



جَابَطَانُ الْأَغَامَةِ إِلَيْكُمْ بِالْمُبَارَكَاتِ
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VACCINE : Preventive Measure For The Greater Benefit

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Our very existence on the face of earth that belongs to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, is purely to fulfill the very responsibility entrusted as His vicegerents.

Hence, let us strive to increase our *imaan* and *taqwa* of Allah with *istiqaamah* (steadfastness), by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions.

**Let us invite others to that
which leads to good and
prevent all forms of evil.
May the increase in our
imaan and *taqwa* serve as
added value for us unto
becoming true believers.**

Today, I will be delivering
a *khutbah* titled:



**“VACCINE:
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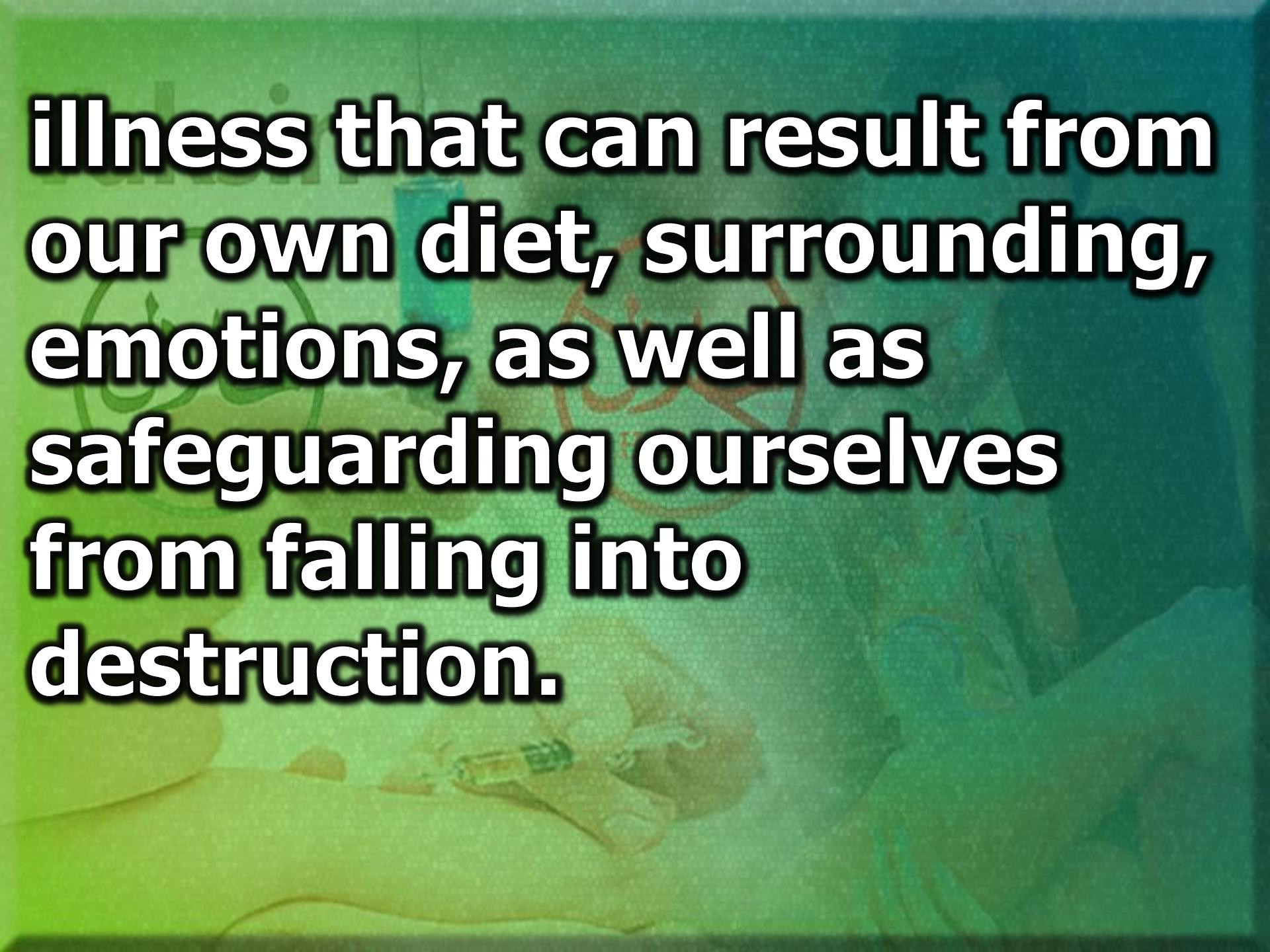
Quality living becomes the goal of every human.

Among the things that are noteworthy, in attaining quality living is the aspect of health, which is truly a valuable *ni'mah* (favor) from

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Without good health, we will not be able to fulfill our duty and obligation as vicegerents on earth.

We must be truly grateful

for the bounty of good health and strive to preserve it, so that we can continue to engage in *'ibaadah*. We are to practice a healthy lifestyle as Rasulullah ﷺ did. We are also to prevent all forms of



illness that can result from our own diet, surrounding, emotions, as well as safeguarding ourselves from falling into destruction.

Recently, the nation was shocked by the epidemic of a contagious disease known as diphtheria, which had claimed the lives of two children, in Malacca and Kedah. Newspapers have

reported that up until the 30th of June 2016, there have been 13 cases of diphtheria across the nation with five deaths involving children. In addition, there were 873 cases of measles outbreak

recorded. Medical examination has discovered that these victims did not receive complete diphtheria immunization and had died due to the complications of the infection. In Selangor,

a total of 23 cases of measles were reported in 2014 and it had increased to 498 cases in 2015, with 408 cases already reported in the first quarter of 2016. Although there was no case

of diphtheria reported in Selangor, the society remains at risk in contracting such virus. The Selangor State Health Department has informed that there are certain quarters within the

**state that had refused
vaccines for their children.**

**Within the context of
health care, among the
vital aspects advocated by
Islam is upholding the very
principle**

of "prevention is better than cure." Islam prohibits all matters that leads to harm upon any individual, by closing and blocking all possibilities that can cause harm and destruction,

as it conforms with the principle of "*prevention of harm is given precedence over attainment of good.*"

Vaccination for immunization is a preventive measure that can prevent

infectious diseases such as measles, tuberculosis, whooping cough, diphtheria, tetanus, and polio. What seems to create doubt within the society is the actual source and *halaal* (lawful)

status of such vaccine! In essence, Islam prohibits using medications originating from *haraam* (unlawful) sources, based on the *hadeeth* of Abu ad-Dardaa' *radiyAllaahu 'anh*

where Rasulullah ﷺ said:

“Allah has sent down both the disease and the cure, and He has appointed a cure for every disease, so treat yourselves medically, but use nothing unlawful”

(Abu Dawood: da'eef)

However, if no cure is found from *halaal* sources, while at the same time a disease must be prevented in preserving the human lives, then it becomes permissible (to resort to non-*halaal* sources)

according to the amount required. This conforms with the *fiqh* maxim that states "*dire necessity makes the prohibited permissible.*"

This maxim of *fiqh* is based upon the verse in al-Qur'an:

“... But whoever is forced [by necessity], neither desiring [it] nor transgressing [its limit], there is no sin upon him. Indeed, Allah is Forgiving and Merciful”

(al-Baqarah 2:173)

According to Dr Wahbah az-Zuhayli *rahimahullaah, darooraat* (dire necessity) refers to a situation that befalls a person and it poses extreme danger or difficulty, where it is feared that

there will be harm inflicted upon one's life, limbs, dignity, intellect, or wealth. At that particular instance, it becomes permissible to engage in what is *haraam* or leaving that which is

waajib (obligatory) or delaying a matter from its prescribed time, all for the sake of avoiding harm from occurring.

The discourse regarding vaccination for

for immunization has been long discussed since 1989 where the National Fatwa Council's *Muzaakarah* (Discussion) had allowed for its practice. This permissibility is based on

the maxims of *fiqh*
mentioned earlier.
The immunization program
through vaccination
implemented by the
Ministry of Health Malaysia
actually coincides with the
Sharee'ah

principle that upholds the preservation of life (*hifdh an-nafs*) for the Muslim *ummah* as an ultimate goal. It is due to this that Islam prohibits all forms of act that can cause the health

and life to fall into destruction.

Therefore, I would like to sincerely advice the Muslims to not make hasty assumptions by spreading information that are

unverified of its authenticity, for it can create *fitnah* and doubtfulness upon the masses. Let us refer to those whom are experts in their respective fields. The parents should not be worried and

**doubtful for this matter
has been researched and
discussed thoroughly by
the experts and
professionals in the field
of medicine and Islamic
rulings.**

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

“... So ask the people of
the message
[knowledge] if you do
not know”

(*an-Nahl* 16:43)

The measures taken by the Ministry of Health Malaysia in providing immunization vaccine for free is actually in accordance with *fiqh* maxim that states, "*The ruler's decisions must be in favor*

of the people." Those parents that deliberately reject vaccination as a preventive measure have actually placed their children in a high-risk situation that can lead to destruction.

To end this *khutbah*, I would like to firmly reiterate that:

1. The Muslims must have certainty that being sick and healthy is all from Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

2. The Muslims must always supplicate and strive to avoid calamities. However, if catastrophe occurs, one must accept it with patience and contentment.

3. Since vaccination is permissible in Islam, the parents should allow the vaccination of their children as preventive measure against contagious diseases and complications.

4. The Muslims must refer to and inquire from experts within relevant areas in obtaining accurate information.

“Whoever does righteousness - it is for his [own] soul; and whoever does evil [does so] against it. And your Lord is not ever unjust to [His] servants”

(Fussilat 41:46)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ

وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِبَاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ

وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقْبِيلِهِ وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتُهُ

إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ.

أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِيْ

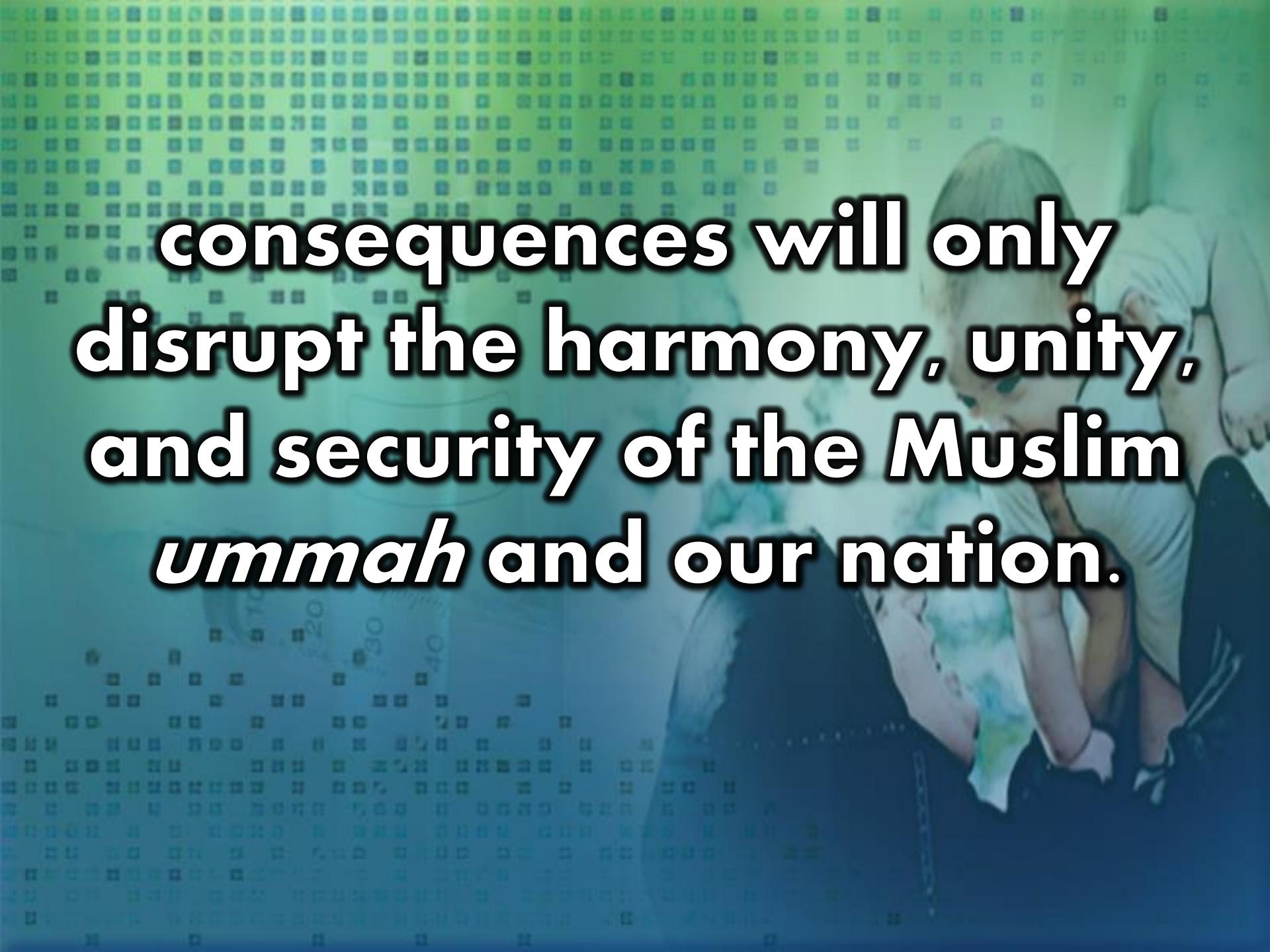
وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ

إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ

THE SECOND KHUTBAH

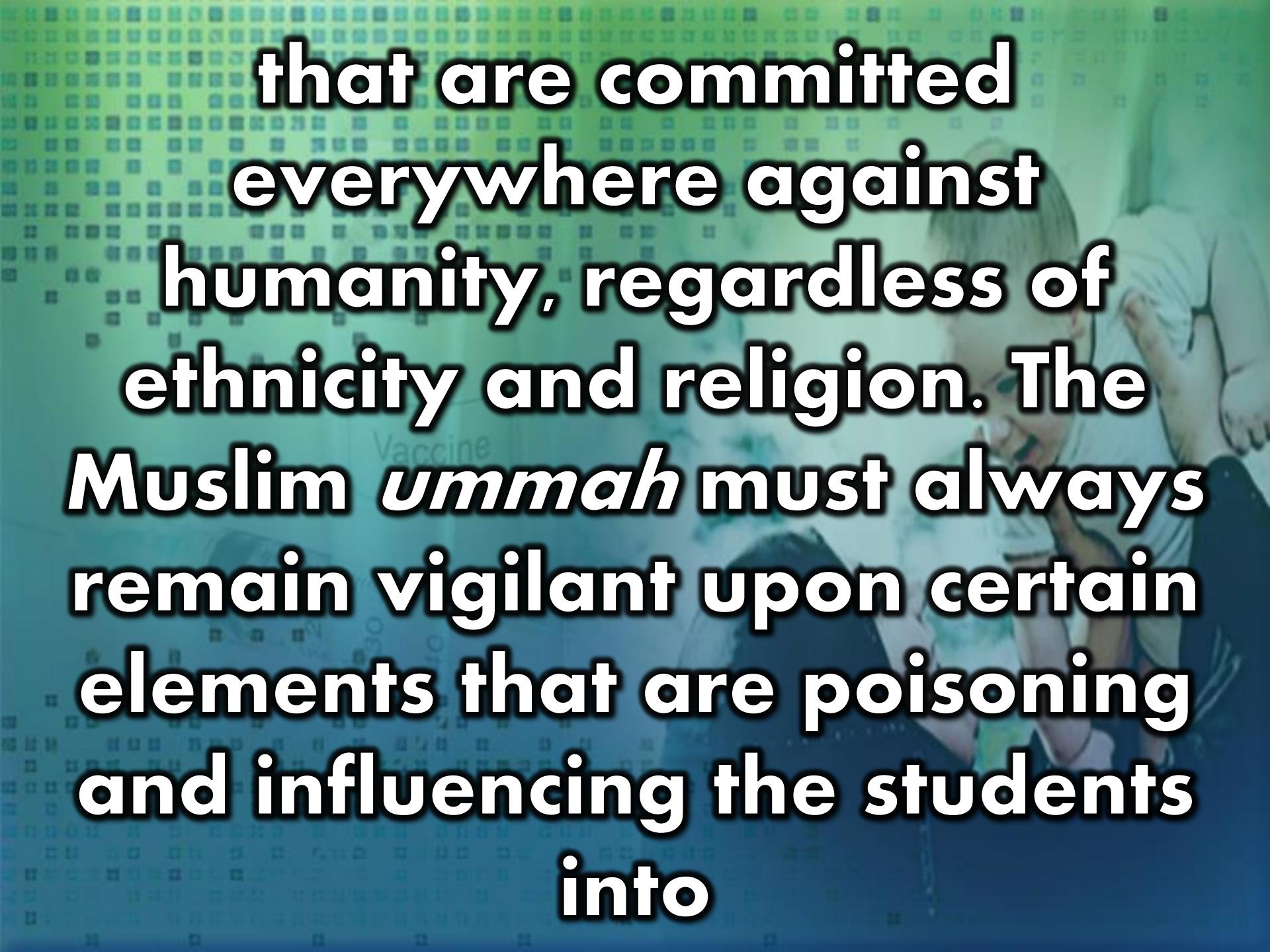
Once again, I would like to remind all of us that Islam teaches its adherents to remain moderate in every actions and deeds. As Muslims, we are to manifest noble *akhlaaq*, having utmost personality and attitude

for Rasulullah ﷺ was sent
to perfect *akhlaaq* and as
mercy for the entire
mankind and the worlds. At
the same time, the Muslims
are to avoid any form of
deviant ideologies and
extremism in which its



**consequences will only
disrupt the harmony, unity,
and security of the Muslim
ummah and our nation.**

**With that, we truly condemn
the suicide bombing that
recently took place at the
Holy Land of Madinah al-
Munawwarah, perpetrated
by irresponsible individuals.
Also, we strongly condemn
all forms of violence**



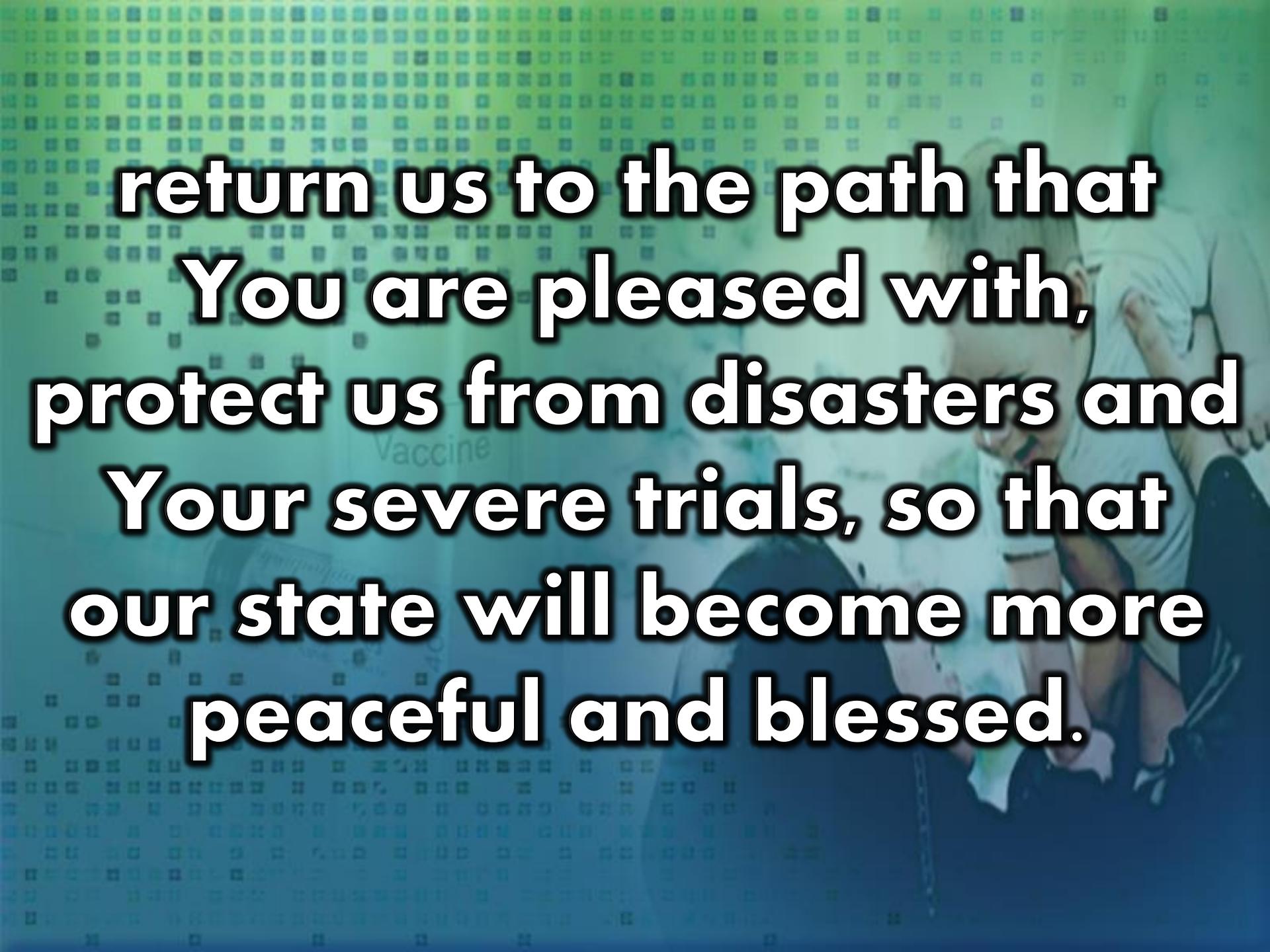
**that are committed
everywhere against
humanity, regardless of
ethnicity and religion. The
Muslim *ummah* must always
remain vigilant upon certain
elements that are poisoning
and influencing the students
into**

**committing aggression
anywhere especially at
places of worship.**

**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,
under the auspices and
leadership of our Ruler as
the Head of Islamic Affairs in
this state.**

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 state will become more
peaceful and blessed.**

**O Allah, we sincerely beseech
You, strengthen our beliefs
according to the creed of *Ahl
as-Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah*,
and protect us from the
practices and '*aqeedah* that
are astray such as *Shee'ah*,
Qadiyaani, and other
ideologies.**

O Allah, open up our hearts in fulfilling the five daily prayers, performing *zakaat*, and other obligations, as well as making *waqf* and *infaaq* of our wealth especially to *Perbadanan Wakaf Negeri Selangor* (Selangor Waqf



Corporation) and *Tabung Amanah Pembangunan Islam Selangor* (Islamic Development Trust Fund of Selangor). With these deeds, O Allah, bless our lives and widen our *rizq* with perpetual rewards until the Last Day.



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