

WAQFAND ITS SIGNIFICANCE IN OUR LIVES

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Let us have the taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala with absolute taqwa and let us not die except in the state of Islam. Indeed, our honor is only through Islam and our strength can only be attained by returning to the authentic teachings of Islam

Let us ponder and reflect upon all of the bounties that were bestowed upon us by Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala. Among them is the wealth that we possess, and surely we will be questioned on how they were

In actuality, we do not have full ownership and rights upon our wealth, for in it are rights that must be fulfilled, whether in giving zakaah, charity, or waqf (endowment) as a manifestation of our thankfulness to Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala whom

had blessed us with such provision.

Waqf means giving up one's wealth for the eternal benefit of others. The wealth or entity that is to be endowed would be something that is productive, permanent, and can be further

developed to give off various forms of benefits for the need of the Muslim ummah and the generations to come. Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam had provided the best example in setting the stone for the practice of waqf.

The first waqf implemented in Islam was the construction of Masjid Quba, followed by the construction of Masjid an-Nabawi. It was narrated that Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam had purchased the land from two orphan brothers, Sahal and Suhail, for the price of 100 dirham, and declared them as waqf for the construction of the masjid.

The Companions were also not to be outdone, competing with each other in relinquishing their wealth as waqf. For example, 'Umar radiyAllaahu 'anh made waqf a piece of land in Khaybar for the benefit of the Muslims.

The same goes with the other Companions. Jaabir radiyAllaahu 'anh had reported: There was none from among the Companions whom are able that did not make waqf from their wealth.

This clearly shows that the Companions were always competing to emulate the actions of Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam in seeking the Pleasure of the Ilaah.

Nowadays, we witness how the properties of awgaaf have elevated the economy and symbols of Islam. As an example, Al-Azhar University in Egypt has produced hundreds of thousands of graduates.

The same goes out with the hospitals and clinics of awqaaf, and also other institutions that were fully funded from the awqaaf of the Muslims in various Muslim nations.

This noble act of giving waqf is among the deed that guarantees continuous reward. On the authority of Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh: Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam reported

"When the son of Adam dies, his deeds come to an end apart from three: sadaqah jaariyah (waqf); beneficial knowledge; or a righteous son who will make du'a for him."

(Muslim)

This hadeeth illustrates that among the deeds that will not be cut off in its reward is the act of waqf whether in the form of land, masjid, building, or even funds that will be translated into a permanent asset that benefits everyone.

These awqaaf will not be discontinued, but instead flourish until the Day of Judgment. Surely there are many among us that can afford to make waqf from a portion of their wealth or property owned in upholding the banner of Islam.

Even if we do not own a land or a house, it would suffice to give away our own money in exchange for the greater reward from Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala.

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

"The example of those who spend their wealth in the way of Allah is like a seed [of grain] which grows seven spikes; in each spike is a hundred grains.

And Allah multiplies [His reward] for whom He wills. And Allah is AllEncompassing and Knowing."

(al-Baqarah 2:261)

Such prestige is the deeds of infaq (charity), growing manifold by the Will of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala. Which business trade yields such high return other than answering and fulfilling the call of Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala?

Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala mentions in al-Qur'an: "Indeed, Allah has purchased from the believers their lives and their properties [in exchange for that they will have Paradise..."

(at-Tawbah 9:111)

Among the wisdom of waqf are as follows:

1- Inculcates the love and care among mankind in this world, and reaping good deeds that is continuous until the Hereafter.

- 2- Promotes the spirit of helping each other, and encourages helping others.
 - 3- The *awqaaf* entities benefits the whole community, not only the poor.

- 4- It brings one closer to Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala, earning His Love and Mercy.
- 5- The *awqaaf* can be utilized in generating the economy and need of the Muslims.

It is upon this realization that the Islamic Religious Council of Selangor through Selangor Waqf Corporation has initiated various efforts to increase the public's awareness and understanding on the concept of waqf.

These efforts intend to encourage all walks of society to partake and participate in making waqf portions of their wealth and property. Among its early initiative is the establishment of the Selangor Waqf Scheme.

It is a service courtesy of the Islamic Religious Council of Selangor that provides a way for waqf through cash funds, which is accumulated collectively and converted into permanent assets.

This shares system intends to facilitate the Muslims in establishing waqf by purchasing the shares at a minimum price of RM10 each. This is in adherence with the conclusion reached by the National Fatwa Council in their 77th meeting

stating that waqf in the form of cash funds is permissible in Islam. Among the fruits of this waqf scheme is the construction of Pulau Indah Primary School, the construction of Masjid Kelana Petra, and various projects for the upgrading and

renovation of suraus and mosques throughout Selangor. In addition, the Islamic Religious Council of Selangor had constructed several premises using the waqf funds collected for the purpose of business and accommodation to

benefit the Muslims. Certainly, every contribution for waqf will be channeled to the construction of mosques, Islamic schools, tahfidh institutes, and many others, which then guarantees that these noble deeds will flow into the shares for the Hereafter.

In conclusion, I urge all of you to race one another in increasing our obedience to Allah through waqf, and increase our savings for the Hereafter before we all return to Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala.

"Competition in [worldly] increase diverts you. Until you visit the graveyards. No! You are going to know. Then, no! You are going to know. No! If you only knew with knowledge of certainty.

You will surely see the Hellfire. Then you will surely see it with the eye of certainty. Then you will surely be asked that Day about pleasure." (at-Takaathur 102:1-8)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الأَبَاتِ وَالذَّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنْي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ أَقُولُ قُولِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِر الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الأُحيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

O Allah,

The Most Merciful, we thank You for all Your Mercy and Pleasure that enable us to enhance and strengthen our Islamic states, especially Selangor, as a developed and peaceful state.

O Allah, We beg you to increase our good practice, strengthen our unity, grant us prosperous life, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, flourish our souls with noble character, return our youngsters to the right path, save us from Your biggest test such

as deluge, drought, epidemic, dispute and division, poverty and others so that this country will be more prosperous and blessed by You.



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