



جَابَطَانِ اِسْلَامِ سَلَانْجُور
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MUTUAL
RESPECT
TOWARDS EACH
OTHER



Let us be grateful with the
ni'mah of Islam and *imaan* that
have been bestowed with by
striving to increase our
knowledge and practice, as well
as our *taqwa* of Allah
Subhaanahu Wata'aala.

Let us become among His
slaves that truly fulfill all of His
Commands and abstaining from
all of His prohibitions. Indeed,
we truly hope to become among
those that will attain

prosperity in this world and the
Hereafter. Today's *khutbah* is
entitled: "*Mutual Respect
Towards Each Other.*"

Mutual respect is from among
the praiseworthy traits in Islam.
It must be inculcated within the
Muslim that proclaims having
imaan unto Allah *Subhaanahu
Wata'aala*. Mutual respect is

from the characteristics for the one having upright *akhlaaq*.

Among the examples of having mutual respect is good treatment and hospitality, mutual cooperation, honoring and

appreciative of others.

Furthermore, in our daily interactions, we are to display utmost *akhlaaq* such as respectful in our verbal and physical interactions. Moreover, it is a condition

for the completeness of *imaan*
for the believer. In the *hadeeth*
of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu*
'anh, Rasulullah *sallAllaahu*
'alayhi wasallam said:

“The believer with the most complete faith is the one with the best character. And the best of you is the one who is best to his wives.”

(at-Tirmidhi: *saheeh*)

Lately, mutual respect toward others has slowly begun to dissipate from the mannerism of the Muslim *ummah*. When mutual respect is no longer there, not only it causes strife in

the relationship between humans, but it will eventually result with the image of Islam being viewed as negative by various entities.

Islam, a religion that was revealed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* to His Messenger Muhammad *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam*, has taught us several matters that must be practiced with

regard to mutual respect. Those
that we must have respect for
are:

1. Respecting the parents

Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala*
mentions in al-Quran:

“And your Lord has decreed
that you not worship except
Him, and to parents, good
treatment. Whether one or
both of them reach

old age [while] with you, say
not to them [so much as],
“uff,” and do not repel them
but speak to them a noble
word.“

(al-Israa’ 17:23)

This verse clearly shows that the person that is most deserving to be treated with respect in the lives of every human being, are the parents. Moreover, it is a major sin to disrespect

one's own parents even by uttering “ah” (or “uff”) to them. Therefore, we are commanded to always respect our parents as they have always rendered their

service and made great sacrifices in raising us. Without them, we will not reach the status that we are in now.

2. Respecting fellow human beings

Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*
mentions in al-Quran:

“And do not turn your cheek
[in contempt] toward

people and do not walk through the earth exultantly. Indeed, Allah does not like everyone self-deluded and boastful.”

(Luqmaan 31:18)

Arrogance is a reprehensible act. Being proud or arrogant to others will cause one to reject the truth and even degrade others. Not only that, but when one is puffed up with arrogance,

then there will occur oppression and pompousness. Hence, Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala* forbade us from abandoning mutual respect due to its great adverse effect to mankind.

3. Respecting the elders

In the *hadeeth* of Anas
radiyAllaahu ‘anh, Rasulullah
sallAllaahu ‘alayhi wasallam
said:

“No young man honors an old man on account of his age without Allah decreeing for him one who will honor him in his old age.”

(at-Tirmidhi: *hasan*)

This *hadeeth* illustrates to us how we are to respect those that are older than us. The youth should always listen to the advice and guidance from those older than them, for it will be based on their

own experience. As emphasized in this *hadeeth*, if one wants to be respected in his old days, then he must remain respectful to his elders.

4. Respecting the neighbors

The significance of respecting the neighbors has been well mentioned by Rasulullah *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* in the *hadeeth* of

Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu
‘anh:*

“Let him who believes in
Allah and the Last Day speak
good, or keep silent; and let
him who

believes in Allah and the Last Day be generous to his neighbor; and let him who believes in Allah and the Last Day be generous to his guest.”

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

As a manifestation of one's belief is that he is respectful of the neighbors around him. With this mutual respect, every community members will live in harmony and peace. A society that

lives in harmony will become capable in fulfilling its responsibilities in developing the society, hence bringing delight in community living amongst themselves.

5. Respecting the guests

The guests are an *amaanah* from Allah whose rights must be fulfilled. The host is shouldered with the responsibility to ensure the well-being of his guests for

as long as they are at his house.

In addition, it is *waajib* to provide to the guests a portion from his provision. By fully respecting the guests and fulfilling their rights,

it manifests the Muslim's complete *imaan*, especially if the guests are his Muslim brethren. However, non-Muslim guests are to be treated equally by their Muslim hosts.

In the *hadeeth* of Anas
radiyAllaahu ‘anh, Rasulullah
sallAllaahu ‘alayhi wasallam
said:

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

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

Respecting and honoring the
guests are the *sunnah* of the
Messengers. Nabi Ibraaheem
‘alayhissalam is from the
Messengers that truly honored
his guests. He received them
with open

hearts and open arms, and
treated them really well. Allah
Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala
mentioned this aspect of Nabi
Ibraaheem ‘alayhissalam in the
verses (24-27) of Soorah

adh-Dhaariyaat:

“Has there reached you the story of the honored guests of Abraham? When they entered upon him and said, “[We greet you with] peace.” He answered,

“[And upon you] peace, [you are] a people unknown.” Then he went to his family and came with a fat [roasted] calf. And placed it near them; he said, “Will you not eat?””

In reality, honoring and the good treatment of the guests not only manifests the true character of the doer, adorned with admirable traits, but also closely intertwined with one's level

of *imaan*.

6. Respecting the teacher

Our teachers are ones that had taught us various branches of knowledge and had educated us in becoming beneficial individuals in the

Therefore, Islam has taught us
to respect our teachers and
honor them as we honor our
parents, for they are ones that
had conveyed knowledge unto
us for the blissfulness in this
world and

the Hereafter, and as substitutes for our parents in school. In one *hadeeth*, Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* said:

**“Seek knowledge and train to
be dignified and calm while
seeking knowledge, and
humble yourselves with those
whom you learn from.”**

(at-Tabaraani)

7. Respecting the leaders

Leaders are individuals having the proficiency and mastery of a particular field, whom have been granted the trust by their followers in achieving certain targets and

objectives. Leaders are those whom are most trusted by their followers in executing their tasks with full dedication and capable in influencing others to enjoin upon matters that have been

agreed upon. As Muslims, we must be well aware of the importance of respecting our leaders. Leaders can definitely err and commit mistakes for they are human like us.

However, there are those that deem leaders as being error-free or infallible. This is very inaccurate as leaders are not free from committing errors. This assumption or fallacy must be corrected because

leaders are not divine, granting whatever we wish for. There is misconception within such notion, and we do not insinuate that leaders would have never made any mistakes.

Instead, we should remain positive rather than being negative upon leaders whom we have chosen.

The proper methodology is for us to correct their mistakes by giving them

advice for *ad-deen* is *naseehah* (sincere advice). The advice given is to Allah, to al-Qur'an, to Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam*, to the leaders, and to mankind in general.

Naseehah is such that we want good for the one given advice to. This also includes leaders from among the Muslims. We must always remember that our very intent is to convey good.

A good admonition is an advice conveyed with a low and soft voice so that the leader that is being advised will not feel offended. Indeed, we admonish and counsel our leaders in

preventing them from committing errors. Islam is a religion that greatly emphasize on mutual respect towards everyone. Islam did not command for us to honor and respect the Muslims

only, but instead it applies to everyone. This is because not only great rewards will be granted by Allah *Subhaanahu Wata 'aala*, furthermore our lives will become complete, perfect,

aiding each other, and harmonious. Ultimately, the life of the Muslim will be filled with blissfulness in this world and the Hereafter.

“And when you are greeted with a greeting, greet [in return] with one better than it or [at least] return it [in a like manner]. Indeed, Allah is ever, over all things, an Accountant.”

(an-Nisaa' 4:86)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَإِيَّاکُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْأَيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ
مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاقَتْهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ أَقُولُ
قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ
الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتَ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

**O Allah, You are All-Powerful, we
are truly grateful unto You for
bestowing upon us *rahmah* and
ni'mah, that we are able to
continue the efforts in**

**strengthening the Muslim nation
especially the state of Selangor,
as an advanced state,
prosperous, and providing
welfare services.**

**Hence, we beseech You, O Allah,
strengthen our *imaan*, accept
our good deeds, solidify our
unity, increase our sustenance,
enrich us with beneficial
knowledge,**

**fill our hearts with noble
characters, guide us to the path
that is pleasing to You, protect
us from all types of calamities
and Your severe tribulations so
that our state will continue to
prosper and remain blessed.**

O Allah, open up our hearts to complete the five daily *salawaat* and ‘*ibaadah* of *zakaat* as You have ordained. Bless the lives of those who have fulfilled their *zakaat*

**obligation, loving the poor and
needy. Purify their wealth and
hearts, protect the *fuqaraa'* and
masaakeen from *kufr* and
continuous poverty.**

O Allah, increase and expand the sustenance of those who made *waqf* from of their wealth, accept their *waqf* with eternal rewards until the Hereafter.



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