



جامعة إسلام سلاغور
JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

SOUND ‘AQEEDAH PREVENTS APOSTASY

Let us have the *taqwa* of Allah
Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala by
fulfilling all of His
Commandments and avoiding
all of His prohibitions. Indeed,
true *taqwa* is born out of sound
'aqeedah and its continuous

care. It has been mentioned in al-Qur'an about an important matter regarding '*aqeedah* at the demise of Prophet Ya'qub

'alayhissalam:

“Or were you witnesses when death approached Jacob, when he said to his sons,

"What will you worship after me?" They said, "We will worship your God and the God of your fathers, Abraham and Ishmael and Isaac – one God. And we are Muslims [in submission] to Him."

(al-Baqarah 2:133)

The final moment before death overtakes marks the time of separation of one with the family, wealth, and the material world. This final moment is usually used by the dying person to convey their final message or will.

Normally, the bequest will be related to inheritance, land property, or unfulfilled rights. Unfortunately as Muslims, we often think that matters pertaining to the *deen*, ‘*aqeedah*, and ‘*ibaadah* has already been well understood.

Hence, focus should be given to other aspects like family affairs or wealth.

However, al-Qur'an has taught us to put significant emphasis on '*aqeedah*, even for the prophet's family.

Prophet Ya‘qub’s father (Ishaaq) and grandfather (Ibraaheem) were all prophets. Logically, in the family of a prophet or ‘*ulamaa*’, the knowledge of ‘*aqeedah* would have been instilled at an early age or during childhood.

What more for a prophet, who
was raised by his father and
grandfather whom were both
prophets themselves.

Furthermore, even one of
Ya‘qub’s son, Yusuf
‘alayhissalam, was also a
prophet.

Despite that, Ya‘qub
‘alayhissalam continuously
emphasized on ‘aqeedah at the
end of his lifetime. And by then,
his children are all adults with
strong religious upbringing.

This story teaches us the importance of sound ‘*aqeedah*. It is the sound knowledge of the *deen* and ‘*aqeedah* that should be given top priority at all time until one finally breathes his last, be it a father, a normal Muslim, an *ustadh*, or an

'ulamaa'. No matter who the person is, even for the prophet of Allah, matters of *'aqeedah* and religion are of utmost priority to be conveyed and reminded to the family and kin.

'Aqeedah is the most important thing in the lives of mankind in this world. This is because it will determine the predicament of the slave in the Hereafter, whether attaining blissfulness in Paradise or punishment in Hellfire.

Every good deeds performed will be judged according to the ‘*aqeedah* that is pure. If the ‘*aqeedah* is sound, then such deeds will be deemed as good. On the contrary, if the ‘*aqeedah* is corrupted and tainted, then such deeds will render in vain.

There will be no reward granted
on such person. Allah

Subhaanahu Wata‘aala has
mentioned in al-Qur‘an:

“But those who disbelieved –
their deeds are like a mirage in a
lowland

which a thirsty one thinks is water until, when he comes to it, he finds it is nothing but finds Allah before Him, and He will pay him in full his due; and Allah is swift in account.”

(an-Noor 24:39)

Thus, as a slave of Allah and a human being, we must always ensure that our *imaan* is solid and increasing. A slave should never feel comfort and complacent after having believed (*imaan*). He must strengthen his ‘aqeedah because

imaan can increase and decrease. Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* has mentioned in al-Qur'an:

“It is He who sent down tranquility into the hearts of the believers that they would increase in faith along with

their [present] faith. And to Allah belong the soldiers of the heavens and the earth, and ever is Allah Knowing and Wise.”

(al-Fath 48:4)

The education of ‘*aqeedah*’ should be emphasized to every head of the family, and also the leaders of the nation and society. It should always be updated in keeping abreast with the latest development in contemporary affairs and

terminologies. Al-Qur'an never cease in giving emphasis on sound '*aqeedah*. Every page will not be without mentioning matters of '*aqeedah*, whether in the story of previous nations or in the verses pertaining to rules and regulations (*ahkaam*).

Rasulullah *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* had spent 13 years in giving *da‘wah* in Makkah. The ultimate focus was to instill solid unwavering ‘aqeedah into the Muslims. There were not many *Sharee‘ah* rulings revealed during this period.

The verses of al-Qur'an that was revealed during this period mainly focuses on issues of '*aqeedah*. It was only after the *hijrah* in the 13th year of Messengership that Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* revealed verses mentioning the rules

and regulations in ‘ibaadah,
mu‘ammalah, and matters
related to the family, society,
and nation.

Hence, we see the display of
strong ‘aqeedah of the early
Muslim generation. No matter
what verse or regulation that

was revealed upon them, they will purely accept and implement them. The generation of the Companions was firm and unwavering in their *imaan* though they were greatly tested and tortured.

This is very different from our situation today. We want to question, rationalize, and seek the *hikmah* of the commands or prohibitions by Allah first, and even then it's not a guarantee that we will implement them.

We are too engrossed in researching the philosophy behind Islamic rulings, but we have not been successful in having them implemented in our society and nation. This is due to the vast difference in the level of *imaan* between us and the

first generation of Islam.

It is *imaan* and ‘*aqeedah* that will serve as the fortress in safeguarding ourselves from falling into apostasy. Those that are diligent in protecting their faith and *yaqeen* will attain eternal success in the Hereafter.

May all of us be granted with
husnul khaatimah (the good
ending), *Allahumma ameen.*

Let us engrain the education of
sound ‘*aqeedah* into our daily
lives, whether in the realm of
the family, friends, or general
society.

Among the measures that can be taken:

1- The parents must ensure that their children and family have been provided with adequate amount of '*aqeedah*' upbringing (education).

Every individual must advice each family member and friends in obeying Allah and believing in the Last Day in their daily affairs. We must hasten and not lazy in uttering matters regarding the reward that awaits in the Hereafter.

2- Educational institution including the Masjid must utilize the latest and modern approach in educating the masses to secure sound *'aqeedah.*

This includes the relationship between ‘*aqeedah* and latest scientific development. This approach will give easier understanding for the Muslim *ummah* in strengthening their *imaan*.

In addition, the need to put heavy emphasis on issues of '*aqeedah* in the educational system, mass media, and training programs including motivational camps.

In conclusion, let us all
strengthen and purify our
'aqeedah so that we will end
our lives as true Muslims
believing purely in Allah
Subhaanahu Wata 'aala alone.

Being complacent and negligent
in the effectiveness of the
Islamic Studies program will
only cause the future Muslim
generation to further fall into
the abyss of humiliation and
deviation.

“O you who have believed,
upon you is [responsibility for]
yourselves. Those who have
gone astray will not harm you
when you have been guided.

To Allah is you return all together; then He will inform you of what you used to do.”

(al-Maa’idah 5:105)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ
بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْأَيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقْبَلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ
تِلَاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ。 أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا
وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ
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وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

O Allah,

The most merciful god, we thank you for all the mercy and pleasure that you gave so that we can enhance and strengthen our Islamic country especially Selangor as a developed and peaceful country.

O Allah,

We beg you to increase our practice, brace up our unity, give us prosperous life, make us rich with good knowledge, flourish our soul with noble character, bring back our youngsters to the right path, save us from your biggest test such

as huge flood, drought, epidemic, disputing between ourselves, poorness and anything else so that this country will be more prosperous and blessed.



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