



**SERMON TEXT**  
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**Which means:** *“The believers are but one brotherhood, so make peace between your brothers. And be mindful of Allah so you may be shown mercy.”*

The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said in a hadith narrated by Imam Muslim which means:

*“The parable of the believers in their affection, mercy, and compassion for each other is that of a body. When any limb aches, the whole body reacts with sleeplessness and fever”*

Indeed, we are truly fortunate because every effort to nurture brotherhood and to cultivate love for our fellow Muslims is a good deed that earns reward. Offering greetings of peace, visiting one another, showing a cheerful face, shaking hands, exchanging gifts, and other such acts are highly encouraged to strengthen brotherhood, as mentioned by the Messenger of Allah (pbuh) in a hadith narrated by Imam al-Bukhari, which means:

*“Give each other gifts and you will love each other.”*

In Hadith Qudsi narrated by Imam Malik, Allah the Almighty says, which means:

*“My love is assured for those who love one another for My sake, who sit together for My sake, who visit one another for My sake, and who give to one another for My sake.”*

Therefore, remember that the feelings of love and affection between husband and wife, a child towards his parents, parents towards their children, relatives,



neighbors, and friends are all acts that earn reward. Allah the Almighty loves us when we love one another.

**Dear brothers and sisters,**

*Therefore, to achieve the goal of Islamic brotherhood, everyone must strive to find points of unity and compassion, and to reduce the gap of division and hatred. All actions that lead to hatred are forbidden and sinful. The Prophet (pbuh) said in a hadith narrated by Imam al-Tirmidhi:*

لَا تَقَاطَعُوا وَلَا تَدَابَرُوا وَلَا تَبَاغَضُوا وَلَا تَحَاسَدُوا وَكُونُوا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ إِخْوَانًا

**Which means:** *"Do not hate one another, and do not be jealous of one another, and do not desert each other, and O, Allah's worshipers! Be brothers.*

Therefore, avoid actions that lead to hatred and hostility among Muslims, such as envy, slander, betrayal, revenge, and suspicion, which are increasingly widespread in society. Moreover, enmity, disputes, and hatred also occur due to the struggle for wealth and differences in political views. Likewise, division arises from the attitude of continually disputing community practices in matters of *khilafiah* (jurisprudential differences) that have already been ruled permissible by the Pahang State Fatwa Committee.



**Dear brothers and sisters,**

Among the Western cultural influences on young men and women is the celebration of Valentine's Day, supposedly in the name of love. Let us remind one another to avoid celebrating Valentine's Day, because it is a Western cultural practice that encourages free mixing and fornication. This culture is then normalized within our society, and there is concern that fornication and free mixing will no longer be regarded as forbidden and vile. Remember what the Prophet (pbuh) said in a hadith narrated by Imam Abu Dawud:

مَنْ تَشَبَّهَ بِقَوْمٍ فَهُوَ مِنْهُمْ

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

Therefore, express love in ways that are pleasing to Allah the Almighty, namely through marriage. For those who have already found a suitable partner, hasten to marry. The Prophet (pbuh) said in a hadith narrated by Ibn Majah, which means: *“There is nothing better than marriage for those who love one another.”*

The decision of the 71<sup>st</sup> Muzakarah (Conference) of the Fatwa Committee of the National Council for Islamic Religious Affairs Malaysia, which convened on 22<sup>nd</sup>–24<sup>th</sup> November 2005, stated that Islam greatly emphasizes love and compassion, but there is no specific day in Islam designated to celebrate it. Therefore, the Muzakarah agreed and decided that the practice of celebrating Valentine's Day has never been encouraged in Islam.

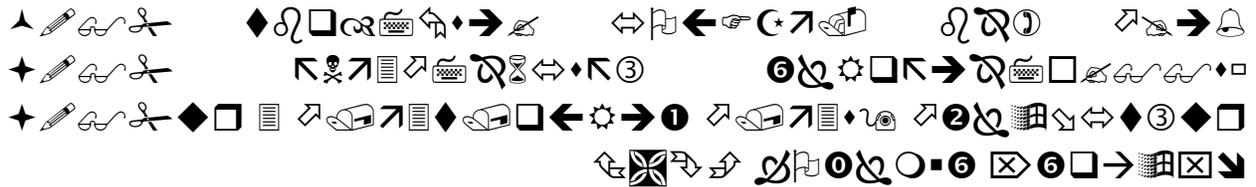


Hence, avoid imitating the culture of societies that are far from divine guidance.

**Dear brothers and sisters,**

To conclude today's sermon, be aware that Islamic brotherhood is of utmost importance because it brings strength to the Muslim community. Avoid practices that lead to hatred and hostility. Spread love to your spouse, family, and society at all times, without being tied to specific days. Do not be influenced by Western cultures that contradict the Qur'an and Sunnah

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بَارِكْ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ، وَتَقَبَّلْ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَانِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْعَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.