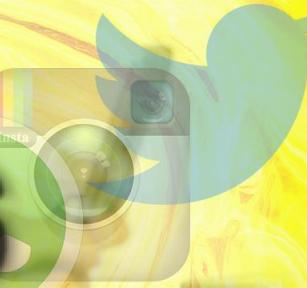




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OBSERVING THE LIMITS OF INTERACTIONS ACCORDING TO ISLAM

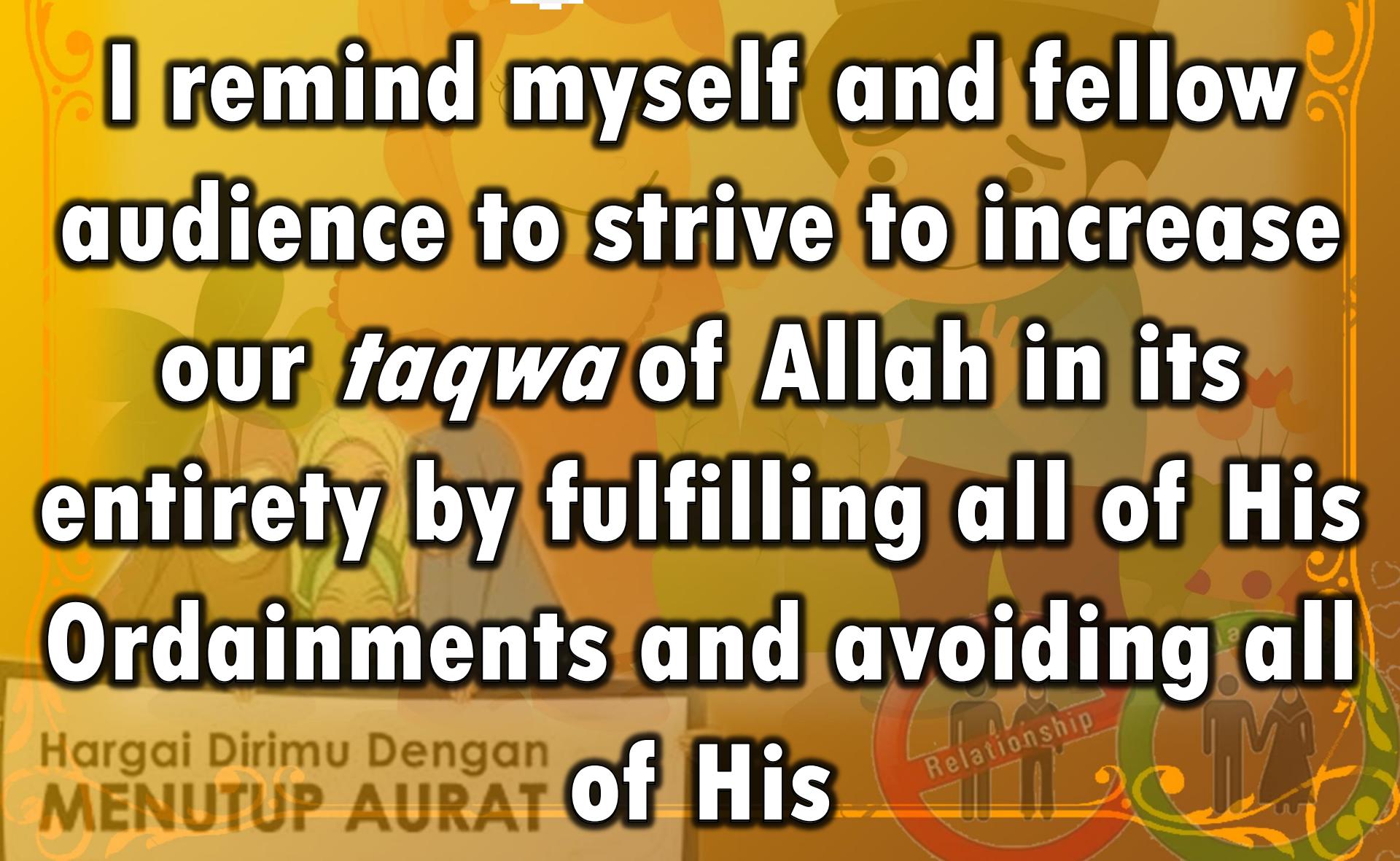
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I remind myself and fellow audience to strive to increase our *taqwa* of Allah in its entirety by fulfilling all of His Ordainments and avoiding all of His

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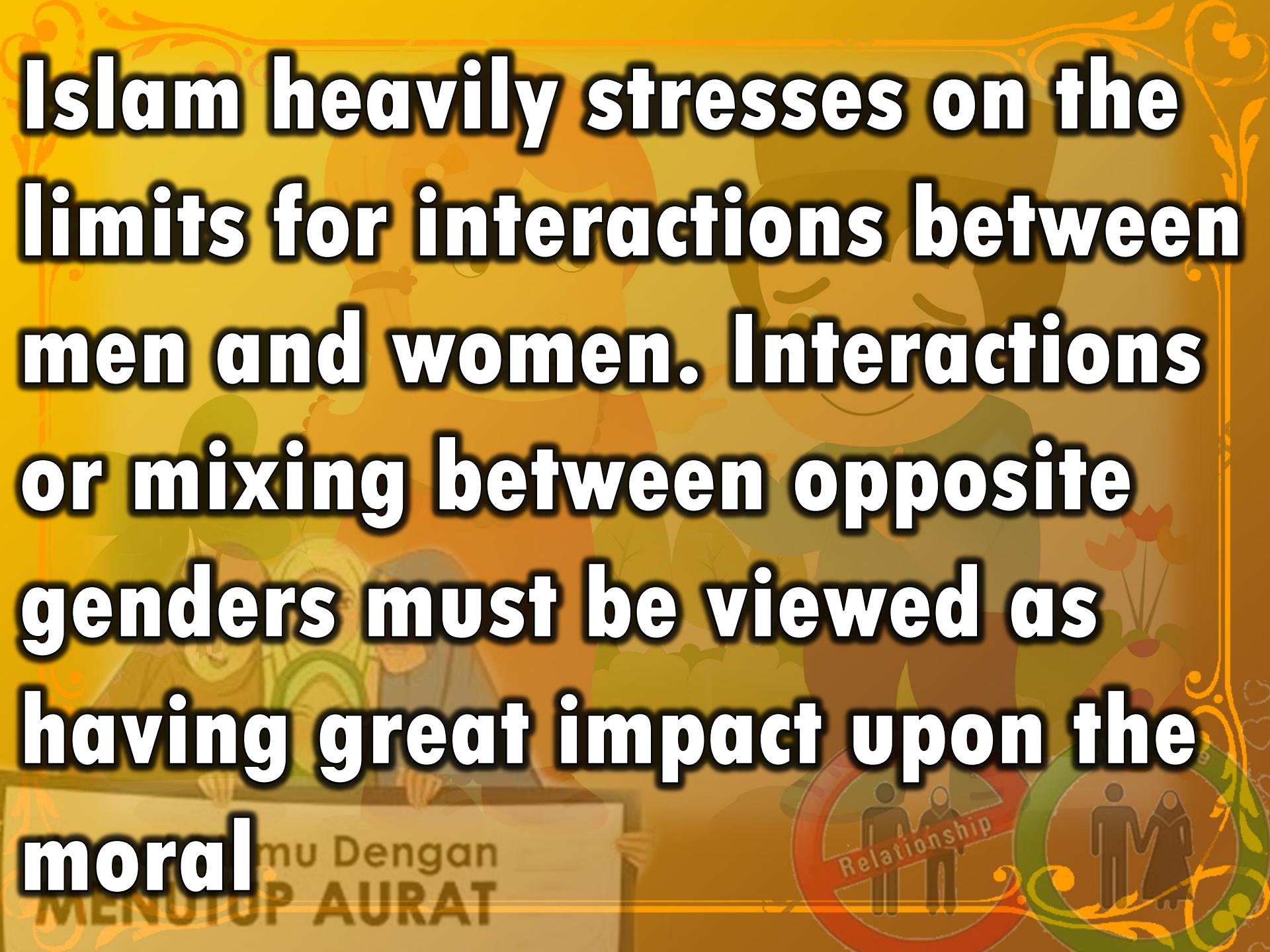
**prohibitions. May we attain
blissfulness in this world and the
Hereafter.**

**Today, we will expound on a
khutbah titled**

***“Observing The Limits Of
Interactions According To
Islam”***

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Islam heavily stresses on the limits for interactions between men and women. Interactions or mixing between opposite genders must be viewed as having great impact upon the moral



decay of the ummah. We often hear terminologies like friend, younger brother or sister, older sister, and “step” brother that are being referred to as chatting friends in cyber sphere, or

**whatever terminologies
used to refer to the social
relationship which partly
leads to disobedience.**

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The *Sharee'ah* does not prohibit interactions between men and women for as long as it is in accordance with the rules and principles determined by the *Sharaa'*. Furthermore, Islam

encourages interactions that are healthy and beneficial. In Islam, the healthy interaction takes into consideration the issue of *mahram* and the type of activity undertaken. There are two types of

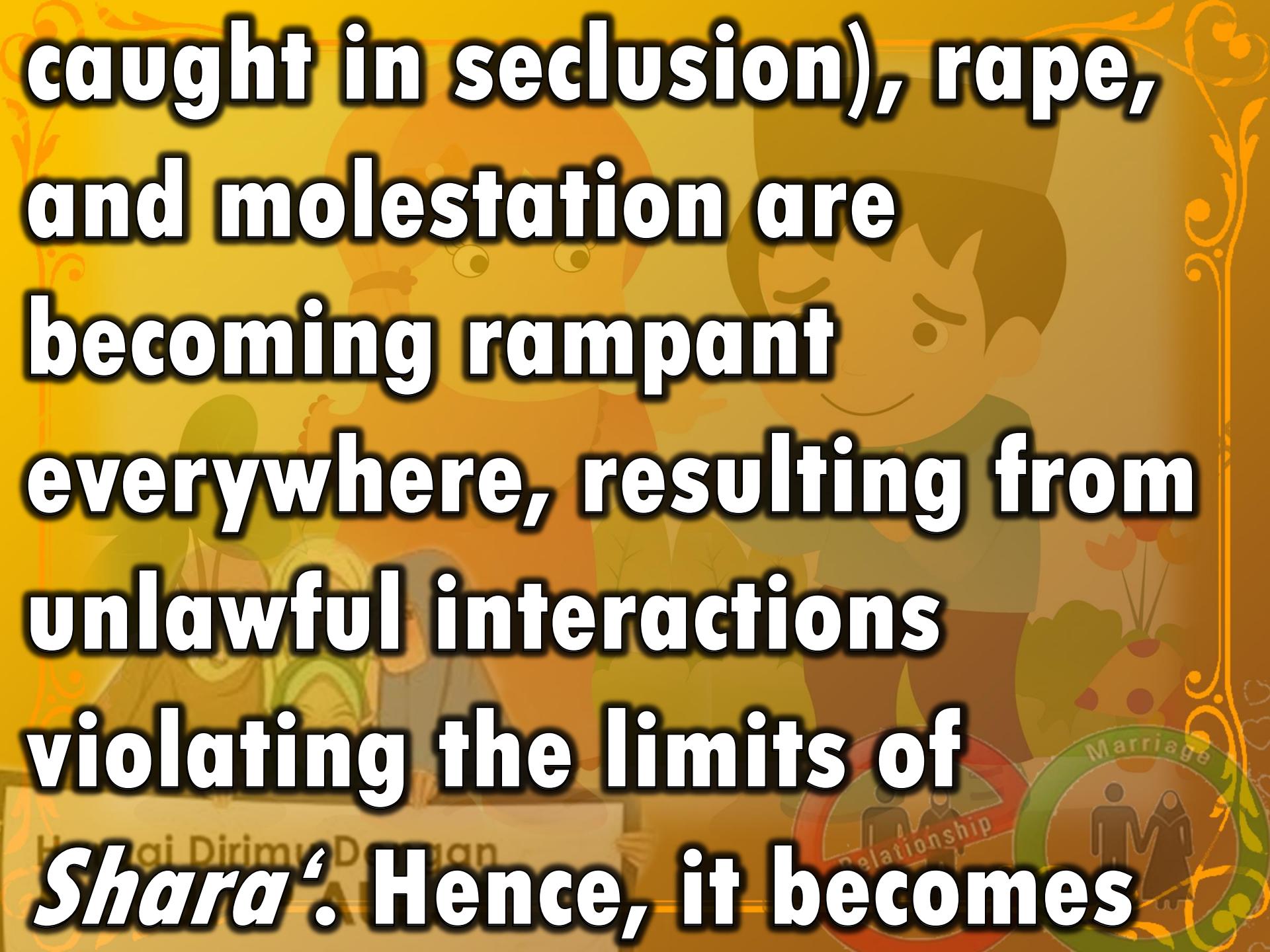
**interactions, namely between
the same gender and the
opposing gender. It is the
second type that always
causes problems. Islam allows
the participation of opposing
gender on the basis**

of seeking knowledge and
undertaking beneficial
activities while observing
proper manners that do not
violate the *Sharee'ah*.

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If we were to take a glance over the years, in comparison with the scenarios occurring in our society today, we find that cases of *khalwat* (non-*mahram* man and woman



**caught in seclusion), rape,
and molestation are
becoming rampant
everywhere, resulting from
unlawful interactions
violating the limits of
Shara'. Hence, it becomes**

**our very collective
responsibility that requires
attention and action from all
walks of society, whether
individuals, family,
community, and the entire
nation in addressing the**

problem from continuing to spread. If left unaddressed, it will truly crush and destroy the citizens and the nation.

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**The phenomenon of two non-
mahram (unmarried)
individuals sitting together in
the parks and cafes, walking
together while holding hands,
and even more devious is
mischievously**

**manipulating the official
platform called “meeting” at
suspicious locations. It must
be remembered that such
meeting must have its
limitations due to
unavoidable desired needs,**

and also on the basis of mutual cooperation that is regulated without causing the female to go beyond her *fitrah* (natural disposition) of femininity or causing *fitnah* and wild rumors or not

causing negligence in fulfilling the obligations of '*ibaadah*. But if there is no important and reasonable excuse, then Islam prohibits the male and female to meet up and interact freely.

**It was reported that ‘Umar
ibn al-Khattaab**

radiyAllaahu‘anh said:

Rasulullah ﷺ said:

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صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

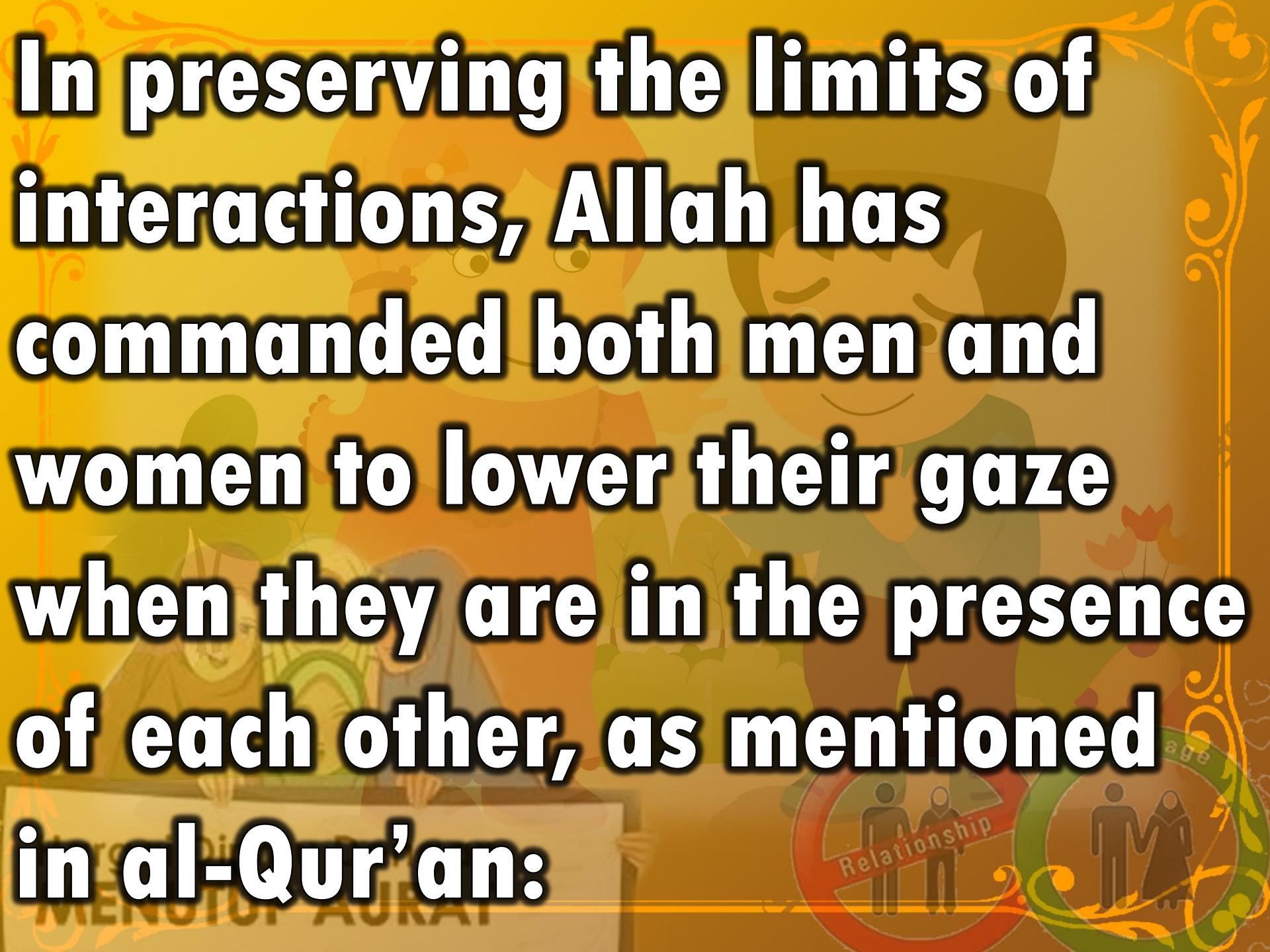


*“No man is alone
with a woman but
the shaytaan is the
third one present”*

(Ahmad, at-Tirmidhi, and al-Bayhaqi: *saheeh*)

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In preserving the limits of interactions, Allah has commanded both men and women to lower their gaze when they are in the presence of each other, as mentioned in al-Qur'an:



*“Tell the believing men to
reduce [some] of their
vision and guard their
private parts. That is purer
for them. Indeed, Allah is
Acquainted with what they
do. And tell the believing*

*women to reduce [some] of
their vision and guard their
private parts and not expose
their adornment except that
which [necessarily] appears
thereof... ”*

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(an-Noor 24:30-31)

**Islam has outlined rulings
and guidelines for men and
women if they were to meet
and attend to certain affairs.**

**Islam has stipulated
regulations that men and
women must be mindful of**

their gaze and not mix freely with each other. If the gaze is already regulated in Islam, what more with greater things such as talking to each other, intimate relationship, going out together, and

holding hands, when Islam never allows for the relationship between non-*mahram* and unmarried individuals, having no restrictions. In short, it will only pit one into sinful

**situation and leads to
fornication (*zinaa*).**

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

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“And do not approach unlawful sexual intercourse. Indeed, it is ever an immorality and is evil as a way”

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(*al-Israa’ 17:32*)

Addressing the issue of free mixing between the opposite genders is something that is truly relevant and requires the necessary attention. The way of interaction actually symbolizes the level of one's

**character. Wherever one may
be, his character is akin to
the fish in the ocean that
even though the water is
salty but its meat remains
fresh! Whatever situation
one may be in, he will**

**always stick to his principles
and beliefs in maintaining
healthy interactions,
avoiding fitnah and gaining
the respect of others.**

**Efforts must be done by our
society to return to**

**internalize and practice the
noble *akhlaaq* in our daily
lives. Indeed, what is *waajib*
upon us is to remain
together upon good deeds,
aiding each other upon good
and having *taqwa* within the**

allowable restrictions
outlined by Islamic
principles. Allah

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

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*“...And cooperate in
righteousness and
piety, but do not
cooperate in sin and
aggression...”*

(al-Maa'idah 5:2)

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**The very role of the parents
cannot be denied even
though the children are now
adults and having their own
career. The parents can visit
their children just to know
their whereabouts and with**

**whom are they living with.
Similarly, the parents should
check up on their children
that are studying at tertiary
institutions so as to foster
strong family relationship,
which in effect, will avoid**

the children from committing evil deeds. Let us always contact our children so that they will feel that they are always being watched even though a distance apart.

Furthermore,

**it behoove the parents to
exercise greater
responsibility towards their
children, inquiring them
regarding all of their actions
for as long as they not
married.**

**It is quite disheartening that
in the process of children's
upbringing, some parents
failed in providing sufficient
understanding of *fard 'ayn*
obligations to their children
which includes matters of**

'aqeedah, 'ibaadah, and akhlaaq. Such inadequate level of comprehension in religious matters especially those related to the basics of fard 'ayn such as salaah, fasting, zakaah, covering the

'awrah, and many others,
can cause bad implications
in raising a happy family in
the pursuit of seeking the
pleasure of Allah

Subhaanahu Wata'aala.

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Among the obvious failure in the upbringing by the parents that we can see today is that the parents are pleased with the evil deeds occurring within the household. The children and wife are not

**fulfilling their obligations as
Muslims and *muslimah*.**

They do not perform their

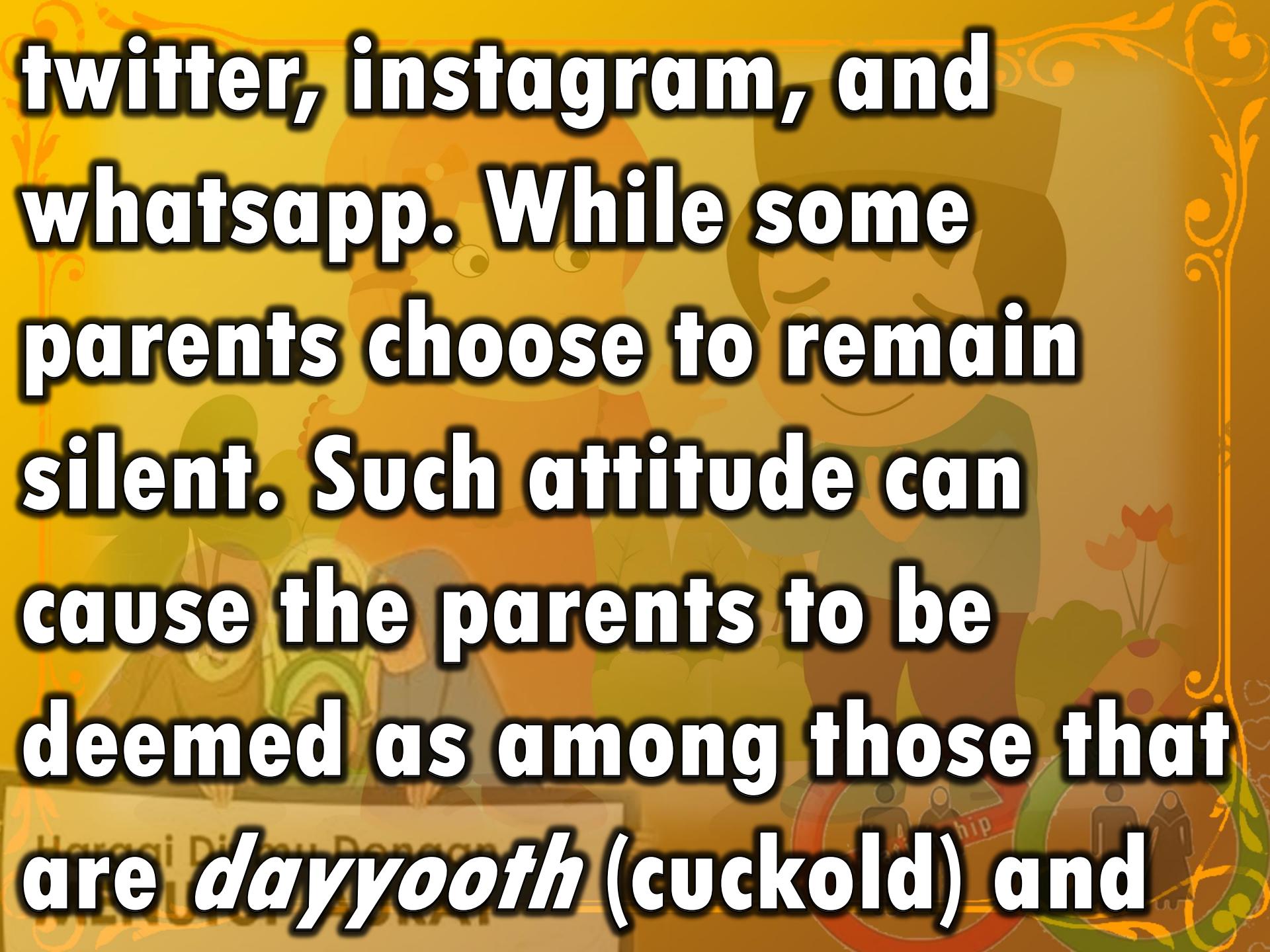
***salaah*, exposing their**

***'awrah*, appearing stylish,**

and portraying their

physique on the social

media, as well as committing prohibited matters by the *Shara'*. Unfortunately, some parents would allow their children to expose their '*'awrah* in the online social media such as Facebook,



twitter, instagram, and whatsapp. While some parents choose to remain silent. Such attitude can cause the parents to be deemed as among those that are *dayyooth* (cuckold) and

**cursed by Allah *Subhaanahu
Wata'aala.***

**From today's *khutbah*, let us
pay attention to the following
matters:**

**1. The Muslims must abide by
the rulings and limitations**

pertaining to interactions
according to al-Qur'an and
as-Sunnah, and the
Muslims must avoid free
mixing that is deemed as
haraam in Islam.

2. The Muslims must educate their children with authentic Islamic knowledge that are sound so that they will abide by the limitations in the *Shara'* pertaining to social interactions.

3. It becomes *waajib* for every Muslim individual to prevent evil deeds, whether using the hands, which is through one's authority. And if unable, then to prevent using the tongue, and if still

unable, one should hate such *munkar* in the heart.

4. The Muslims should accept every criticism with an open heart, sincerity, and not becoming arrogant, egoistic, and conceited.

**5. The local community
must become the eyes and
ears for the authority in
preventing and reporting
immoral acts.**

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*“The believing men and
believing women are allies
of one another. They enjoin
what is right and forbid
what is wrong and establish
prayer and give zakaah
and obey Allah and*

*His Messenger. Those -
Allah will have mercy
upon them. Indeed,
Allah is Exalted in
Might and Wise”*

(at-Tawbah 9:71)

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بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ
وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تَلَاقُتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ
الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ
لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ
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وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ
بِإِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

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Once again, I would like to remind all of us that Islam teach its adherents to remain moderate in all actions and deeds. At the same time, the Muslims are to avoid any form of extremism in which its

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its



consequences will only disrupt the harmony, unity, and security of the Muslim ummah and our nation. Extremism will only give negative impression upon the nobility and holiness of al-Islam. On the contrary, the Muslim

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ummah must inculcate noble akhlaaq, having utmost personality and attitude as true Muslims so that the world will know that Rasulullah (صلی اللہ علیہ و سلم) was sent down as a messenger, and Islam that was revealed is mercy

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for the entire nation and
universe.



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**O Allah, You are the Lord that
is All Mighty, we are grateful
to You for having bestowed
upon us *rahmah* and *ni'mah*,
that we are able to continue
the effort in empowering the
Muslim *ummah* especially in
Selangor, as an**

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**advanced state, prosperous,
and providing welfare.**

**Hence, we sincerely beseech
you, O Allah, strengthen our
imaan, accept our deeds,
strengthen our unity,
increase our *rizq*, enrich us
with**

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**beneficial knowledge,
cultivate our soul with good
mannerisms, return us to the
path that you are pleased
with, protect us from
disasters and your severe
trials, so that our nation will
become more peaceful and
filled with blessings.**

**O Allah, we sincerely beseech
you, strengthen our beliefs
according to the creed of
Ahlus Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah,
and protect us from deeds
and 'aqeedah that are astray
such as the extreme Shee'is,
Qadiyani, and other
ideologies.**

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O Allah, open up our hearts in fulfilling the five daily prayers, performing zakaat, and other obligations. Bless those that have fulfilled their zakaat and loving the *fuqaraa'* and *masaakin*, and those that have

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**made waqf and gave up their
wealth for *Tabung Amanah*
Pembangunan Islam Selangor
(Islamic Development Trust
Fund of Selangor) with
continuous reward until the
Hereafter.**

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**O Allah, increase and widen
the *rizq* of those that made
waqf from their wealth with
perpetual rewards until the
Last Day.**

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