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JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

THE NEED FOR MUHAASABAH AS A LEADER



Have the *taqwa* of Allah and
remember that Allah

Subhaanahu Wata 'aala did not
create mankind on this earth in
vain. Mankind has been created
to fulfill the *amaanah* from
Allah *Subhaanahu Wata 'aala*

as His vicegerents, for they are
the only creation that
acknowledged their willingness
to shoulder such *amaanah*.

The topic of today's *khutbah* is
**“The Need For Muhaasabah
As A Leader.”**

Allah Subhaanahu Wata‘aala

mentions in al-Qur'an:

“Indeed, we offered the Trust to the heavens and the earth and the mountains, and they declined to bear it and feared it; but man [undertook to] bear it. Indeed, he was unjust and ignorant.” (al-Ahzaab 33:72)

All mankind on earth are leaders and in the Hereafter, they all will be questioned, judged, and held accountable in fulfilling this *amaanah*.

In the *hadeeth* of ibn ‘Umar *radiyAllaahu ‘anhu*, Rasulullah *sallAllaahu ‘alayhi*

wasallam said:

“Surely! Everyone of you is a guardian and is responsible for his charges: The *Imam* (ruler) of the people is a guardian and is responsible for his subjects;

a man is the guardian of his family (household) and is responsible for his subjects; a woman is the guardian of her husband's home and of his children and is responsible for them;

and the slave of a man is a guardian of his master's property and is responsible for it. Surely, everyone of you is a guardian and responsible for his charges.”

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

We as leaders must realize that leadership is an *amaanah* from Allah. If we are successful in executing this *amaanah* with full responsibility and justice towards our subordinates,

then we will attain the protection of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata 'aala* in the Hereafter. If we fail to fulfill this *amaanah*, by not fulfilling the responsibilities and succumbing to manipulation,

oppression, power abuse,
betrayal, bribery, and others,
then it will be truly
recompensed by Allah
Subhaanahu Wata‘aala with a
severe torment in the Hereafter.

Muhaasabah or self-assessment requires one to sincerely evaluate all of his or her previous deeds and behavior, and to further improve upon them. This pure and genuine effort

would stem from the soul having upright sincerity, as deemed by the teachings of Islam. It can also be explained as the process of self-educating oneself to always safeguard the soul

from every form of evil that was committed in the past or protecting oneself from committing evil that can become the barrier from attaining the Pleasure of Allah

Subhaanahu Wata‘ala.

Narrated by Shaddaad ibn ‘Aws
radiyAllaahu ‘anh, Rasulullah
sallAllaahu ‘alayhi wasallam
said:

“A wise man is the one who
calls himself to account (and
refrains from doing

evil deeds) and does noble deeds to benefit him after death; and the foolish person is the one who subdues himself to his temptations and desires and seeks from Allah the fulfillment of his vain desires.” (at-Tirmidhi and ibn Maajah)

Muhaasabah (self-evaluation) is a matter that is very significant that serves as a catalyst in the lives of the believers. It should be embedded in the soul for we are all leaders.

To ensure that every individual
that are deemed as leaders do
not incur the Wrath of Allah,
then it would necessitate
constant *muhaasabah* and
holding oneself accountable to
the

objectives of the position held and internalizing on the purpose of life itself. Prior to making *muhaasabah*, it behooves the leaders to comprehend their very responsibilities as leaders,

among them:

- 1- To ensure that the ‘ibaadah of salaah is of utmost importance for himself and all of his subjects.

This is the main pillar that must be fully emphasized when making *muhaasabah*. It is purely useless if this fundamental matter is neglected. Therefore, it is necessary for every leader

to deem *salaah* as a top priority, and may their objective and purpose be attained. *Salaah*, which is a pillar of the religion, is a *du ‘a* that provides the direct link to Allah *Subhaanahu*

Wata 'aala. Whoever performs *salaah*, then he has upheld his religion within himself.

Whoever neglects his *salaah*, then he has destroyed his religion within himself.

2- To ensure that the source of income is free from any unlawful sources that was prohibited by Allah Subhaanahu *Wata ‘aala.*

In addition to understanding the importance of *muhaasabah*, we must ignore matters that can cause our *du‘a* to be rejected by Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘ala*.

The income that we earn will become our source of food and nourishment, which turns into flesh, whether for ourselves or our families.

If the source of income is not monitored or is not a matter of concern, then it will have significant impact and consequences. Hence, when a person is

appointed as a leader, let it not be an opportunity for him to take advantage and accumulate worldly gain by denying the rights of others.

The third matter that is important before inculcating *muhaasabah* as a catalyst in the daily lives is to emphasize on *amr bil ma‘roof wan nahy ‘anil munkar* (promoting good and

preventing evil), which is to teach oneself and his subordinates to always abide by the Commands of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* and avoiding His prohibitions.

Unfortunately, the balance between performing good deeds and avoiding evil deeds is a matter that is often ignored by mankind.

When we are appointed or elected as a leader, then know it is never a glad tiding (good news) for us. Leadership is not a source of pride nor is it something to be proud of.

It is neither a manifestation of one's greatness nor a source of fun and joy, but instead leadership is an *amaanah* from Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* that must be duly carried out with

full responsibility. Leadership only means that we have been burdened with a heavy load that will be held with full accountability by Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala* at the plains of *Mahshaar* later on.

Every leaders must stay awake
and realize on the importance of
muhaasabah upon himself in
become an excellent leader in
this world and the Hereafter.

Let us incorporate *muhaasabah* as part of our daily routine, in becoming the catalyst for self-betterment, so that we will be spared from the punishment of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala* on the Day of Reckoning

“And the record [of deeds]
will be placed [open], and you
will see the criminals fearful
of that within it, and they will
say, “Oh, woe to us! What is
this book that leaves nothing
small

or great except that it has
enumerated it?” And they will
find what they did present
[before them]. And your Lord
does injustice to no one.”

(al-Kahf 18:49)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَإِبَّا كُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْأَيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ
وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَوَتْهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ
الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ
لِيْ 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



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