

ROLE OF PARENTS IN EDUCATING TAWHID (ONENESS OF GOD)

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ. وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ
أَعْمَالِنَا. مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يُضِلِّ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ.

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدَهُ
وَرَسُولَهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ، يَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَ أَوْصِيكُمْ وَآيَايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Let us increase our righteousness to Allah the Almighty by doing all that He prescribes and avoiding all that He prohibits. Indeed, the most noble in the sight of Allah is the most righteous

Dear brothers and sisters,

Part of our lives today is greatly influenced by Western civilization that is purely materialistic. It is very different from Islamic civilization which emphasizes on the spiritual aspect of life but does not ignore the material life in this world. Islamic spiritual civilization is a civilization that puts faith in Allah the Almighty as a priority above all else.

The Prophet (pbuh) was in Mecca for thirteen years and during this time he built the muslim spiritualization that puts *aqidah* (faith) a top priority. Blessings from his teachings had spawned a generation with strong *aqidah* among the Companions for 300 years and beyond. The prophet (pbuh) had emphasized much on the education of tawhid because it will determine one's righteousness, *akhlaq*, and it is the condition for one's faith and good deeds in the sight of Allah the Almighty.

Dear brothers and sisters,

The knowledge of tawhid is contained in the verse *lailaahailallaahu*. Understanding, researching and interpreting this verse is the most important task. This is the most noble and highest knowledge that is a source of all knowledge obtained from *lailaahailallaah*. Tawhid is a compulsory knowledge that must be known so that we put our faith solely in Almighty the Almighty. Allah says in Chapter 112 (Surah al-Ikhlās) verses 1 -4:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ ۝ (١) اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ ۝ (٢) لَمْ يَكِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ ۝ (٣) وَلَمْ
يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ ۝ (٤)

Which means: *Say, "He is Allah , [who is] One; Allah , the Eternal Refuge; He neither begets nor is born; Nor is there to Him any equivalent."*

This verse clearly shows the real meaning of tawhid (oneness of God) which is to know Allah (*ma'rifatullah*).

It is also among the basis in which muslim scholars compile the knowledge of tawhid to enable people to know the characteristics of Allah the Almighty. Imam Abu Hasan Asy'ari and Imam Abu Mansur Al-Maturidi were among the learned muslim scholars who maintained the *aqidah* of Ahlus Sunnah wal Jamaah (Adherents to the Sunnah). Knowledge of tawhid and the 20 attributes of Allah, is the stronghold that saves Muslims from falsehood .

The tawhid triad which consists of tawhid *Rububiyah, Uluhiyyah* and *Asma wa* is not the methodology of the Salaf Asyairah and Maturidiah because it is the science of monotheism (tawhid) which was newly introduced in the seventh century. We must deepen our knowledge of tawhid and the 20 attributes of Allah. We hope that all the mosques and suraus (a small building used for prayer) in

Pahang promote lectures on the knowledge of tawhid. Allah the Almighty says in chapter 31(surah Luqman) verse 13:

وَإِذْ قَالَ لُقْمَانُ لِابْنِهِ وَهُوَ يَعِظُهُ يَا بُنَيَّ لَا تُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ إِنَّ الشِّرْكَ لَظُلْمٌ عَظِيمٌ ﴿١٣﴾

Which means: *And [mention, O Muhammad], when Luqman said to his son while he was instructing him, "O my son, do not associate [anything] with Allah. Indeed, association [with him] is great injustice."*

Dear brothers and sisters,

If we deny the truth in learning about the knowledge of tauhid and the 20 attributes of Allah which was founded by al-Asyairah dan al-Maturidiah , it can lead to shirk and destruction of *aqidah*. Thus, anyone whose *aqidah* is led astray can produce faulty beliefs, vile traits, wickedness, cruelty, hypocrisy and blasphemy. We must understand the real *aqidah* so that all our deeds are accepted by Allah the Almighty. Allah says in chapter 3(surah Ali-Imran) verse 139:

وَلَا تَهِنُوا وَلَا تَحْزَنُوا وَأَنْتُمُ الْأَعْلَوْنَ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ مُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿١٣٩﴾

Which means: *So do not weaken and do not grieve, and you will be superior if you are [true] believers.*

Dear brothers and sisters,

It is compulsory for all muslims especially parents to educate their children about tawhid. A strong foundation in the knowledge of tawhid among children will strengthen their *aqidah* and protect them from the threats of Christianity, pluralistic and liberal Islam, Wahhabism, Syiah , deviant teachings etc. The teachings of tawhid will save our families in this life and the hereafter. Therefore, fathers and husbands must educate their children and wives about tawhid. Neglect in the education of tawhid can lead the entire family to destruction. Allah the Almighty says in chapter 66(surah al-Tahrim) verse 6:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

يَأْتِيهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا قَوْمًا أَنفُسُهُمْ وَأَهْلِيكُمْ نَارًا وَقُودُهَا النَّاسُ وَالْحِجَارَةُ عَلَيْهَا مَلَائِكَةٌ

غَلَاطٌ شِدَادٌ لَا يَعْصُونَ اللَّهَ مَا أَمَرَهُمْ وَيَفْعَلُونَ مَا يُؤْمَرُونَ ﴿٦﴾

Which means: *O you who have believed, protect yourselves and your families from a Fire whose fuel is people and stones, over which are [appointed] angels,*

harsh and severe; they do not disobey Allah in what He commands them but do what they are commanded.

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ، وَنَفَعَنِيْ وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ
وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّيْ وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيْعُ الْعَلِيْمُ. أَقُولُ
قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ،
وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوْهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُوْرُ الرَّحِيْمُ.