



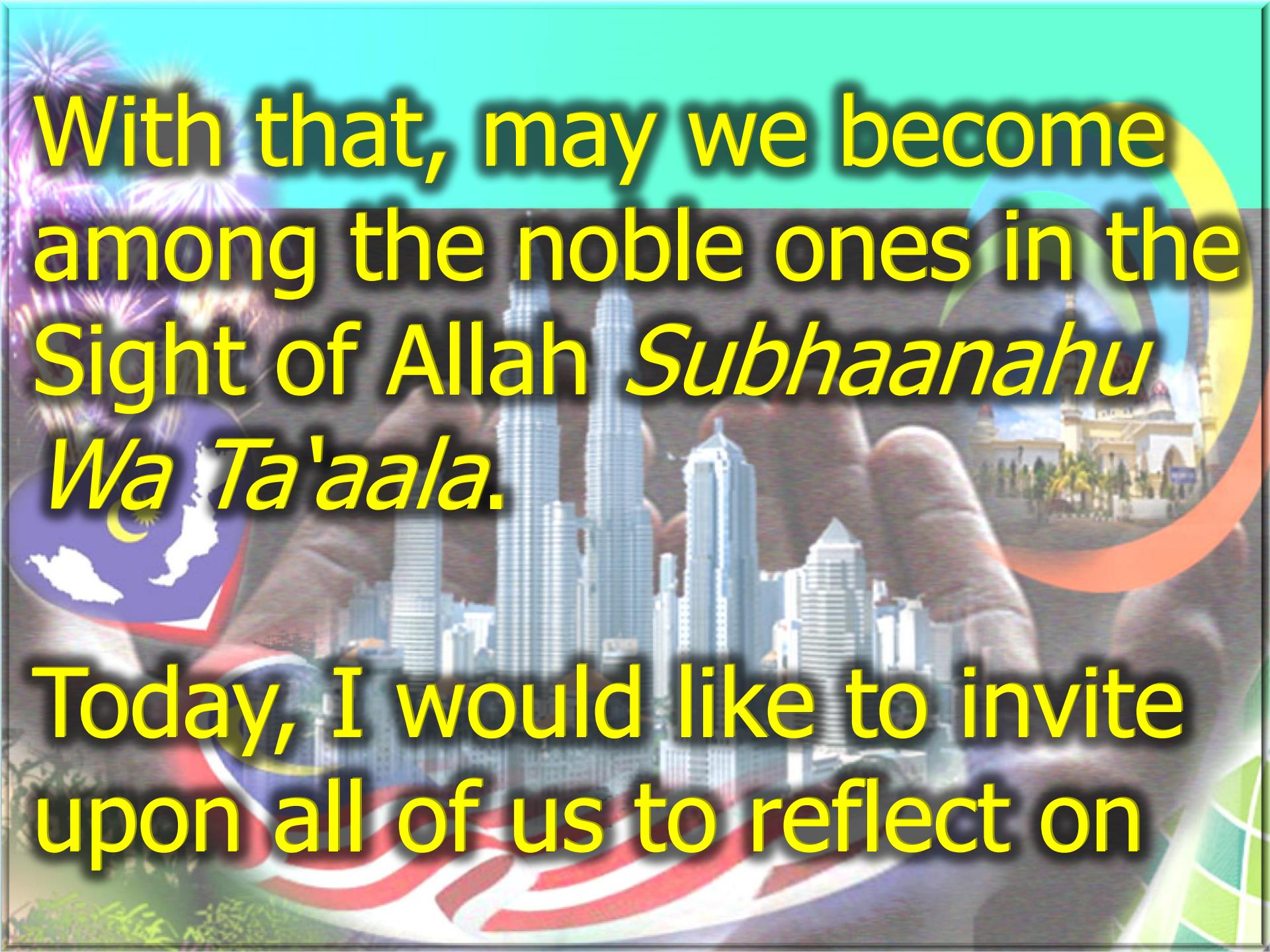
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JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

GIVING MEANING TO INDEPENDENCE

Let us strive to increase
our *taqwa* of Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala
by fulfilling all of His
Commands and avoiding
all of His prohibitions.

With that, may we become
among the noble ones in the
Sight of Allah *Subhaanahu
Wa Ta'aala.*



Today, I would like to invite
upon all of us to reflect on

The title:

GIVING MEANING TO INDEPENDENCE

*Alhamdulillaah, all Praise is
due to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa
Ta'aala*, for it is only by His
Leave and Grace that we are
still enjoying a peaceful life.
It is because our nation has
been free from the shackles*

and grip of colonization. We all should self-evaluate ourselves with the celebration of Independence Day every year as the reference point in evaluating the things that we have done

that fulfills and give clear meaning upon the favors of independence. What are the planning that we have made in strengthening the building of a nation that is prosperous and attaining forgiveness

from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* to be realized in full. Surely there are still numerous roles that we can altogether pursue to continue building an excellent nation and portray clear meaning

of independence for the nation and the people.

The 37th verse from Soorah an-Nahl that was recited as the opening verse for today's *khutbah* had stated that Allah had sent His Messengers

to every nation, beginning from Prophet Adam *'alayhissalaam* until His final messenger Muhammad ﷺ. Among others, the messengers were sent to free mankind from becoming the

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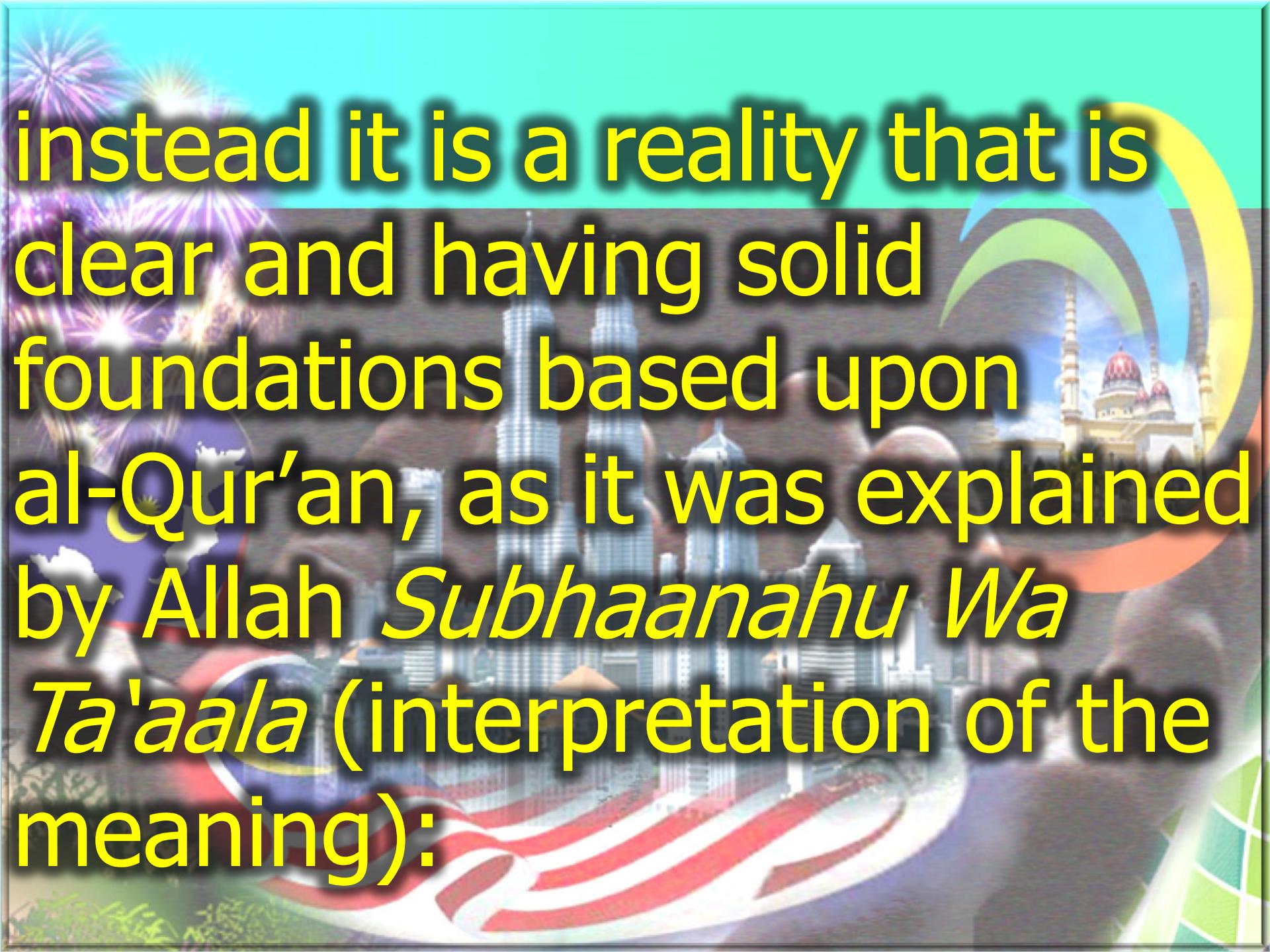
slaves of humans or even slaves to the lustful desire that leads to disobedience. Therefore, the planning should be made carefully in providing freedom to every soul so that they can obey

and submit to the
bounties of independence
bestowed by Allah

Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala
by taking examples from
the struggles of Rasulullah
and his Companions.

Planning to fill independence
by raising a nation as

*"Baldatun Tayyibatun
Warabbun Ghafoor"* is not
merely a story within one's
imagination or slogan that is
pleasing to the ears, but



instead it is a reality that is clear and having solid foundations based upon al-Qur'an, as it was explained by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* (interpretation of the meaning):

**"There was for [the tribe
of] Sabaa' in their
dwelling place a sign:
two [fields of] gardens on
the right and on the left.
[They were told], "Eat
from the provisions of
your Lord**

and be grateful to Him. A good land [have you], and a forgiving Lord.””

(Sabaa' 34:15)

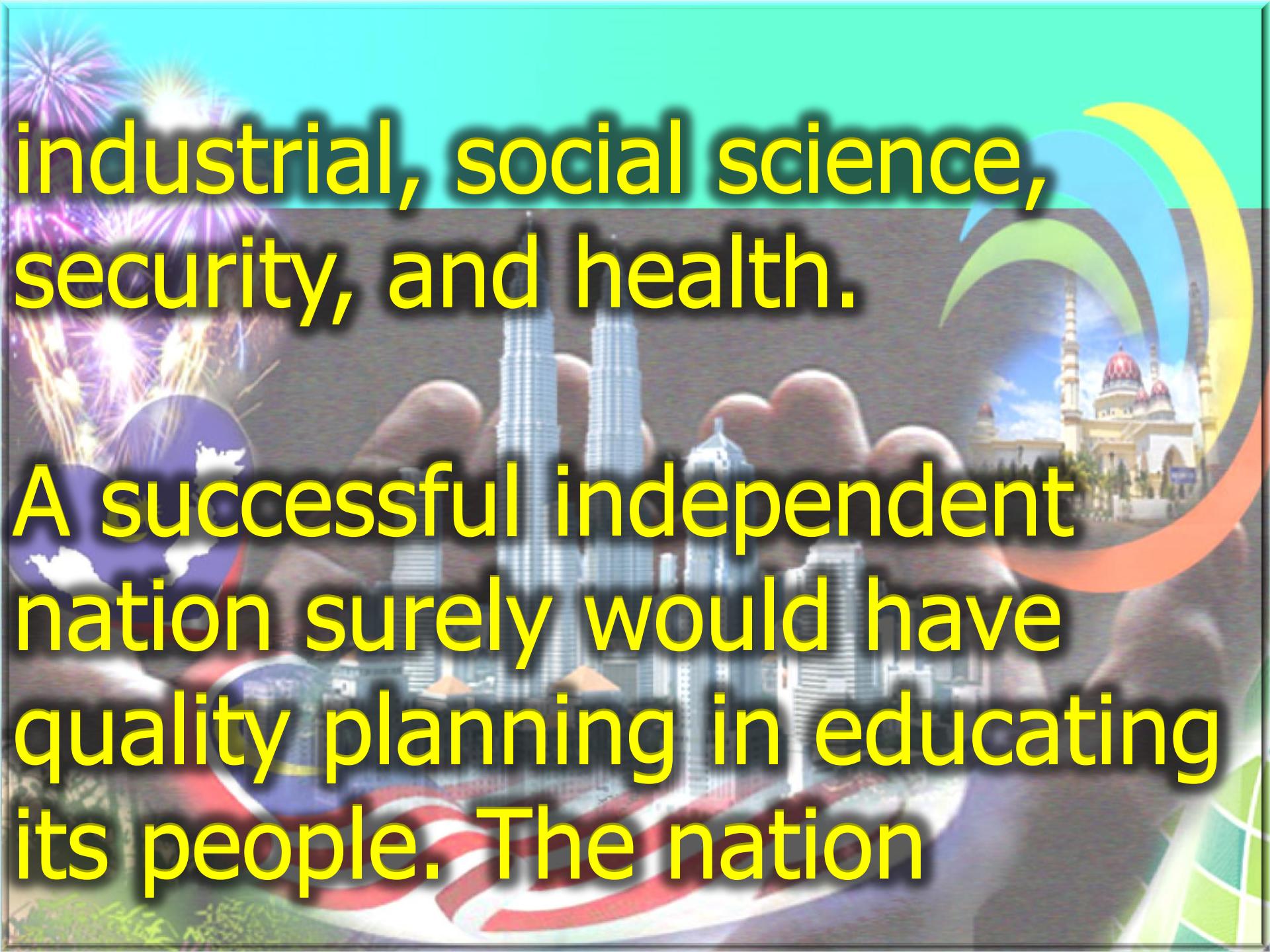
Among the important element in becoming a

welfare state and attaining
the forgiveness of Allah

Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala is
the implementation of
knowledge pertaining to *fard*
a/-'ayn (individual obligation)
and

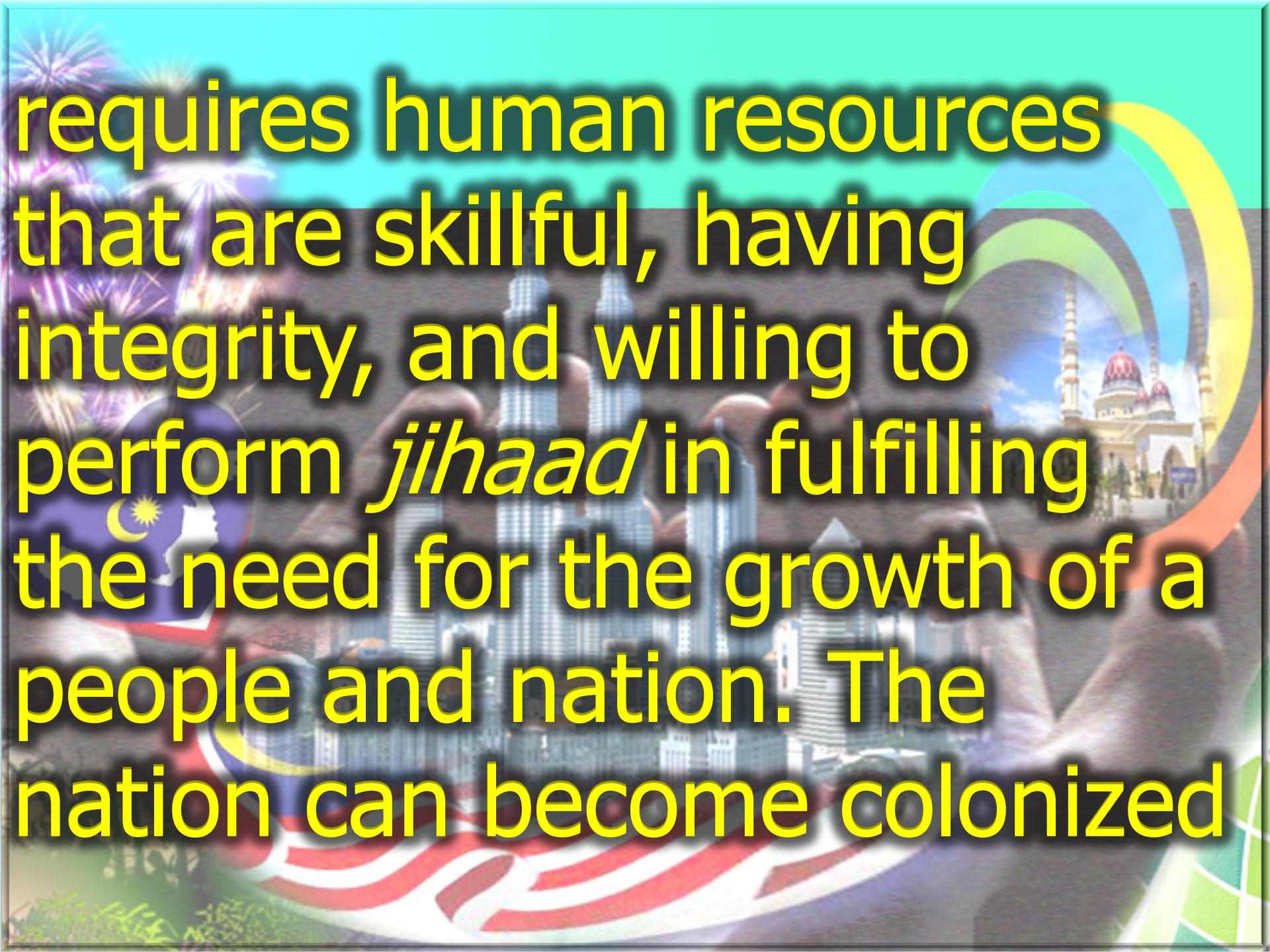
fard al-kifaayah (communal obligation). The knowledge of *fard al-'ayn* covers the belief in Allah and the Hereafter, which is the solid foundation for an individual's devotion

to The Almighty. For the knowledge of *fard al-kifaayah*, it necessitates the grooming of citizens that are skilled in mastering the fields of education, science and technology, economics,

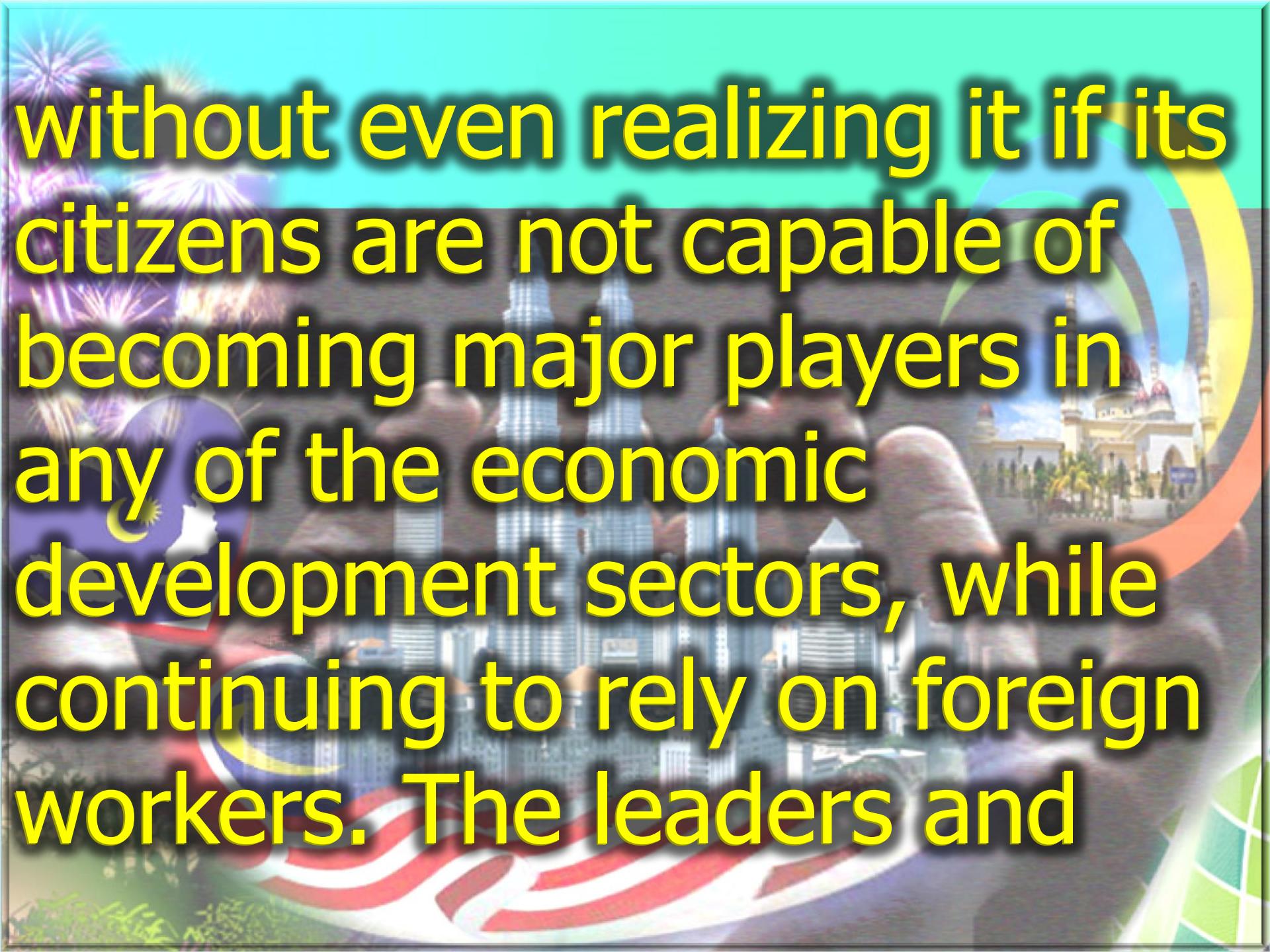


industrial, social science,
security, and health.

A successful independent nation surely would have quality planning in educating its people. The nation

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requires human resources
that are skillful, having
integrity, and willing to
perform *jihAAD* in fulfilling
the need for the growth of a
people and nation. The
nation can become colonized



without even realizing it if its citizens are not capable of becoming major players in any of the economic development sectors, while continuing to rely on foreign workers. The leaders and

the people in a nation that is independent should have a big heart, having mutual trust, and confidence in their own ability rather than resorting to external resources, which indirectly

contributes to the multitudes of social dilemmas in the nation. This will surely burden the nation from the aspect of expenditure, aside from indirect colonization taking place.

A free nation can also incorporate a well-organized educational plan. Having firm '*aqeedah*', practicing upon *Sharee'ah Islaamiyyah*, and having noble *akhlaaq* are all foundations in the

raising of an *ummah* and nation. It is only with sound religious belief and having skills in various aspects of life that can ensure that the *ummah* will be spared from the shackles of ignorance,

and not entrapped with
deviant teachings,
committing shirk with Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, not
lured into extreme activities,
and avoiding disputes that
can lead to disunity amongst

Muslims. Ignorance in religious matters can cause one to become entrapped in severe moral decadence such as fornication, incest, murder, bribery and abuse of power, addiction to drugs,

gambling and intoxication,
indulgence in hedonistic
festivals, and other
immoralities.

Having bestowed peace and
freedom upon us, Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala

wants us to remain grateful upon the favors of independence by obeying and submitting to His Commands, as explained in al-Qur'an (interpretation of the meaning):

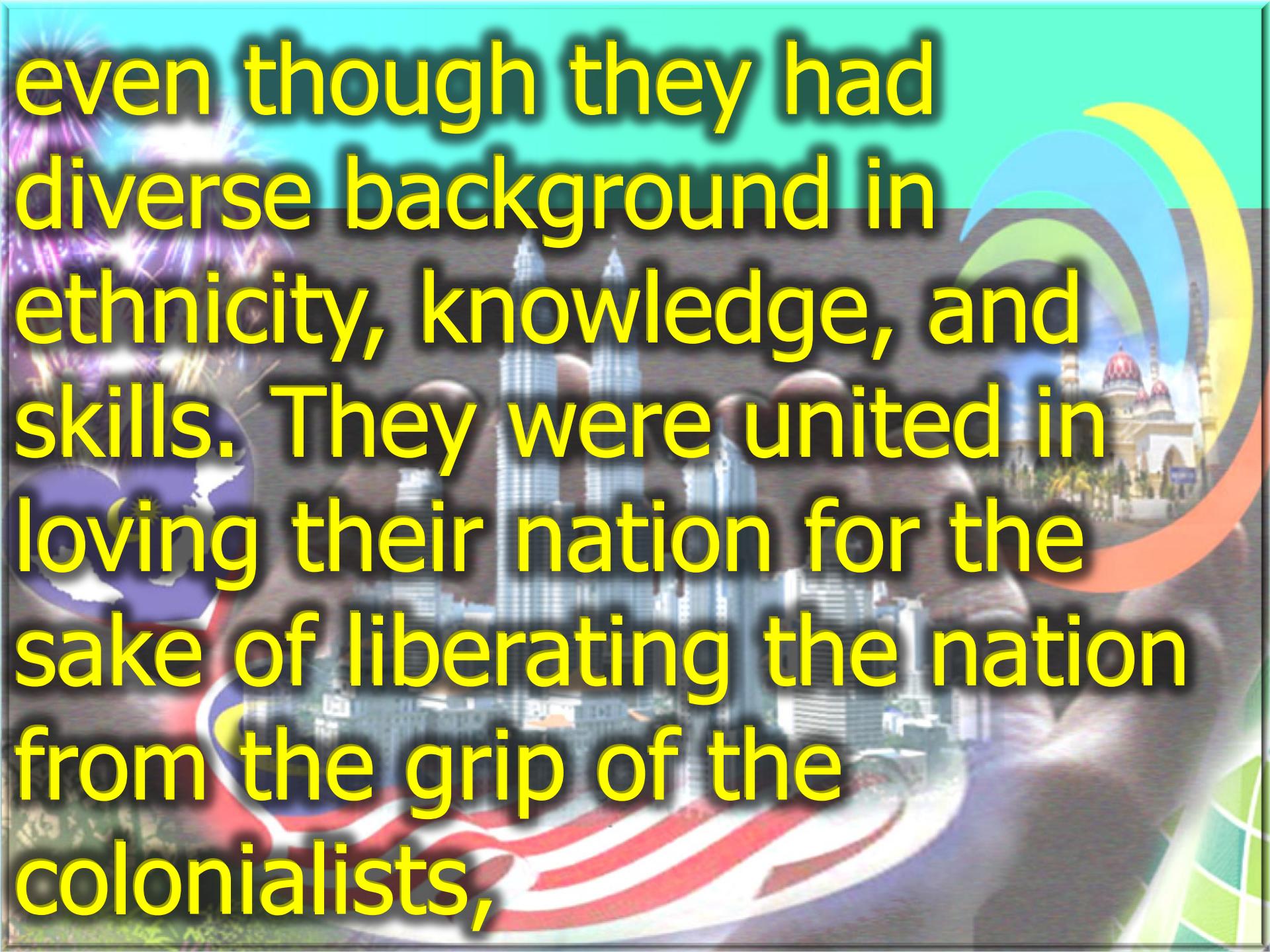
“[And they are] those who, if We give them authority in the land, establish prayer and give *zakaat* and enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong. And to Allah belongs the outcome of [all] matters.”

(al-Hajj 22:41)

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*
wants for us as an *ummah*
that is bestowed with
independence, to seize the
opportunity in performing
'ibaadah unto Him through
righteous deeds and avoid

matters that would incur His Wrath.

Our freedom fighters in the past have built a strong union in liberating the nation. They fought together



even though they had diverse background in ethnicity, knowledge, and skills. They were united in loving their nation for the sake of liberating the nation from the grip of the colonialists,

as the scholars have said:

"Loving one's homeland is part of faith."

It is undeniable that their foundation of strength is drawn from the principle of "united we stand, divided we

fall." Today's generation must derive lessons from what their predecessors have experienced, especially in building unity to defend freedom. Today's generation must be wise and seize

the ample opportunity in this beloved nation by strengthening the *silaaturrahm* in generating stronger unity. Let us not get swayed by news having elements of *fitnah*,

provocation, envy, *khiyaanah* (betrayal), and others that will only lead to division within the *ummah*. Disunity and disputes amongst Muslims is evil and it incurs the Wrath of Allah.

If it is not avoided, it will truly cause disunity amongst the people and it will be impossible for the bounties of independence to be retained.

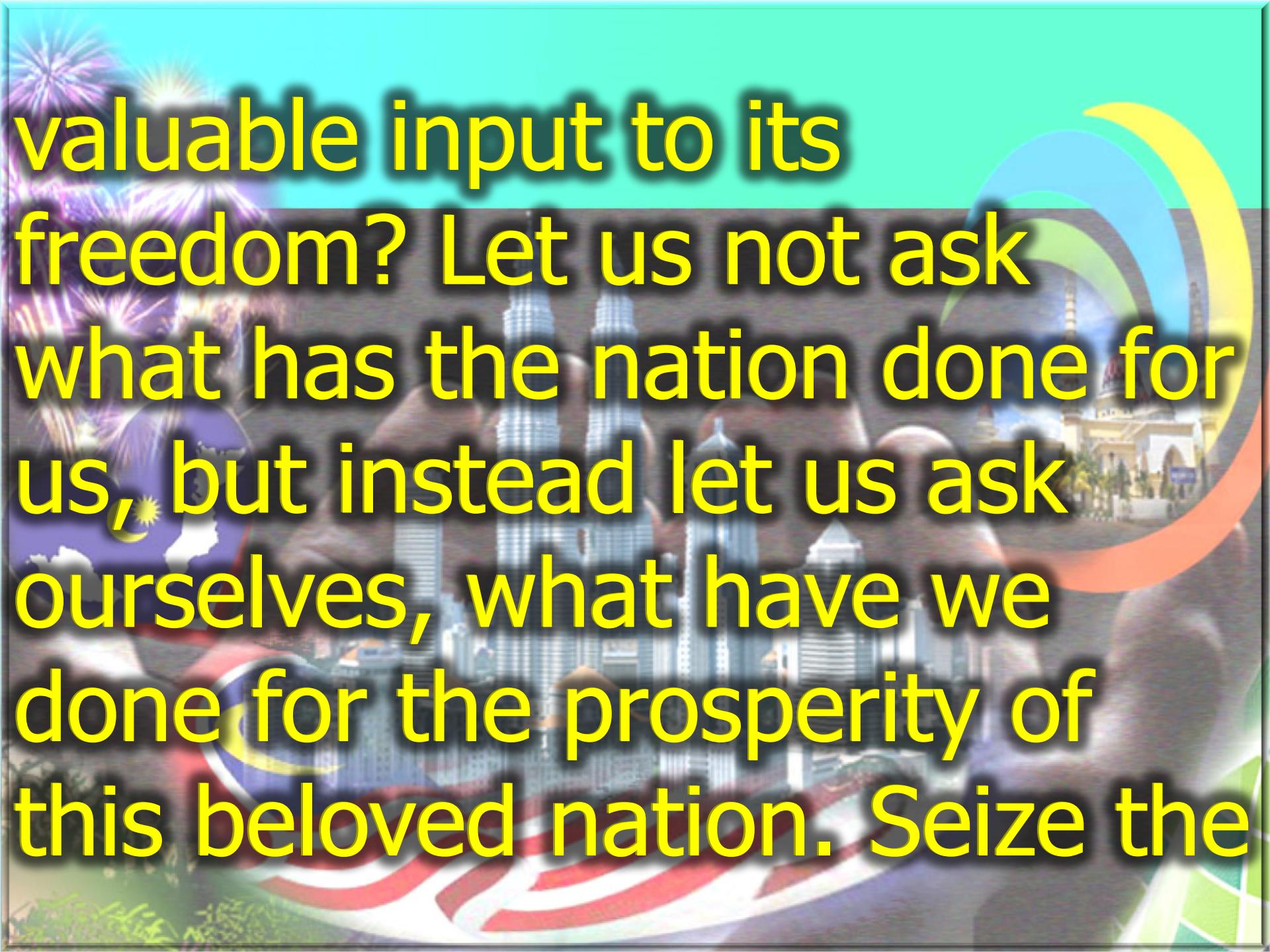
Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*
mentions in al-Qur'an:

"And Allah presents an example: a city which was safe and secure, its provision coming to it in

abundance from every location, but it denied the favors of Allah. So Allah made it taste the envelopment of hunger and fear for what they had been doing.”

(an-Nahl 16:112)

Let us make *muhaasabah*
(self-evaluation) upon the
favors of independence that
Allah has bestowed upon us.
Have we become among the
contributors to the nation's
independence with

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valuable input to its freedom? Let us not ask what has the nation done for us, but instead let us ask ourselves, what have we done for the prosperity of this beloved nation. Seize the

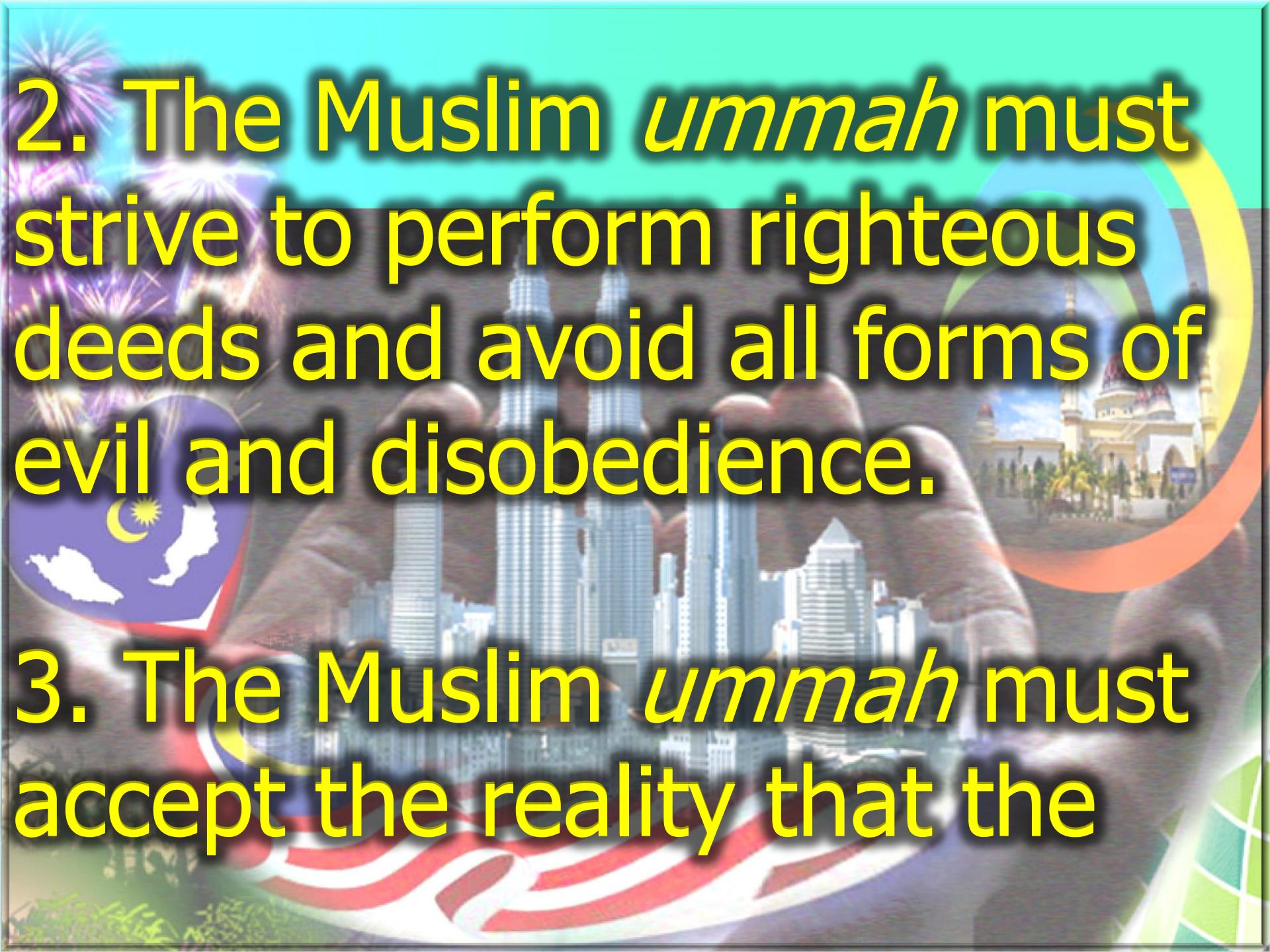
opportunity by utilizing the freedom available to compete healthily and that which is pleasing to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Let us avoid ourselves from getting ensnared with

matters than can destroy
the sovereignty of the free
nation that we truly love.

In concluding today's
khutbah, let us derive the
following lessons:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must become the best agents in utilizing the freedom available by increasing their knowledge of *fard al-'ayn* and *fard al-kifaayah*

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2. The Muslim *ummah* must strive to perform righteous deeds and avoid all forms of evil and disobedience.

3. The Muslim *ummah* must accept the reality that the

continuity of the favors of
freedom enjoyed is
through the submission
and obedience to the
command of Allah

Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

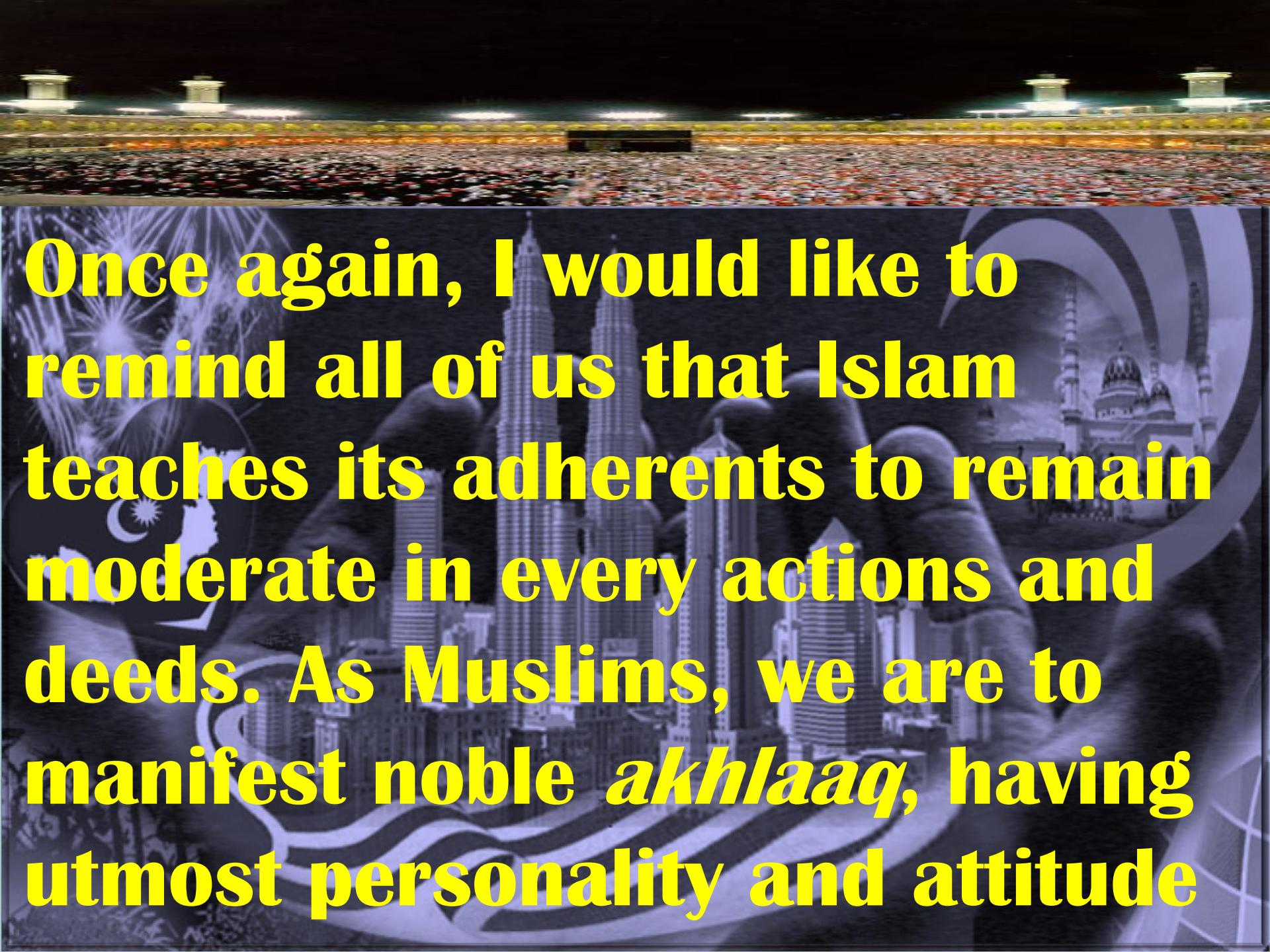
4. The Muslims must avoid from getting involved with disputes that will lead to division amongst themselves, which in the end destroys the favors of freedom.

“And obey Allah and His Messenger, and do not dispute and [thus] lose courage and [then] your strength would depart; and be patient. Indeed, Allah is with the patient.”

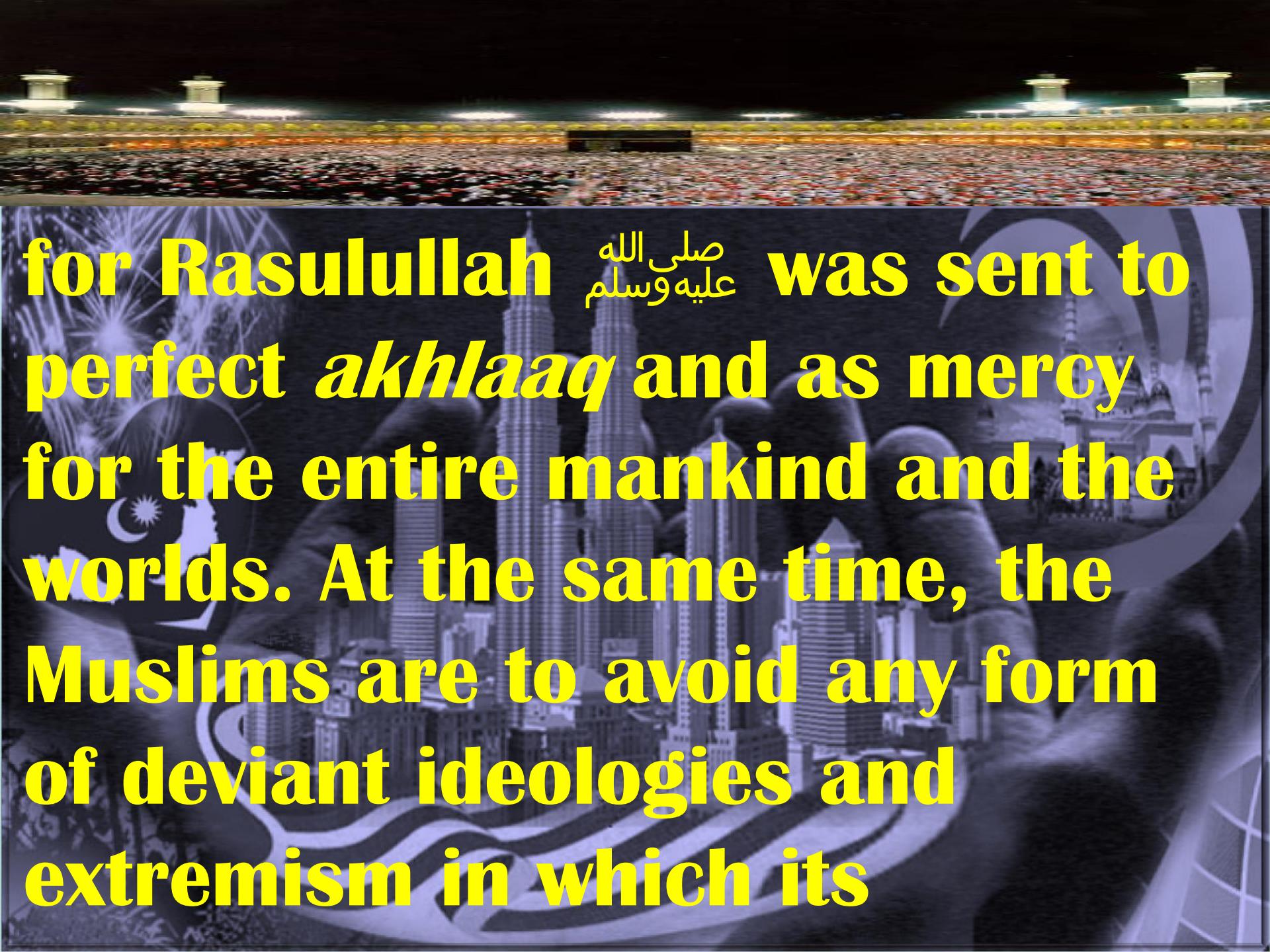
(al-Anfaal 8:46)

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THE SECOND KHUTBAH



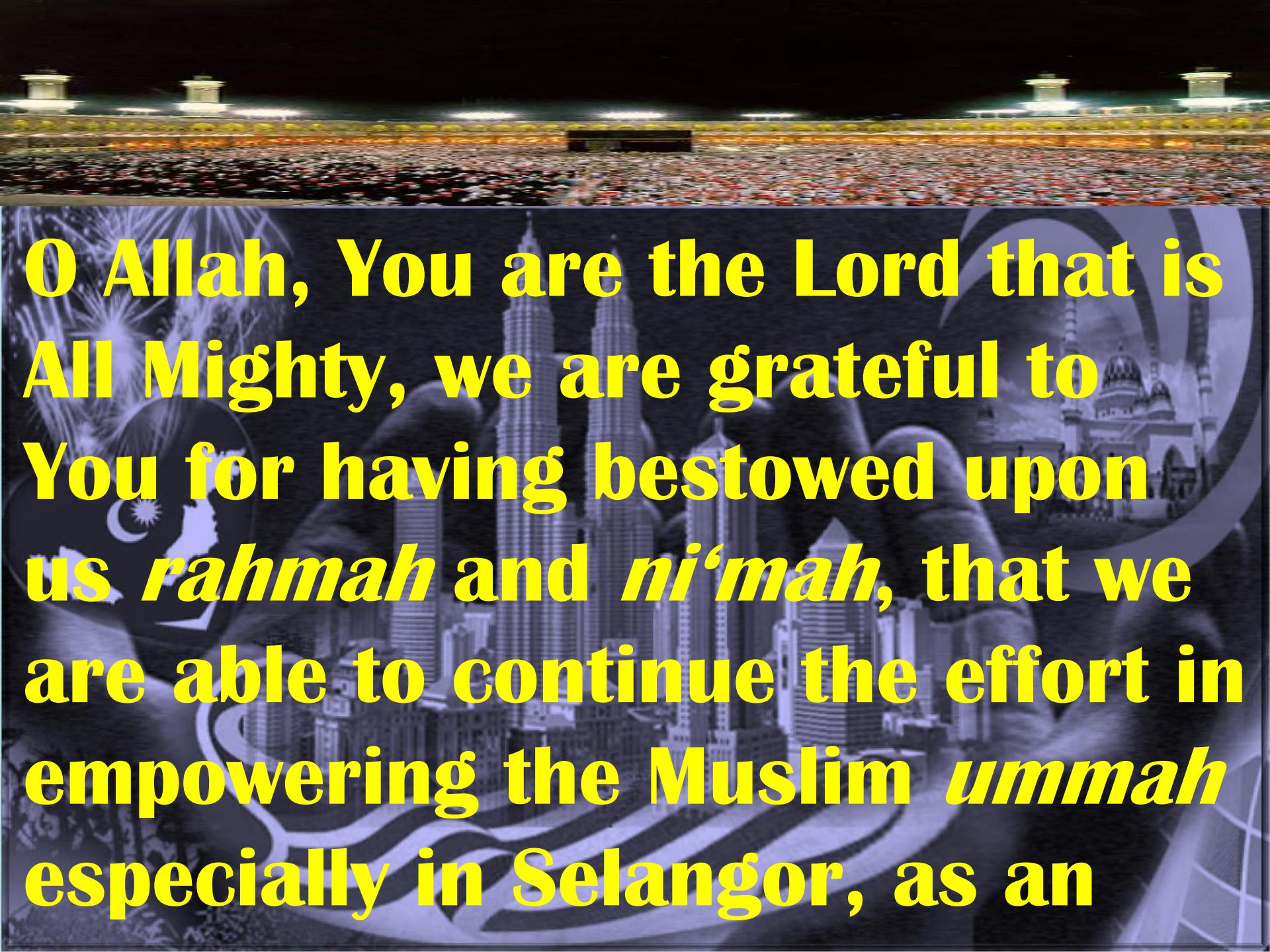
Once again, I would like to remind all of us that Islam teaches its adherents to remain moderate in every actions and deeds. As Muslims, we are to manifest noble *akhlaaq*, having utmost personality and attitude



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



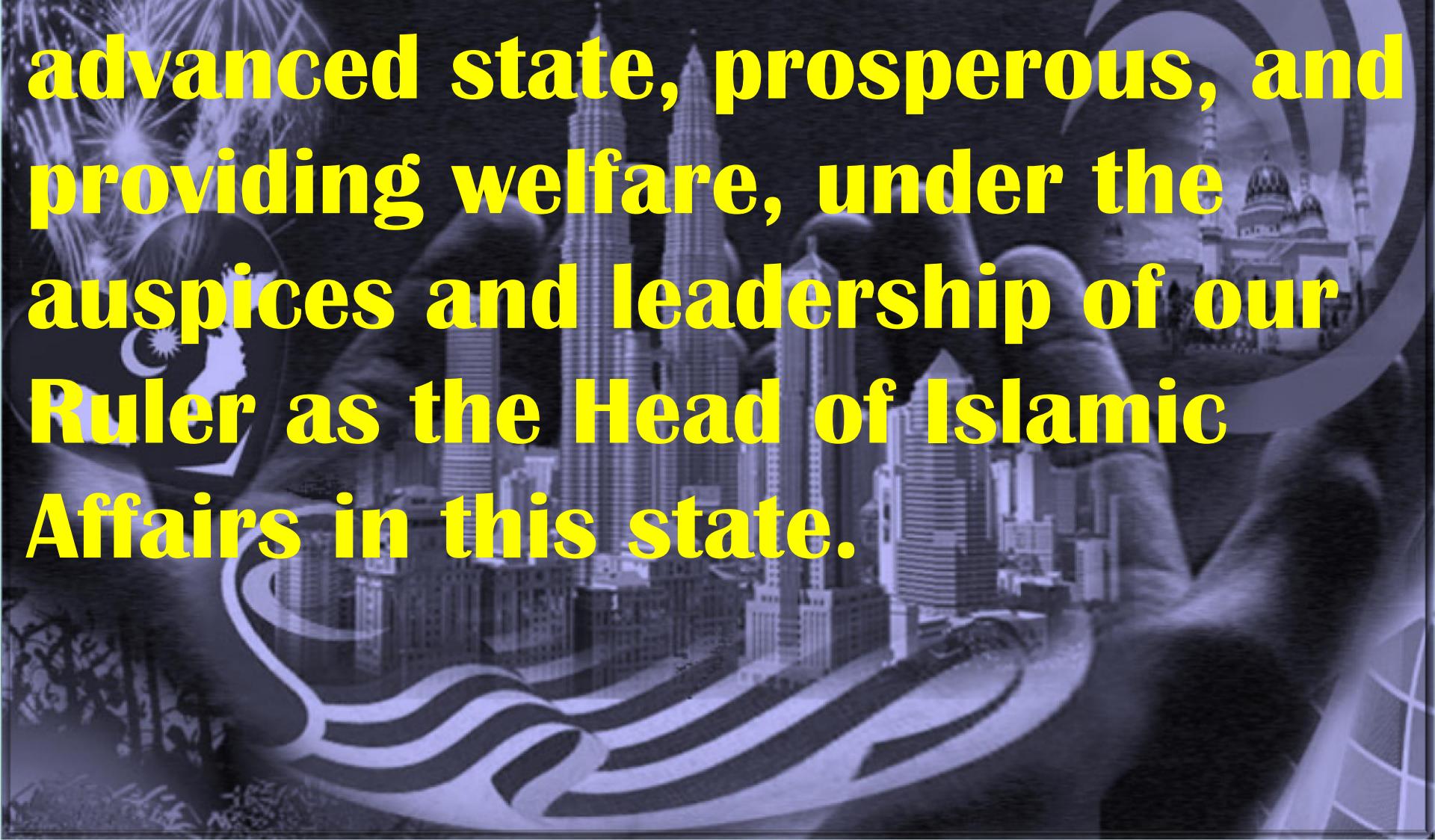
**consequences will only disrupt
the harmony, unity, and security
of the Muslim *ummah* and our
nation.**

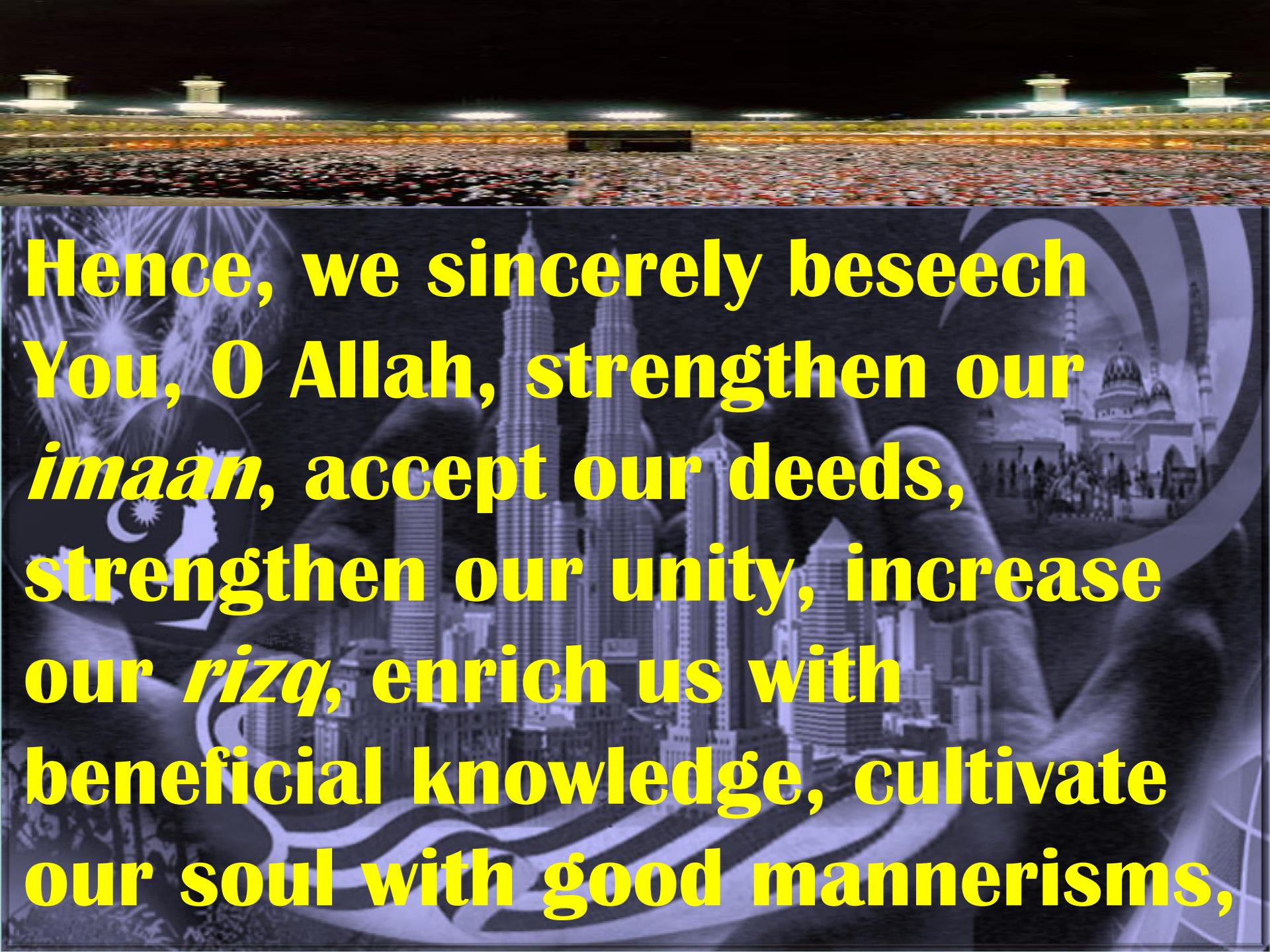


O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed upon us *rahmah* and *ni'mah*, that we are able to continue the effort in empowering the Muslim *ummah* especially in Selangor, as an



advanced state, prosperous, and providing welfare, under the auspices and leadership of our Ruler as the Head of Islamic Affairs in this state.

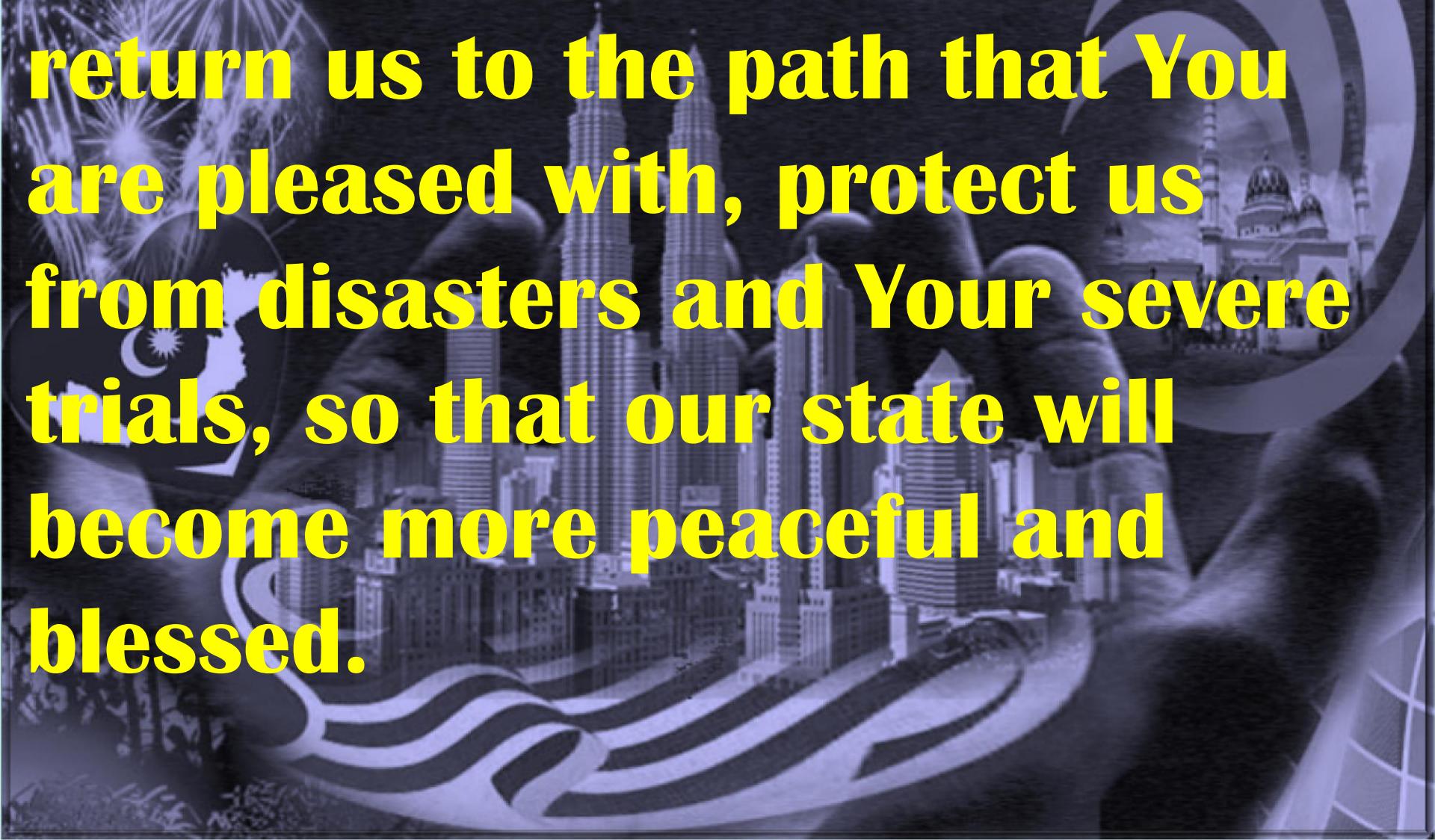


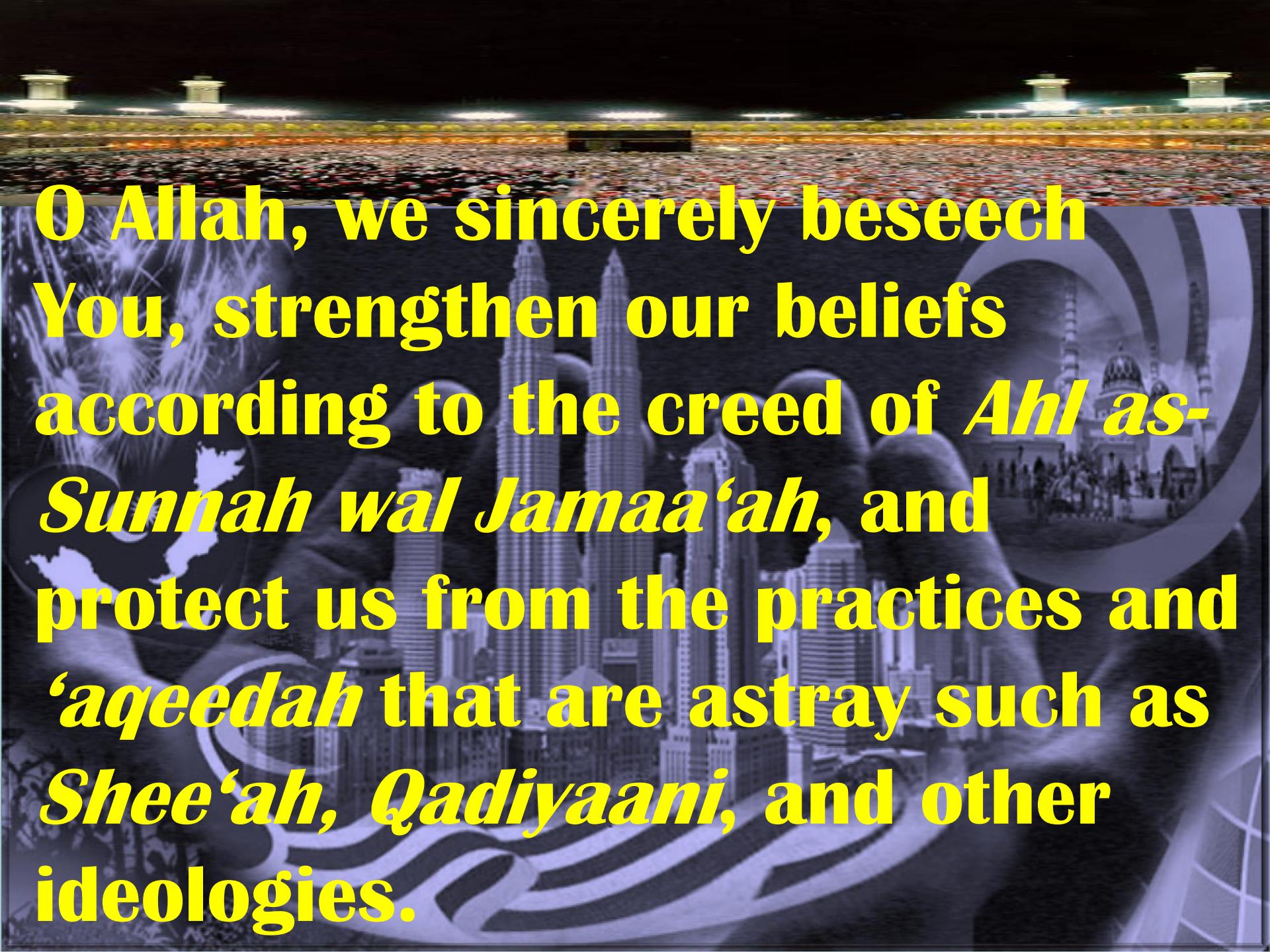


Hence, we sincerely beseech
You, O Allah, strengthen our
imaan, accept our deeds,
strengthen our unity, increase
our *rizq*, enrich us with
beneficial knowledge, cultivate
our soul with good mannerisms,

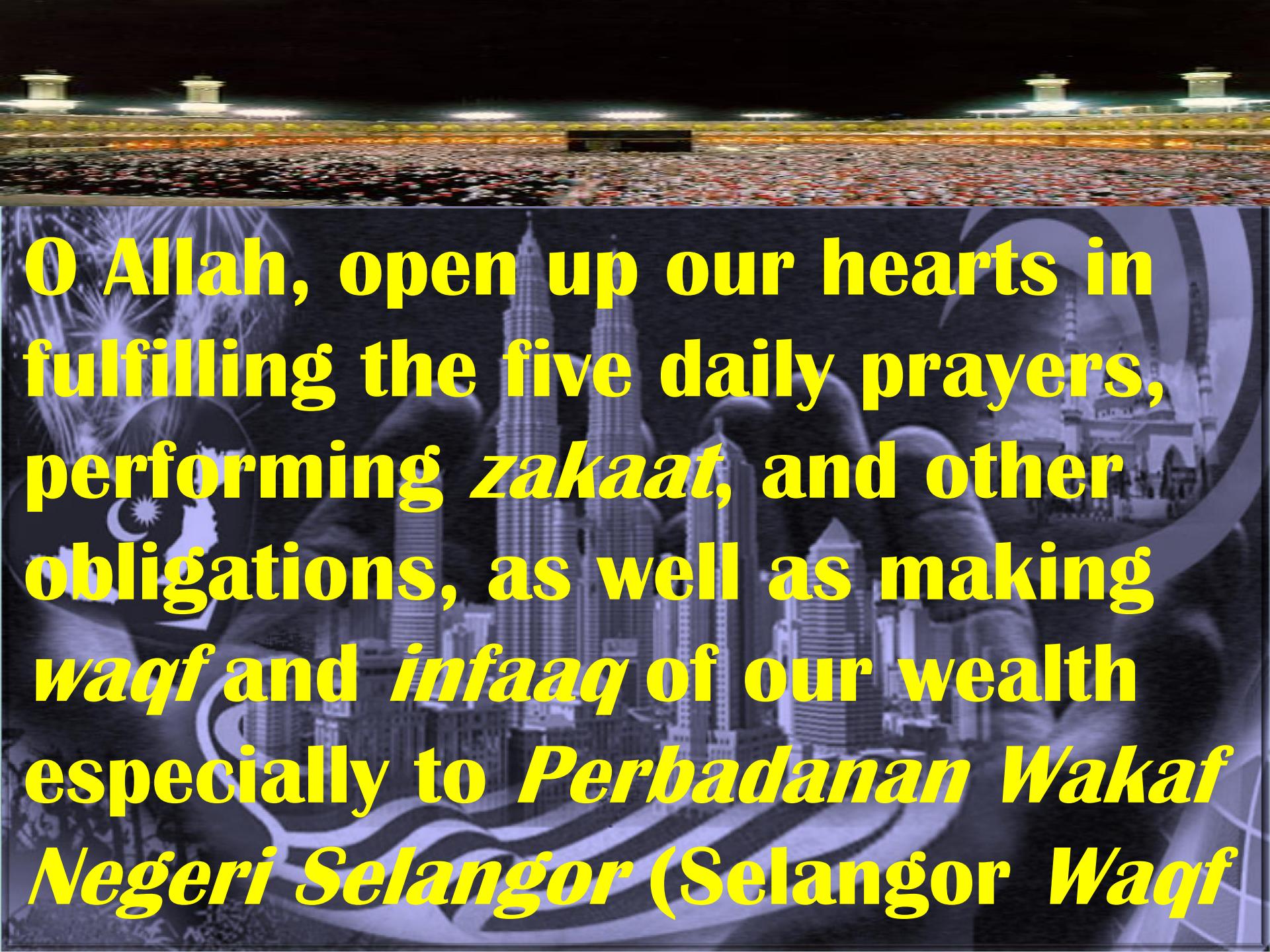


**return us to the path that You
are pleased with, protect us
from disasters and Your severe
trials, so that our state will
become more peaceful and
blessed.**





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.



سُبْحَانَ رَبِّكَ رَبِّ الْعِزَّةِ
لَا يُحِلُّ لِأَيْدِيٍّ أَنْ يَسْتَكْنُو
عَنْ مَا كَانَتْ
الْمُرْسَلُونَ
جَاءُوكُمْ مِّنْ أَنفُسِكُمْ
وَمِنْ أَنْفُسِ الْأَنْعَمِ
وَمِنْ مَا
كُنْتُمْ تَرْكُونَ
إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَىٰكُمْ
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