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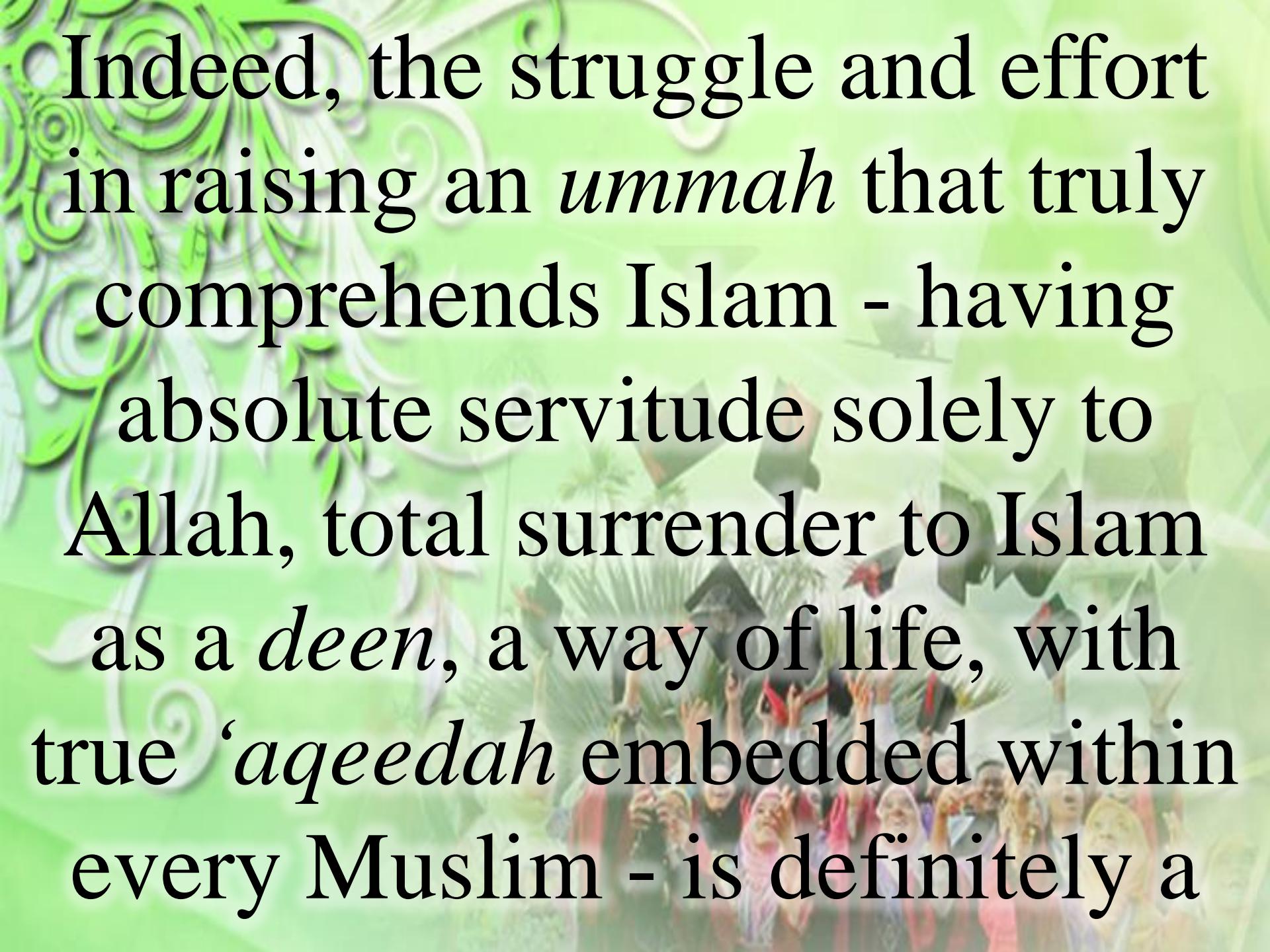
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THE MUSLIM YOUTH – ISLAM'S BEACON OF HOPE



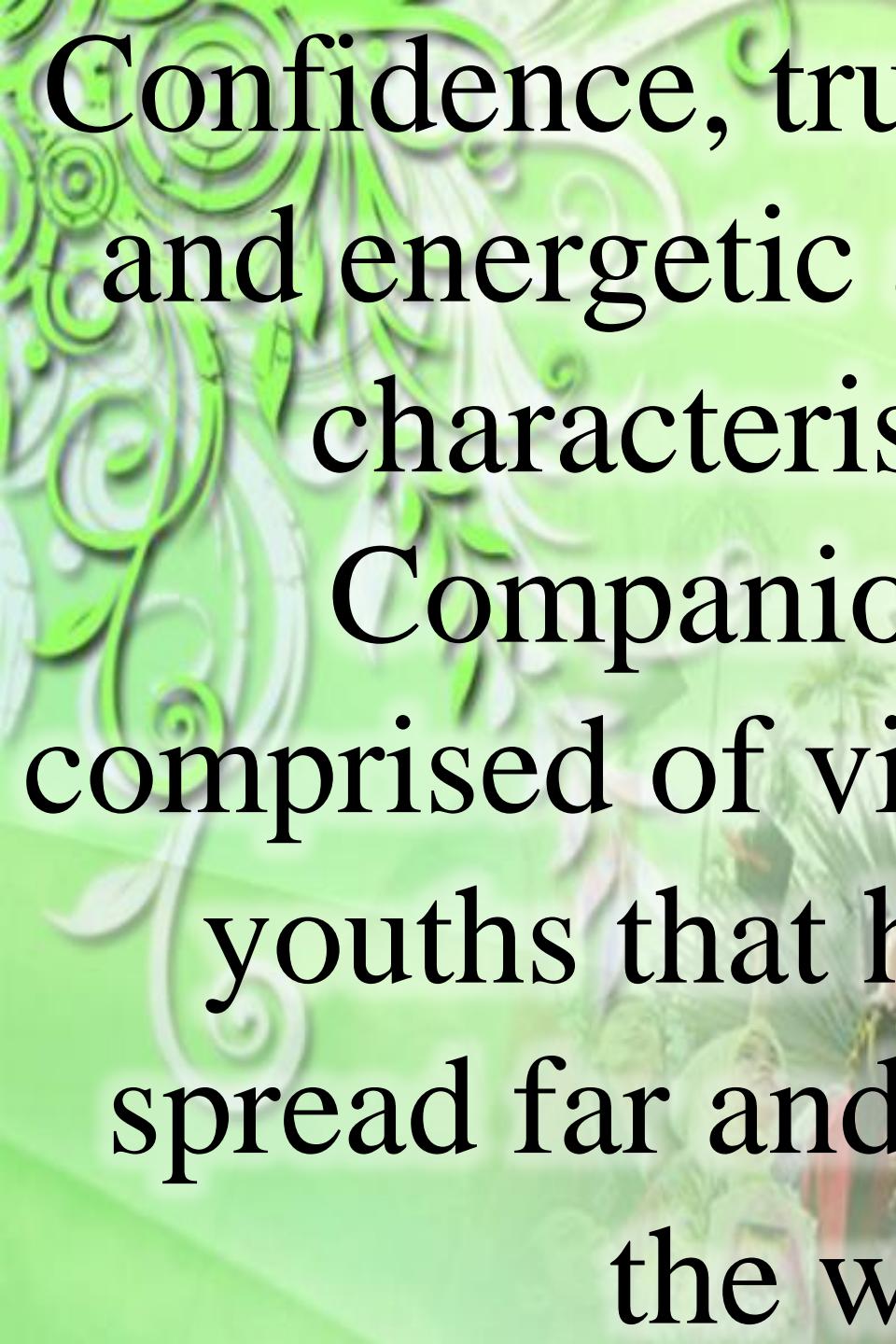
Let us become grateful for the
ni'mah of Islam and *imaan* that
we have so far enjoyed, by
striving our utmost to increase
our knowledge and *a'mal*
(action), and also our *taqwa* of

Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala*
through fulfilling all of His
Commands and abstaining
from all of His prohibitions
until we finally attain
blissfulness in this world and
the Hereafter.

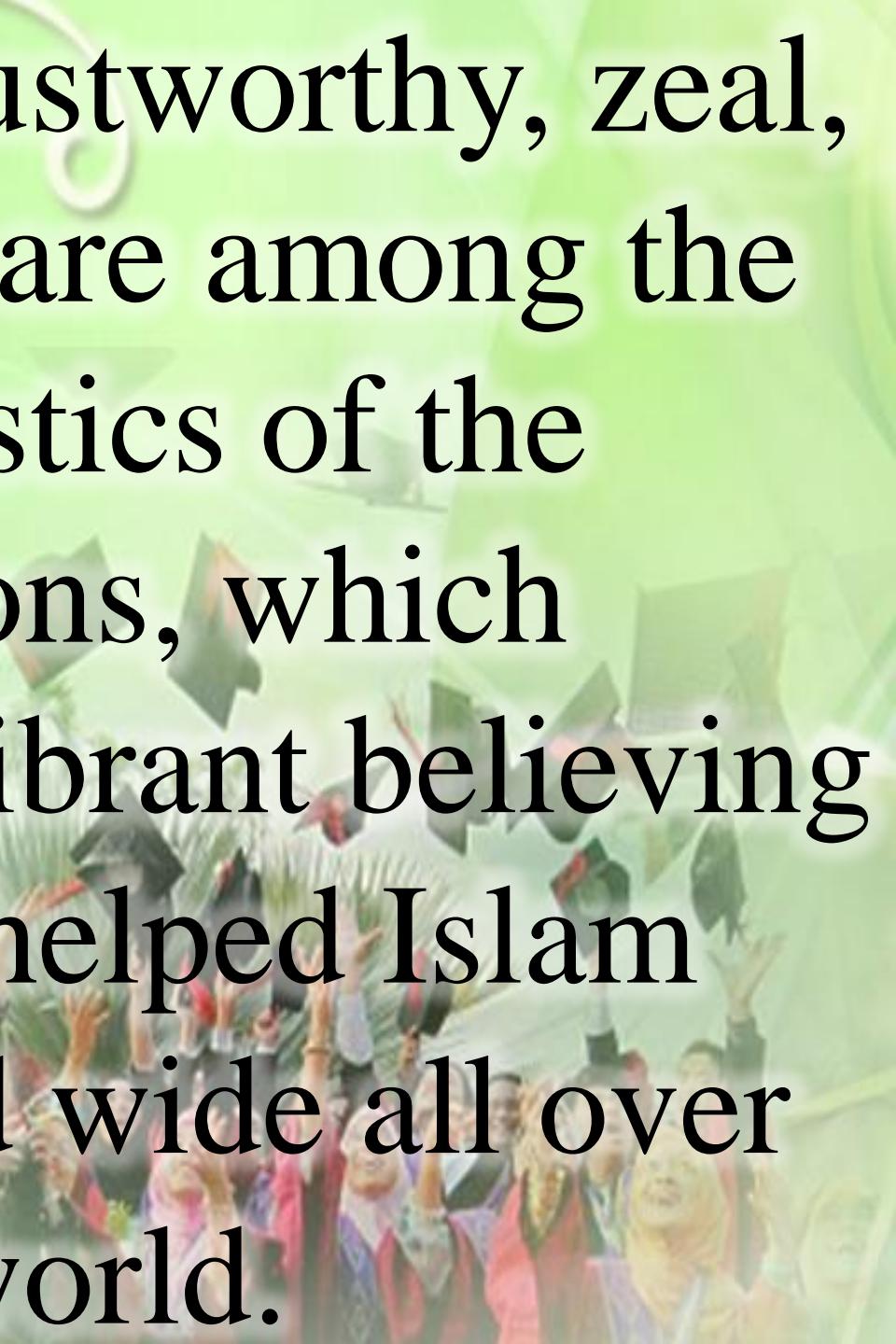


Indeed, the struggle and effort in raising an *ummah* that truly comprehends Islam - having absolute servitude solely to Allah, total surrender to Islam as a *deen*, a way of life, with true ‘*aqeedah* embedded within every Muslim - is definitely a

daunting task but not impossible if systemically and strategically planned and implemented, coupled with *istiqaamah*, authentic knowledge, and continuous *jihad*.

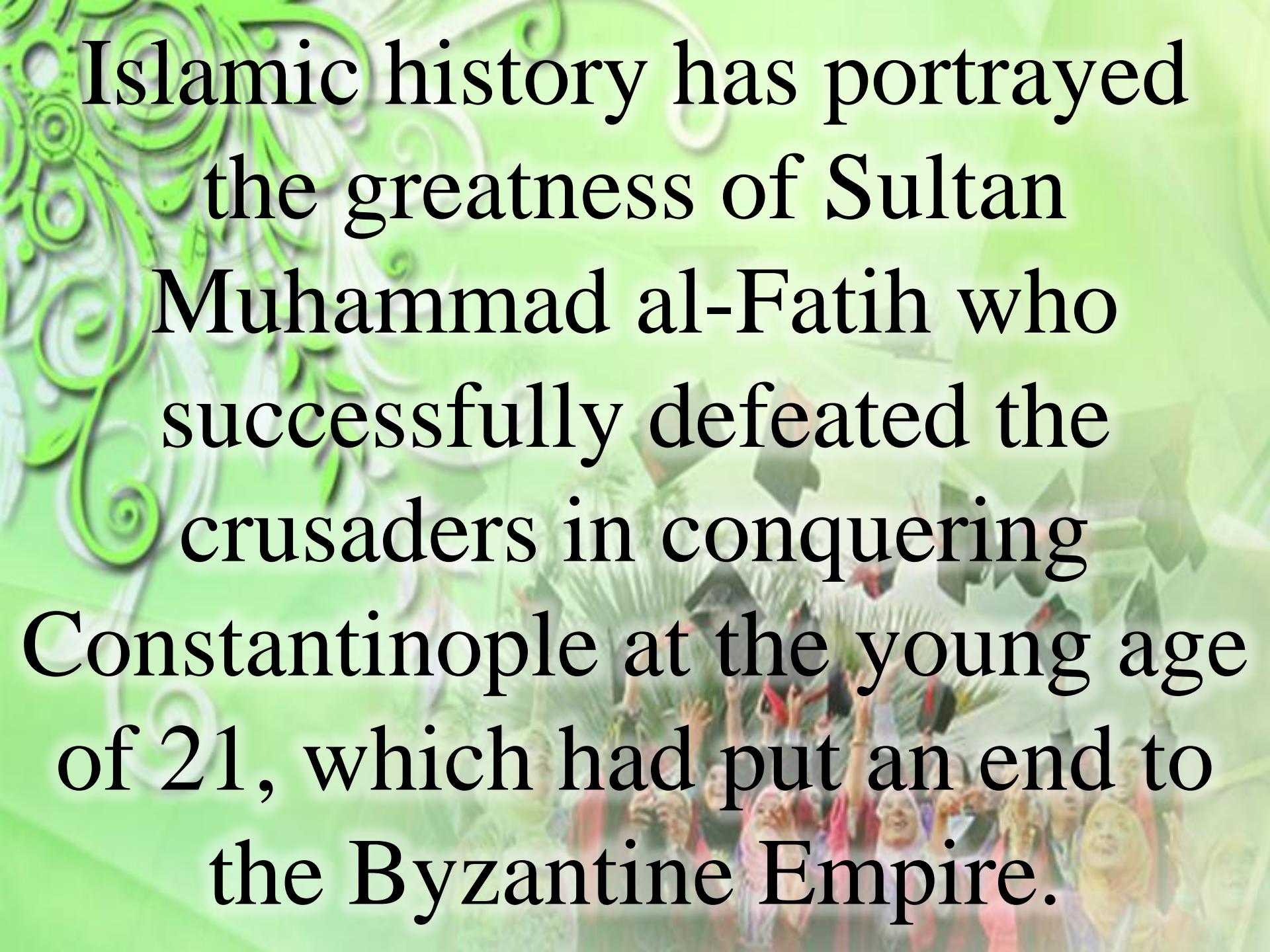


Confidence, trustworthy, zeal, and energetic are among the characteristics of the Companions, which comprised of vibrant believing youths that helped Islam spread far and wide all over the world.



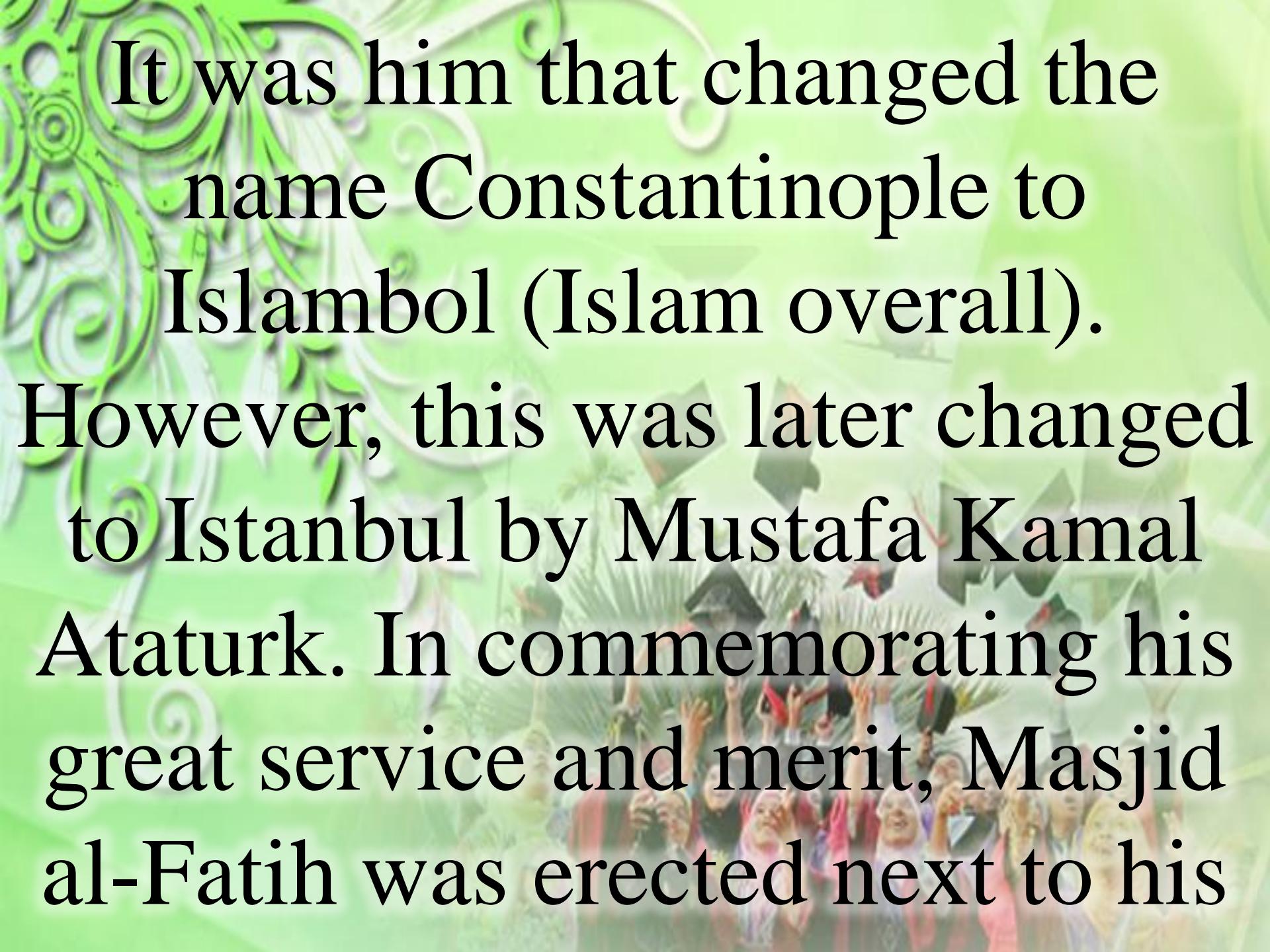
This is because the very foundation of *imaan* is the intelligent heart, the pure and cleansed soul. The foundation for all actions is determination that is high, strong and unwavering.

This has always been the face of the youth generation, from the past and until the present, they are the indispensable pillar or peg for the resurgence of the *ummah*.



Islamic history has portrayed the greatness of Sultan Muhammad al-Fatih who successfully defeated the crusaders in conquering Constantinople at the young age of 21, which had put an end to the Byzantine Empire.

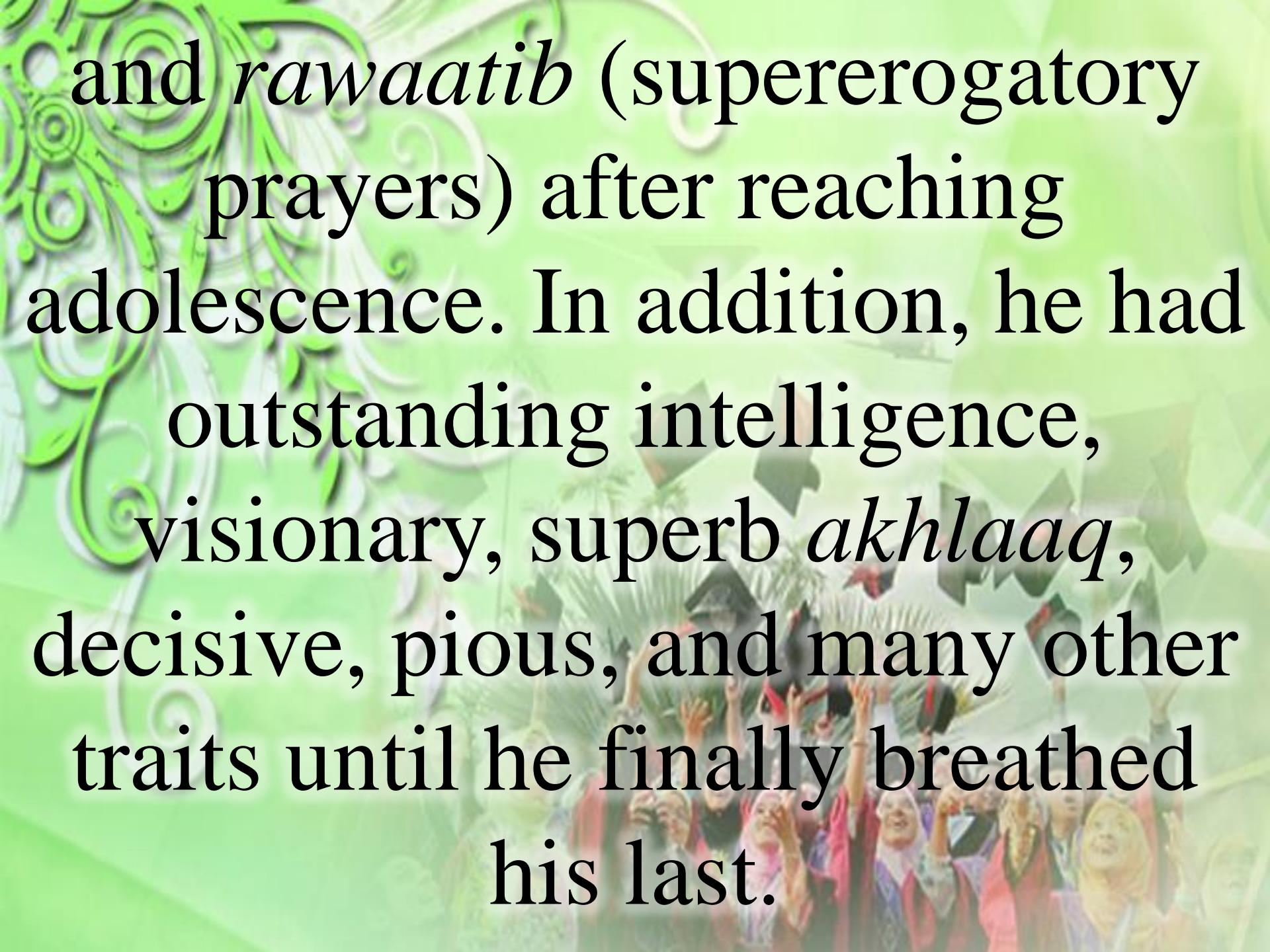
Friends and foes alike admired his leadership abilities in executing tactics and developing potent war strategy, making him a highly reputable figure of his era.



It was him that changed the name Constantinople to Islambol (Islam overall).

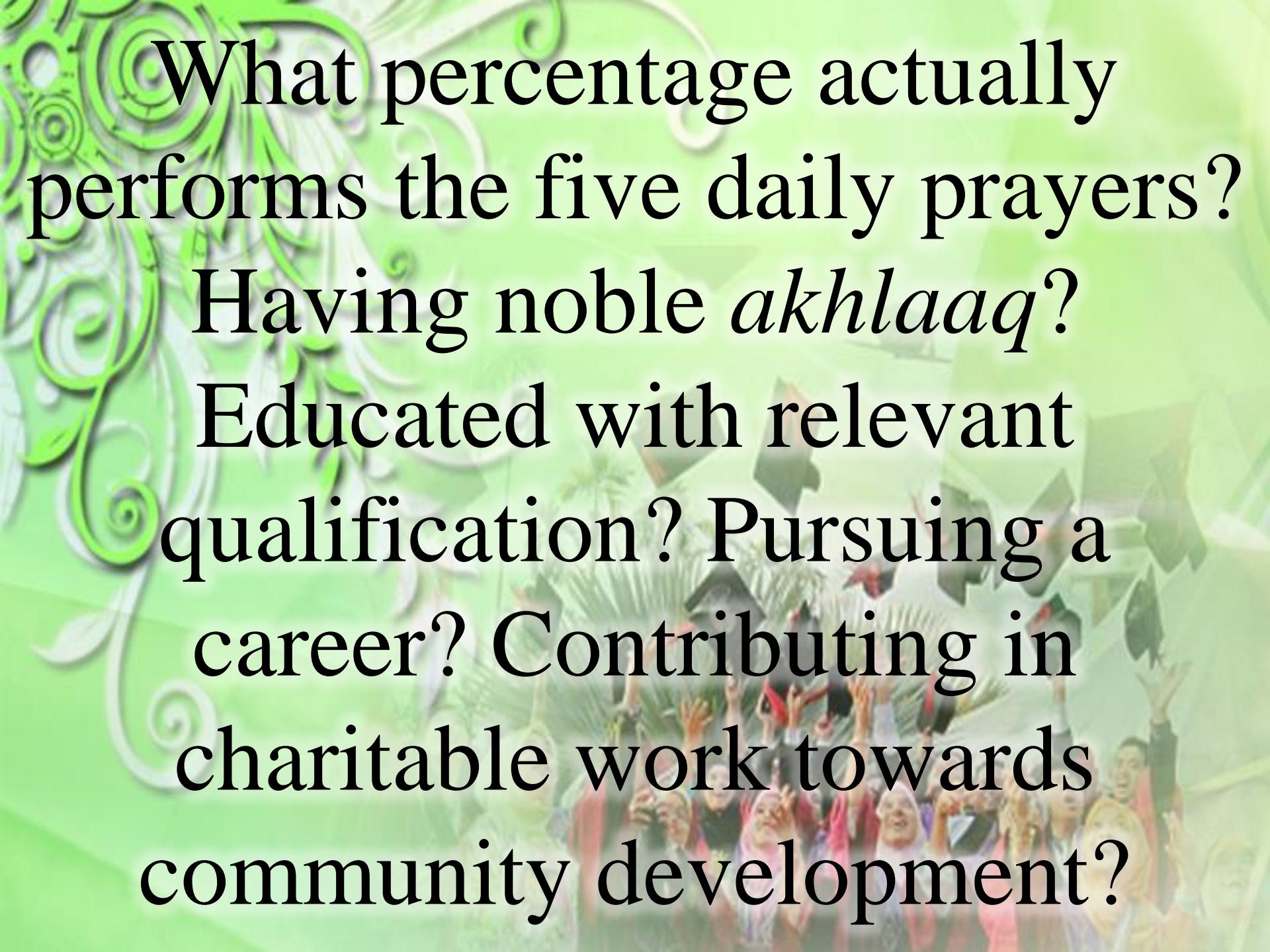
However, this was later changed to Istanbul by Mustafa Kamal Ataturk. In commemorating his great service and merit, Masjid al-Fatih was erected next to his

grave. He was the protégé of Shaykh Shamsuddeen, a descendant of Abu Bakr as-Siddeeq. Among the great attributes of this leader, though a youth, is that he had never missed his obligatory prayers, *tahajjud* (night prayers),



and *rawaatib* (supererogatory prayers) after reaching adolescence. In addition, he had outstanding intelligence, visionary, superb *akhlaaq*, decisive, pious, and many other traits until he finally breathed his last.

When we contemplate upon the situation of our present-day youth, the question begs, what is the percentage of youth today that actually joins the congregational prayer at the masjid? Properly covering and observing their '*awrah*'?



What percentage actually
performs the five daily prayers?

Having noble *akhlaaq*?
Educated with relevant
qualification? Pursuing a
career? Contributing in
charitable work towards
community development?

For the sake of nation building and prosperous future, it is definitely insufficient to have large numbers of people flocking into universities but deficient in their religiosity. It is not enough to produce groups of intellectuals that are void of

integrity and ethical values. It is unfortunate that we experience impressive development and feats with great physical advancement, only at the expense of spiritual development, losing the *akhlaaq* and noble values.

Hence, today's youth must think deeply and contemplate, work diligently, and become pro-active in coming forward with initiatives to salvage and fulfill the rights of the Muslim *ummah* overall.

We do not want the youth to feel too lax and complacent in their comfort zone, that they do not want to ponder or take any action, while the obligation to uphold Islam and its unadulterated ‘*aqeedah* must be implemented.

It behooves us to grasp and comprehend the true reality of our lives on Allah's earth as vicegerents. They will be victorious in this world and the Hereafter. Allah mentions in al-Qur'an:

“Allah has promised those who have believed among you and done righteous deeds that He will surely grant them succession [to authority] upon the earth just as He granted it to those before them and that He will surely establish for

them[therein] their religion
which He has preferred for
them and that He will surely
substitute for them, after their
fear, security, [for] they
worship Me, not associating
anything with Me...”

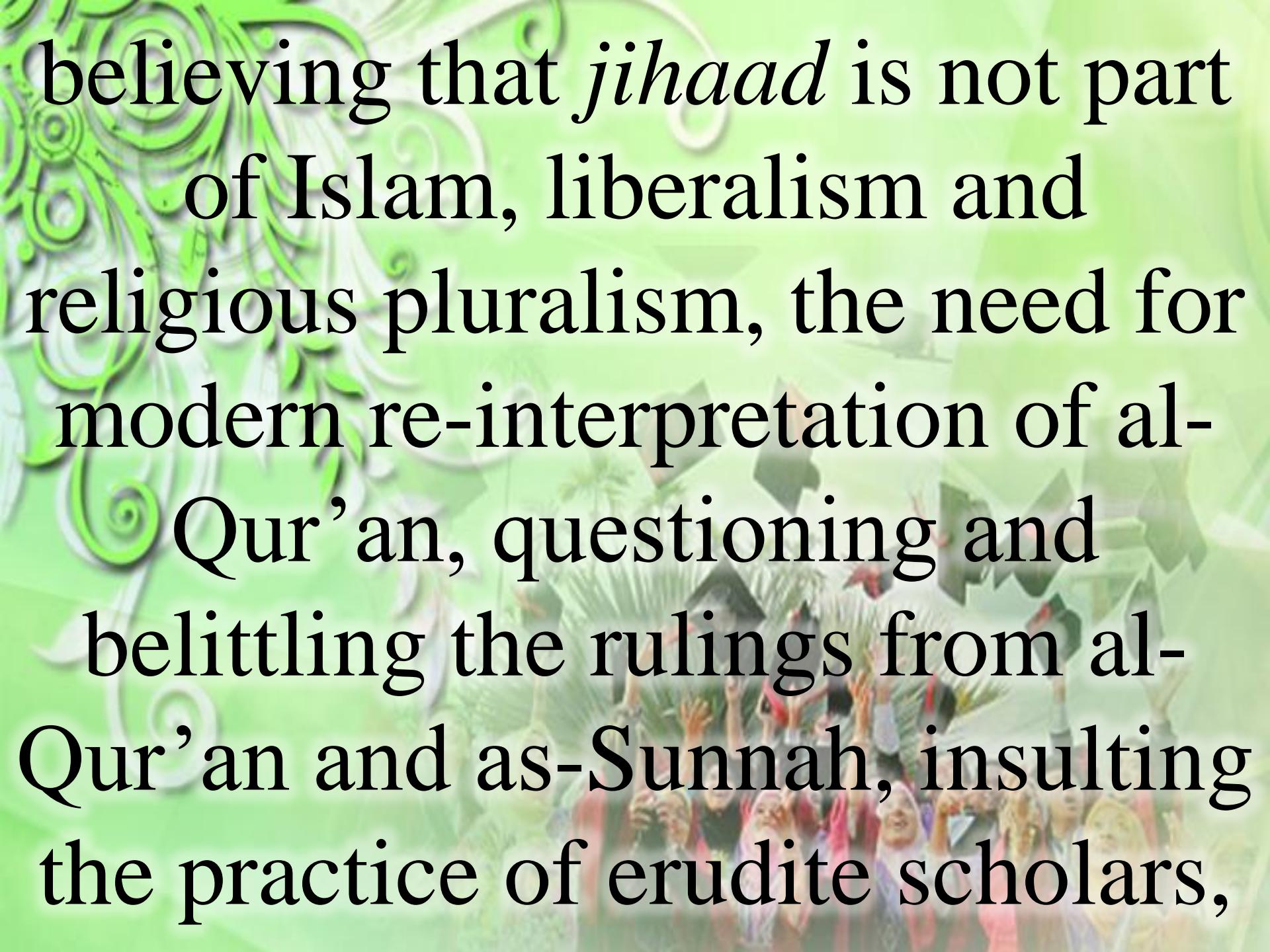
(an-Noor 24:55)

With the various ideologies, creed, and cultures that are crisscrossed and confusing in today's world, it will only lead to the weakening of the youth. Hence, it calls for an effective program to be implemented so as to see Islam flourishing

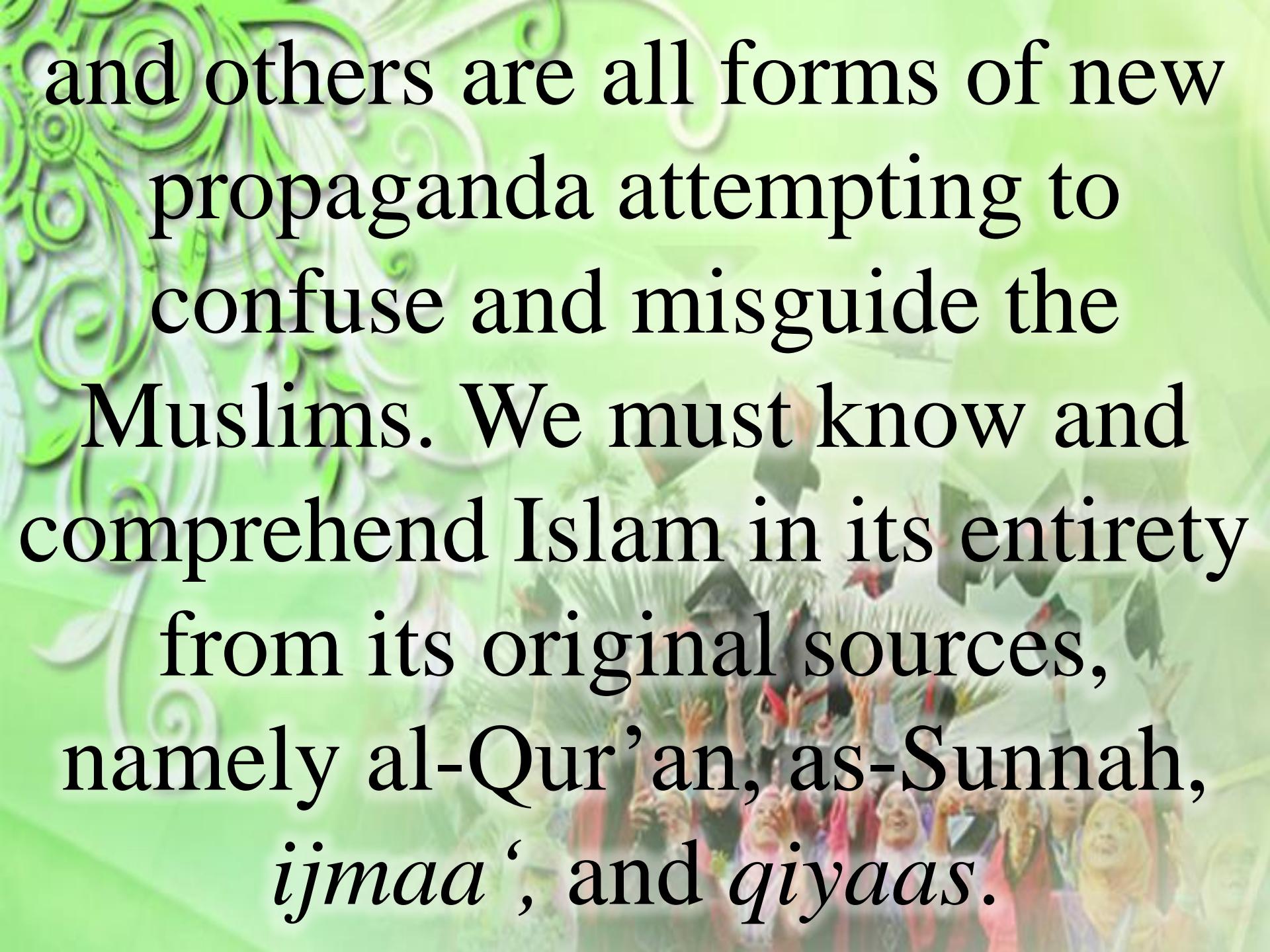
and firmly upheld in the future
by the youth of today:

**1- The need to fully
understand Islam in its very
authenticity and totality**

The misunderstanding and
misconception about certain
aspects of Islam such as



believing that *jihAAD* is not part of Islam, liberalism and religious pluralism, the need for modern re-interpretation of al-Qur'an, questioning and belittling the rulings from al-Qur'an and as-Sunnah, insulting the practice of erudite scholars,



and others are all forms of new propaganda attempting to confuse and misguide the Muslims. We must know and comprehend Islam in its entirety from its original sources, namely al-Qur'an, as-Sunnah, *ijmaa'*, and *qiyaas*.

It is from there that we will learn and understand true Islam so that we will debunk and address any misconception that arises.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* mentions in al-Qur'an:

“So is one whose
breast Allah has expanded
to [accept] Islam and he is
upon a light from his Lord
[like one whose heart
rejects it]? ”

Then woe to those whose hearts are hardened against the remembrance of Allah.

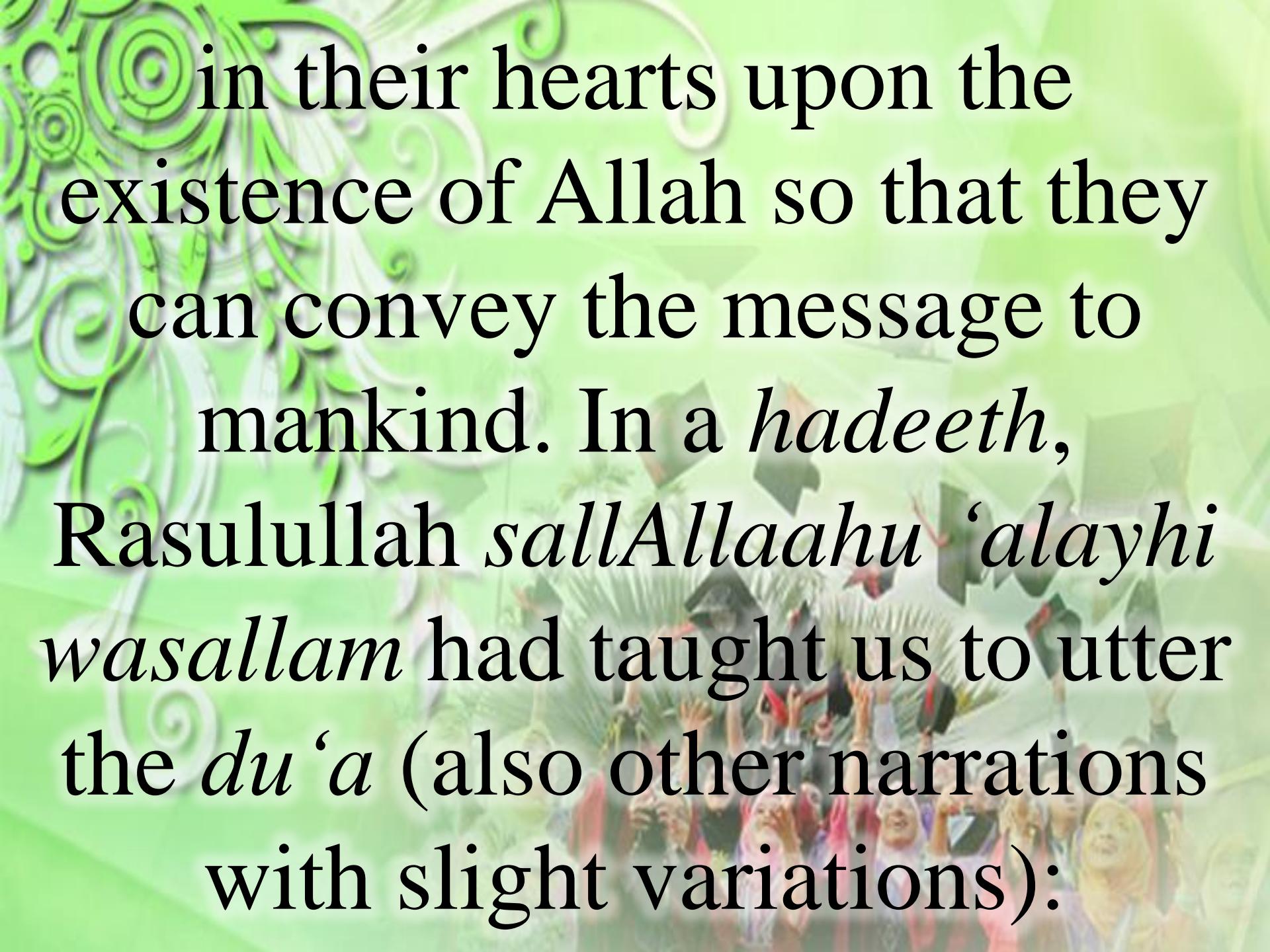
Those are in manifest error.”

(az-Zumar 39:22)

2- Put Islam into practice

Indeed, Islam is not mere knowledge that is acquired, debated or discoursed or expressed in written works.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala*
Himself wants His servants to
have the knowledge (*ma ‘rifah*)



in their hearts upon the existence of Allah so that they can convey the message to mankind. In a *hadeeth*, Rasulullah *sallAllaahu 'alayhi wasallam* had taught us to utter the *du'a* (also other narrations with slight variations):

“O Allah, I seek refuge in You from knowledge which does not benefit, from a heart that is not submissive (without *khushoo'*), from deeds that are not accepted, and from supplication that is not answered.”

(Ahmad: *saheeh*)

3- Calling others to Islam

Verily, it is not becoming for a Muslim to be righteous at personal level but at the same time allowing others to fall into disobedience. It is not enough to have *imaan* and performing righteous acts only,

while neglecting efforts of *da'wah* and *jihad*. Our duty is to call upon mankind towards good and preventing them from committing disobedience. We should invite them to have *imaan*, performing *salaah*, doing every form of good deeds,

as it was taught by Luqman
to his son, mentioned in al-

Qur'an:

“O my son, establish
prayer, enjoin what is
right, forbid what is
wrong, and be patient over

what befalls you.
Indeed, [all] that is of
the matters
[requiring]
determination.”

(Luqman 31:17)

4- Living in *jamaa‘ah* with the Muslims

Indeed, Islam will not shine its greatness if it was only practiced individually or on individual basis. The great effort in calling mankind to worship Allah Alone, which at the same

time necessitates others to strive in upholding the religion of Allah, definitely cannot be acted upon individually. Furthermore, it should be done collectively with togetherness. The blessings and effectiveness will manifest when we all gather together

purely for the sake of Allah,
striving together for His sake,
loving and caring for each other,
keeping unity based upon the
brotherhood of Islam,
diagnosing and resolving issues
together. Only then, Islam will
become stronger.

Allah Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala
mentions in al-Qur’an:

“The believing men and
believing women are allies of
one another. They enjoin
what is right and forbid what
is wrong and establish prayer

and give zakaah and obey Allah and His Messenger. Those – Allah will have mercy upon them. Indeed, Allah is Exalted in Might and Wise.”
(at-Tawbah 9:71)

Let us look deep within and evaluate ourselves with honesty. Have we fulfilled the rights and responsibilities in protecting the ‘*aqeedah*, *Sharee’ah*, *akhlaaq*, culture, and living codes based upon Islamic principles?

Do our Muslim youth actually realize the significance of life that is Islam-centric? Let us all together consolidate our effort and understanding so as to produce Muslim youths that will become the fortress of our *deen*, people, and nation.

“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)

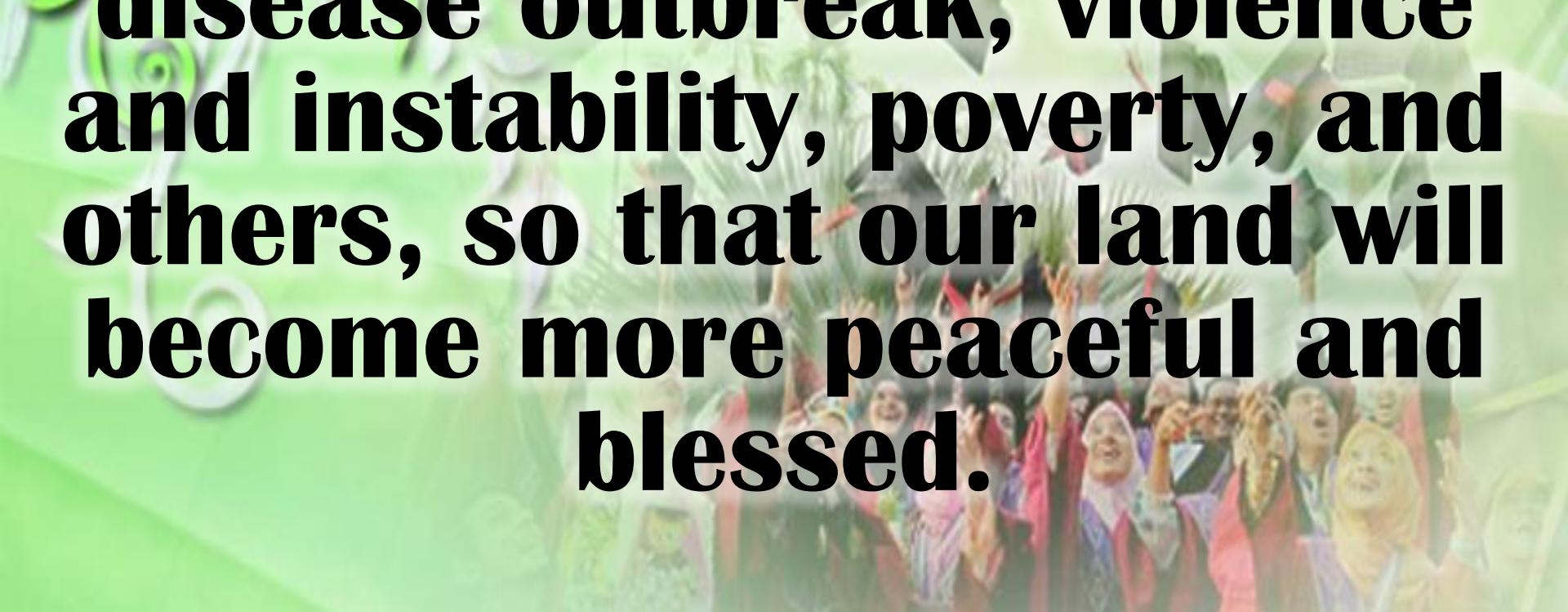
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إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

**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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