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THE DANGER OF PRIDE AND ARROGANCE



I would like to remind myself
and all of us to sincerely strive
in increasing our *taqwa* of Allah
Subhaanahu Wata 'aala by
fulfilling all of His Commands
and abstaining from all of His
prohibitions.

Verily, the slave that is conscious of the greatness of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala* will be more vigilant and having *taqwa* in their lives, realizing their insignificance,

and revering the glory and majesty of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala*. Today’s *khutbah* intends to alert us on “*The Danger Of Pride And Arrogance.*”

Having pride or bragging about oneself is a trait that is only befitting for Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala* with all of His Perfection. Praising oneself is only appropriate and worthy

for His Majesty. Moreover, it is
a mark of perfection that is
obligated upon Him.

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

**“He is Allah, other than whom
there is no deity, the
Sovereign, the Pure, the
Perfection, the Bestower of
Faith, the Overseer, the
Exalted in**

Might, the Compeller, the
Superior. Exalted is Allah
above whatever they
associate with Him.”

(al-Hashr 59:23)

Takabbur (pride) is a trait that is only specific for Allah

Subhaanahu Wata‘aala. We have been strictly prohibited from vainglory, vanity, and self-conceit as mentioned in the *hadeeth qudsi* narrated

by Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh* where Rasulullah *sallAllaahu 'alayhi wasallam* said:

“Allah (*Subhaanahu Wata‘aala*) said:

**“Pride is My cloak and
greatness is My robe, and he
who competes with Me in
respect of either of them I
shall cast into Hell-fire.””**

(Abu Dawood, Ahmad, ibn Maajah, al-
Bayhaqi, and ibn Hibbaan: *saheeh*)

History has recorded that the first *kufr* had occurred in the heavens, which was actually due to *takabbur*. *Iblees* who was pious in his worship to Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala* for a very long

period, was in the end declared *kufr* and thrown out of Paradise by Allah, due to his own pride.

Even though *Iblees'* only mistake was refusing to prostrate to Adam ‘*alayhissalam* as

commanded, not even prostrating to Allah, but it was this rebellion and refusal that manifested the *takabbur* and vanity within *Iblees*.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* has recorded the

incident in various *ayaat* in al-Qur'an, among them:
“And We have certainly created you, [O Mankind], and given you [human] form. Then We said to the angels,

“Prostrate to Adam”; so they prostrated, except for *Iblees*.

He was not of those who prostrated. [Allah] said, “What prevented you from prostrating when I commanded you?”

[Satan] said, “I am better than him. You created me from fire and created him from clay.”

[Allah] said, “Descend from Paradise, for it is

**not for you to be arrogant
therein. So get out; indeed,
you are of the debased.””**

(al-A‘raaf 7:11-13)

Iblees refused to make *sujood* (prostration) to Adam ‘*alayhissalam* due to his pride and self-conceit. *Iblees* was full of himself not because of his avid worship, not because of his service

and contributions, and not because of his knowledge and status, but it was only due to his own origin.

Iblees never claimed being God, and he never disobeyed from prostrating to Allah.

But he refused to prostrate to Adam only because he deemed his origin of creation was better than Adam. He felt that being created from the fire is superior than being created

from soil (earth). Such is the *takabbur* and arrogance of *Iblees la ‘natullah* that committed *kufr* and will be thrown into the Hellfire.

Humans and other creations should never think of

themselves as being better than others solely due to their origin of creation. One can never feel that his ethnicity is better and nobler than others, for Allah

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created all human beings and
creations. An Arab should not
feel that he is better than a
European. The Malays should
not feel that they are nobler than
the Indians.

A Chinese should not feel that he is better than an Iban or a Kadazan (Kadazan-Dusun).

This is due to the fact that Allah creates all humans.

Furthermore, none of us have the privilege to choose to be born to a certain ethnicity. What differentiates between us in the Sight of Allah is our *taqwa*,

which is being vigilant upon all
of our deeds so that they will
adhere to the *Shara'* that was
revealed by Allah *Subhaanahu*
Wata'aala.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*
mentions in

al-Qur'an:

“O mankind, indeed We have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another.

**Indeed, the most noble of you
in the sight of Allah is the
most righteous of you. Indeed,
Allah is Knowing and
Acquainted.”**

(al-Hujuraat 49:13)

Abu Nadrah al-Mundhir ibn Maalik ibn Qut‘ah *radiyAllaahu ‘anh* reported: I heard the sermon of the Messenger of Allah *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* during the middle of the day.

He *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam*
said:

“O people, verily, your Lord is
one and your father is one.
Indeed, an Arab has no
excellence over a non-Arab,

nor does a non-Arab have any
excellence over an Arab, nor
does a red skin have any
excellence over a black skin,
nor does a black skin have any
excellence over a red skin,
except through *taqwa...*”

(Ahmad and al-Bayhaqi: *saheeh*)

Arrogance and *takabbur* are from among diseases of the heart. They are diseases that are very dangerous to our *imaan* and *'aqeedah*. Hence, everyone must avoid these characteristics and traits.

We must strive our utmost in cleansing our hearts from these traits. These diseases can be overcome in various ways, among them:

1- Constant awareness and understanding of the origin

of the human being. Allah
Subhaanahu Wata‘aala has
created all of us from Adam
‘alayhissalam who was created
from clay. We are all created
from semen, something that we
ourselves

detest. Therefore, it is unbecoming for us humans to be proud and arrogant due to our origin.

2- Constant remembrance of our own weaknesses and shortcomings.

Everyday we will sweat and excrete waste (defecate and urinate). We can sense and smell the foul odor emanating from our bodies if they are unclean.

Similarly, our excretions are extremely disgusting with pungent odor that we would have to use external or foreign objects just to cleanse and perfume our body.

3- Always performing good deeds even if they are perceived as lowly or insignificant by the masses. This can be something to the effect of picking up trash, sweeping the floor,

cleaning the toilet, or carrying goods. These acts will not lower one's own status and dignity; moreover it will scrape away any sense of pride and arrogance.

4- Realizing one's own weakness and deficiency as compared to other creations of Allah such as the animals, the mountains, and many others.

Let us purify our hearts from all dispraised characteristics, especially *takabbur* and arrogance. It is because anyone possessing these traits even if minute will not enter the Paradise of Allah in

the Hereafter. In the *hadeeth* of
‘Abdullah ibn Mas‘ood
radiyAllaahu ‘anh, Rasulullah
sallAllaahu ‘alayhi wasallam
said:

“Anyone who possesses half a
mustard seed of *kibr*

(pride) in his heart will not be granted admission to Paradise. And anyone who possesses half a mustard seed of *imaan* will not enter the (Eternal) Fire.”

(at-Tirmidhi, Abu Dawood, and ibn Maajah: *saheeh*)

**“But the ones who deny Our
verses and are arrogant
toward them - those are the
companions of the Fire; they
will abide therein eternally.”**

(al-A‘raaf 7:36)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ بِالْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ
بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْأَيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِي
وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَفُؤُلُ قَوْلِي
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. *Allaahummaa ameen***



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