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# WASATIYAH: A KEY PILLAR FOR UNITY OF THE UMMAH



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

and salawaat upon His Messenger *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam*, not to mention emulating his *sunnah* as much as possible. We truly hope that these deeds will indeed bring about benefit in this world and the Hereafter.

The topic of today's *khutbah*  
is “*Wasatiyyah: A Key  
Pillar For Unity Of The  
Ummah.*”

Indeed *wasatiyyah* is an important aspect in Islam that place justice as the focal point for humanity, as it was mentioned in al-Qur'an:

**“And thus we have made you  
a just community that you  
will be witnesses over the  
people and the Messenger  
will be a witness over you...”**

**(al-Baqarah 2:143)**

Based on this verse, the scholars have interpreted *wasatiyyah* as being a characteristic of justice, which will make the Muslim *ummah* as witness in the Hereafter over those that had

deviated from the Truth and  
vehemently opposed the  
Messengers sent down by  
Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala.*

In a broader meaning,  
*wasatiyyah* encompasses  
several aspects, namely:

- 1- Justice
- 2- Truth
- 3- Balance
- 4- Completeness (perfection)
- 5- Fulfills the *fitrah* (natural disposition of mankind)

*Wasatiyyah* is also an important practice for it will greatly assist in achieving unity within the *ummah* of humanity in general. With this trait, one will highly prioritize the *taqwa* of Allah

*Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala*  
without distinguishing the  
race, ethnicity, culture,  
language, and skin color of  
others. Allah *Subhaanahu*  
*Wata ‘aala* mentions in al-  
Qur’an:

“O mankind, indeed We have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another. Indeed, the most noble of you in

**the Sight of Allah is the  
most righteous of you.  
Indeed, Allah is Knowing  
and Acquainted.”**

**(al-Hujuraat 49:13)**

*Wasatiyyah* in its true and absolute sense is of a pivotal role as a distinguishing factor in the *ummah*'s unity, after all of its requirements are met and well-practiced by all walks and levels of

today's society. From among the requirement that it entails is that we must always be just according to the *Sharee'ah* of Islam; whether in making a decision, resolving disagreements, and

granting the rights upon those deserving of it.

*Wasatiyyah* also necessitate that we become diligent, determined, and having *istiqaamah*, in line with the *Sharee'ah* of Islam that was

taught by Rasulullah

*sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam*

without neglecting or reducing

anything from it.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala*

mentions in al-Qur’ān:

“... And whatever the Messenger has given you - take; and what he has forbidden you - refrain from. And fear Allah; indeed, Allah is severe in penalty.”

(al-Hashr 59:7)

It is clear that the *wasatiyyah* conveyed by Rasulullah *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* is to simply and solely fulfill the *fitrah* of the entire humanity.

As Allah Subhaanahu  
*Wata 'aala* had mentioned in  
al-Qur'an:

“So direct your face toward  
the religion, inclining to  
truth. [Adhere to] the *fitrah*  
of

Allah upon which He has created [all] people. No change should there be in the creation of Allah. That is the correct religion, but most of the people do not know.”

(ar-Room 30:30)

*Wasatiyyah* indirectly teaches us all not to go overboard, and not becoming obsessed or *ta‘assub* (fanatical) that we would deny the truth in any situation or circumstances.

These negative attitude and demeanor will indeed dampen and hamper any effort in achieving unity amongst mankind. Furthermore, it would only serve as the source of

discord and conflict within  
today's community.

In the *hadeeth* of Jubayr bin  
Mut‘im *radiyAllaahu ‘anh,*  
*Rasulullah sallAllaahu ‘alayhi  
wasallam* said:

**“He is not one of us who calls  
for ‘asabiyyah  
(nationalism/tribalism), or  
who fights for ‘asabiyyah, or  
who dies for ‘asabiyyah.”**

(Abu Dawood: *da ‘eef*, sound meaning  
& supported by other texts)

The take home lesson that can be contemplated upon from today's *khutbah* is that *wasatiyyah* entails several important characteristics, making it crucial for the unity of the *ummah*.

Among them are:

- 1- Prioritizing the principles of justice in the society.
- 2- Prioritizing balance and harmony in life.

3- Deep conviction with the  
*Sharee'ah* of Islam and clinging  
upon it without neglect.

4- Avoiding *ta'assub*  
(fanaticism) that would only  
harm its perpetrator and others  
as well.

**“O you who have believed,  
be persistently standing firm  
in justice, witnesses for Allah,  
even if it be against  
yourselves or parents**

and relatives. Whether one is rich or poor, Allah is more worthy of both. So follow not [personal] inclination, lest you not be just.

**And if you distort [your testimony] or refuse [to give it], then indeed Allah is ever, with what you do, Acquainted.”**

**(an-Nisaa' 4:135)**

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي  
وَإِيَّاکُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْأَيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ  
مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ  
فَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ  
الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ  
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتَ 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*



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