



BEWARE OF

DEVIANT

TEACHINGS



Let us all increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* with utmost obedience, certainty, and sincerity. It is by fulfilling all of His Commandments and avoiding all of His prohibitions.

Indeed, we truly hope to become among the *muttaqoon*, attaining success and salvation in this world and the Hereafter. The topic of today's *khutbah* is

“Beware of Deviant Teachings.”

Deviant teachings and sects in Malaysia had been detected since before the 1950s. Majority of them operate secretly or unnoticed, making it very difficult to be identified and

eradicated from early on by the religious authorities. It is believed that deviant teachings were introduced and brought in by its practitioners from its country of origin or the locals that

actually practice these deviant cults, which are infested with superstition, and later influence others.

What is actually meant by deviant teachings or sects?

What are their characteristics?

What are its implications or detrimental effects from such misguidance?

Deviant teaching refers to any teaching or doctrine that is embraced by either Muslims or non-Muslims, claiming that it is from the teachings of Islam. While in reality, such teachings are

contrary to al-Qur'an and *as-Sunnah* and the beliefs of *Ahlus Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah* from the scope of '*aqeedah*, *Sharee'ah*, and *akhlaaq*. Nevertheless, the appearance of deviant sects and teachings

in this country are due to several factors. One of them is the presence of the enemies of Islam whom are ever antsy in destroying Islamic teachings by changing, corrupting, and

damaging the religious teachings. They will not remain idle, but rather diligent in striving to demolish Islam. However, Allah Subhaanahu *Wata ‘aala* will always

protect the *deen* that He is pleased with, as mentioned in al-Qur'an:

“They want to extinguish the light of Allah with their mouths,

but Allah will perfect His
light, although the
disbelievers dislike it.“

(as-Saff 61:8)

Furthermore, there are deviated teachings in existence solely to serve and protect the interest of certain individuals in attaining stature, influence, wealth, power, and others.

In general, the characteristics of deviant sects are as follows:

1- Blaspheming the sanctity of al-Qur'an

Among the violations towards the holiness of

al-Qur'an is the uncouth attitude or action in disputing the authenticity of al-Qur'an, tampering with the sequence and structure of its verses, and perverted interpretation without

referring to well-known and illustrious *tafaaseer* by erudite scholars of *Ahlus Sunnah wal Jamaa‘ah*. In addition, to brazenly claim the existence of other Holy Scripture aside from

al-Qur'an or that the existing al-Qur'an as being incomplete or deficient, as proclaimed by the Baha'is. They claim that their holy book, *al-Bayaan*, abrogates all heavenly (divine)

scriptures (*kutub as-samawi*).

2- Sacrilege of the sanctity of *as-Sunnah*

Among the heinous blasphemy upon *as-Sunnah* is disputing the status of

ahaadeeth that are unanimously accepted the *muhadditheen* of *Ahlus Sunnah wal Jamaa‘ah* especially the *mutawaatir* and *saheeh ahaadeeth*. They reject *as-Sunnah* or

ahaadeeth in general as a source of legislation in Islam. For example, the anti-*hadeeth* sect rejected outright *ahaadeeth (as-Sunnah)* as a source of legislation.

3- Desanctify the holiness of Islam

From its form is to proclaim that all religions are equal, or promoting the unification of all religions including Islam in forming a new religion.

As an example, the ideology of religious pluralism in deeming that no religion is exclusive and to be accepted as the true religion, or acknowledging that there

is Truth and ideals of Truth in other religions.

4- Desecrating the purity of the *Sharee'ah*

Among the desecration upon the sanctity of the *Sharee'ah* is to doubt and dispute

Islamic rulings, altering, adding,
and willfully “reducing”
legislated obligations and
practice within Islam, or
asserting to have a new
Sharee‘ah.

For example, the Qaadiyaanis had abolished the legislation for *jihaad*, while other deviant sects have claimed that *salaah*, fasting, and other ‘*ibaadah* would suffice with only

only the intention, and also the permissibility of *nikaah baatiniyah* (spiritual marriage) and *nikaah mut‘ah* (contract marriage).

5- Glorification and deification of their leaders

They would deem their leaders being *ma'soom* (infallible) and divine (sinless), as Imaam Mahdi, as a prophet,

as god's embodiment, or even as god. They claim that their leader or “shaykh” possessing the key to the door of Paradise, and having the authority to determine who is guaranteed Paradise.

Similarly, they can wipeout one's entire sin (redemption) with money or with total submission (surrender), both physically and spiritually.

6- Interaction with the Unseen world

They claim to know what the future holds or having the ability to interact with the jinn, *shaytaan, rooh, awliyaa'*, the prophets,

and the angels, as also claimed by the shaman and witchdoctor, practicing black magic.

Deviant teachings leave devastating effects to the Muslim individual, for it will corrupt the ‘*aqeedah*, shutting the mind entirely, breeds fanaticism, and acting irrationally.

Ultimately, it will rupture the very institution of the family, society, and nationhood. As Muslims, we must be cautious and wary with teachings and ideologies that clear-cut contradict and

deviate from authentic Islamic teachings. Those sects and cults that have been declared astray and deviated by local religious authorities must always be monitored and supervised

so that no one else will fall victim and ensnared with their misguidance. The Muslim scholars and religious authorities such as the Fatwa Council should always be referred to in

curbing and identifying any new religious teachings having elements of deviance. Take heed, for indeed Islam is a religion of clarity, its manifestation upon Truth is clear, and the limits and

boundaries for *kufr* are also clear. In the famous *hadeeth* of al-‘Irbaad ibn Saariyah *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*, he said: Allah's Messenger (*sallAllaahu ‘alayhi wasallam*) gave us an

admonition which caused the eyes to shed tears and the hearts to fear, so we said, “O Messenger of Allah, this is as if it were a farewell sermon, so with what do you counsel us?”

So he (*sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam*) said: “I have left you upon clear proof, its night is like its day, no one deviates from it except one who is destroyed, and whoever lives long from

amongst you will see great controversy. So stick to what you know from my *Sunnah* and the *Sunnah* of the Rightly-Guided Caliphs - cling to that with your molar teeth,

and stick to obedience even if it is to an Abyssinian slave, since the believer is like a submissive camel, wherever he is led, he follows.”

(Ahmad, ibn Maajah, al-Haakim, and others: *hasan*)

The wisdom and lessons that can be derived from today's *khutbah* are as follows:

1- Deviant teachings emerged because of the enemies of Islam diligently striving to destroy Islam.

Also due to opportunists seeking fame, influence, stature, wealth, and others.

2- The characteristics of deviant teachings can be identified straightaway when the status of al-Qur'an and

al-Hadeeth are disputed. Also, one finds changes and alterations in the general religious understanding and *Sharee'ah* that are widely known and practiced.

Furthermore, their leaders and “shaykhs” are given extraordinary rank, even far above the prophets, and some are even deified (like god).

3- Al-Qur'an and *as-Sunnah* are the ultimate guidance for salvation and misguidance.

Muslim scholars and religious authorities such as the Fatwa Council must be taken as reference so that no

one will plunge into religious deviance and misguidance.

4- Due to ignorance in authentic Islamic knowledge, it provides fertile ground for perversion in religious belief

and practice. Therefore, let us strive to increase our knowledge upon authentic Islamic teachings, to ensure and verify the authenticity of our religious adherence and conviction.

“Say, “Indeed, I have been forbidden to worship those you invoke besides Allah.”

Say, “I will not follow your desires, for I would then have gone astray, and I would not be of the [rightly] guided.””

(al-An‘aam 6:56)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَإِيَّاكمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْأَيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ
مِنِي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ
قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ
الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ 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. *Allaahummaa
ameen***



DI SEDIAKAN OLEH :

BAHAGIAN KHUTBAH,

JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

ILLUSTRASI OLEH :

UNIT TEKNOLOGI MAKLUMAT,

JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR