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JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

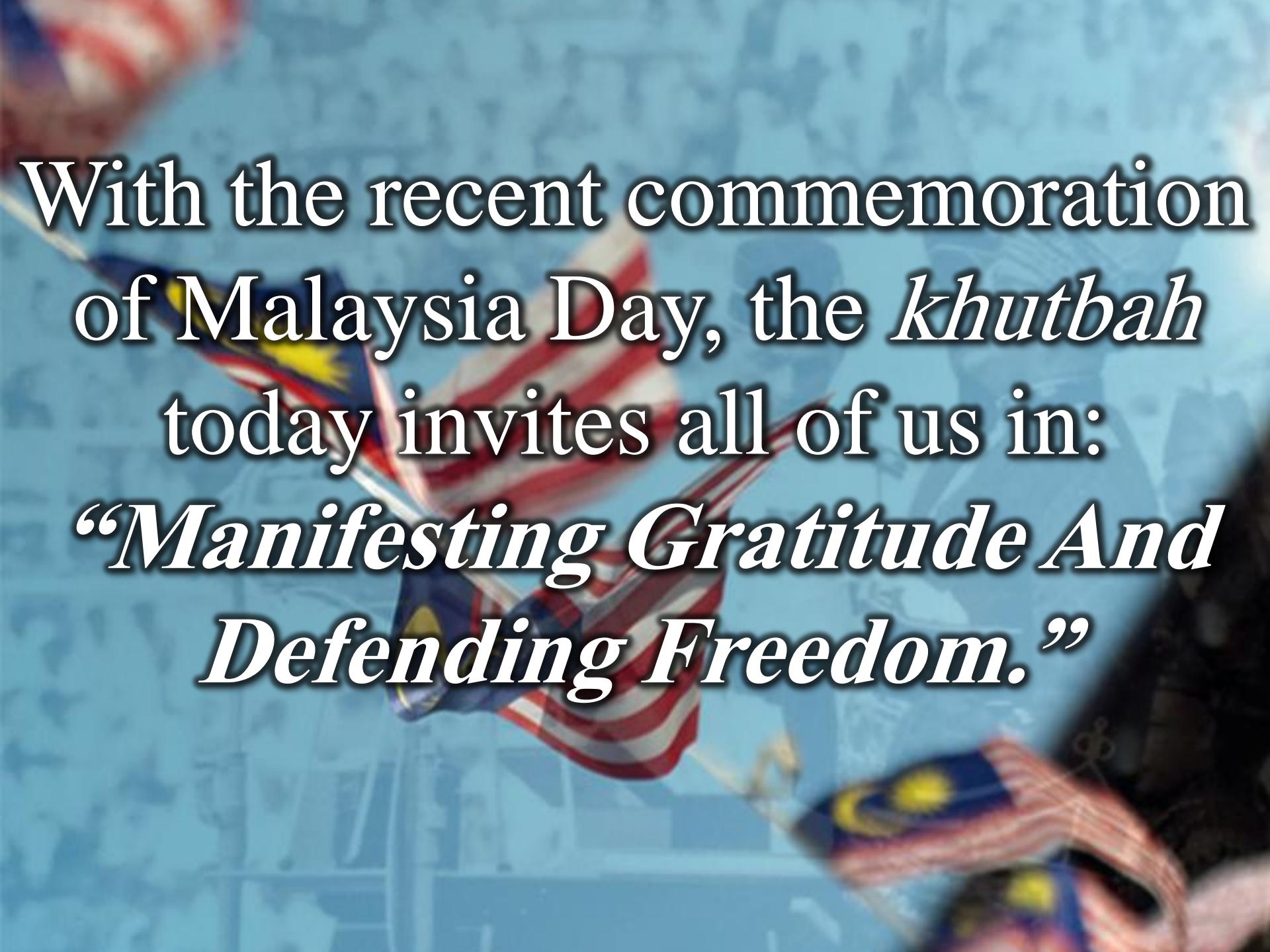
# MALAYSIA DAY: MANIFESTING GRATITUDE & DEFENDING FREEDOM



I would like to remind myself  
and my blessed audience to  
strive in increasing our *taqwa* of  
Allah by obeying and fulfilling  
all of His

Commands, and avoiding all of  
His prohibitions.

Indeed, we are all the slaves of  
Allah, created solely for the  
servitude and worship unto  
Him Alone.



With the recent commemoration  
of Malaysia Day, the *khutbah*  
today invites all of us in:  
***“Manifesting Gratitude And  
Defending Freedom.”***

The well-being and independence of a nation is from among the bounties that Allah has bestowed upon mankind. It is not just blissfulness that is to be enjoyed, but it behooves us

to manifest our gratefulness and  
true servitude to Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wata‘aala*. All  
these bounties must be pondered  
upon and thanked for especially  
at a time in celebrating  
the anniversary

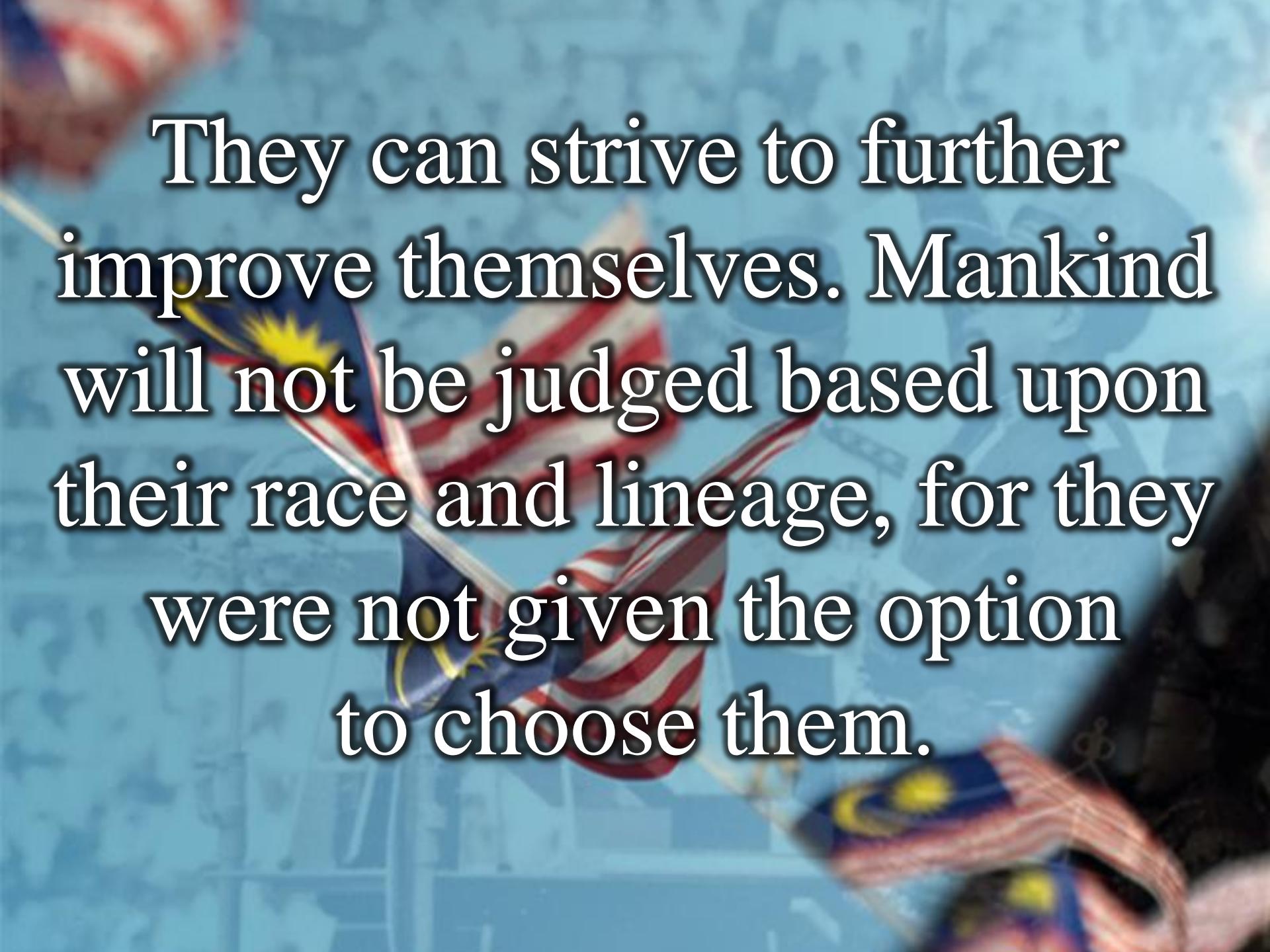
of the formation of Malaysia  
51 years ago.

The 16<sup>th</sup> of September every year marks the anniversary for the birth of Malaysia. It united the Malay Peninsula with Sabah and Sarawak.

With that, our homeland became larger, with greater population. The ethnicities further became diverse. From then onwards, the citizens of this land are comprised of the Malays,

Chinese, Indians, Kadazans, Ibans, Dayaks, Orang Asal (indigenous), Baba Nyonas, Bajaus, Muruts, Siamese, and many more. This is all by the will of Allah and not the choice of mankind.

What could be determined by human in their lives is their deeds and *taqwa*, also their *akhlaaq* and behavior. Hence, Allah would only judge mankind based upon those very criteria.



They can strive to further improve themselves. Mankind will not be judged based upon their race and lineage, for they were not given the option to choose them.

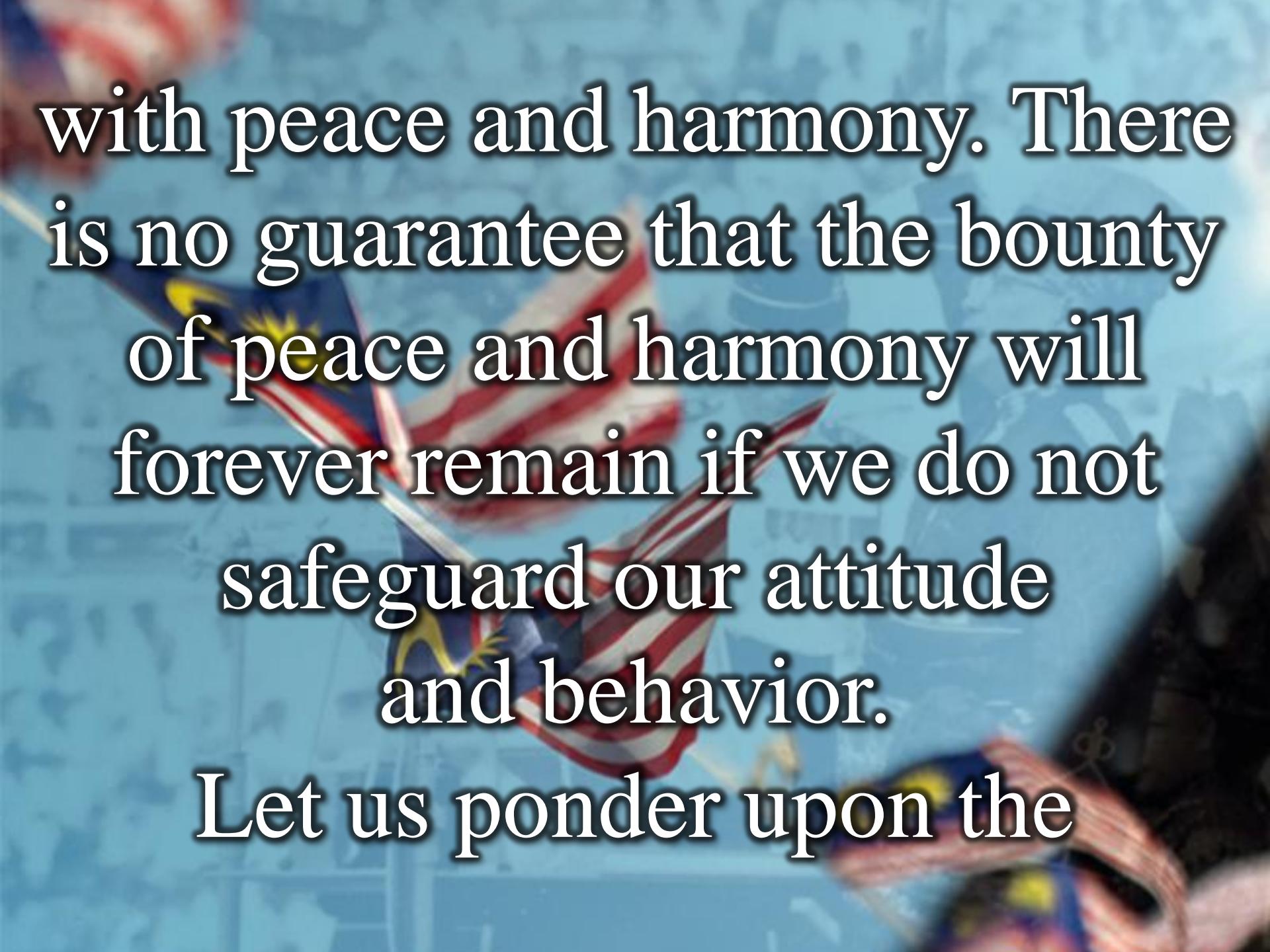
Abu Nadrah *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*  
reported: I heard the sermon of  
Rasulullah (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) during the  
middle of the day. The Prophet  
(صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said:  
“O people, your Lord is one  
and your father Adam

is one. There is no virtue of an Arab over a foreigner nor a foreigner over an Arab, and neither white over black nor black over white, except through righteousness..."

(Ahmad and al-Bayhaqi: *saheeh*)

This is the *taqwa* and  
gratefulness that should be  
imbued within us. That is to  
look at fellow human being as  
part of a greater family  
originating from  
Adam ‘alayhissalaam.

Having certainty that the status  
of individuals are judged based  
upon their *taqwa* of Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wata‘aala*. Such  
attitude and mentality will lead  
mankind to live  
amongst themselves

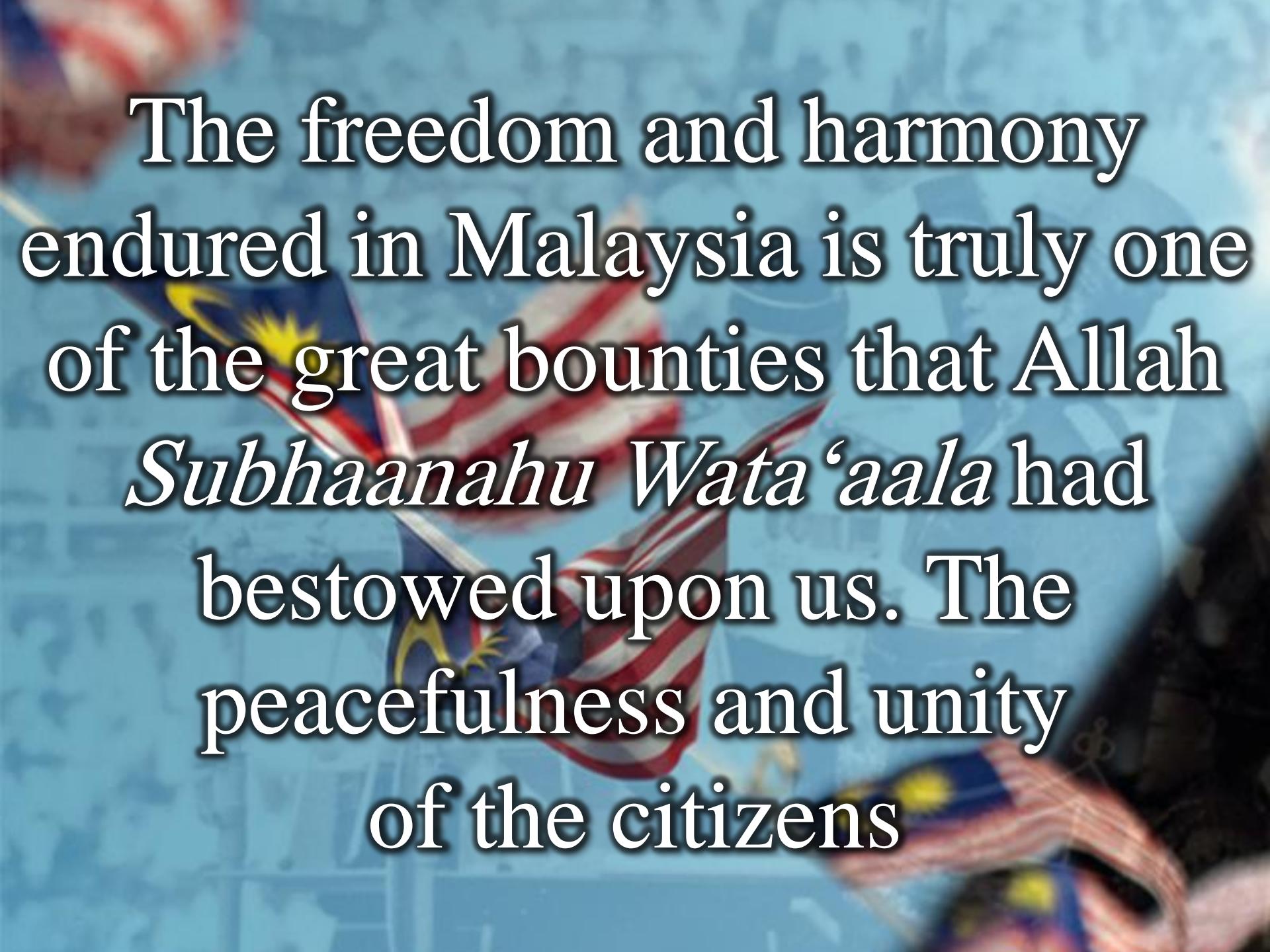


with peace and harmony. There is no guarantee that the bounty of peace and harmony will forever remain if we do not safeguard our attitude and behavior.

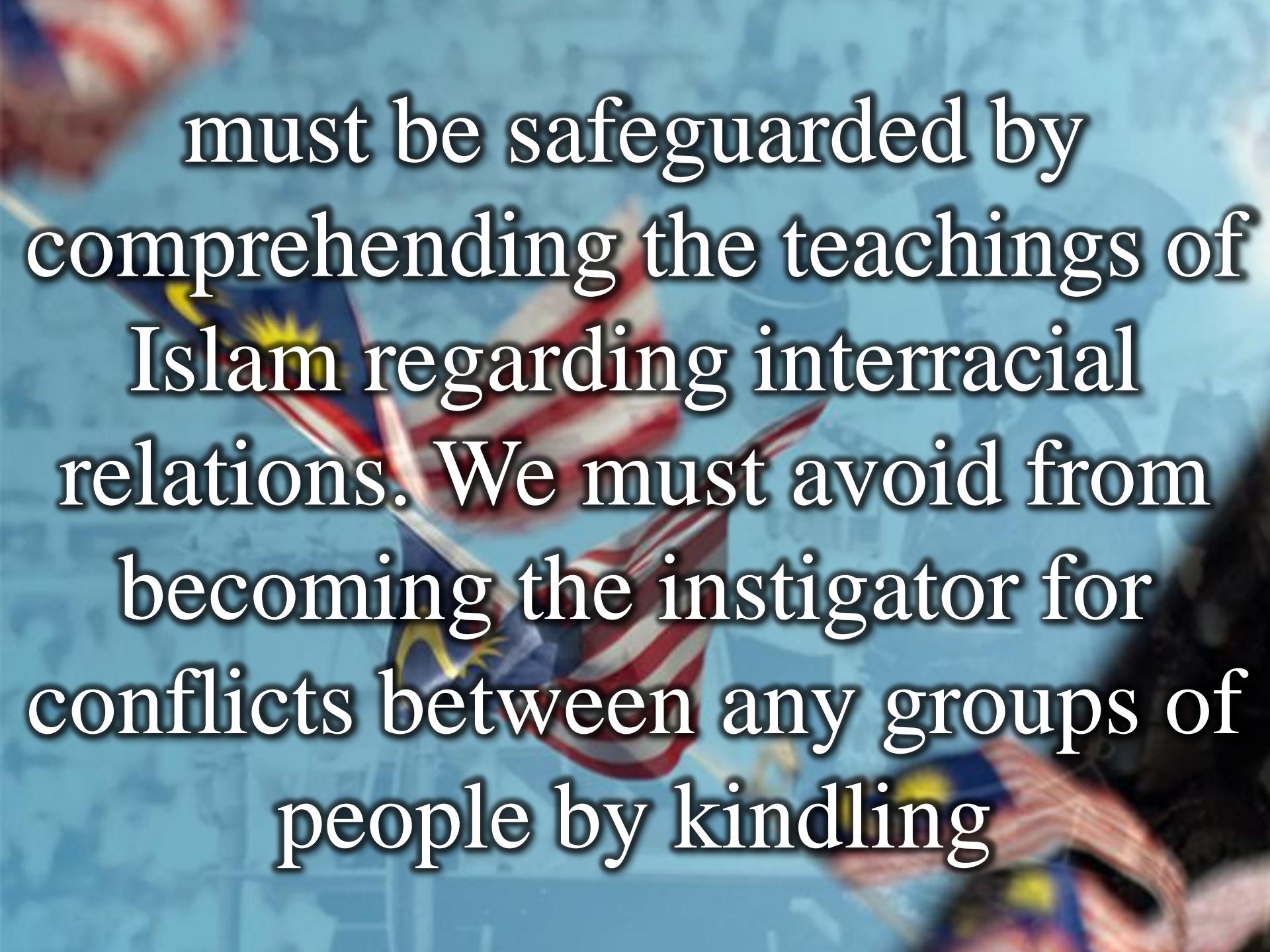
Let us ponder upon the

verses of al-Qur'an:  
“That is because Allah would  
not change a favor which He  
had bestowed upon a people  
until they change what  
is within themselves.

**And indeed, Allah is Hearing  
and Knowing.”**  
**(al-Anfaal 8:53)**

A blurred background image of the Malaysian flag, featuring its characteristic red, white, and blue stripes with a yellow crescent and star.

The freedom and harmony  
endured in Malaysia is truly one  
of the great bounties that Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wata‘aala* had  
bestowed upon us. The  
peacefulness and unity  
of the citizens

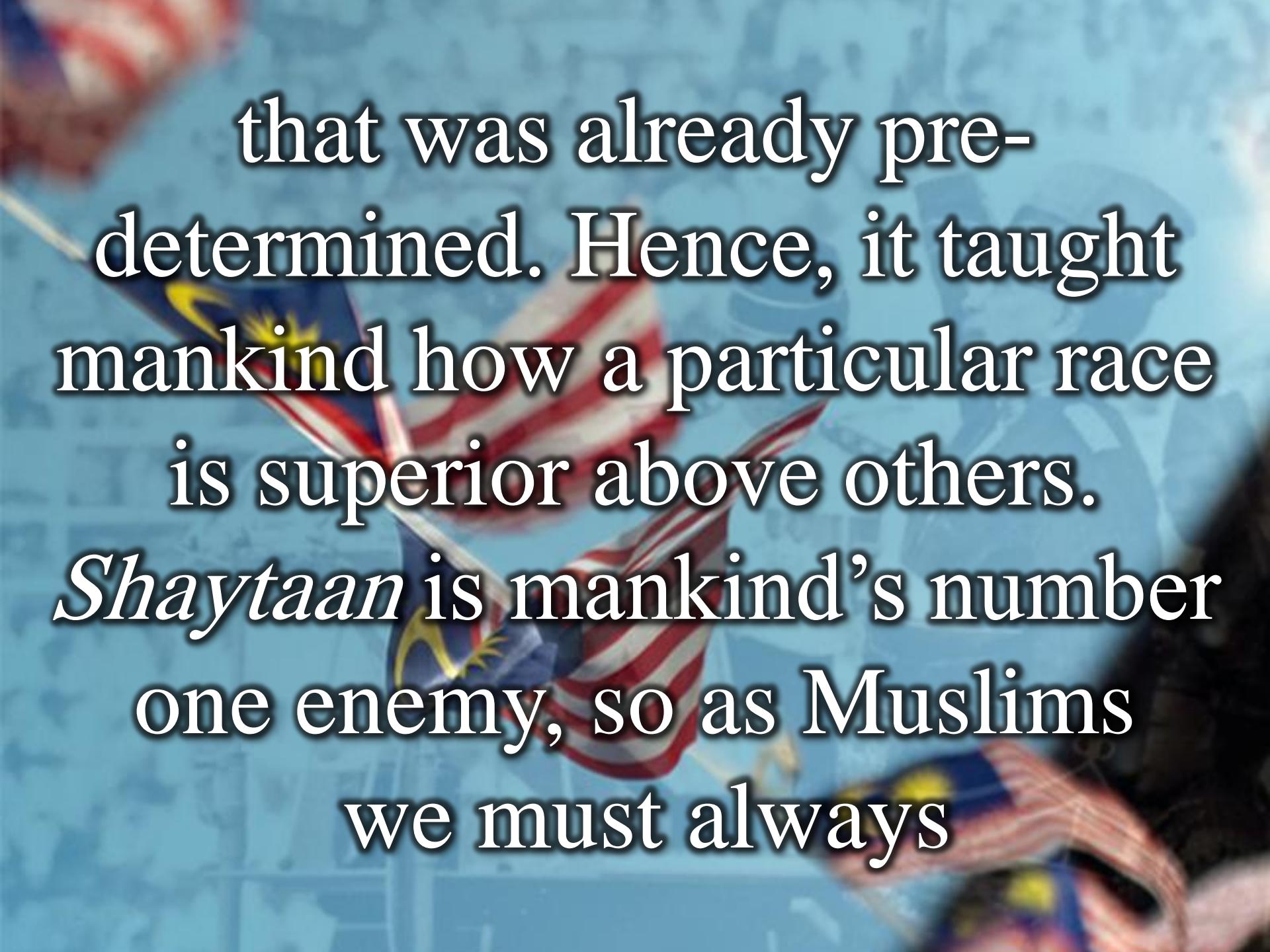


must be safeguarded by comprehending the teachings of Islam regarding interracial relations. We must avoid from becoming the instigator for conflicts between any groups of people by kindling

racial hatred. Let us not belittle others due to their race or lineage. Islam teaches us to remain open in accepting others as is, for Islam was sent as mercy for all and the Worlds.

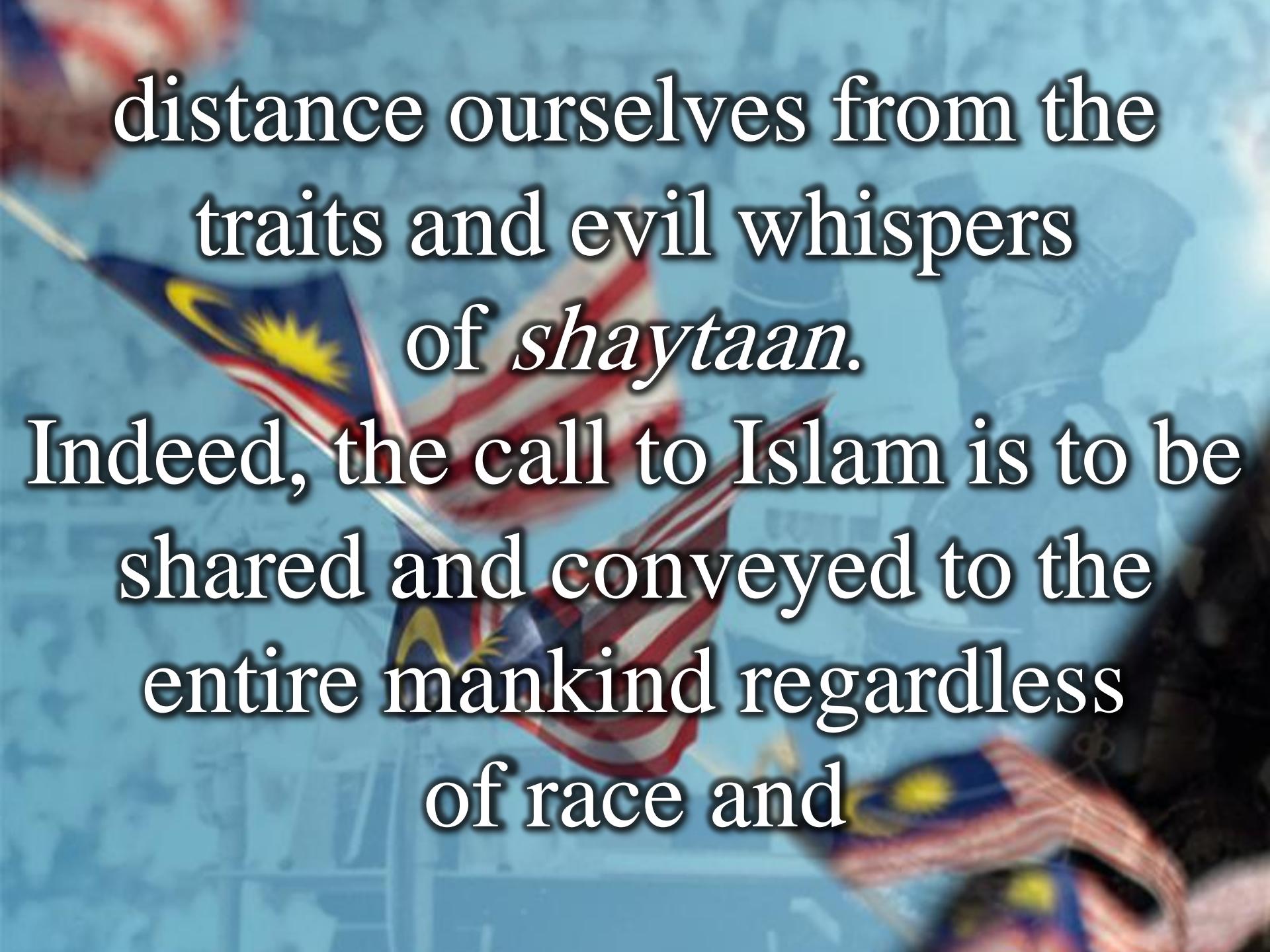
Truthfully, the one that instigate us to play with ethnicity or racial sentiment is the *shaytaan*.

*Shaytaan* wants us to fight amongst ourselves because of the ethnicity factor, something



that was already pre-determined. Hence, it taught mankind how a particular race is superior above others.

*Shaytaan* is mankind's number one enemy, so as Muslims we must always



distance ourselves from the traits and evil whispers of *shaytaan*.

Indeed, the call to Islam is to be shared and conveyed to the entire mankind regardless of race and

lineage. From Rasulullah ﷺ’s early days of conveying the message, there were already a diverse group that had accepted the message. There was Bilal bin Rabah, an African from

Abyssinia. There was Suhayb ar-Roomi, a Roman or European. There was Salman al-Faarisi, a Persian or Iranian. Then there was ‘Abdullah bin Salam and his friends whom were all from

Jewish background. Though, many of the Companions were from Arab descent, *radiyAllaahu ‘anhum ajma‘een*. This is the reality of the society and first Islamic state that was

established by Rasulullah ﷺ. Hence, what is more important is for all citizens to unite in defending the sovereignty, harmony, and order of life as it was stipulated in the Madeenah

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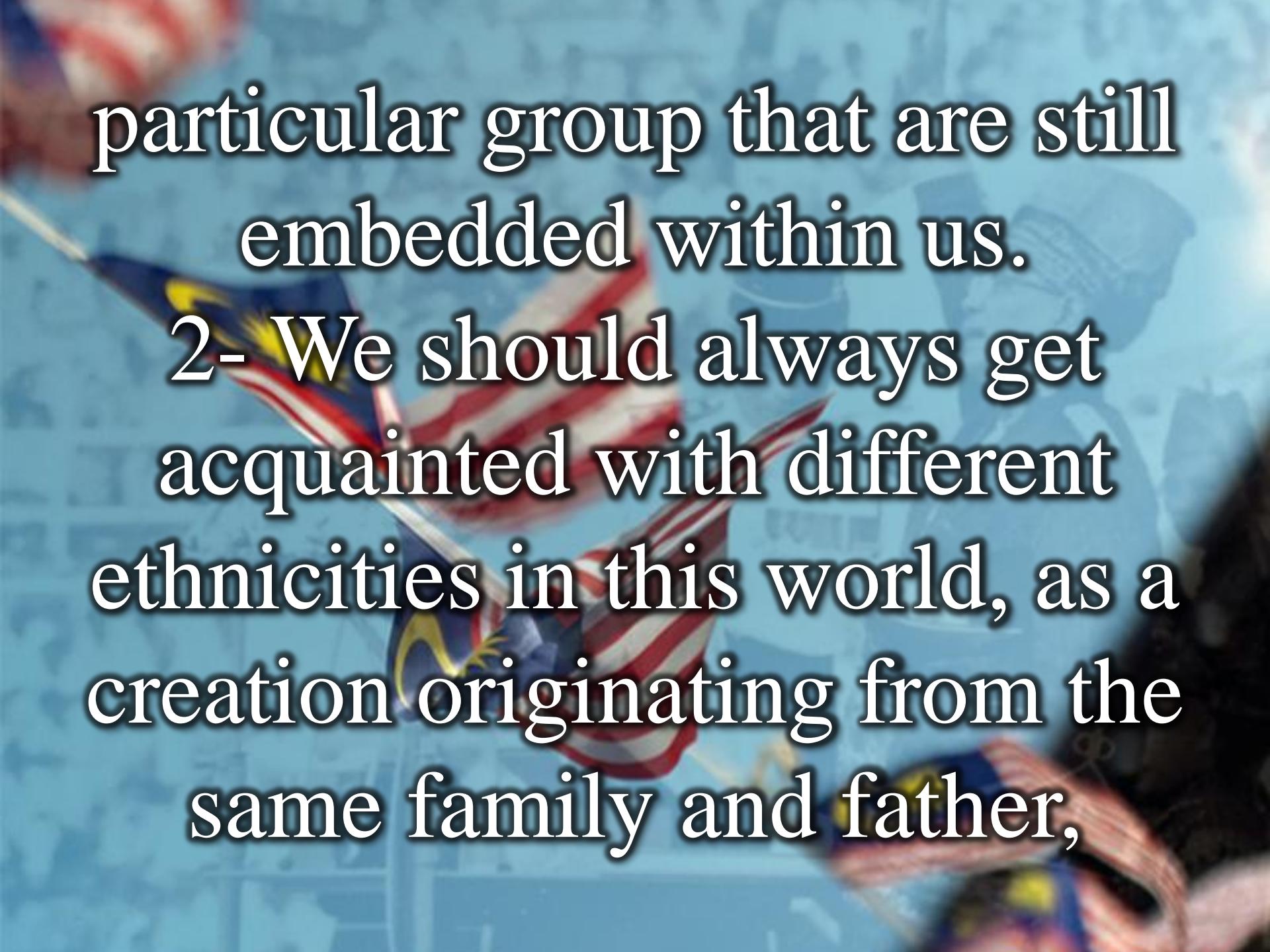
It was Islam's openness that had facilitated in the spread of Islam and easily accepted by various ethnicities around the world after the Prophet's time.

The Companions never erected a racial barrier that prevents mankind from accepting Islam, whether they accept Islam as a complete religion or as a system of life within the

state only. That is the Islam that becomes the mercy for all.

As conclusions from today's *khutbah*:

1- Let us eradicate racism and obsession with a



particular group that are still embedded within us.

2- We should always get acquainted with different ethnicities in this world, as a creation originating from the same family and father,

which is Adam ‘*alayhissalaam*.

3- We should include all race

and people as our target in

calling towards faith and

humanity. We truly hope that all

races can live in peace

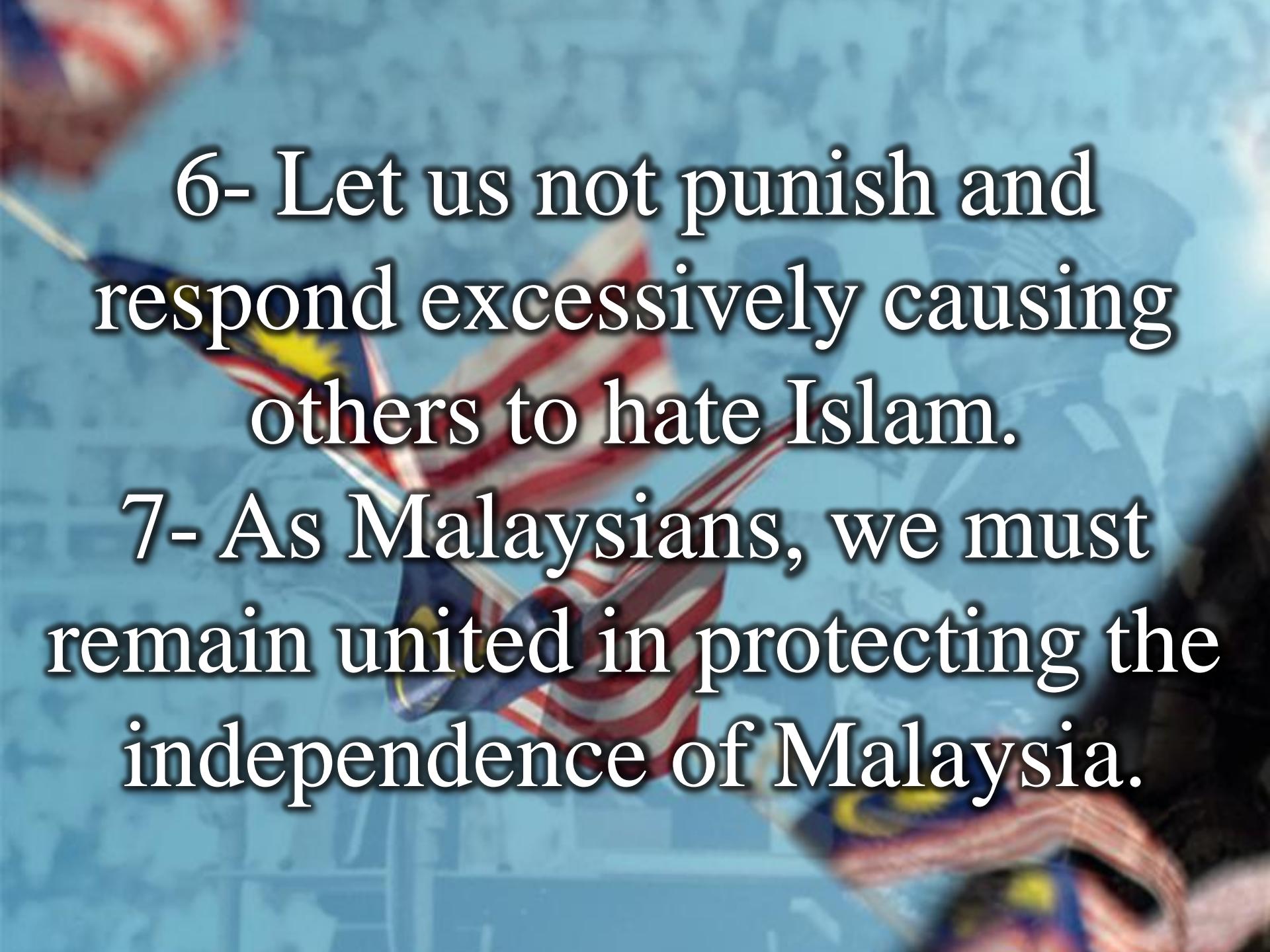
and having the freedom to obey  
Lord Almighty.

4- All citizens of various  
ethnicity are entitled to the  
foundation of justice, which is a  
right bestowed upon all  
mankind. Let us ponder upon

the example of ‘Umar ibn al-Khattaab *radiyAllaahu ‘anh* in implementing such justice.

5- Let us take lessons from the events or *seerah* of Rasulullah (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) in the

establishment of the Islamic state in Madeenah, which was just to everyone, even to the enemies or the oppressors.



6- Let us not punish and respond excessively causing others to hate Islam.

7- As Malaysians, we must remain united in protecting the independence of Malaysia.

**“O you who have believed, be persistently standing firm for Allah, witnesses in justice, and do not let the hatred of a people prevent you from being just. Be just; that is nearer to**

righteousness. And fear Allah; indeed, Allah is Acquainted with what you do.”  
(al-Maa’idah 5:8)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي  
وَإِيَّاكمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْأَيَاتِ 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.**

*Allaahumma ameen*



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