

THE DANGER OF LIBERALISM

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ رَسُولَهُ بِالْهُدَىٰ وَدِينِ الْحَقِّ لِيُظْهِرَهُ عَلَى الدِّينِ كُلِّهِ وَلَوْ

كَرِهَ الْمُشْرِكُونَ، أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ،

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدَهُ وَرَسُولَهُ،

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ

بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ،

فِيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ.

Let us all increase our devotion towards Allah the Almighty by performing all that He has decreed and abstaining from all that He has prohibited. Hopefully, we will be blessed in this world and in the Hereafter.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Liberalism is an ideology that demands freedom without restriction in the name of safeguarding human rights. It encourages Muslims to think using only

human intellect without the guidance of Islamic teachings based on the Quran and *Sunnah*.

Each time individuals or groups who believe in this ideology are challenged, opposed, or prosecuted, they are swift in telling the whole world that their rights are being violated. These groups also accuse Islam of restricting progress. They even attempt to frighten the society by claiming that implementation of Islamic law is unconstitutional, unfair, tyrannical, and inappropriate in multi-racial and multi-religious societies. Contrary to their belief, Islam is a comprehensive, all-embracing religion revealed by Allah the Almighty with complete rules that govern all aspects of humans' lives as mentioned by Allah the Almighty in the Quran in Chapter 3 (Surah Ali Imran), verse (*ayat*) 83:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
أَفْغَيْرَ دِينِ اللَّهِ يَبْغُونَ وَلَهُ أَسْلَمَ مَنْ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ طَوْعًا
وَكَرْهًا وَإِلَيْهِ يُرْجَعُونَ ﴿٨٣﴾

Which means: *Do they seek anything other than submission to God?
Everyone in the heavens and earth submits to Him, willingly or unwillingly;
they will all be returned to Him.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

For example, one of the liberal groups claimed that the act of *khalwat* (close proximity) in a private place was considered a personal sin between the perpetrators and Allah the Almighty. They also believe that this act can not even be considered *khalwat* on the grounds that it was done in a private home. Not only that, they also proposed that penalties for *khalwat* offenses be abolished, for allegedly violating the rights of one's liberty.

What kind of perverted ideology are we going to pass on to our offspring? Is this what the freedom fighters want? As we can see, acts of *khalwat* have resulted in many innocent babies being born out of wed-lock and being dumped like animal carcasses. It is not surprising if one day we will find an abandoned illegitimate baby who is the child or the grand-child of a so-called freedom fighter. This is definitely not the type of freedom that we Muslims want.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Let us be clear that the goal of *khalwat's* law is to prevent a greater offense of adultery. Islam also warns its followers to prevent something that is sinful to ensure the welfare of Muslims from falling into destruction. Therefore, Islam has resolved that each of us must uphold the 5 objectives of the Islamic law (5 *Maqasid Sharia*) which are to protect religion, life, intellect, lineage, and wealth. Allah the Almighty has reminded us to not even come close to adultery as mentioned in the Quran in Chapter 17 (Surah AL-Isra'), verse (*ayat*) 32:

وَلَا تَقْرَبُوا الزَّيْفَ إِنَّهُ كَانَ فَحِشَةً وَسَاءَ سَبِيلًا ۝٣٢

Which means: *And do not go anywhere near adultery: it is an outrage, and an evil path.*

Prophet Muhammad (may Allah's blessings and peace be upon him [pbuh]) said in a *Hadith* which was narrated by Ibn Abbas which means: "O people! I leave you two things, if you hold on to them you will never go astray; the book of Allah (the Qur'an) and my *sunnah* (the Prophet's sayings and practice). "

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We must keep in mind that the concept of freedom in Islam has boundaries that need to be observed. Muslims are strictly forbidden to freely commit evil deeds and to be involved in vice according to their lustful desires. The Special Meeting of the State Islamic Law Committee of Pahang dated 19 February 2014 has decided that liberalism deviates from Islamic teachings.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In conclusion, let us reflect on the events taking place around us and return to the guidance of the Qur'an and the Prophet's *Sunnah* in order not to be deceived by liberalism that may undermine our faith. Therefore, let us resist this belief because it deteriorates the faith of the present and future generations. Allah the

Almighty has reminded us not to go against His command as stated in the Quran in Chapter 33 (Surah Al-Ahzab), verse (*ayat*) 36:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
وَمَا كَانَ لِمُؤْمِنٍ وَلَا مُؤْمِنَةٍ إِذَا قَضَى اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ أَمْرًا أَنْ يَكُونَ لَهُمُ الْخِيَرَةُ
مِنْ أَمْرِهِمْ ^ظ وَمَنْ يَعِصِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ ضَلَّ ضَلَالًا مُبِينًا ﴿٣٦﴾

Which means: *When God and His Messenger have decided on a matter that concerns them, it is not fitting for any believing man or woman to claim freedom of choice in that matter: whoever disobeys God and His Messenger is far astray.*

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ
الْحَكِيمِ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ، أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَاسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ
الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ
وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ