

THE DANGER OF PLURALISM TO FAITH (AQIDAH)

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

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ
وَرَسُولُهُ.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.
أَمَّا بَعْدُ،

فِيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَأُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Let us increase our righteousness to Allah the Almighty by doing all that He prescribes and leaving all that He prohibits. May we be blessed by Him in this life and the hereafter.

Dear brothers and sisters

Islam is the only religion recognized by Allah the Almighty as a religion that is approved (*diredhai*). Allah the Almighty said in chapter 3 (surah Ali Imran) verse 19:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

إِنَّ الدِّينَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الْإِسْلَامُ وَمَا اخْتَلَفَ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ إِلَّا
مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا جَاءَهُمُ الْعِلْمُ بَغْيًا بَيْنَهُمْ وَمَنْ يَكْفُرْ بِآيَاتِ اللَّهِ فَإِنَّ

اللَّهُ سَرِيعُ الْحِسَابِ ﴿١٩﴾

Which means: *Certainly, Allah's only Way is Islam. Those who were given the Scripture did not dispute among themselves out of mutual envy until knowledge came to them. Whoever denies Allah's signs, then surely Allah is swift in reckoning.*

Therefore, it is important for Muslims to preserve their beliefs (aqidah) so as not to be influenced and deceived by western ideologies that distort the beliefs of Muslims. This group is known as the liberalism and pluralism movement. They consider all religions to be the same.

Pluralism is the thinking that all religions are true; the followers of any religion are the same and all can enter heaven. The only difference is the path but the goal is the same which is towards God.

Pluralism is clearly contrary to the Islamic faith because only Allah the Almighty lays down the path and way of life that is based on the Quran and Hadith that is true and approved in this world and the hereafter. Allah the Almighty says in chapter 6 (surah al-An'am) verse 153:

وَأَنَّ هَذَا صِرَاطِي مُسْتَقِيمًا فَاتَّبِعُوهُ وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا السُّبُلَ فَتَفَرَّقَ بِكُمْ

عَنْ سَبِيلِهِ ذَٰلِكُمْ وَصَّاكُمْ بِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ ﴿١٥٣﴾

Which means: *Indeed, that is My Path-perfectly straight. So follow it and do not follow other ways, for they will lead you away from His Way. This is what He has commanded you, so perhaps you will be conscious of Allah.*”

Dear brothers and sisters

Allah the Almighty only recognizes Islam as the only religion accepted by Him, but Islam does not advocate enmity and hatred towards other religions.

Therefore, Muslims must protect their faith so as not to be distracted by the thinking of this pluralism group because they place their religion on par with Islam.

Muslims should stay away from things that are contrary to Islamic law that can cause a person to become an apostate such as glorifying and cleaning idols in places of worship of non -Muslims by thinking that it is not against Islam in the name of religious pluralism that all religions are equal. As mentioned by the Prophet (pbuh) in a hadith narrated by Imam Abu Daud:

مَنْ تَشَبَهَ بِقَوْمٍ فَهُوَ مِنْهُمْ

Which means: *“He who imitates any people (in their actions) is considered to be one of them.”*

Dear brothers and sisters

Let us hold fast to the teachings of Islam because only Islam can save our families and us in this world and the hereafter. Let us not be easily deceived by those who claim to be fighters for religious freedom and equal human right; instead they bring heretical and misleading beliefs that damage the faith (aqidah) and bring down the glory of Islam.

Allah the Almighty says in chapter 3 (surah Ali Imran) verse 85:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

وَمَنْ يَبْتَغِ غَيْرَ الْإِسْلَامِ دِينًا فَلَنْ يُقْبَلَ مِنْهُ وَهُوَ فِي الْآخِرَةِ مِنَ

الْخَاسِرِينَ ﴿٨٥﴾

Which means: *Whoever seeks a way other than Islam, it will never be accepted from them, and in the Hereafter they will be among the losers.*

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