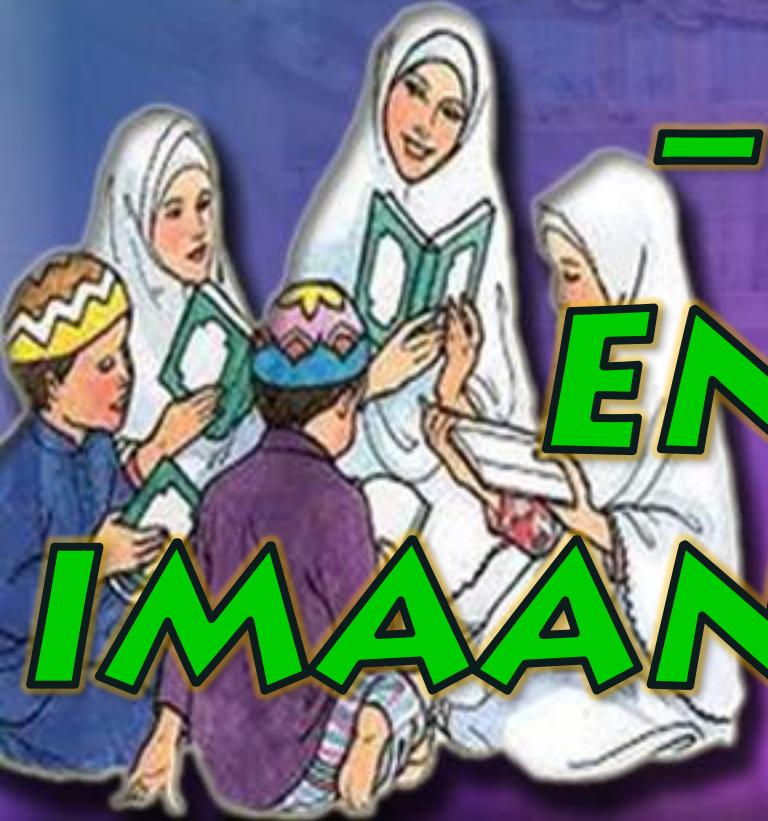




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# READING HABIT - TOWARDS ENHANCING IMAAAN & TAQWA

A colorful illustration of several people, including men and women, sitting cross-legged and reading books. They are dressed in traditional Islamic clothing like turbans and headscarves. The scene is set against a purple background.



**I remind myself and fellow  
congregation to strive in  
increasing our *taqwa* of**

**Allah *Subhaanahu***

***Wata'aala* by fulfilling all of  
His Commands and avoiding**

all of His prohibitions.

Today's *khutbah* intends

to encourage us in

understanding a topic

regarding "*Reading Habit*

*- Towards Enhancing*

*Imaan And Taqwa.*"

**The first word that was revealed through Divine revelation to Nabi Muhammad ﷺ was the command for us to read (*iqraa'*). Surely such command would have 1001**

**secrets and wisdom behind it. According to Caliph al-Ma'moon, reading is actually an event and adventure, exploring through the minds of leaders and heroes. In fact, reading is the**

**key to comprehending the creation of the entire universe by Allah.**

**It is through reading that ignorance will be cured.**

**After the battle of Badr,**

**Rasulullah ﷺ offered the**

**prisoners of war from the Quraysh the opportunity to redeem themselves by teaching 10 Muslims to read and write. It is clear that the power of knowledge begins with reading.**

**The ability to read can help to develop human civilization. This is evident, just like the establishment of Bayt al-Hikmah during the time of the Abbasid's Caliphate that truly upheld**

**the superiority of knowledge and the Islamic civilization. Great efforts in translating and various knowledge-oriented activities based on the culture of reading and studying became solid**

**foundation for the  
establishment of the  
famed Bayt al-Hikmah.**

**The Muslims of today must  
rise and relive the glorious  
history and achievement  
of the past, by restoring  
the**

**noble spirit of *iqraa'*. It must begin from leadership that greatly emphasize on the culture of knowledge.**

**Al-Farabi opined that the head of state must have the characteristic of *muhibban li***

*al-'ilm* (loving knowledge). Grooming a generation of knowledge aficionados must be made as top agenda by not only the leaders, but also by every individual, for knowledge will be the

**provision throughout the  
journey in upholding  
Islam.**

**Have we ever felt restless  
in the early morning just  
because we have not read  
the main headline news on  
daily newspapers?**

**Have we ever felt restless  
for not having read the  
text messages from  
friends? Or light materials  
that are only supposed to  
give sensational news and  
entertainment? But have  
we ever felt guilty**

**whenever we forget to  
recite al-Qur'an? Whereas,  
we acknowledge that al-  
Qur'an is the greatest book  
that can shake the soul and  
guide our lives. Such Holy  
Scripture elaborates on the  
laws of life**

and provides guidance in performing good deeds. Even the recitation of al-Qur'an will be greatly rewarded. 'Abdullah ibn Mas'ood *radiyAllaahu'anhu* reported: Rasulullah ﷺ said:

صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

**“Whoever recites a letter from the Book of Allah, he will be credited with a good deed, and a good deed gets a ten-fold reward. I do not say that *Alif-Lam-Meem* is one letter, but *Alif* is a**

**letter, *Lam* is a letter, and  
*Meem* is a letter.”**

**(at-Tirmidhi: *hasan*)**

**Hence, let us recite al-Qur'an for it is the most effective therapy for the heart.**

**After reciting, let us  
ponder upon its meaning.**

**Delve deep into its *tafseer*  
(interpretation of meaning)  
and reflect deeply upon  
the messages embedded  
within.**

**After that, read the**

*ahaadeeth* of Rasulullah ﷺ for it is the legacy left by him ﷺ. Narrated Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu'anhu*: The Messenger ﷺ said: “I have left two matters with you.

**As long as you hold to them, you will not go the wrong way. They are the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of His Prophet.”**

**(Maalik, al-Haakim: *saheeh*)**

**Indeed, the habit of reading  
will open up doors for us to  
comprehend various  
branches of Islamic sciences.**

**Furthermore, reciting the  
verses of al-Qur'an,  
*ahaadeeth*, and the works  
of**

**great scholars will aid us in understanding a particular field of knowledge. Allah**

***Subhaanahu Wata'aala***

**mentions in al-Qur'an:**

**"Their example is that of one who kindled a fire, but**

- when it illuminated what was around him, Allah took away their light and left them in darkness [so] they could not see.”
  - (al-Baqarah 2:17)

In conclusion, the reading habit can be deemed as *'ibaadah* if it began with the intention solely for the sake of Allah. Moreover, it will be rewarded manifold if the materials being read can

**enhance one's comprehension on Islamic sciences. Let us recite al-Qur'an for it will provide tranquility for our tainted hearts. Let us deepen our understanding of its meaning**

**so that we will able to  
grasp various disciplines  
of knowledge. With that, I  
remind myself and fellow  
congregation to inculcate  
these following practices  
in our daily lives:**

# **1- Recite al-Qur'an and the *ahaadeeth* of the Prophet**

**صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم** at all times. Let us strive intensively (as *jihaaadj*) with diligence to learn, internalize, and practice the knowledge obtained in our

**daily lives.**

**2- Spend, even if only little, from our financial resources to purchase Islamic reading materials so as to increase our understanding of Islamic knowledge.**

**3- The parents must encourage their children to read beneficial materials, for hope is placed upon their shoulders as the upholders of Islam in the present and future.**

**4- Mosques and social institutions are encouraged to organize programs such as book review, and they should be further enhanced, so as to produce a community with great reading habit.**

**5- Mosques, suraus, community halls, and our homes must be decorated with a mini library in encouraging good reading habit for all walks of society.**

**“Those to whom We have given the Book recite it with its true recital. They [are the ones who] believe in it. And whoever disbelieves in it - it is they who are the losers.”**

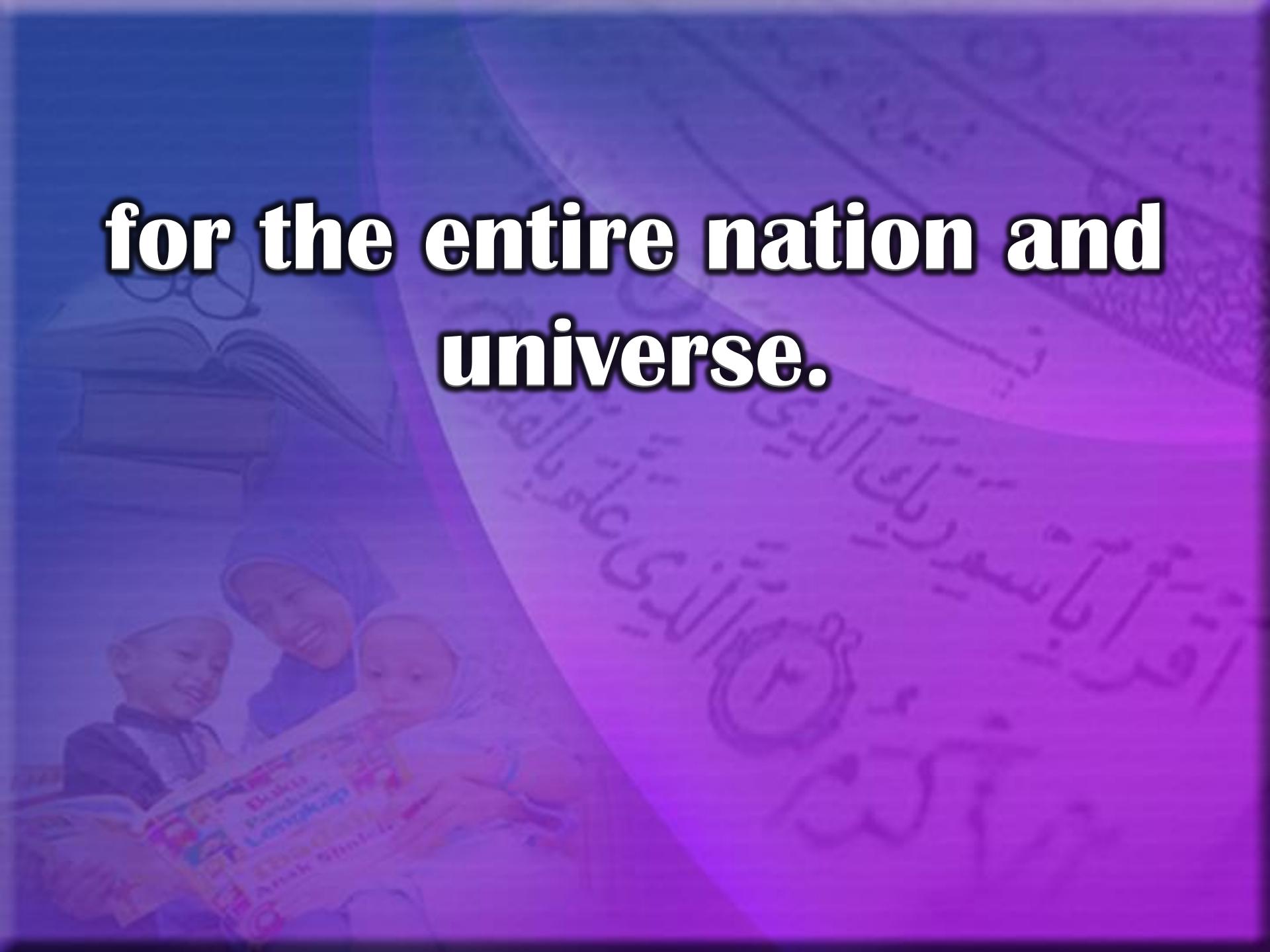
**(al-Baqarah 2:121)**

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ  
وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ  
الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقْبِيلِ مِنْيٍ وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ  
السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ  
اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ  
وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ  
مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ  
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

**Once again, I would like to remind all of us that Islam teach its adherents to remain moderate in all actions and deeds. At the same time, the Muslims are to avoid any form of extremism in which its**

**consequences will only disrupt the harmony, unity, and security of the Muslim ummah and our nation. Extremism will only give negative impression upon the nobility and holiness of al-Islam. On the contrary, the Muslim**

**ummah must inculcate noble akhlaaq, having utmost personality and attitude as true Muslims so that the world will know that Rasulullah ﷺ was sent down as a messenger, and Islam that was revealed is mercy**



**for the entire nation and  
universe.**

**O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed upon us *rahmah* and *ni'mah*, that we are able to continue the effort in empowering the Muslim *ummah* especially in Selangor, as an**

**advanced state, prosperous, and  
providing welfare.**

**Hence, we sincerely beseech  
you, O Allah, strengthen our  
*imaan*, accept our deeds,  
strengthen our unity, increase  
our *rizq*, enrich us with**

**beneficial knowledge, cultivate our soul with good mannerisms, return us to the path that you are pleased with, protect us from disasters and your severe trials, so that our nation will become more peaceful and filled with blessings.**

**O Allah, we sincerely beseech you,  
strengthen our beliefs according  
to the creed of *Ahlus Sunnah wal-*  
*Jamaa'ah*, and protect us from  
deeds and '*aqeedah* that are  
astray such as the extreme  
*Shee'is*, *Qadiyani*, and other  
ideologies.**

**O Allah, open up our hearts in fulfilling the five daily prayers, performing *zakaat*, and other obligations. Bless those that have fulfilled their *zakaat* and loving the *fuqaraa'* and *masaakin*, and those that have**

made *waqf* and gave up their wealth for *Tabung Amanah Pembangunan Islam Selangor* (Islamic Development Trust Fund of Selangor) with continuous reward until the Hereafter.

**O Allah, increase and widen the  
*rizq* of those that made *waqf*  
from their wealth with  
perpetual rewards until the  
Last Day.**



بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

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