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# ADVICE FOR THE YOUTH



I remind myself first and all of us. Let us have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata 'aala* in whatever situation that we are in.

*Taqwa* must truly exist in every Muslims, whether young or old. Indeed, true *taqwa* is borne from the sincere heart that truly proclaim the greatness of Allah *Subhaanahu*

*Wata ‘aala*, not due to old age  
as its end draws near. Because  
none of us know when we will  
expire.

The topic of today’s khutbah is  
**“Advice For The Youth.”**

Let us ponder for a moment,  
imagine if we are in the middle  
of a vast desert, under the hot  
blazing sun, the burning heat  
will make us scramble for any  
shade even if under a *bidara*  
(jujube) tree

or a cluster of bamboo trees. We would truly feel relieved and privileged to have found refuge even with such small area.

How then would it be compared to the intense heat at the *Mahshar* (gathering land)?

a time when all of mankind  
will be gathered, waiting for  
their turn to be judged by Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wata‘aala*. We  
will feel the agony and pain of  
waiting under the scorching  
heat of

the sun in the Hereafter, which is way hotter than the intensity of the sun in this life.

However, Rasulullah *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* had told us that amid the

extreme heat, there will be seven groups of people that will be granted the shade of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala* when there will be no other shade. They are: a just ruler, a youth who has

been brought up in the worship  
of Allah, a man whose heart is  
attached to the mosques, two  
persons who love each other  
only for Allah's sake and they  
meet and part in Allah's cause  
only,

a man who refuses the call of a charming woman of noble birth for illicit intercourse with her and says, ‘I am afraid of Allah’, a man who gives charitable gifts so secretly that his left hand

does not know what his right hand has given, and a person who remembers Allah in seclusion and his eyes are then flooded with tears.

(*hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*, collected by al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

Notice how Islam placed the status of the youth in this *hadeeth*! After the just ruler, the second category of people that will be under the shade of Allah is the youth, dedicating their youth days

in the worship of Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wata 'aala.*

We should be not be amazed or  
astounded with the elders that  
are always indulging in *dhikr*.  
Do not be awestruck by our  
senior citizens that

are constantly in *dhikr* and remembering Allah. That is purely human nature, realizing that their end is approaching.

Instead we should be perplexed and wonder when seeing elders

that are still engrossed in their worldly life. Those that take their ‘ibaadah lightly, not even going to the surau or masjid other than on Friday and the two ‘eids.

They should be regretful and penitent that their time is quickly expiring. Likewise with their physical strength and ability.

On the contrary, it's the direct opposite for the youth and teenagers. Those that are in their early years well below the middle age have only began to taste the “beauty” of this worldly life.

They start to twiddle and experience the enjoyment of love and romance. To them, life is still far ahead to try and indulge in the fun and games that are readily available.

However, that is the typical youth. It is their norm and inclination by nature. Just take a look at our surroundings. It is the youth that are usually lounging and bumming around idly at the

public places. Teenagers that are itchy to incite excitement by revving up their motorcycles. Also the Romeos that are busy and immersed in their love triangle with an unknown

ending and final episode.

Hence, Islam demands us

Muslims to give extra attention  
to this group of people.

Whatever seedlings that we  
sow today will become trees  
that will shade

us in about 10 or 20 years down the road. If the seedlings are from plants that yield fruits and beautiful flowers, then the future is looking bright for us.

But if they are from thorny plants or trees that scatters around garbage, then the future will only pile up more problems for us.

Therefore, the masjid administration calls upon the *Muslimeen*. Let us educate our youth and teenagers so that they become closer to the *deen*. It is only with sound Islamic knowledge

that we will be spared from the grief of this world and the misery of the Hereafter.

We also call upon the teenagers and those in school.

Busy yourselves with  
*'ibaadah.*

Have you acquired all the knowledge of *fiqh* required? Have you completed the various branches of *fard al-'ayn* obligated before death comes calling?

Are we now able to recite al-Qur'an fluently with its proper recitation? Are we able to perform the *adhaan* and '*iqaamah*, or at least respond to the *mu'adhdhin*'s call to prayer?

Take advantage of the youthful age with various acts of ‘ibaadah. Know that ‘ibaadah does not impede one from any sporting activities, but do not overindulge in games or

sports that the surau and masjid is left empty.

The **Muslim** teens should seize the opportunity while they are still young, for the promise and reward at the *Mahshar* awaits them,

honoring them with lofty status  
in the Sight of Allah. Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala*  
mentions in al-Qur’ān:  
“It is We who relate to

you, [O Muhammad], their story in truth. Indeed, they were youths who believed in their Lord, and We increased them in guidance.”

(al-Kahf 18:13)

Take the youth of *As-haabul Kahfi* as role models and exemplar. They fled to safeguard and protect their *imaan*. Take and emulate the Companions of Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam*

as role models for their unwavering commitment and dedication in defending Allah's Messenger in creating change,  
*radiyAllaahu 'anhuma ajma'een.*

Let us not pay attention to those non-Muslims that are engulfed and deluded with K-Pop and Gangnam Style. Let us not be affected and swayed by non-beneficial entertainment.

Let us not become absorbed and negligent with the social media, which only delays our bedtime. In result, we would miss the time for *salaatul fajr*, only to wake up during its prohibited time.

Let us look at the Companion  
named Usaamah bin Zayd  
*radiyAllaahu ‘anh* who led the  
Muslim army against the  
Romans at the age of 18.

Emulate the *taqwa* of  
Muhammad al-Fatih  
*rahimahullah* who led the  
Muslim army conquering  
Konstantin (Constantinople –  
modern day Istanbul) at the  
age of 21.

Let us learn further about Islam, our *deen*, for Islam is not only a religion that administers the affairs of ‘ibaadah in the surau and masjid. Instead, it is a *deen* that takes mankind

out of the enslavement of men unto full servitude to Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala*. It is a religion that rescues mankind from the oppression of men, and a religion that takes mankind

out from the narrowness of this world to the vastness of the world and the Hereafter.

If we want to be in love, then indulge in romance after wedlock. If we want fun and entertainment,

then pursue means that will take us closer to our Almighty Creator. If we want to play games, then play moderately without jeopardizing our ‘ibaadah.

Indeed, our offspring are precious assets that are invaluable and priceless. They are an *amaanah* that Allah has bestowed upon the parents to be guarded and raised sufficiently.

Therefore, let us heed the advice of ‘Umar *radiyAllaahu ‘anh* to his companions: “*Educate your children, for verily they are born for a time that is beyond yours.*”

Hence, let us altogether shoulder the responsibility to teach and provide proper guidance so that our youth will not deviate from the noble authentic teachings of Islam.

Compare between the following two verses from al-Qur'an, which one do we want to take in as the goals and agenda for our young generation?

“But there came after them successors who neglected prayer and pursued desires; so they are going to meet evil.”

(Maryam 19:59)

“And those who believed and whose descendants followed them in faith – We will join with them their descendants, and We will not deprive them of anything of their deeds. Every person, for what he earned, is retained.” (at-Toor 52:21)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي  
وَإِيَّاكمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْأَيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ  
مِنِي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاقَتِهِ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ  
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الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ  
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

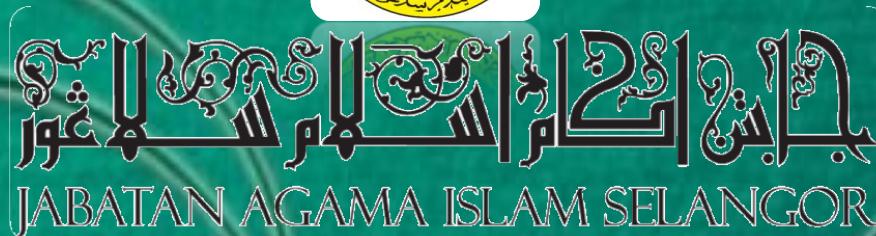
**O Allah, You are the Almighty Lord,  
we are grateful unto You for having  
bestowed upon us Mercy and  
Blessings, nourishing us to strive  
to continue in strengthening the  
Muslim nation especially the state  
of Selangor, as an advanced,  
progressive, peaceful, and  
benevolent state.**

**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***



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