



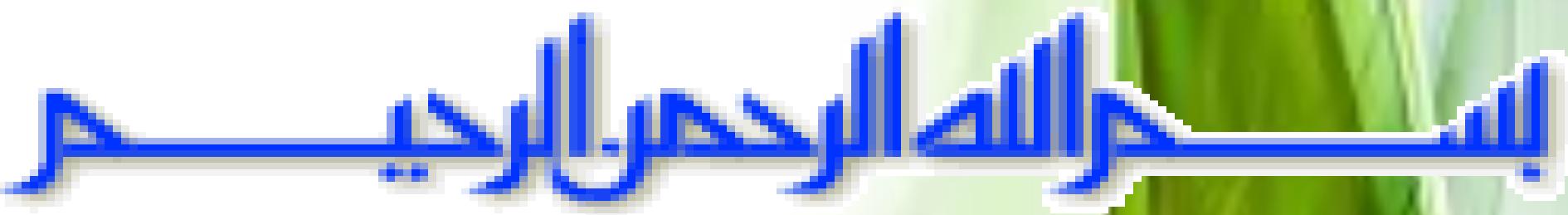
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JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

DA'WAH IS A

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I implore all of us to strive in
increasing our *taqwa* of Allah
Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala by
performing all of His
Commands and avoiding all
of His prohibitions.

Let us increase our *adhkaar*
of Allah *Subhaanahu*

Wata ‘aala and increase our
salawaat upon our beloved

Prophet Muhammad

sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam,
which behooves us to always

implement all of his
sunnah and follow his
commands. We humbly
hope that these deeds will
bring about benefit in this
world and the Hereafter.

Da‘wah in the path of Allah
Subhaanahu Wata‘ala is an
obligation and ‘ibaadah that
is among the best of deeds
when compared to other acts
of ‘ibaadah. This is due to
the fact that *da‘wah* is the

main duty that was fulfilled
by the Messengers sent
down by Allah Subhaanahu
Wata ‘aala to mankind.

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

“O Messenger, announce
that which has been
revealed to you from your
Lord, and if you do not,
then you have not
conveyed His message.

And Allah will protect
you from the people.

Indeed, Allah does not

guide the disbelieving
people.” (al-Maa’idah 5:67)

This verse clearly shows
that Allah *Subhaanahu
Wata 'aala* had forbade
Rasulullah *sallAllahu
'alayhi wasallam* from
concealing whatever
knowledge and *Sharee 'ah*

that Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala* had revealed to him. Moreover, it is incumbent upon him to convey the message of Islam and inviting mankind to the servitude

of Allah *Subhaanahu
Wata 'ala*. It is evident
that the very duty of
da 'wah does not end with
the death of Rasulullah
*sallAllahu 'alayhi
wasallam*.

On the contrary, it is
inherited and passed down to
us as his *ummah* to continue
the work of *da‘wah* so that
mankind will not deviate
from the true path of Allah
Subhaanahu Wata‘aala.

The responsibility of *da'wah*
is shouldered not only by the
du'aat and esteemed
scholars, but instead it is an
individual obligation that
falls upon every Muslim that
profess their faith,

believing in Allah

Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala and
the Last Day. Every Muslim
have their own unique role in
the field of *da ‘wah*, be it a
farmer, officer, artist,
community leader, and what

more for the leader of a nation. In short, regardless of occupation or status, this obligation of *da‘wah* can never be abandoned. On the authority of ‘Abdullah ibn

‘Amr ibn al-‘As
radiyAllaahu ‘anhuma
that Rasulullah *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* said:
“Convey from me, even if
it is one verse.”

(al-Bukhaari)

There are many techniques and approaches that can be utilized in fulfilling the obligation of *da‘wah*, those that are compatible and appropriate in today’s challenging world.

The *da‘wah* of today is not only confined to lectures and lessons conducted in the masjid, but instead goes far beyond with the advent of electronic gadgets such as TV, the internet,

printed media, and many more. These facilities are very useful to be used as the medium in giving *da‘wah*.

The Muslim artists can convey the message of *da‘wah* through the

television. They can produce programs portraying stories having elements of *da‘wah* and beneficial advice for the viewers. They can also produce entertainment programs that would educate

the young generation in
becoming closer to Allah

Subhaanahu Wata‘aala.

Those not having access to
such facilities whether blue
or white collar workers,
community leaders, and

others, can definitely utilize the internet, printed media, and many more to propagate their message of *da‘wah*.

What is important is that the method and avenue utilized must be suitable for

the target group (*mad'u*) so that the message gets effectively conveyed.

It is unfortunate that these facilities and avenues have been abused and misused by some in propagating ideas

that are not beneficial and even detrimental to the *da‘wah* efforts in the broadcasting media, by transmitting programs filled with superstition and mythos, also storylines that would further corrupt the morals of the youth.

The printed media and internet has been misused by some to widely spread *fitnah*, defamation, slandering, and others, only to notoriously degrade and humiliate those that are

innocent. It is incumbent
that these abuses be
rectified so that the general
public can greatly benefit
from the technological
advancements that are
readily available.

Aside from the electronic media, there are also various ways that can be utilized and having greater effect in today's *da'wah* effort. Among them is by becoming good example and having sound *akhlaaq* to everyone.

Indeed, good conduct and character are precious assets for each and every Muslim, in attracting others to fully comprehend the true teachings of Islam. This was proven and manifested to all

of us by Rasulullah

sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam,

that with noble *akhlaaq*, he

was able to soften the hearts

of the Arabs in embracing

the teachings of Islam at the

time.

The moral virtue of
Rasulullah *sallAllahu*
'alayhi wasallam was
even explained by Allah
Subhaanahu Wata'aala in
al-Qur'an:

“There has certainly been for you in the Messenger of Allah an excellent pattern for anyone whose hope is in Allah and the Last Day and [who] remembers Allah often.”

(al-Ahzaab 33:21)

Therefore, developing sound *akhlaaq* necessitates great effort and diligence. This is because such upright character would not cultivate into the hearts except for those that are accustomed to performing righteous deeds.

An important ingredient in carrying out the responsibility of *da‘wah* is that it must be done with *hikmah*. Any deed that is done with *hikmah* will result in great benefit to oneself

and others. For example, the Islamic Affairs Department of Selangor (JAIS) had organized several programs geared towards the *da‘wah* effort such as “masjid-friendly” carnivals and sports carnivals.

Allah Subhaanahu

Wata ‘aala mentions in al-

Qur’an:

*“So by mercy from Allah,
[O Muhammad], you were
lenient with them.*

*And if you had been rude
[in speech] and harsh in
heart, they would have
disbanded from about
you...”*

(Aali-‘Imraan 3:159)

Using *hikmah* and forbearance in efforts of *da‘wah* is greatly required, as it was understood from this verse. Among the best form of *hikmah* and having effectiveness is uttering

gentle words that will reverberate and penetrate into the hearts of the listeners. It is for this reason that Nabi Moosa ‘alayhissalam beseeched Allah to grant him a perfect tongue so that his

da ‘wah will be accepted by
Fir ‘awn and his followers.

His *du ‘a* was mentioned in
al-Qur’an:

*“[Moses] said, “My Lord,
expand for me my breast
[with assurance].”*

*And ease for me my
task. And untie the knot
from my tongue. That
they may understand
my speech.””*

(Ta-ha 20:25-28)

Da ‘wah through kind words and utterance is definitely doable for many of us especially within the Muslim Malay society in this country.

Alhamdulillah, the Malay Muslim community is known for their high standard of politeness and gentleness. Hence, it is greatly unfortunate if this cultural tradition that has

long been embedded
within the hearts of the
Malay Muslims, is not
fully utilized in fulfilling
the obligation of *da‘wah*
in the path of Allah

Subhaanahu Wata‘ala.

Indeed, the responsibility of *da‘wah* is an obligation that falls within the scope of *jihAAD fee sabeeLillAH*. Thus, abandoning this duty will incur the Wrath of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala* as it was mentioned in al-Qur‘an:

**“Say, [O Muhammad], “If
your fathers, your sons,
your brothers, your wives,
your relatives, wealth which
you have obtained,
commerce wherein you fear
decline, and dwellings**

*with which you are
pleased are more
beloved to you
than Allah and His
Messenger and jihad in
His cause, then wait*

*until Allah executes
His command.*

*And Allah does not
guide the defiantly
disobedient people.””*

(at-Tawbah 9:24)

Therefore, as Muslims professing our faith in Allah Subhaanahu Wata‘aala, let us all utilize every medium and opportunity available to fulfill the da‘wah mission that was commanded to us

by Allah Subhaanahu
Wata 'aala. We truly and
sincerely hope that with the
da 'wah efforts that we
undertake, Allah
Subhaanahu *Wata 'aala* will
reward us accordingly.

*“And warn by the Qur’ān
those who fear that they will be
gathered before their Lord - for
them besides Him will be no
protector and no intercessor -
that they might become
righteous.”*

(al-An‘ām 6:51)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَإِيَّاكمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْأَيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقْبَلَ
مِنِي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ
قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ
الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ 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.**

Allaahumma ameen



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