



AKHLAAQ: TRUE MANIFESTATION OF THE MUSLIM CHARACTER



Let us all increase our taqwa of
Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*
by fulfilling all of His
Commands and strive our
utmost to abstain from all of His
prohibitions. It is only through
the *taqwa* of Allah that we will

attain victory in this world and the Hereafter. Islam was legislated by Allah based upon pure unadulterated ‘*aqeedah* and *tawheed*, outlining the *Sharee‘ah* that is just, and also based upon sound *akhlaaq* that is also known as *ihsaan*.

Without good mannerism, then our Islam would be impaired, the religion becomes deficient, and our Muslim personality tarnished, for *akhlaaq* manifests the inner character of a true Muslim. Sound *akhlaaq* radiates from the pure ‘*aqeedah, imaan,*

and good deeds that are highly observed and practiced.

Sound *akhlaaq* which mirrors the personality and identity of a true Muslim is the very definition of *ihsaan*, as it was mentioned in *hadeeth Jibreel* where Rasulullah *sallAllaahu*

‘alayhi wasallam stated about
al-ihsaan:

“... It is to worship Allah as if
you are seeing Him; and
although you do not see Him,
He sees you ...”

(Muslim)

Prophet Muhammad *sallAllaahu 'alayhi wasallam* was sent by Allah for the purpose of perfecting the noble *akhlaaq*, so that his *ummah* will display the utmost character and personality, purifying their deeds,

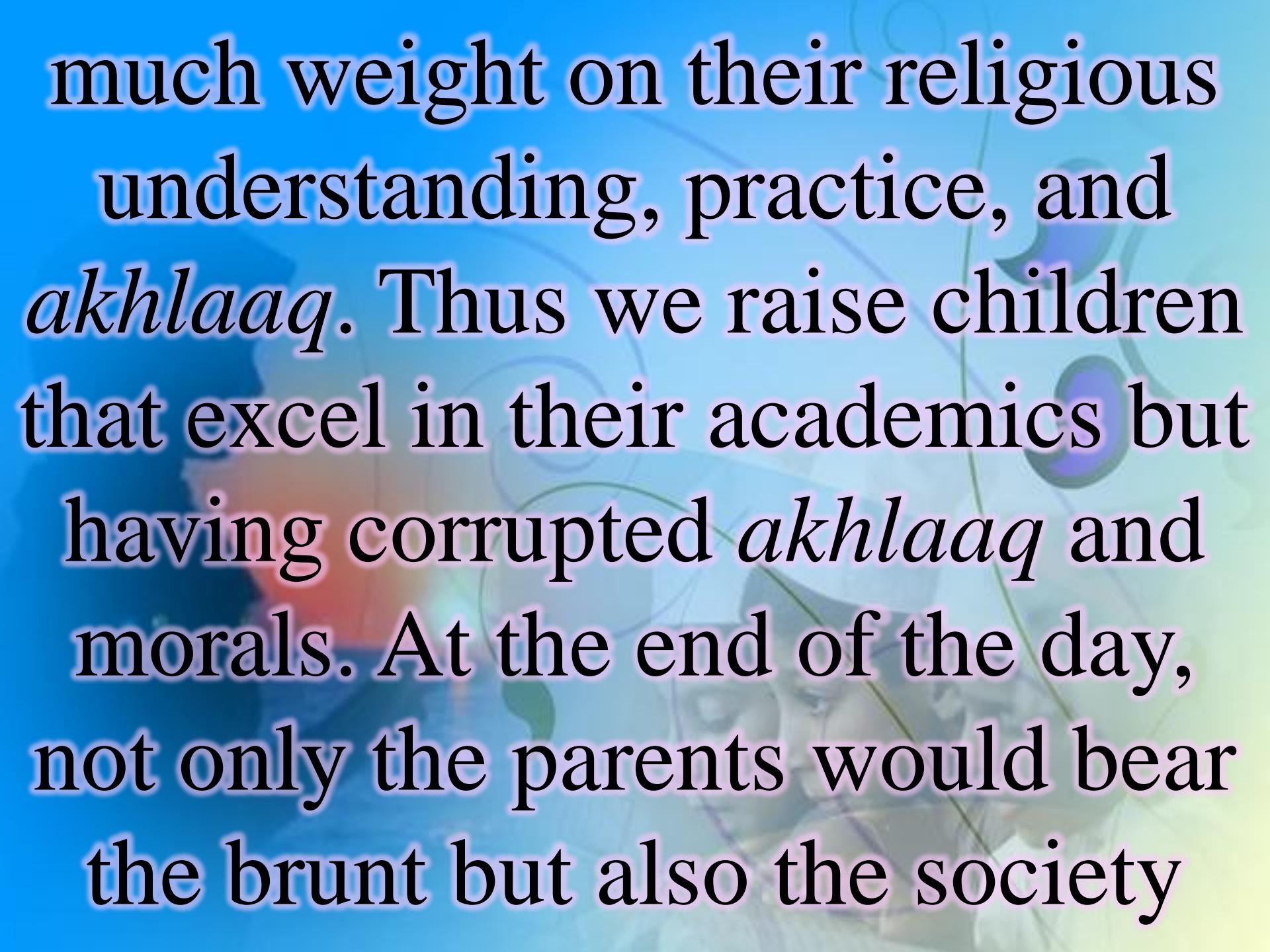
and thoroughly cleansing their hearts in becoming closer to Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala*. A Muslim must possess sound *akhlaaq* that is based upon pure ‘*aqeedah* and *imaan* in the *tawheed* (Oneness) of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala*,

for every action of His slaves
are only by His Leave and
Might. Hence, all of the actions
of His slaves truly manifest
their submission to the Will of
Almighty Allah until they are
loved and pleased with.

What our responsibility as a Muslim? We have Allah, Lord of the Words, whom we worship. We have the *Sharee'ah*, the Islamic code and principles that we uphold. But why do we leave out matters pertaining to the development

and upbringing of sound *akhlaaq*? Indeed, we cannot escape from our very duty as parents for we will ourselves shape the *akhlaaq* and ‘*aqeedah* of our precious children, that they may even become *Yahoood* (Jewish), *Nasara* (Christian), or

Majoos (Zoroastrian). If we stay negligent and heedless, then we will only witness a future generation that is corrupt and immoral. At times, we are too absorbed in overemphasizing on the academic excellence of our children without putting



much weight on their religious understanding, practice, and *akhlaaq*. Thus we raise children that excel in their academics but having corrupted *akhlaaq* and morals. At the end of the day, not only the parents would bear the brunt but also the society

at large would be affected with
the immoralities and debased
akhlaaq of our progenies.

Are we are prepared and ready
to answer to *Munkar* and *Nakir*
in the graves, whom none will
escape from their questioning -

Who is your Lord? What is your religion? Who is your prophet?

What did you do?

Would we be able to answer those questions if our mouths, eyes, ears, limbs, and hearts do not sincerely take Allah as our Lord, the only One worthy

of worship? If our lives and lifestyle are not according to the *Sharee'ah* and Islamic teachings? If we do not take the *seerah* and *sunnah* of our beloved Prophet *sallAllaahu 'alayhi wasallam* as guiding example?

Indeed, our life in this world is not mere play or according to our whim and desire. We have an *Ilaah* that must be fully adhered to, and we also have teachings from the noble Prophet to guide and lead us.

If we believe in other being other than Allah, and practice laws and regulations that is other than the Laws of Allah, then the end result would be that we would not possess the *akhlaaq* that is prescribed in Islam.

What is that answer and reasoning that can save us from the severe torment of Allah other than never ending regret that would be of no use? Allah

Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala
mentions in al-Qur’ān:

“And if We willed, We could have deformed them, [paralyzing them] in their places so they would not be able to proceed, nor could they return.”

(Yaa-Seen 36:67)

One prime example of an ugly *akhlaaq* that is not from the Islamic practice is the wearing of necklace by Muslim males, because this is known to be the practice of the Jewish, Christian, and Zoroastrian men.

Thus, wearing a necklace by the Muslim man would only manifest clear imitation of those religions (other than Islam).

When one embraces Islam by uttering the *shahaadah*, then the prohibition of wearing necklace automatically takes effect

for the Muslim male, as a sign of nobility and virtuous *akhlaaq* that reflects the absolute obedience of the Muslims towards Islamic teachings and rulings.

Unfortunately today, there are men who love imitating the women-folk by wearing jewelries such as the necklace, bracelet, and earrings.

Furthermore, some of these are even made of gold. Islam prohibits the Muslim male from

wearing any necklace or bracelet for it is a clear imitation of women. Only women are allowed to wear such jewelries and ornaments. For the men, it is from the *sunnah* to wear a silver ring as it was practiced by Rasulullah *sallAllaahu 'alayhi*

wasallam. Narrated ibn ‘Abbaas
radiyAllaahu ‘anhu that:
The Prophet *sallAllaahu ‘alayhi wasallam* cursed men
who imitate women and
women who imitate men.

(al-Bukhaari)

There are also those that wear necklace or bracelet believing that it would bring them luck or good fortune, without realizing that it is grave *khurafaat* (superstition) that is akin to wearing amulet, bow string, or ring believing that it will bring

good luck or protection from afflictions, which are all shirk that erases all deeds from one's 'ibaadah.

Muhammad Qutb mentioned in his book *Jaahiliyyah of the Twentieth Century*:

“Indeed the *jaahiliy* society was one that was void of the noble *akhlaaq*, having no courtesy and character, without politeness and kindness. They worshipped the material world and every form of worldliness,

having no true ‘*aqeedah* and *tawheed* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala*. They were belligerent and disobedient to any commands and laws revealed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala*.”

Those having sound *akhlaaq* and true *ihsaan* will truly experience the grandeur and majestic of Allah. Their feelings and zeal will pierce through the inner heart, their inner soul and conscience enjoying the sweetness of having closeness

with Allah, more joyful than the pleasure of hoarding astounding amount of wealth, rows of nice big mansions, queues of luxury cars in long lines, and eminent rank among societal elites.

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

“[Are] men whom neither commerce nor sale distracts from the remembrance of Allah and performance of prayer and giving of *zakaah*. They fear a Day in which the hearts and eyes will [fearfully] turn about.”

(an-Noor 24:37)

To develop these virtuous *akhlaaq* as a reflection of the excellent Muslim character,

Allah has obligated us to remember Him at all times until *khushoo'* is achieved. On the contrary, the livelihood in this *dunya* that is done purely

for the sake of *dunya* without being concerned about one's relationship with Allah and His Laws, insincerely displaying good character in front of others for the sake of being praised and acknowledged, none of these deeds will be rewarded by Allah

and furthermore only to incur
the curse of Allah *Subhaanahu
Wata'aala* in this world and the
Hereafter.

Let us return in answering the
call of Muhammad *sallAllaahu
'alayhi wasallam* to having
sound *akhlaaq*,

with full submission and
obedience to the *Sharee'ah* of
Allah especially in our deeds,
taking Rasulullah *sallAllaahu*
'alayhi wasallam as the true
leader that is fully emulated.

This is to nurture our own
personality to manifest utmost

akhlaaq and virtues toward the children, family, and society. So much so that one attains true God-consciousness through full submission and obedience, wanting to attain closeness to Allah as one of His slave.

Hence, a pious father will be greatly loved by his children and family including the neighbors. If we have achieved these characteristics and devotion, then Allah will surely make us among His beloved slaves whom He is pleased with.

Let us fathers strictly ensure that our children are performing their *salaah* without any compromise. Let us altogether inculcate the love for reciting al-Qur'an with them, getting them attached with the masjid and going together with them

for congregational prayers.

Train them be in constant *dhikr* of Allah and encourage them to increase their supererogatory (*naafilah*) prayers and fasting so that they will experience its *hikmah* and superiority,

and moreover instill certainty
and awareness in them that
Allah *Subhaanahu Wata 'aala* is
All-Knowing and Ever-
Watching of His slaves' actions.

“And whoever
obeys Allah and His
Messenger and
fears Allah and is conscious of
Him – it is those who are the
attainers (successful ones).”

(an-Noor 24:52)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ بِالْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ
مِنِي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ
قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي 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.

Allaahumma ameen



بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

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