



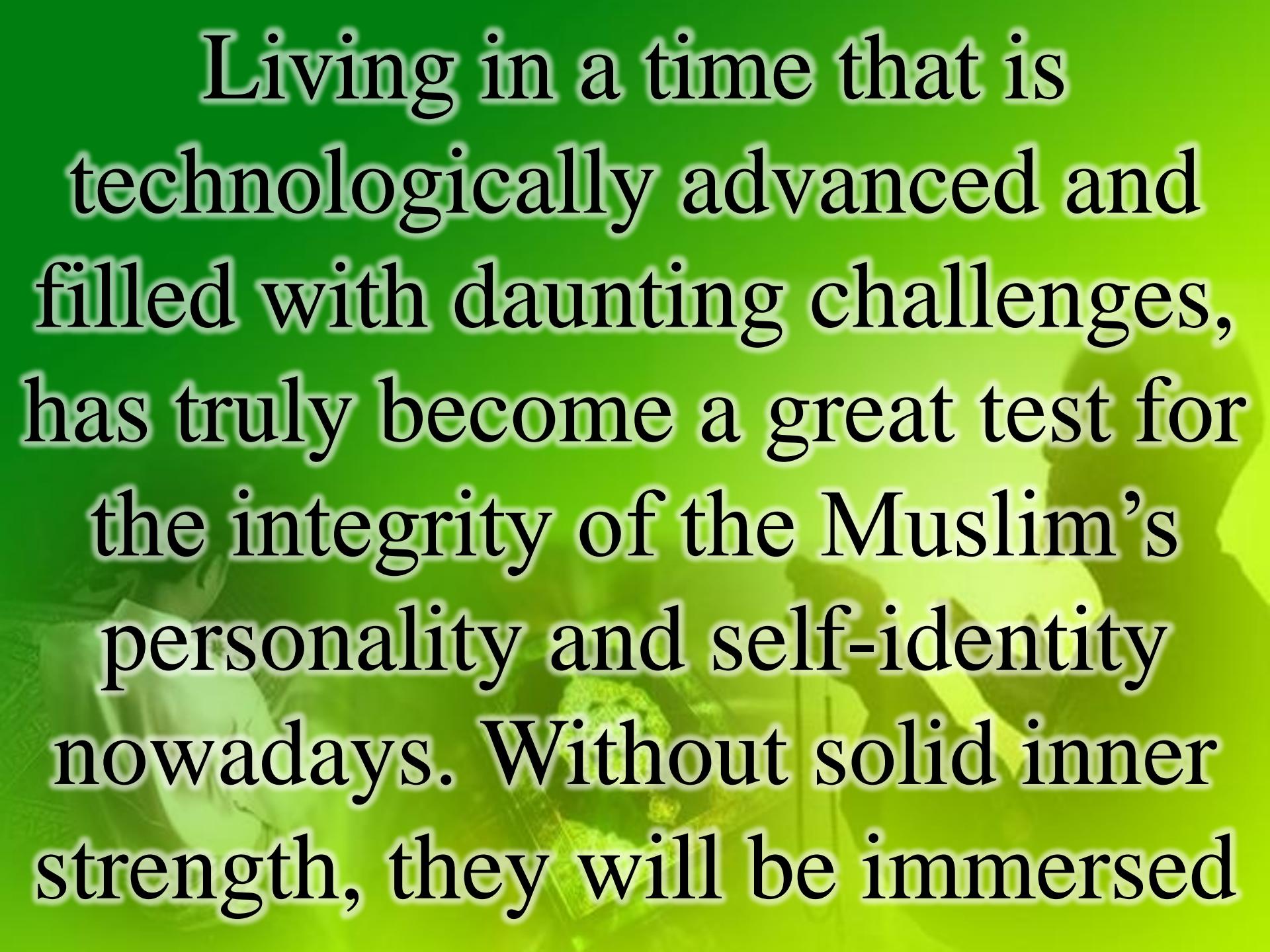
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# COLLECTIVE EFFORT IN SAFEGUARDING OUR IMAAN

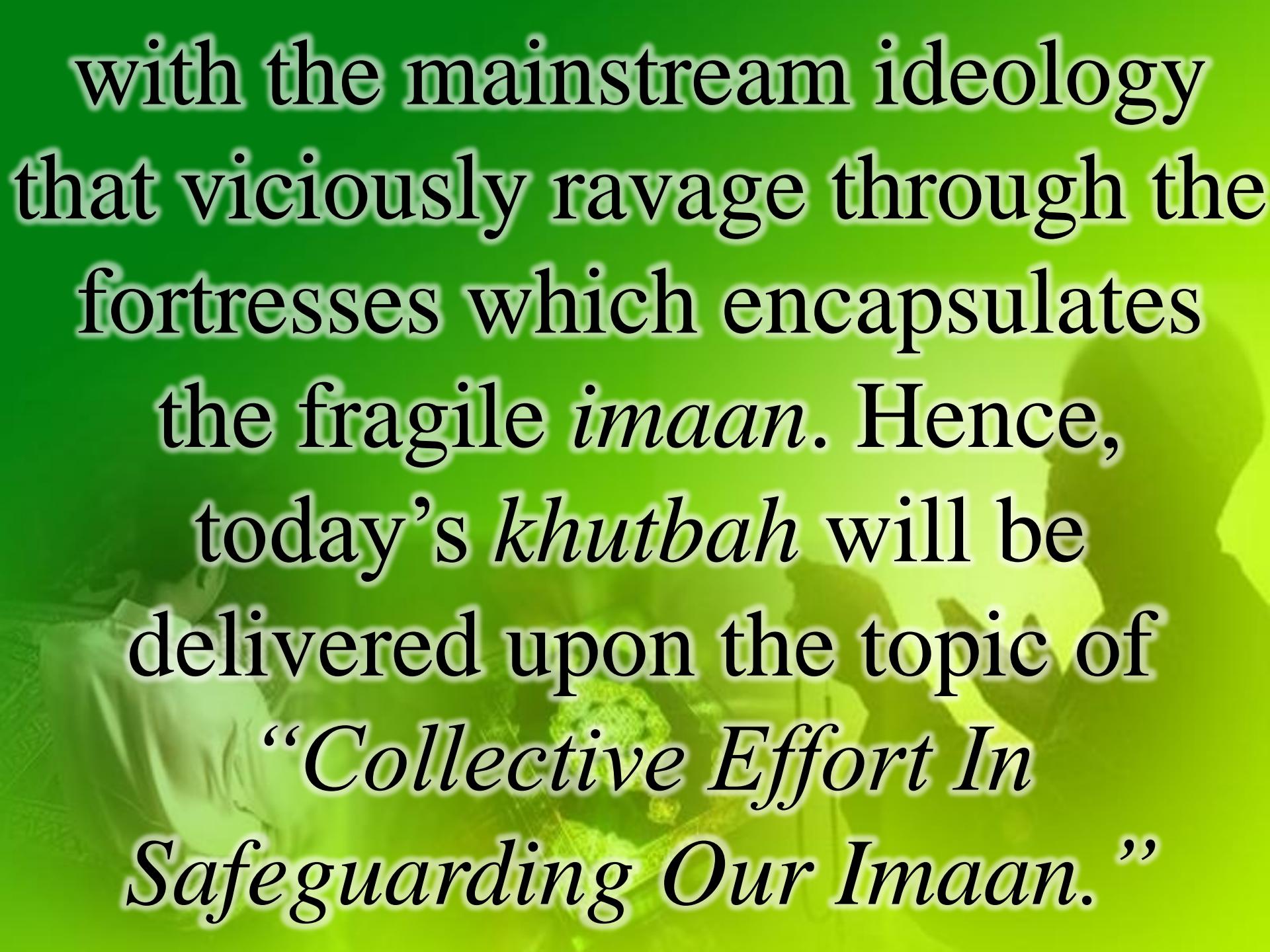


Let us increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* by strictly adhering to the tenets of Islam, fulfilling the Commands of Allah, and avoiding all of His prohibitions.,.

in pursuit of attaining His  
Pleasure. Let us prepare  
with necessary provisions  
for the lives of the  
Hereafter, for indeed *taqwa*  
is the best of provision

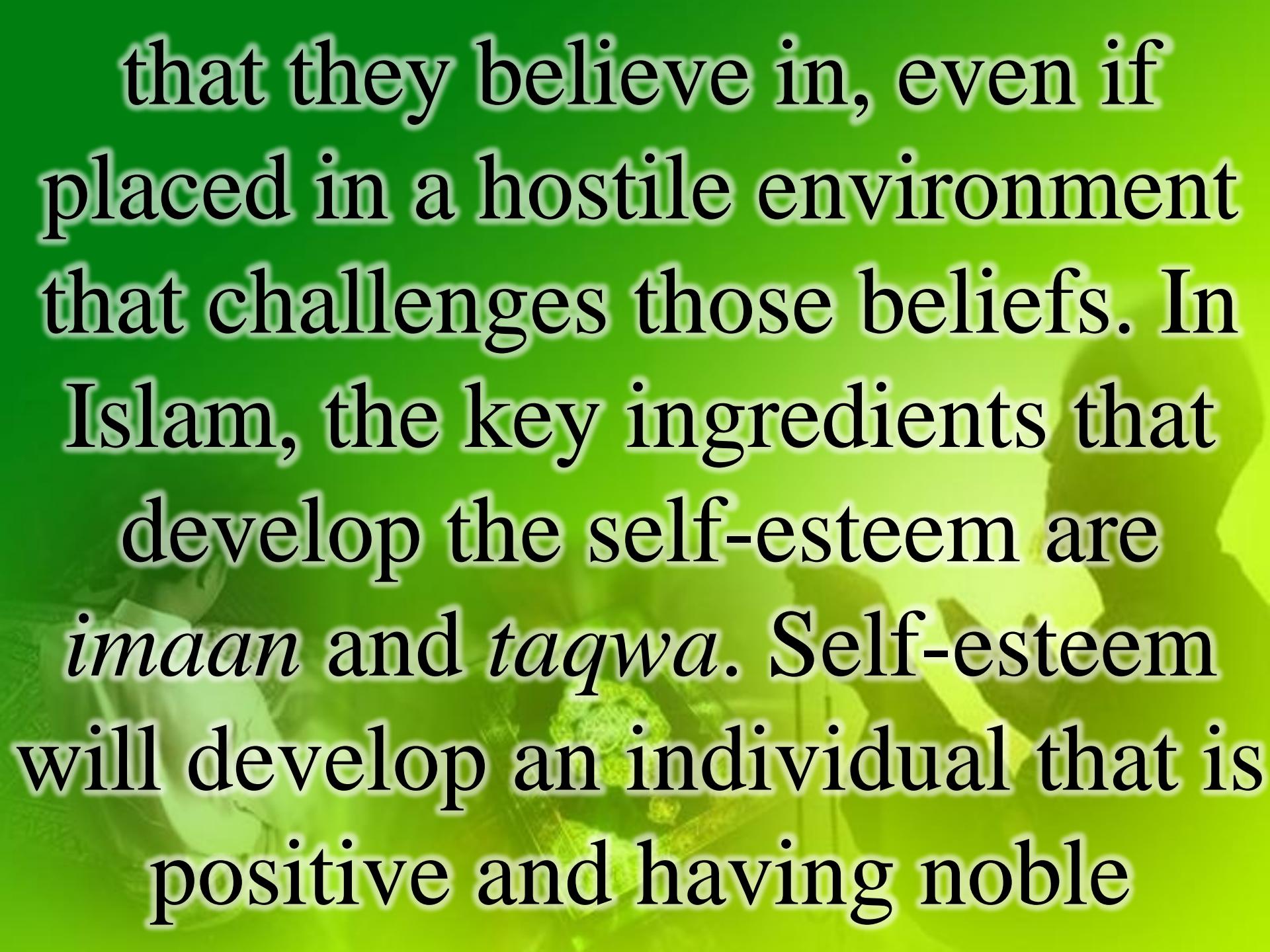


Living in a time that is technologically advanced and filled with daunting challenges, has truly become a great test for the integrity of the Muslim's personality and self-identity nowadays. Without solid inner strength, they will be immersed

A person wearing a light blue headscarf and a green and white patterned dress, looking down thoughtfully.

with the mainstream ideology  
that viciously ravage through the  
fortresses which encapsulates  
the fragile *imaan*. Hence,  
today's *khutbah* will be  
delivered upon the topic of  
*“Collective Effort In  
Safeguarding Our Imaan.”*

Self-confidence is a special characteristic that an individual or a group of community can possess, which becomes the symbol for them to be known for and honored with. Those having confidence will be able to defend the very principles

A person in traditional Islamic clothing, wearing a white agal and a grey agal, looking down with their hands clasped near their chest in a gesture of prayer or contemplation.

that they believe in, even if placed in a hostile environment that challenges those beliefs. In Islam, the key ingredients that develop the self-esteem are *imaan* and *taqwa*. Self-esteem will develop an individual that is positive and having noble

character. *Imaan* must be properly nurtured and cultivated in every Muslim in order to safeguard their integrity.

Without *imaan*, the individual will be prone to get involved with various types of *munkar* and disobedience.

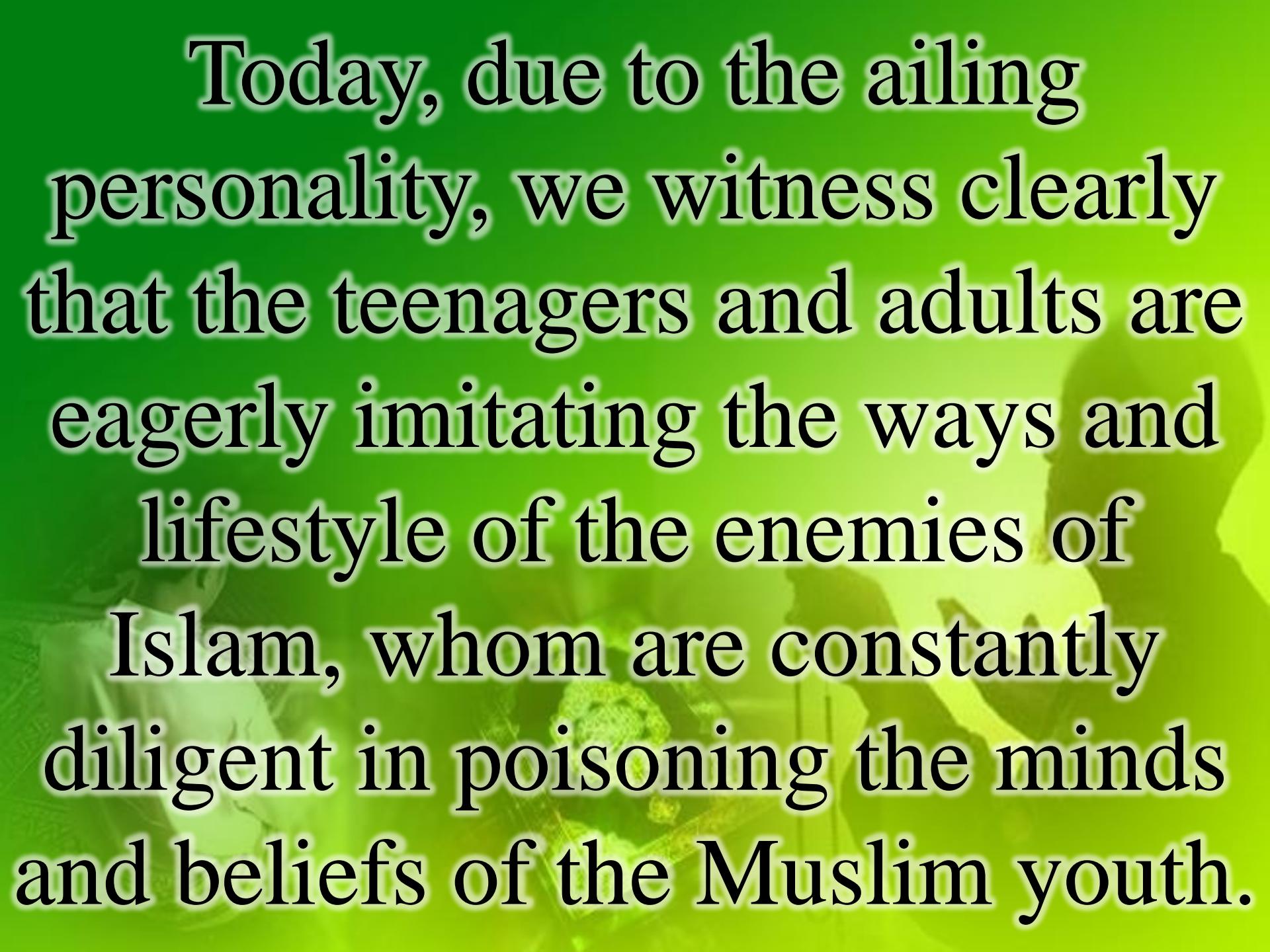
Without *imaan*, the leader  
will sway into bribery.

Without *imaan*, the  
employee will betray the  
trust. Without *imaan*, the  
child will become rebellious  
and disobey the parents.

And it is without *imaan* that  
the young lady will lose her  
honor and dignity! On the  
authority of Abu Hurayrah  
*radiyAllaahu ‘anh*, the  
Messenger *sallAllaahu ‘alayhi wasallam* said:

**“The fornicator who  
fornicates is not a believer so  
long as he commits it, and no  
thief who steals is a believer as  
long as he commits theft, and  
no drunkard who drinks wine  
is a believer as long as he  
drinks it.”**

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

A woman wearing a green hijab is seen from the side, holding a small child in her arms. She is looking down at the child with a gentle expression. The background is a soft-focus green, creating a peaceful and intimate atmosphere.

Today, due to the ailing personality, we witness clearly that the teenagers and adults are eagerly imitating the ways and lifestyle of the enemies of Islam, whom are constantly diligent in poisoning the minds and beliefs of the Muslim youth.

The young and the old would mix freely without restriction, extremely engrossed in entertainment, busy having fun, that they would neglect *salaah* and other religious duties. None can be further expected from those that have drowned and

submerged along with their corrupted personality. They have lost their guidance and sense of direction. Their ways of thinking and assessment has far deviated from the guidelines of al-Qur'an and the *sunnah* of

Rasulullah *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam*. In the end, their lives would become despicable in this world and even burdened with the torment in the Hereafter. So true are the words of Allah, as mentioned in al-Qur’ān:

“And We have certainly  
created for Hell many of  
the jinn and mankind.  
They have hearts with  
which they do not  
understand, they have eyes  
with which they do not see,

and they have ears with  
which they do not hear.  
Those are like livestock;  
rather, they are more  
astray. It is they who are  
the heedless.”

(al-A‘raaf 7:179)

With this realization, we must take action to ensure that the Muslim *ummah* today will gain the awareness and realization from negligence. We must return to foster our *imaan* and develop our Muslim personality.

Therefore, everyone should be helping each other out in cultivating this noble effort.

Beginning from one's own self and all the way to the national level, we should all unite our efforts in achieving our goals.

Indeed, personality development is a collective responsibility that must be fulfilled.

Among the measures to be taken are:

1- Muslims should learn and educate themselves to become intelligent in evaluating and choosing good deeds over bad ones.

For example, teenagers are easily influenced by their peers where many would spend most of their time with their peer.

With good companionship, then many goods will come out of it. They will remind each other often, eager to increase their

knowledge, and improving their character as Muslim teenagers.

On the contrary, having companions that are always committing disobedience, then its negative consequences will trickle down and inflict upon the individual.

They are too busy and concerned with entertainment, *munkar*, and unbenevolent activities.

Abu Musa al-Ash‘ari *radiyAllaahu ‘anh* reported that Rasulullah *sallAllaahu ‘alayhi wasallam* said:

“The example of a good companion and a bad companion is like that of the seller of musk, and the one who blows the blacksmith’s bellows. So as for the seller of musk then either he will grant you some, or you buy some

from him, or at least you enjoy a pleasant smell from him. As for the one who blows the blacksmith's bellows then either he will burn your clothes or you will get an offensive smell from him.”

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

2- Parents play a vital role in ensuring that their families are in a living in a conducive environment. They are responsible to bond with their children, befriend them, and encourage them to be involved with healthy activities.

Unfortunately there are parents that deem their role as to provide and support the family only, and nothing more. In result, their teenage children are neglected without the much needed love, care, and upbringing.

Hence, they would rather place their trust in their uncouth friends, becoming vulnerable and easily influenced with their peer's rude behavior. In addition, parents must encourage their progeny to hold fast to the tenets of Islam,

and uphold the *Sharee'ah* as the source of reference for all of their actions. Let us contemplate upon the advice that Luqmaan al-Haakim gave to his son, as 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.”

(Luqmaan 31:17)

3- Teachers and educators of today must become the *murshid* and *murabbi* with caliber, competency, and always willing to educate with good manners and vision, such as diligence, friendliness, courteous, considerate, tolerant, patient,

sensitive, and responsible.

Remember well, that the teaching career is an *amaanah* that has to be fulfilled. The persistence and perseverance in educating is a struggle that will be tremendously rewarded by Allah.

In curbing the social ills and un-Islamic norms from spreading and plaguing the community, teachers and educators must plant a strong foundation of ‘*aqeedah* and belief in Allah Subhaanahu Wata‘aala.

Develop the character of the students into possessing excellent *akhlaaq* and fearing the torment of Hereafter. Do not ever get tired of having to continuously advice, educate, nurture, and nourish the students' mind with good advice

At the same time, it behooves the teachers to display sound Islamic character, so it will become good exemplary and emulated by the students.

4- The mass media whether printed or electronic, should also execute their noble duty and responsibility in developing today's generation. Do not only focus on financial profits and revenue at the expense of the beloved religion and people,

by disseminating immoral stories, spooky tales, and excessive entertainment that is without beneficial purposes.

They play a significant role in shaping the minds and lifestyle of the society. Increase programs, articles, and stories

having elements of *da‘wah* and also educative. Also various entertainments that help develop the Muslim mind, character, and identity. We must realize that for everything published or broadcasted to the society, whether beneficial or not,

they are in actuality investments that will reveal its results in the Hereafter.

Jareer ibn ‘Abdillah *radiyAllaahu ‘anh* relates that Rasulullah *sallAllaahu ‘alayhi wasallam* said:

“Whoever initiates a good practice (*sunnah hasanah*) in Islam and is emulated by others in doing so will get the reward of it and the reward of all those who act upon it without their rewards being diminished in any respect.

And whosoever initiates an evil practice (*sunnah sayyi'ah*) in Islam and is emulated by others will bear the sin of it and the sin of all those who act on it without their burden being diminished in the least.”

(Muslim, Ahmad, and others)

If everyone would cooperate and galvanize efforts in the noble cause of awakening the Muslim *ummah*, then *insha Allah* we will one day witness its fruits and results. A new generation will be born, living upon the true faith,

founded upon strong *imaan*,  
with al-Qur'an and the  
*sunnah* of Rasulullah  
*sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam*  
as guidance. In reality, this is  
the real and actual Muslim  
character that is hoped for.

In conclusion, let us revisit the main points from today's *khutbah*, among them:

- 1- Indeed, self-identity is a manifestation of the potency or strength of an individual or a group of them that must be further developed and

safeguarded.

2- The Muslim character is a personality that is developed based upon *imaan* and *taqwa*, according to al-Qur'an and the *sunnah* of Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam*.

3- Developing and generating excellent character is the responsibility of all. Thus, potent and sound cooperation that is continuous is the main factor that will help guarantee the success of such noble ambition.

**“And those who strive  
for Us – We will surely  
guide them to Our  
ways. And  
indeed, Allah is with the  
doers of good.”**

(al-‘Ankaboot 29:69)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ بِالْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي  
وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ  
مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتُهُ 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.**

**O Allah, Please increase  
and widen the  
provision of those  
who endowed their wealth,  
blessed the poor with true  
faith and lasting health,**

**O Allah, Please accept their  
endowment and rewards  
them with an  
eternal rewards in  
the Hereafter.**

*Allaahumma ameen*



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