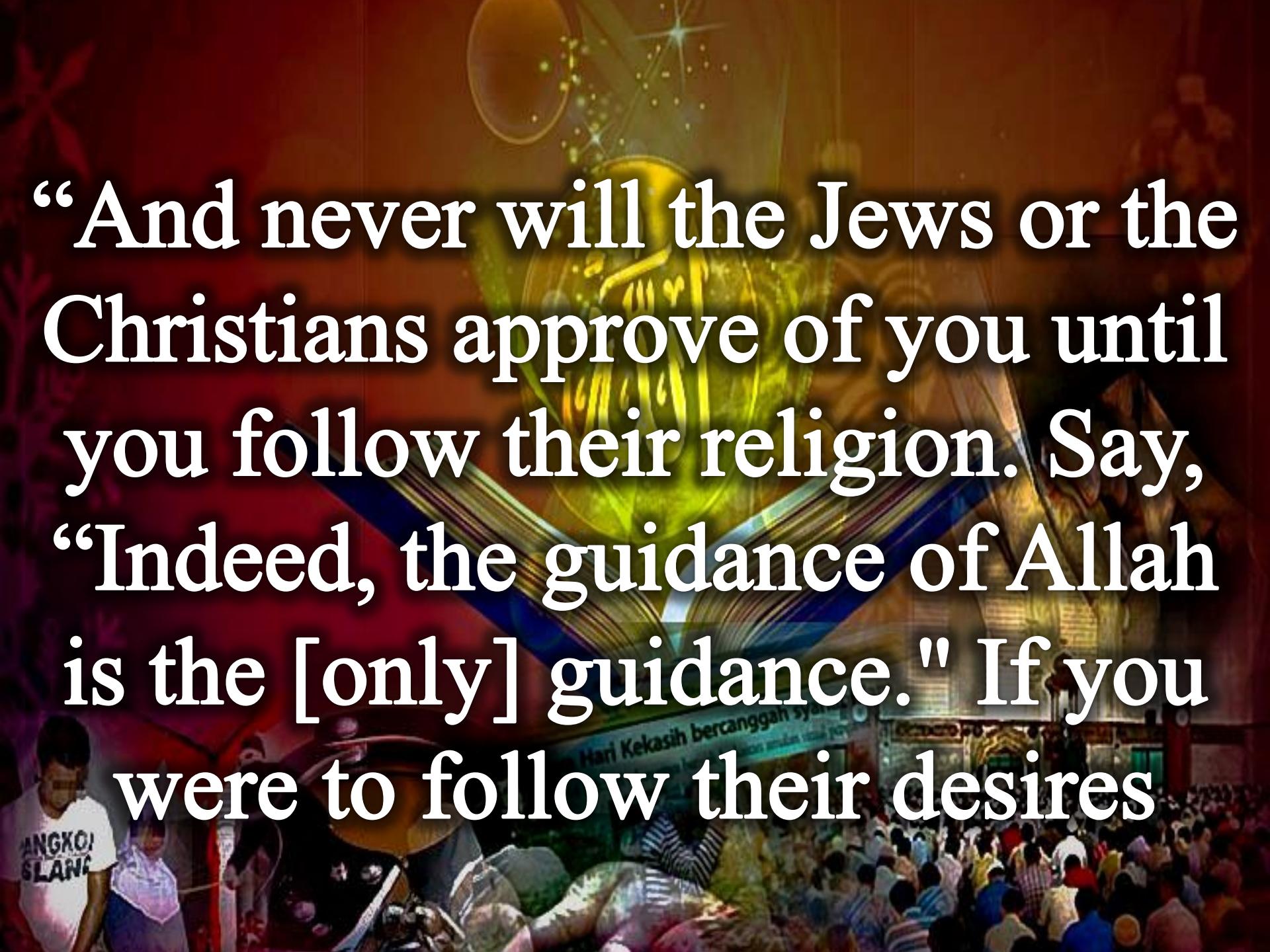


3- The Muslim *ummah* are to be caring for each other at all time, not limited to certain days and occasion only.

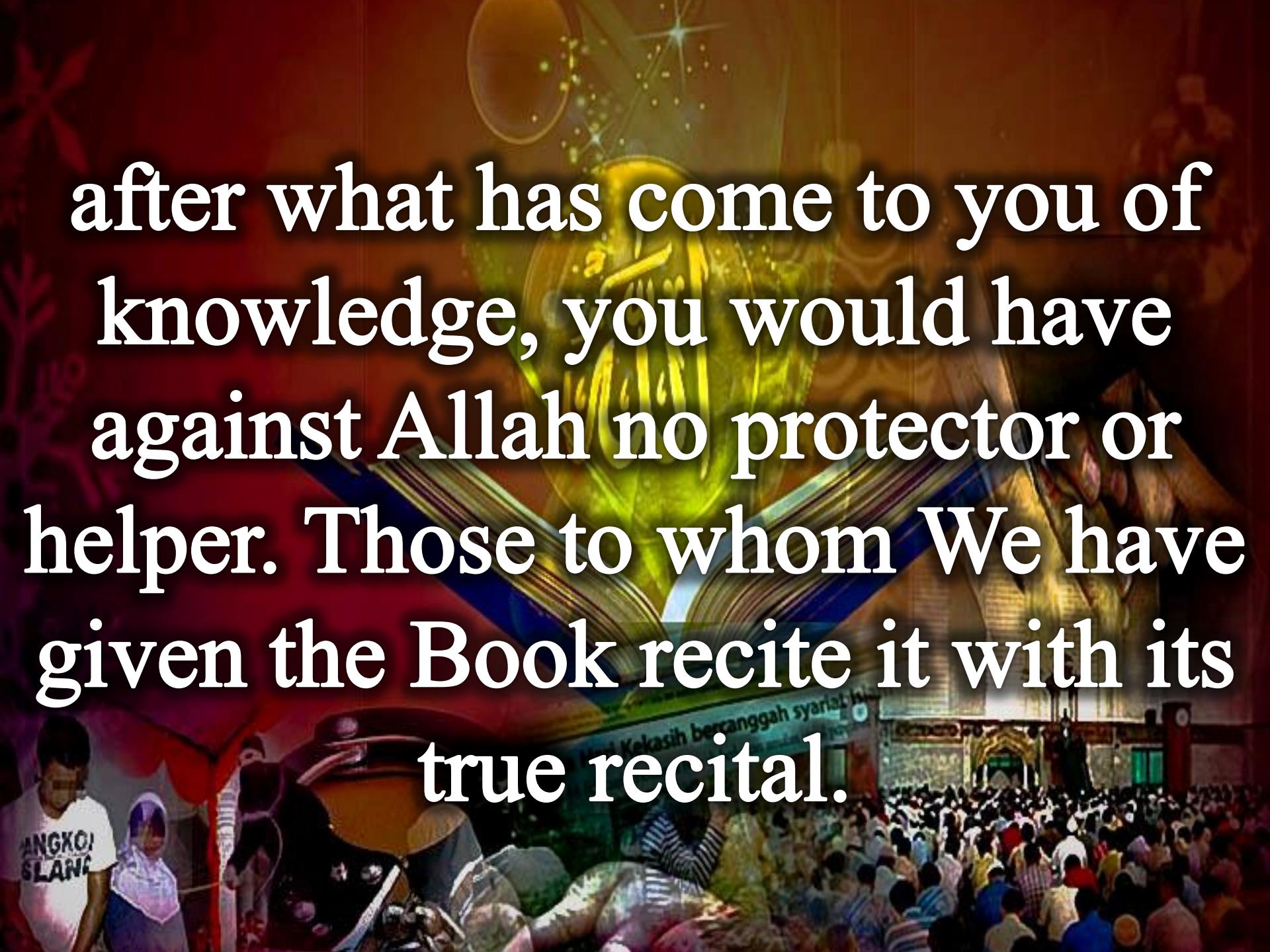


4- The media and social websites are sincerely requested to not promote the celebration of Valentine's Day in any type or form.

“And never will the Jews or the Christians approve of you until you follow their religion. Say, “Indeed, the guidance of Allah is the [only] guidance.” If you were to follow their desires



after what has come to you of knowledge, you would have against Allah no protector or helper. Those to whom We have given the Book recite it with its true recital.



They [are the ones who] believe in it. And whoever disbelieves in it – it is they who are the losers.”

(al-Baqarah 2:120-121)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْأَيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ
هِنْيَ وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ
قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ
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الْأَخْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

O Allah,

The most merciful god, we thank you for all the mercy and pleasure that you gave so that we can enhance and strengthen our Islamic country especially Selangor as a developed and peaceful country.

O Allah,

We beg you to increase our practice, brace up our unity, give us prosperous life, make us rich with good knowledge, flourish our soul with noble character, bring back our youngsters to the right path, save us from your biggest test such

as huge flood, drought,
epidemic, disputing between
ourselves, poorness and
anything else so that this
country will be more
prosperous and blessed.



**DI SEDIAKAN OLEH :
UNIT KHUTBAH,
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**ILLUSTRASI OLEH :
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