



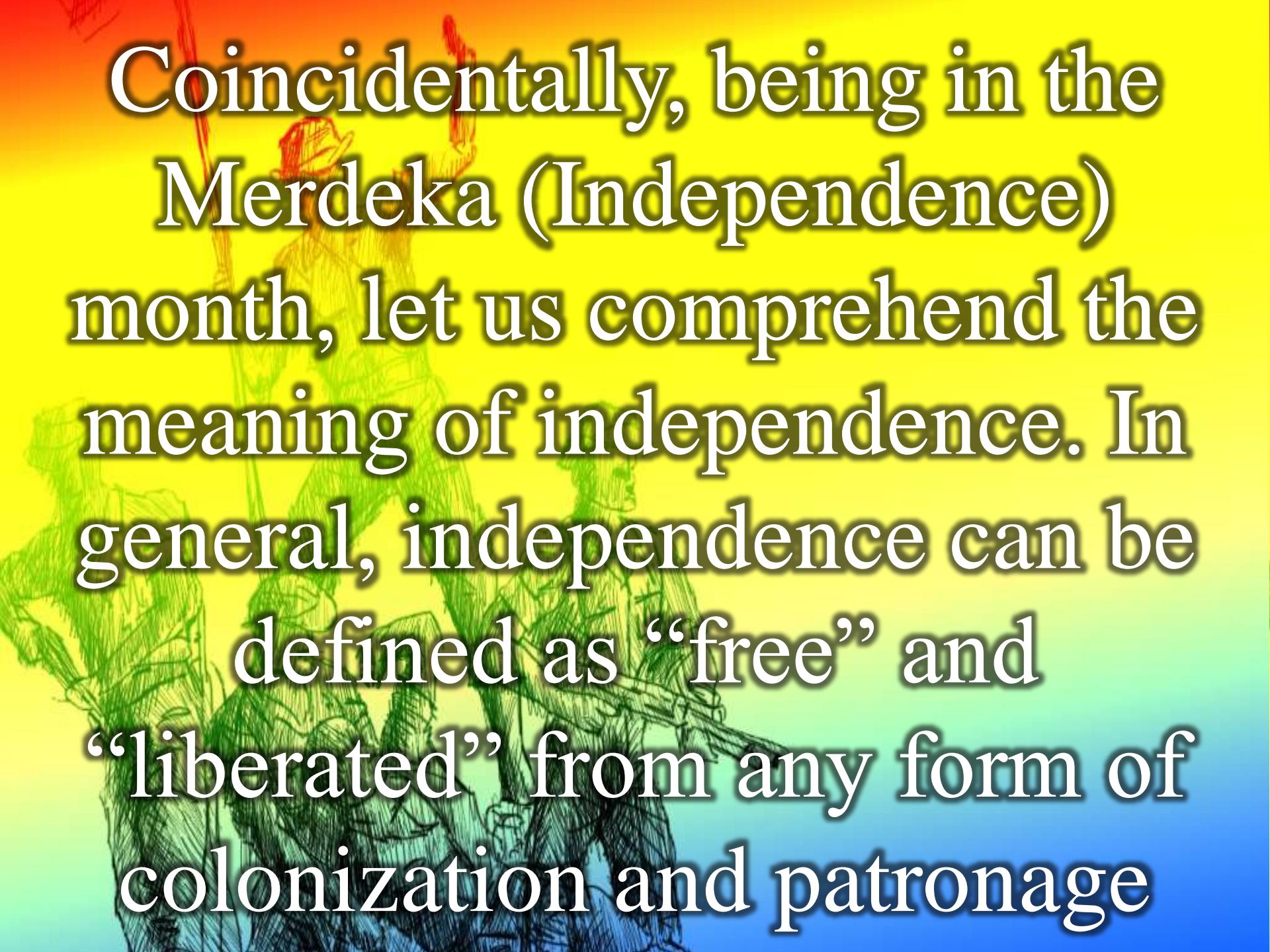
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JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

APPRECIATING THE VALUES OF INDEPENDENCE

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

In this noble month of Ramadaan,
we are striving to liberate and free
ourselves from all forms of sins
and evil deeds. May Allah accept
all of our deeds, *ameen*. Indeed,
we truly hope that our good deeds
will aid in freeing us from the
severe torment of the Hellfire.



Coincidentally, being in the Merdeka (Independence) month, let us comprehend the meaning of independence. In general, independence can be defined as “free” and “liberated” from any form of colonization and patronage

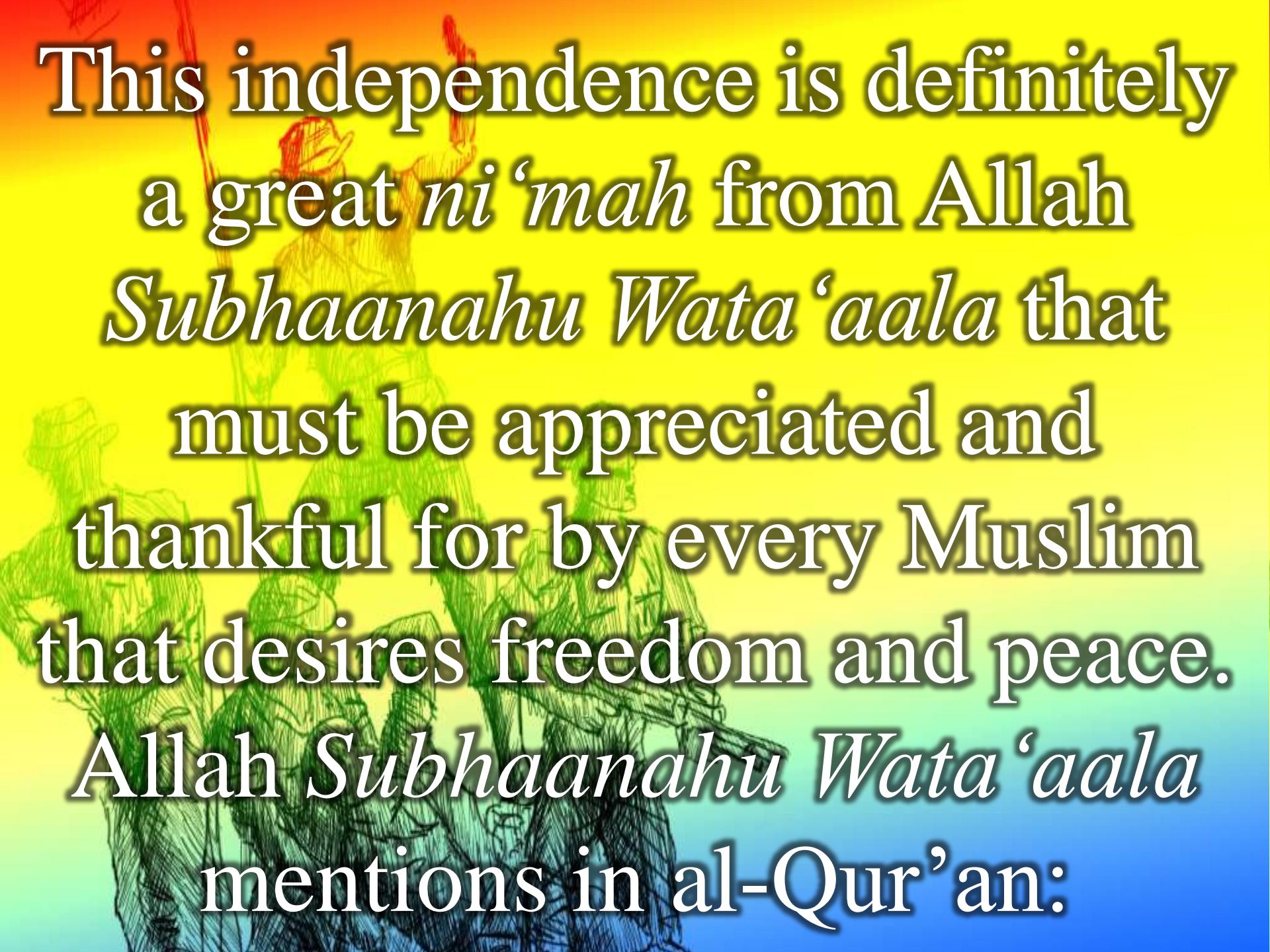


whilst being self-sufficient without being dependent on others. Malaysia had officially gained independence on August 31st, 1957, in the context that its citizens are no longer colonized by foreign entity.



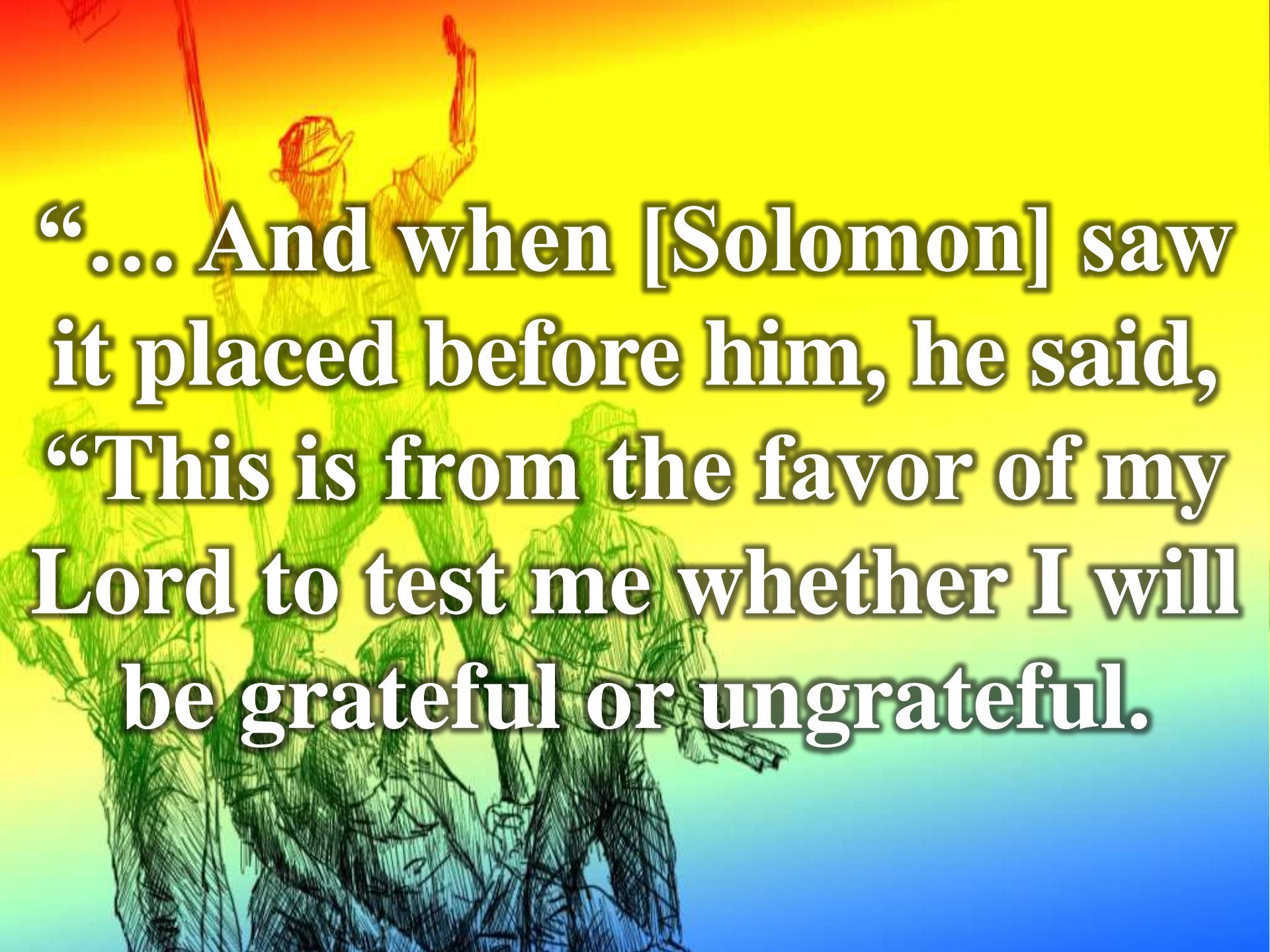
After a long period of colonization, the Muslims (in Malaysia) finally regained their sovereignty in their homeland.

Indeed, this is a form of independence that must be defended by citizens that loves their homeland.



This independence is definitely
a great *ni‘mah* from Allah
Subhaanahu Wata‘aala that
must be appreciated and
thankful for by every Muslim
that desires freedom and peace.
Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala*
mentions in al-Qur‘an:

“... And when [Solomon] saw it placed before him, he said, “This is from the favor of my Lord to test me whether I will be grateful or ungrateful.



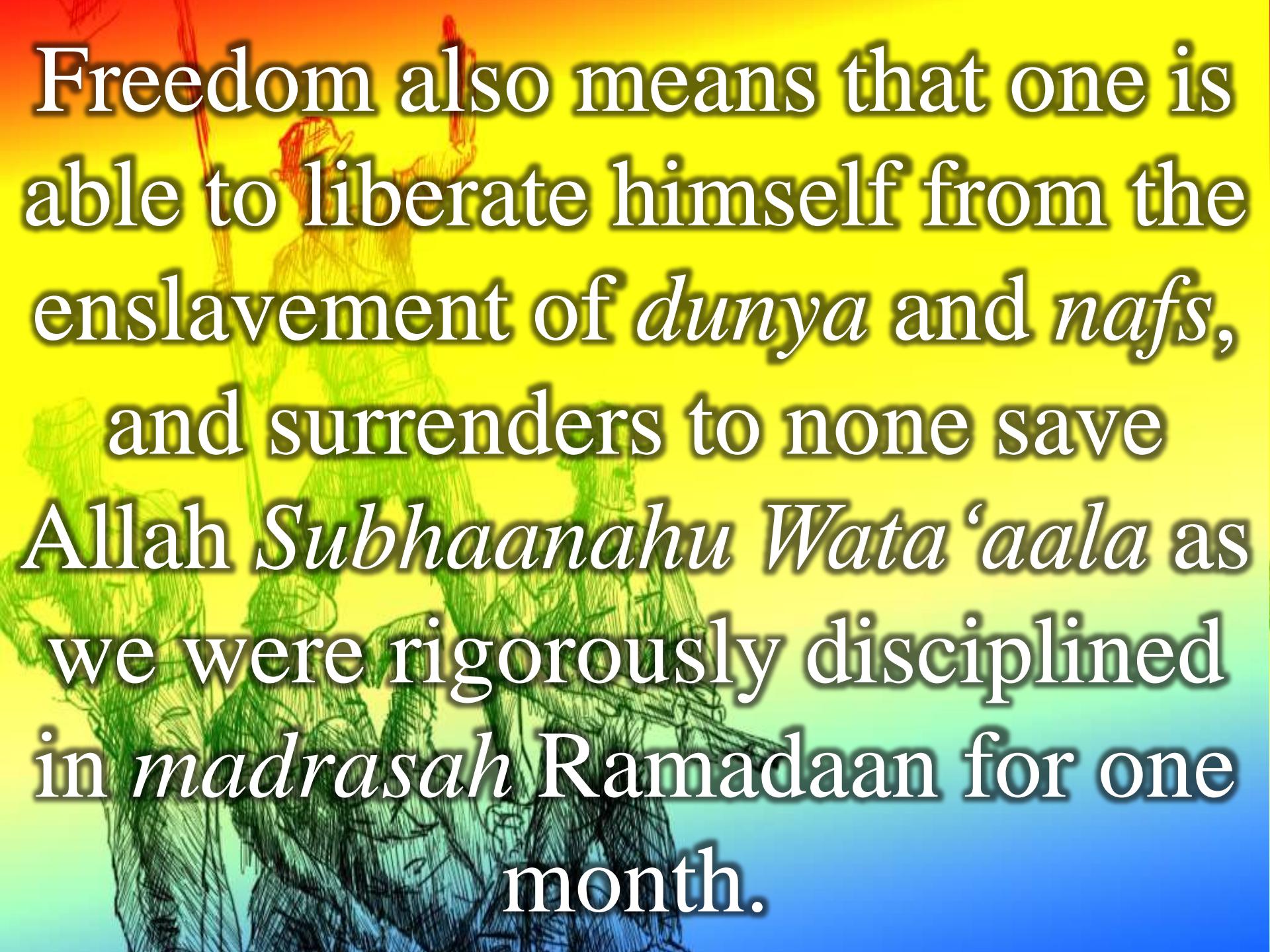
And whoever is grateful – his
gratitude is only for [the
benefit of] himself. And
whoever is ungrateful – then
indeed, my Lord is Free of
need and Generous.””

(an-Naml 27:40)

The question begs, what is the reality of the freedom that must be defended? Is it enough to shout “Merdeka!” on every 31st of August while our mind is stuck and surrenders to those that had once colonized us in the past?

Are we satisfied with physical
independence while our spirit
and soul are shackled by the
negative culture and mindset of
the colonialists?

According to Islam,
independence means freedom
from any form of colonization
whether physically or
spiritually. However, such
freedom is restricted by the
Sharee'ah of Allah Subhaanahu
Wata'aala.

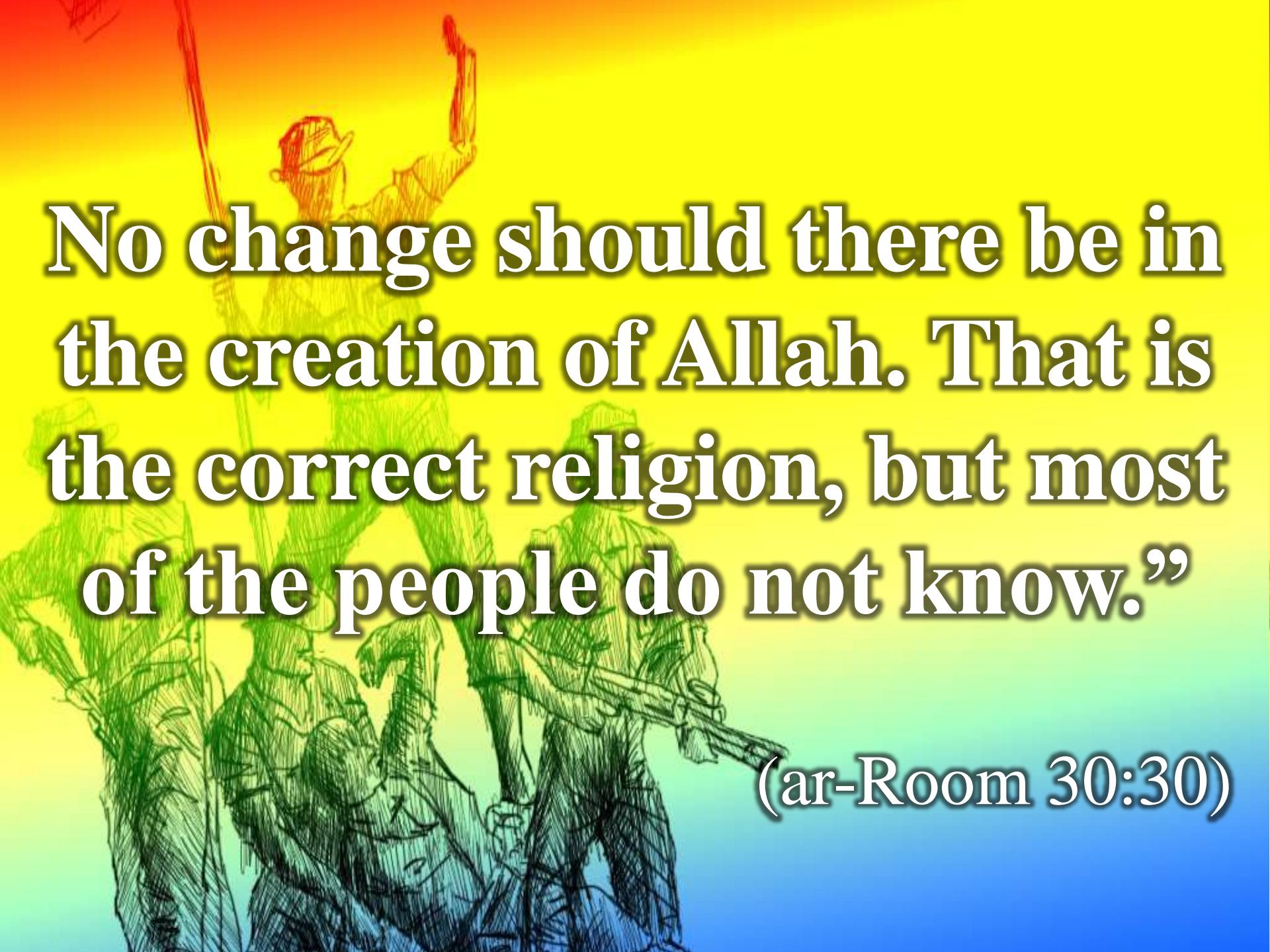


Freedom also means that one is able to liberate himself from the enslavement of *dunya* and *nafs*, and surrenders to none save Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* as we were rigorously disciplined in *madrasah* Ramadaan for one month.

In reality, mankind is not entitled to absolute freedom to do as they please. Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala* has ordained the permissible and impermissible matters to mankind, for their own benefit in this world and the Hereafter.

Moreover, by *fitrah* (natural disposition), mankind was created by Allah *Subhaanahu Wata 'aala* with the intuition to incline towards religion as guidance in this life. Allah *Subhaanahu Wata 'aala* mentions in al-Qur'an:

“So direct your face toward
the religion, inclining to truth.
[Adhere to] the *fitrah* of Allah
upon which He has created
[all] people. No change should
there be in the creation of
Allah.



No change should there be in
the creation of Allah. That is
the correct religion, but most
of the people do not know.”

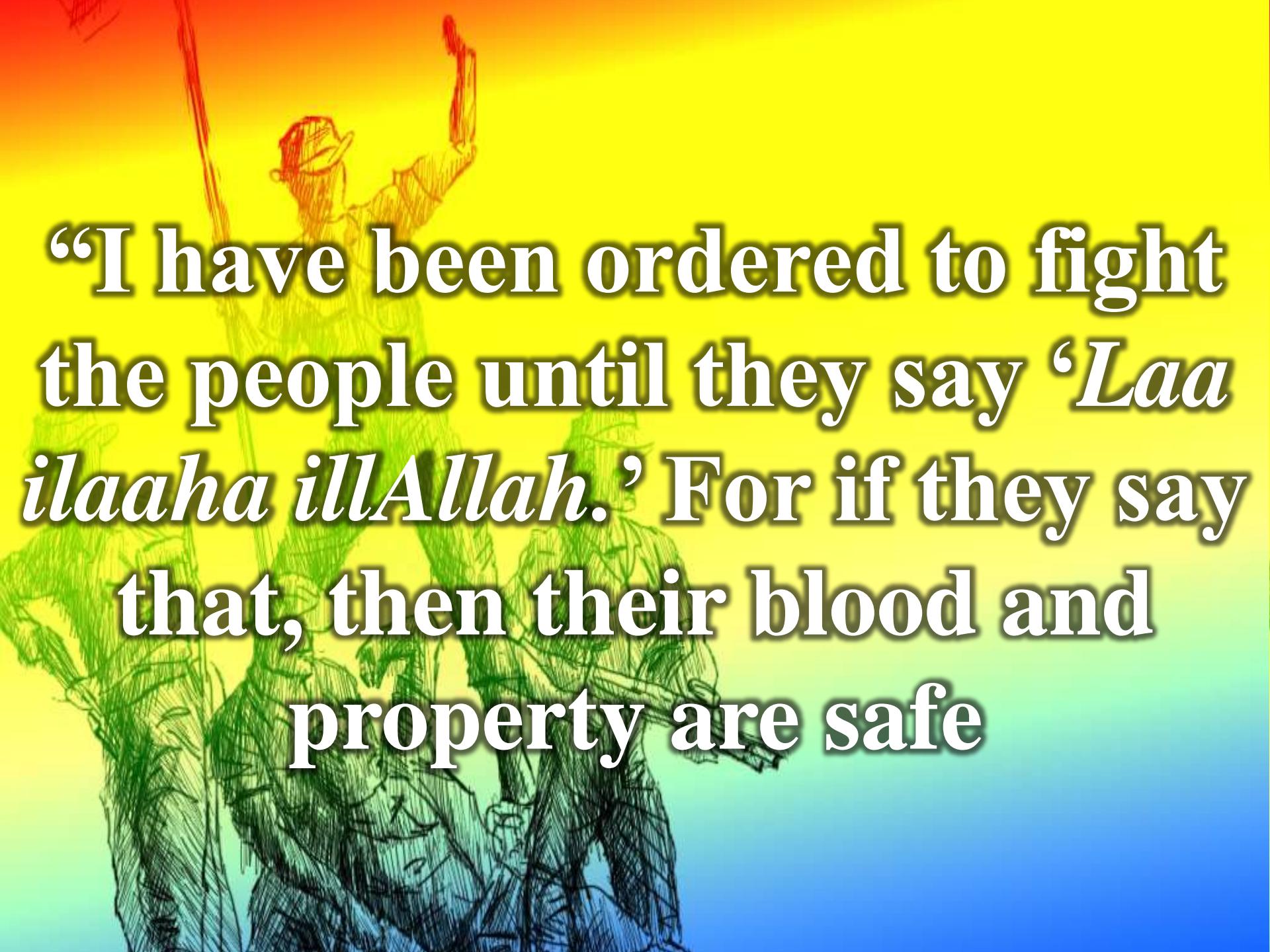
(ar-Room 30:30)

According to *fitrah*, mankind requires independence and freedom but must be governed by the *Sharee‘ah* of Allah.

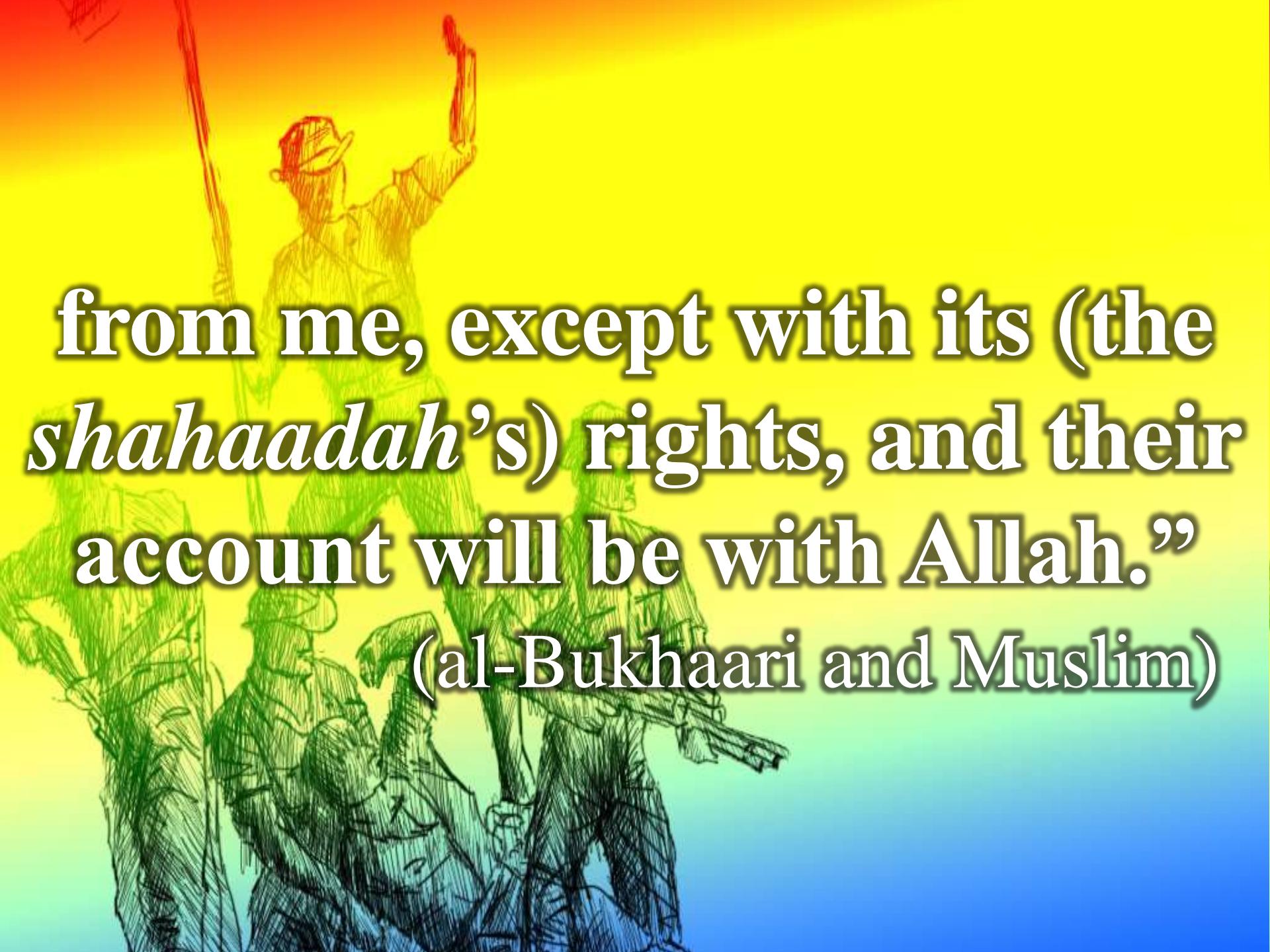
Islamic history depicts Rasulullah *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* as the final messenger of Allah who relentlessly fought



to liberate mankind from *jahiliyy*
colonization unto the *hidaayah*
of Islam. This is based upon the
hadeeth narrated by Abu
Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh,*
that Rasulullah *sallAllaahu*
'alayhi wasallam said:

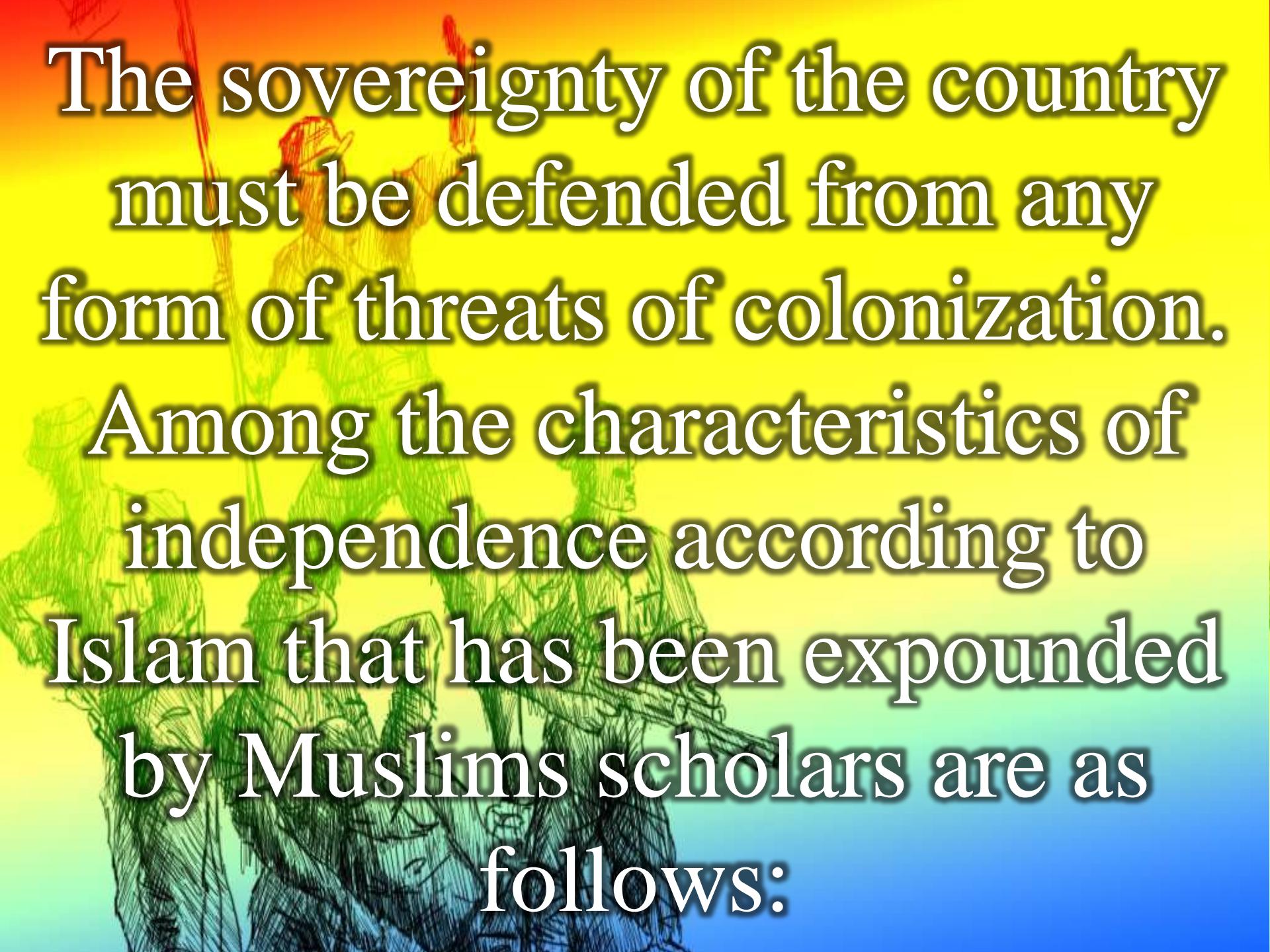


**“I have been ordered to fight
the people until they say ‘*Laa
ilaaha illAllah.*’ For if they say
that, then their blood and
property are safe**



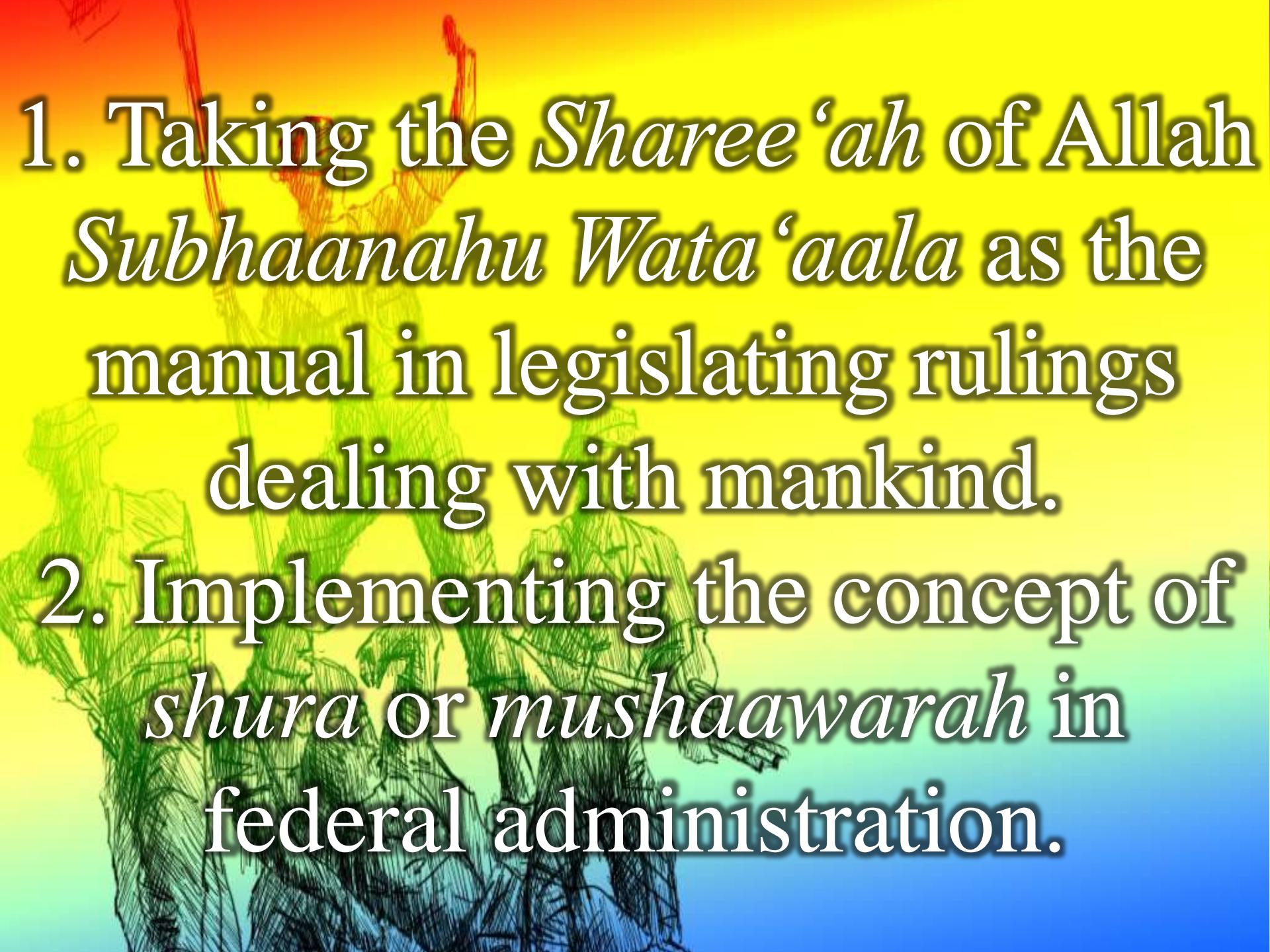
**from me, except with its (the
shahaadah's) rights, and their
account will be with Allah.”**

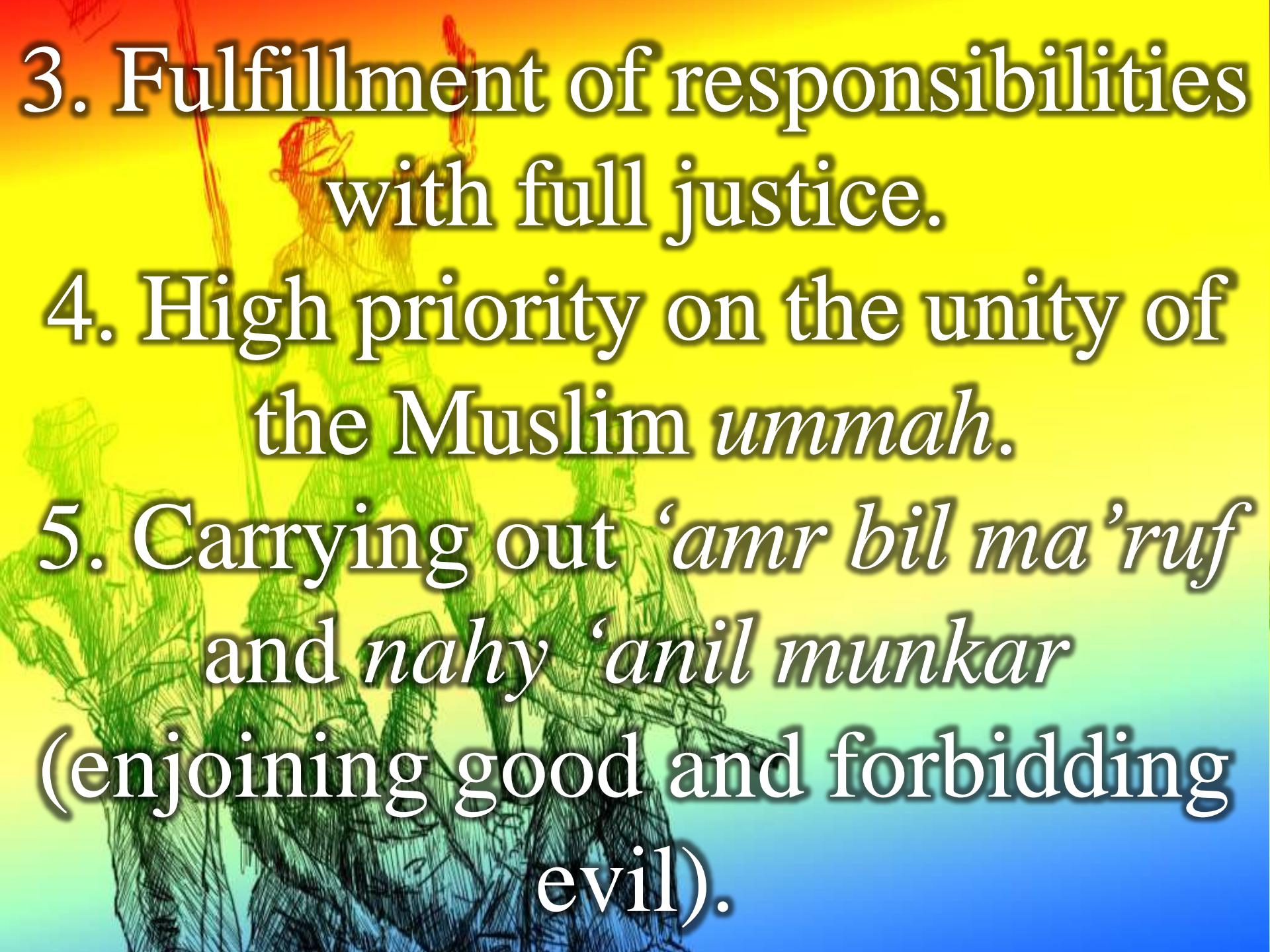
(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

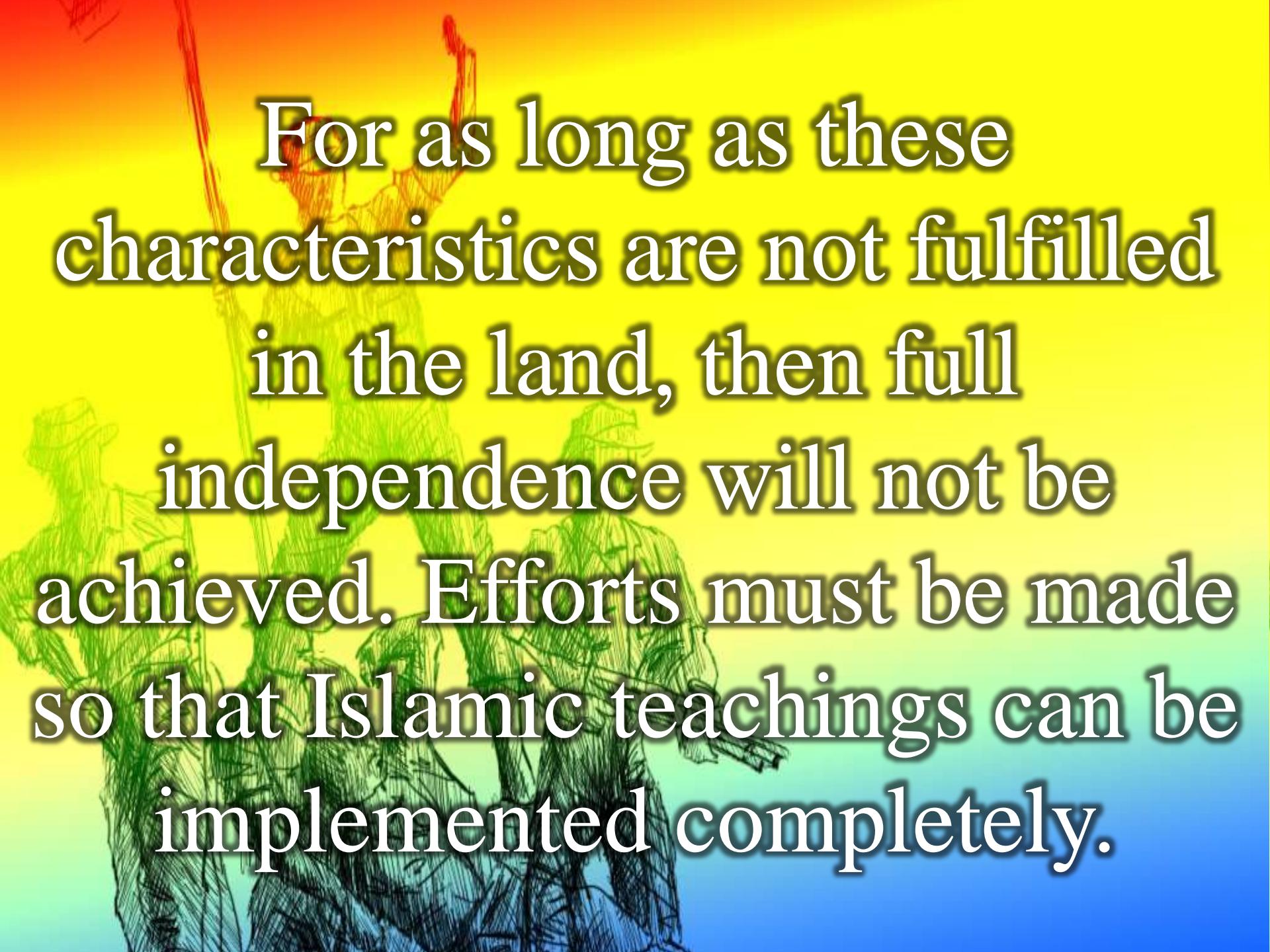


The sovereignty of the country must be defended from any form of threats of colonization.

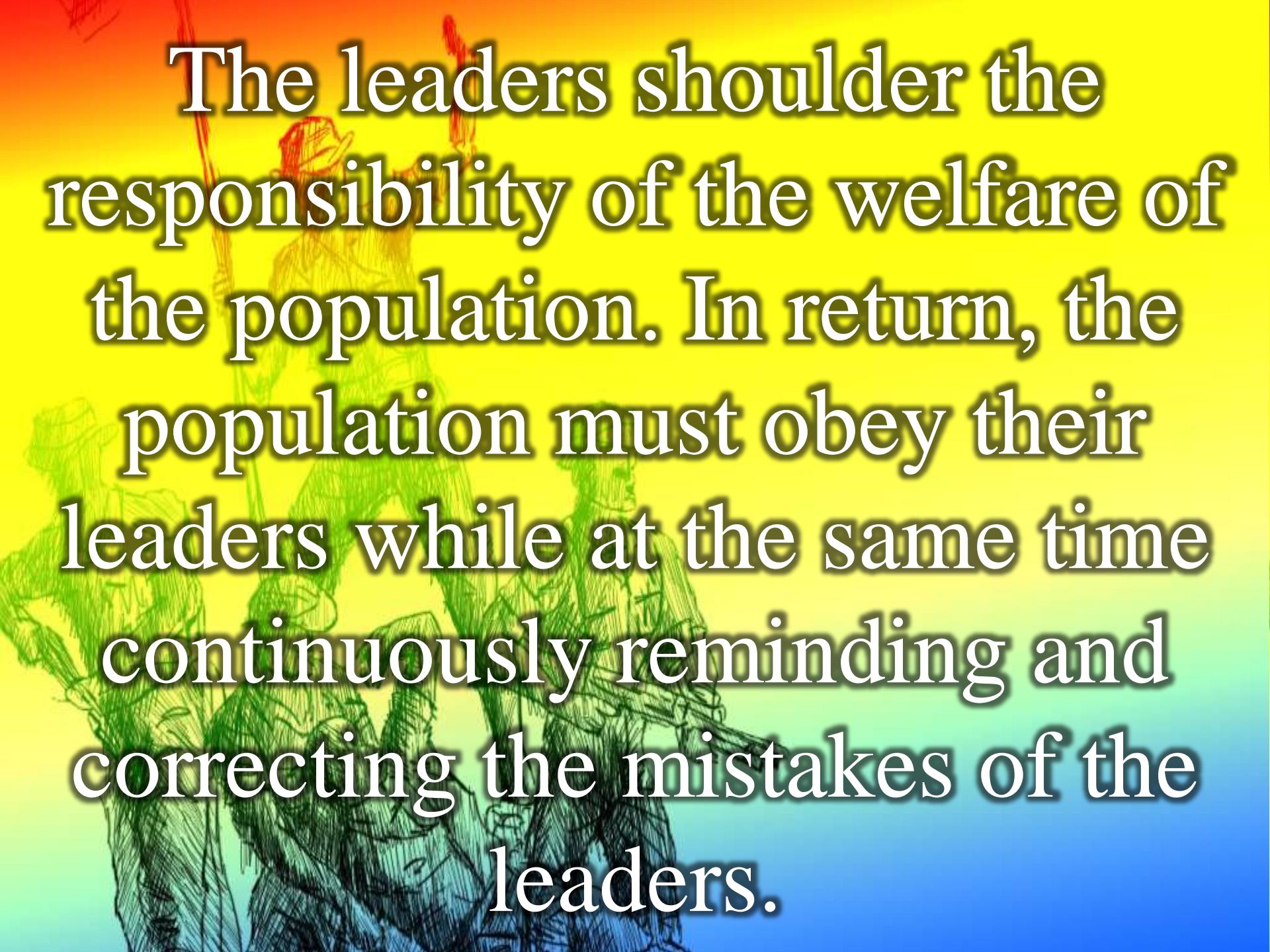
Among the characteristics of independence according to Islam that has been expounded by Muslim scholars are as follows:

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1. Taking the *Sharee'ah* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* as the manual in legislating rulings dealing with mankind.
 2. Implementing the concept of *shura* or *mushaawarah* in federal administration.

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3. Fulfillment of responsibilities with full justice.
 4. High priority on the unity of the Muslim *ummah*.
 5. Carrying out '*amr bil ma'ruf*' and '*nahy 'anil munkar*' (enjoining good and forbidding evil).



For as long as these characteristics are not fulfilled in the land, then full independence will not be achieved. Efforts must be made so that Islamic teachings can be implemented completely.



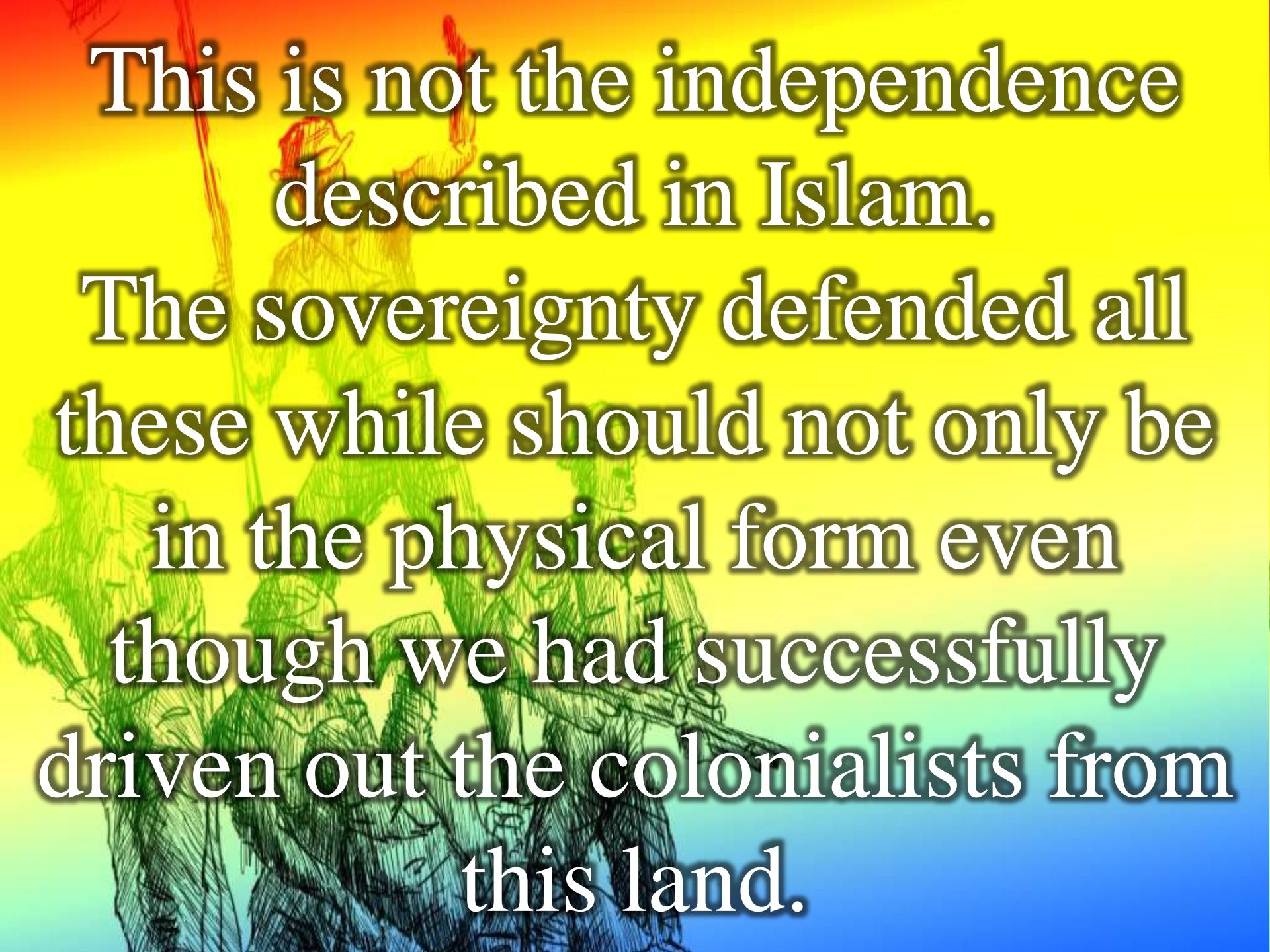
The leaders shoulder the responsibility of the welfare of the population. In return, the population must obey their leaders while at the same time continuously reminding and correcting the mistakes of the leaders.

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

“And remind, for indeed, the
reminder benefits the
believers.”

(adh-Dhaariyaat 51:55)

The *Sharee'ah* must be fully implemented whether in matters of *'ibaadah*, *mu'amalaat*, or criminal. It will not be rendered complete if only practiced in certain aspects without covering others.



This is not the independence described in Islam.

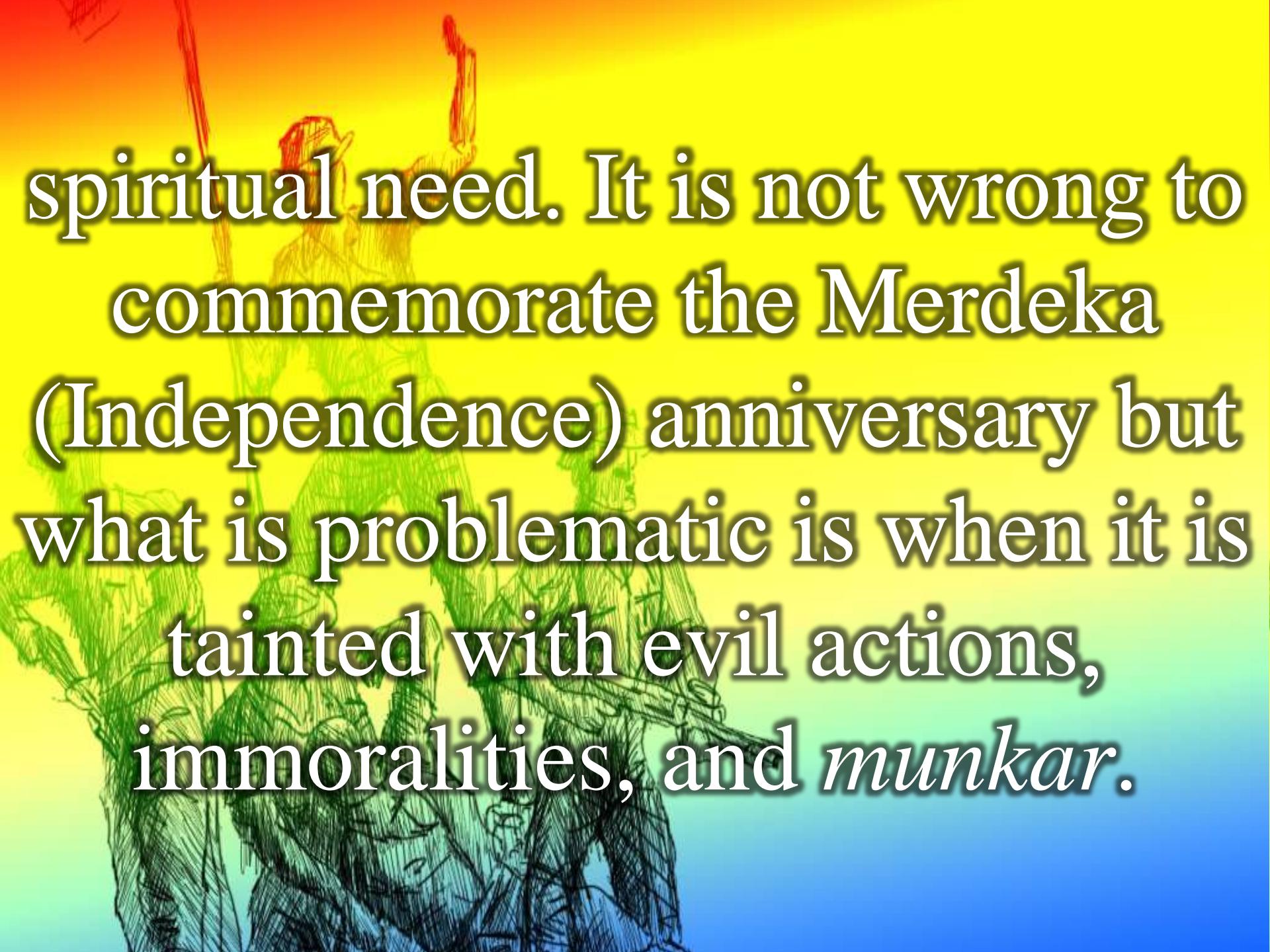
The sovereignty defended all these while should not only be in the physical form even though we had successfully driven out the colonialists from this land.



We also must defend the sovereignty of the Muslim *ummah* from foreign intervention. We must defend the spirit and soul of the Muslim generation from the colonization of evil desire that corrupts the *akhlaaq* and

'aqeedah of the Muslims.

Moreover, we must liberate and purify the *'aqeedah* of the Muslims from deviant teachings or doctrines that are astray. The apprehension of independence should be equally balanced between the physical and



spiritual need. It is not wrong to commemorate the Merdeka (Independence) anniversary but what is problematic is when it is tainted with evil actions, immoralities, and *munkar*.

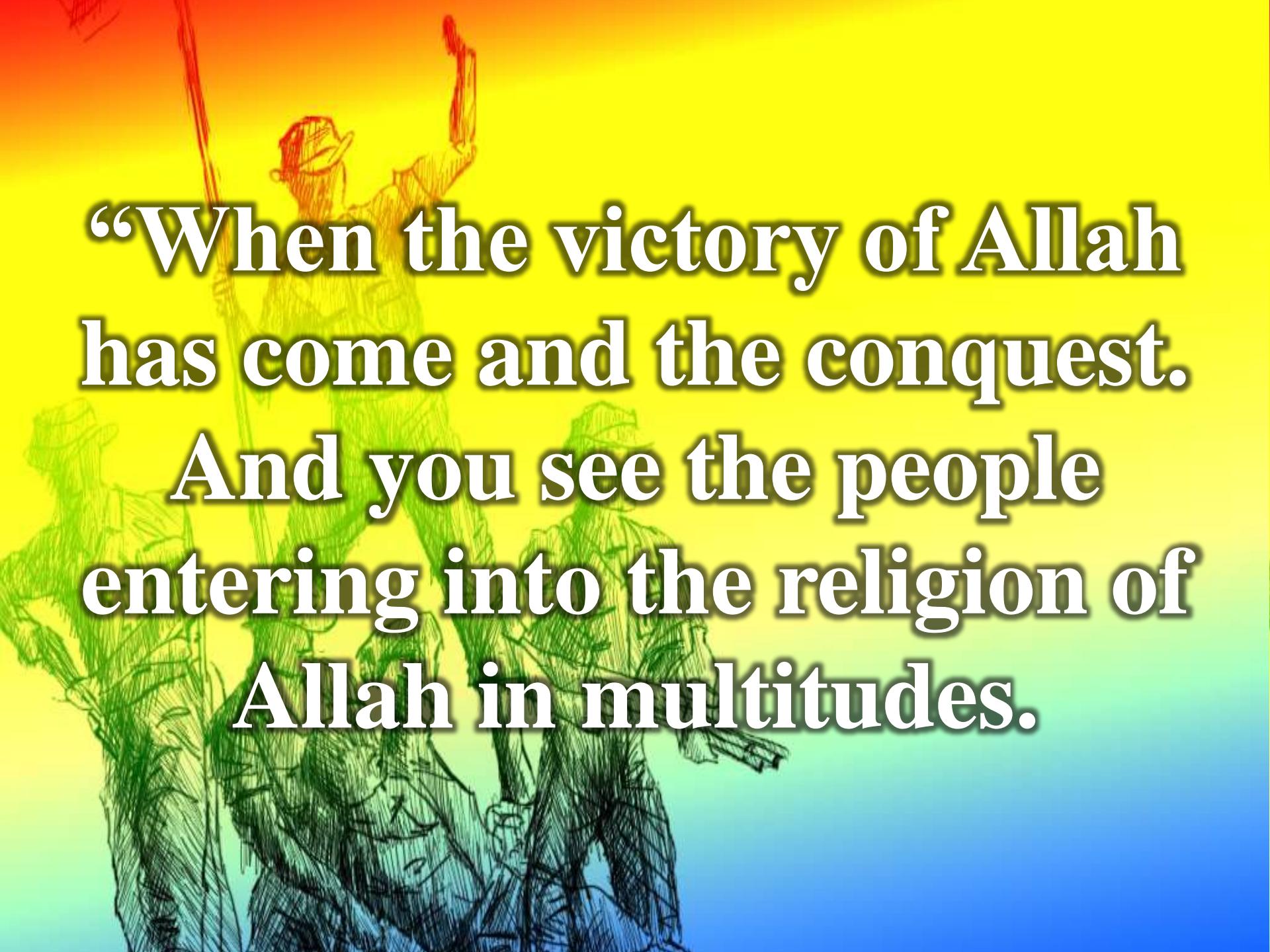
We should appreciate our independence by performing righteous deeds and beneficial acts that will increase our *imaan* in Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*, as He mentions in al-Qur'an:

“So is it other than the religion of Allah they desire, while to Him have submitted [all] those within the heavens and earth, willingly or by compulsion, and to Him they will be returned?”

(Aali-‘Imraan 3:83)

Let us be grateful with the
ni'mah of independence and
sovereignty by defending it, and
freeing ourselves physically and
spiritually from servitude unto
man to servitude unto Allah

Subhaanahu Wata'aala.



**“When the victory of Allah
has come and the conquest.**

**And you see the people
entering into the religion of
Allah in multitudes.**



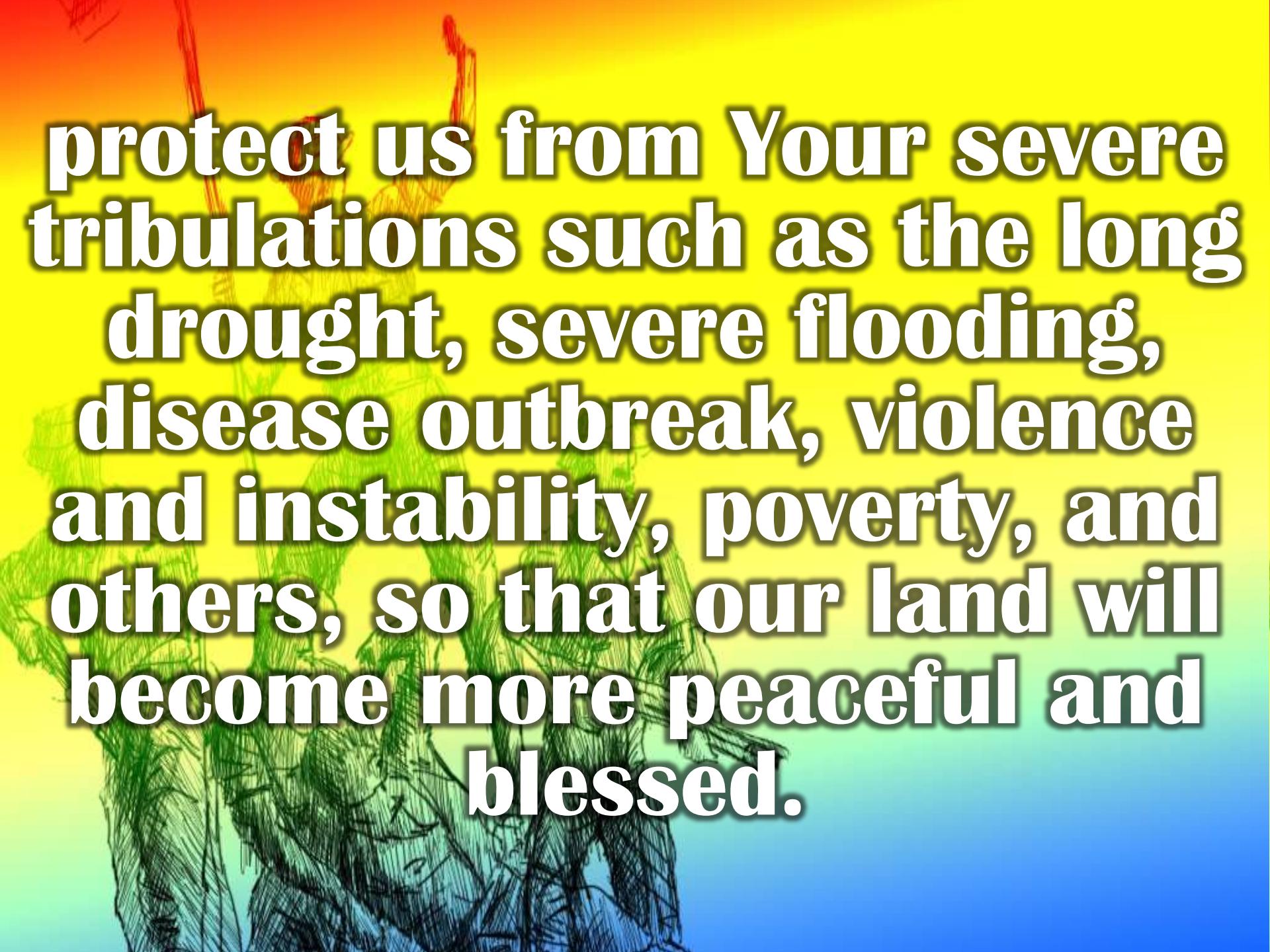
**Then exalt [Him] with praise
of your Lord and ask
forgiveness of Him. Indeed,
He is ever Accepting of
repentance. “**

(an-Nasr 110:1-3)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
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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,

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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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