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MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING - FOUNDATION FOR BUILDING THE *UMMAH*



I implore all of us to increase
our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu
Wata 'aala* by performing all of
His Commands and abstaining
from all of His prohibitions. Let
us increase our remembrance of
Allah *Subhaanahu Wata 'aala*

and *salawaat* upon Prophet Muhammad *sallAllaahu 'alayhi wasallam*, and always striving to implement all of his *sunnah*.

It is hoped that this will bring about benefit to us in this world and the Hereafter.

In the spirit of *Mawlid ar-Rasul*,
let us all make *muhaasabah* and
reflect upon the level of mutual
understanding that exists
amongst us. Recently, there has
been many conflict and discord
arising within our society,

whether in the matters of religion or political differences at both the lower and upper strata. This all originated from the lack of understanding and cohesiveness that is based upon Islam, which in the end ruptures the good relationship and

harmony within the society.

Such predicament would only cause agitation and anxiety to those that are concerned with communal issues like us. What more if it further impedes on the initiatives and process to build the *ummah*.

Mutual understanding is very crucial for an *ummah* before it can further grow and mature.

The question is how can such cohesion be reached? What are among the essential ingredients in nurturing such understanding in building the *ummah*?

Prof. Dr. Yusuf al-Qaradawi
hafidhahullah has outlined several key points which serves as pillars for mutual understanding within the community and amongst leaders, whom shoulders heavy responsibilities in cultivating

humanity at-large. The main and most important item is *ikhlaas* (sincerity) in performing any type of deeds and actions, purely for the sake of Allah

Subhaanahu Wata‘aala.

Hence, for developing the *ummah* in today’s context,

factors such as wealth, money, social status, and occupations should never be the source of conflict or discord among community members or leaders.

On the contrary, everyone must nurture *ikhlaas* within so that every effort and deed pursued

will not deviate from the true path of Islam. Allah

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

“Whatever you have will end,
but what Allah has is lasting.

And We will surely
give those who were patient
their reward according to the
best of what they used to do.”

(an-Nahl 16:96)

Mutual understanding will not exist if we only consider our very own views without taking into account the view of others. Furthermore, this cohesion will not exist in its true reality if we are infatuated with and fanatically accept the views

of only certain individuals or groups. Rather, every differing opinion should be weighed justly with the spirit of *ukhuwwah* or brotherhood in Islam as foundation. With this, every differences of opinion will be granted its due rights.

Rasulullah *sallAllaahu 'alayhi wasallam* had proven to us how he had successfully unite and galvanized togetherness amongst the Muslims in Madeenah through brotherhood that is based upon authentic '*aqeedah*.

Prior to his arrival, the Arab tribes such as Aws and Khazraj, and even the Jews and others, were always in conflict, dispute, and fighting each other. They would prioritize on '*asabiyyah*' (tribalism) and racism that many a time wars would break out due

to trivial matters. But in the end, these quarrels and altercations were completely resolved by the Messenger *sallAllaahu ‘alayhi wasallam* through unity in the brotherhood of Islam, and building the masjid as a resounding symbol of unity.

He *sallAllaahu 'alayhi wasallam* also made a treaty with the Jews for both parties to jointly defend Madeenah from any threats of its enemies. These very efforts that he *sallAllaahu 'alayhi wasallam* initiated had in the end created peace

and harmony within the
Medinan society, living
respectfully with each other.

Also, discussions and discourses
that are conducted in an ethical
and conducive manner can lead
to mutual understanding
between all parties.

This has been clarified in al-Qur'an:

“And do not argue with the People of the Scripture except in a way that is best, except for those who commit injustice among

them, and say,
“We believe in that which has
been revealed to us and
revealed to you. And our God
and your God is one; and we
are Muslims [in submission]
to Him.””

(al-‘Ankaboot 29:46)

Fruitful discourses or discussions shall be conducted with openness, focusing on the main objectives, which is striving to find the common ground that can further unite the views of all. At the same time, to compromise and

accommodate others so that such noble effort can be executed in harmony. Detestable characteristics such as egotism, vainglory, and arrogance, must be avoided and prevented from overtaking our intellect.

Wretched and ill thoughts
should always be refrained from
our hearts, in the interest of the
greater objective which is to
reach an agreement,
cooperation, and achieve a solid
cohesion within the *ummah*.

Ummah development begins from unity, and unification of the *ummah* comes at a price. This is as it was mentioned in al-Qur'an:



“And if your Lord had willed,
He could have made mankind
one community; but they will
not cease to differ.”

(Hood 11:118)

In reality, unification of the *ummah* is the outcome of sincere efforts towards achieving mutual understanding that was successfully sowed amongst Muslims. Such cohesion shall

further provide the key foundation in developing and uplifting the *ummah* into becoming better and profound upon the correct path of Islam.



Ummah development will not succeed if the very leaders whom are the movers and key driving force cannot reach mutual understanding amongst themselves. When the community or nation leaders are always at each other's throat,

then the masses will also become chaotic and disunited.

In the end, the society will decline and lagging from the contemporary lifestyle that is challenging and ever changing.

Discord among leaders and disorders within the *ummah* will only then be exploited by the enemies of Islam, for they are always eager to jump onto such opportunity and destroy the Muslim *ummah* from within.

The enemies of Islam are never lax in their pursuit – since the birth of Islam in Makkah and until today, they have constantly attempted with perseverance to weaken the Muslims.

When the Muslim *ummah* is weak, then it provides them the best opportunity to dismantle Islam and its *ummah*. Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala* mentions in al-Qur‘an:



“And thus have We made for every prophet an enemy from among the criminals. But sufficient is your Lord as a guide and a helper.”

(al-Furqaan 25:31)

Let us altogether defend and maintain the Islamic brotherhood and cohesion amongst us until the end of our lives. Stay alert and be aware of the deceptions of *shaytan* and its associates, whom constantly strive to split the unity of the

ummah. Take heed of the reminder from al-Qur'an:

“And fear a trial which will not strike those who have wronged among you exclusively, and know that Allah is severe in penalty.”

(al-Anfaal 8:25)

Therefore, let us strive to overcome all of our differences that arise and replace them with harmony, and family-like relationship with love and compassion. Let us utilize the masjid as the center for *ummah* development, as it was carried

out by Rasulullah *sallAllaahu 'alayhi wasallam*. Indeed, we sincerely hope that this will be truly implemented and thus carve a prominent starting point for the efforts of building the Muslim *ummah* to becoming the best *ummah*, insha Allah.

**“O you who have believed,
obey Allah and obey the
Messenger and those in
authority among you. And if
you disagree over anything,**

refer it to Allah and the Messenger, if you should believe in Allah and the Last Day. That is the best [way] and best in result.”

(an-Nisaa' 4:59)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ بِالْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَإِيَّاكمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْأَيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْكَبِيرِ
وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاقُتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ
الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ
لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ
وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ
وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ
بِإِنَّهُ 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



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