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AVOID (Heresy) DEVIANT TEACHINGS

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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 عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ،

فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ أَوْصِيكُمْ 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 Allah the Almighty in this life and the hereafter.

Dear brothers and sisters,

Among the biggest blessings to be appreciated are religious blessings, performing our duties as servants, and feeling true sense of the Shari'ah. This is the basis of the struggle of our Prophet (pbuh), which is to save deviant human beings returning them to the straight path. Allah the Almighty says in chapter 16 (surah al-Nahl) verse 36:



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وَلَقَدْ بَعَثْنَا فِي كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ رَسُولًا أَنِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَاجْتَنِبُوا الطَّاغُوتَ فَمِنْهُمْ مَّنْ هَدَى اللَّهُ وَمِنْهُمْ مَّنْ حَقَّتْ عَلَيْهِ الضَّلَالَةُ فَسِيرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ فَانظُرُوا كَيْفَ كَانَ عَاقِبَةُ الْمُكْذِبِينَ

Which means: *“We surely sent a messenger to every community, saying, “Worship Allah and shun false gods.” But some of them were guided by Allah, while others were destined to stray. So travel throughout the land and see the fate of the deniers!”*

Satan has always tried to mislead mankind since the time of Prophet Adam Alaihi Salam. Humans became deviant during the time of Prophet Nuh Alaihi Salam when they began to idolise the statues of five of their previous religious leaders. When reprimanded, they refused, as mentioned by Allah te Almighty in chapter 71 (Surah Nuh) verse 23:

وَقَالُوا لَا تَذَرُنَّ آلِهَتَكُمْ وَلَا تَذَرُنَّ وَدًّا وَلَا سُوَاعًا وَلَا يَغُوثَ وَيَعُوقَ وَنَسْرًا

Which means: *“urging their followers, ‘Do not abandon your idols—especially Wadd, Suwâ’, Yaghûth, Ya’ûq, and Nasr.”*



According to the Mother of the Kahtir, this verse refers to the story of righteous mankind in the days of Nuh Alaihi Salam. After the five of them died, their followers made a statue to commemorate the five while giving them the strength of worshiping Allah the Almighty when they remember the five. However, after the change of several generations, the devil eventually succeeded in inciting people to worship the statue. Thus, shirk began in human history.

This story teaches us that deviant teachings (heresy) is actually a test in religion. It may begin with earnestness in seeking the essence of religion, but eventually deviates. This is caused by the nature of extreme fanaticism towards the leader.

Dear brothers and sisters,

In facing the current challenges, especially in dealing with deviant teachings (heresy), we must understand that it can happen to a person either in matters of faith, rejection of the law of sharia or going the wrong way when heading towards the path of Sufism (*tasawuf*).

Among the signs of dubious or misguided teachings are:



1. Construct matters of faith and belief contrary to the Qur'an and sunnah, ijmak and qias as well as the interpretations of the authoritative scholars of ahlus sunnah wal jamaah.
2. Prioritizing the instructions of their group leaders even if it contradicts the legal sources mentioned earlier.
3. Creating new practices, procedures and rituals in religion that are rejected by the majority of scholars because they conflict with the Sharia and the rules of Sharia, whether in matters of worship or other matters such as zakat, marriage, muamalat and others.
4. Creating a belief to glorify the leader through the prominence of supernatural things such as dreams, karamah and others, as well as programming followers to take blessings from the leader. This group abuses the necessity of karamah, tabaruk and blessings from the Prophets and righteous people for self-interest.
5. Making various allegations related to end of world events such as Imam Mahdi, followers of Jesus and others and using ringgit money, women and children for the benefit of their group.
6. Prohibiting their group members from mixing with the outside community and listening to meetings for knowledge, tazkirah and lectures from certified speakers.



7. Supporting ideologies of freedom that are contrary to Islamic law such as legalizing lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) practices.

Dear brothers and sisters,

There are at least two reasons for the emergence of deviant teachings. The first is the reckless attitude in religion and the second is the attitude of running away from religion according to one's own desires.

There is no shortcut for us to pursue the pleasure of Allah the Almighty. Let us not be deceived and trapped by the offers from people of interest who claim that if we follow them we will get immediate forgiveness and become the chosen people of Allah the Almighty. However, they bring teachings that are not recognized by authoritative scholars and religious authorities.

At the same time there are those who are lost because they want freedom. They do not want to be constrained by religion and Islamic law; even glorifying a free life based on lust. They are actually led astray by their lust.



His Majesty the Sultan of Pahang has often expressed his dismay when there are 34 heretical teachings and six are still active in the state of Pahang. This is compounded by groups whose lives deviate towards Lesbianism, Homosexuality, Bisexuality and Transgender (LGBT). His Majesty the Sultan of Pahang expects the people to be the eyes and ears of the authorities in channeling information if they discover the appearance of heretical groups in our place. This joint effort is able to eliminate heresy in the state of Pahang. Those whose family members are involved should refer to religious agencies for help.

Dear brothers and sisters,

In conclusion, heresy is one of the tests in a religious society. Each of us is at risk of being involved in heresy if we are extreme and fanatical in religion.

Let us adhere to the creed of ahli sunnah wal jamaah according to the description of Asyairah and Maturidiah through studying the 20 attributes of Allah to reject all heresy. Likewise, we follow the authoritative Sufism (*tasawuf*) that Imam al-Ghazali and Imam Junaid al-Baghdadi pointed out in order to avoid the deviant flow of Sufism.



Similarly, be consistent and steadfast (*Istiqamah*) in the practice of sharia according to the Syafie teachings and celebrating the other three Sunni teachings. Let us pray that our friends who have gone astray and become involved in deviant teachings and perverted lives be given guidance by Allah the Almighty and return to the right path.

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وَلَا تَرْكَبُوا إِلَى الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا فَتَمَسَّكُمُ النَّارُ وَمَا لَكُم مِّنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ مِنْ أَوْلِيَاءَ ثُمَّ لَا تُنصَرُونَ

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.