

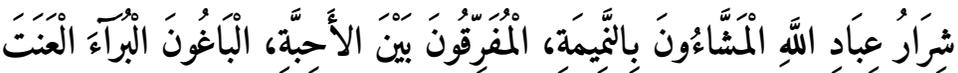


1	 <p style="text-align: center;">THE CONCEPT OF TABAYYUN 15 January 2016AD / 5 Rabiulakhir 1437H</p>
2	أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ:
3	أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ يَتَأْتِيهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِنْ جَاءَكَ فَاسِقُ بَنِي ءَادٍ فَتَيَّنُوا أَنْ تُصِيبُوا قَوْمًا بِجَهَلَةٍ فَتُصِحُّوا عَلَىٰ مَا فَعَلْتُمْ نَدِيمِينَ ﴿٦﴾
4	أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ.
5	اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَىٰ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَىٰ آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.
6	أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.
7	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</p> <p>Let us together increase our conviction in Allah SWT through obedience, confidence and sincerity, by obeying and performing all His commands and avoiding all that He has prohibited. May we become believers who are successful in this world and in the Hereafter.</p>
8	<p>The <i>mimbar</i> today would like to deliver a sermon entitled, “The Concept of Tabayyun”</p>
9	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</p> <p>Allah SWT has bestowed upon us countless blessings. Among them are our hearing, vision and feelings. All these blessings will be made</p>



	accountable by Allah SWT, as to whether they have been utilised towards good or wasted towards committing evil.
10	<p>This is clearly stated by Allah SWT in Surah Al-Isra' verse 36:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">وَلَا تَقْفُ مَا لَيْسَ لَكَ بِهِ عِلْمٌ إِنَّ السَّمْعَ وَالْبَصَرَ وَالْفُؤَادَ كُلُّ أُولَئِكَ كَانَ عَنْهُ مَسْئُولًا</p> <p style="text-align: right;"></p> <p>Which means: <i>'And do not pursue that of which you have no knowledge. Indeed, the hearing, the sight and the heart, about all those will be questioned'</i></p>
11	In this time and era of slander-through-technology and globalisation, news is disseminated quickly, spread widely and easily. Technological applications and media such as Whatsapp, Telegram, Twitter, Facebook, Emails, newspaper, magazines and such, makes the overload of information easily accessible, but without any filter to them, and the truth to such information unable to be quickly determined. Add to that the feeling of excitement, and not wanting to be left behind in providing 'sensational news' to others, these information are then spread widely without any concern for the truth.
12	In reality, any news or information received without checking or verifying its contents will lead to slander, destruction, animosity and misunderstanding. That is why Islam requires "Tabayyun" as the concept or guide in receiving, analysing and distributing news or information.
13	Among the scholars, "Tabayyun" means to check and verify in detail, as well as "Thathabbut" which is to be careful and to not rush, to look at things with an educated eye so that the news or information will be clear and justified.
14	The concept of <i>Tabayyun</i> , which is the topic of today's sermon, means to identify, to check, to analyse and to consider in detail, with care and in no



	<p>hurry, all news and information based on a deep understanding of knowledge, so as to make sure all information is clear of its truth or its falseness. In short, “<i>Tabayyun</i>” is the process of verifying any news or information before it is disseminated and distributed. “<i>Tabayyun</i>” also means that all Muslims must always be detailed and careful in making any conclusions.</p>
15	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, The Malay saying of “<i>Sebab pulut santan binasa, sebab mulut badan binasa</i>” should be appreciated and observed. The Malay saying aptly describes how words uttered without care will invite slander, and slander is akin to poison and cancer that will cause destruction, animosity and dispute.</p>
16	<p>Today, the work of the mouth is realised through the medium of Whatsapp, Telegram, Twitter and Facebook and will spread through the official media and be sensationally reported in the newspapers and TV.</p>
17	<p>The solution to avoiding the spread of slander is “<i>Tabayyun</i>”. If we observe “<i>Tabayyun</i>”, we will be saved from creating and spreading slander. Remember, the worst man is the creator and the disseminator of slander. That is why slander is considered as one of the biggest sins in Islam.</p>
18	<p>This has been stated by Rasulullah SAW in a hadith narrated by Imam Al-Bukhari, based on a report by Huzaifah RA:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  </p> <p>Which means: “A vicious and terrible person is the one going around spreading lies, pit loving people against each other, and find fault with the innocents.”</p>
19	<p>Indeed, Islam is a comprehensive religion, where it safeguards the relationship between mankind and God, among mankind, and between mankind and the universe. In protecting relationships among mankind, the concept of “<i>Tabayyun</i>” is very effective in preserving harmony and</p>



	wellbeing. “ <i>Tabayyun</i> ” is not only beneficial to the individual, but also extends to the family, society and country.
20	The concept of “ <i>Tabayyun</i> ” also realises the needs of <i>syarak</i> or <i>maqasid shariah</i> which is the preservation of mind, soul, lineage, property and religion. The mind will be protected when all news or information received is refined and investigated. Religion, lineage, soul and property will be protected from any misfortune when slander is not created and distributed. There would not be any fear or regret if the concept of “ <i>Tabayyun</i> ” is practised.
21	Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, The history of the death and martyrdom of Sayidina Uthman RA should be a lesson and reminder to us all. The murder of Sayidina Uthman RA was caused by slander perpetuated and spread by the <i>munafiqin</i> , or hypocrites. Indeed, the <i>munafiqin</i> is a wolf in sheep’s clothing, or the enemy within who is more dangerous than the obvious antagonist, the <i>kuffar</i> .
22	Therefore, shun the behaviours of the <i>munafiqin</i> as explained by Rasullullah SAW, that is, when talking, they would lie, when a promise is made they would not fulfil it, and when trust is placed, they would betray it. Remember, the Al-Quran emphasises that the <i>munafiqin</i> is placed in the lowest levels of Hell and they are beyond any redemption.
23	Sayyidina Uthman RA governed for almost 12 years. His administration was peaceful until the arrival of slander. Most of the slander targeting Sayidina Uthman RA was made by the <i>munafiqin</i> . All sorts of slander were made against him with the intention of destroying his reputation as well as the reputation of Islam.
24	The slander was that the act by the third Caliph of Islam to collect and record the al-Quran was a form of <i>bid’ah</i> , or an innovation, that he did not participate in the Battle of Badr, and that he was not present during the <i>Bai’ah al-Ridhwan</i> Accord. In actual fact his absence during the Battle of Badr and the <i>Bai’ah al-Ridhwan</i> were known and acknowledged by Rasullullah SAW.



25	Nonetheless, these slander by the <i>munafiqin</i> were continuously spread and repeated, until those whose faith were weak were influenced and they created a rebellious group. It is true what they say, that if you continue to repeat a lie, it will eventually become the truth.
26	The height of slander against Sayidina Uthman RA was the emergence of a poison pen letter created by the <i>munafiqin</i> which eventually angered the less faithful and ultimately led to an uprising that martyred Sayidina Uthman RA. Indeed, chaos among Islamic society is caused by the fire, poison and cancerous nature of slander. Therefore, avoid the fire of slander by adopting the concept of “ <i>Tabayyun</i> ”
27	The concept of “ <i>Tabayyun</i> ” teaches us a few things, among them is not to claim or say anything but the truth. In fact, creating lies is one of the signs of hypocrisy and is a sin. In addition, only news that has been verified and confirmed as the truth can be disseminated.
28	Similarly, there is a need to adopt the attitude of questioning and referring to some knowledgeable person all matters that are unknown. This attitude helps to avoid confusion, misunderstanding, fraud and error. Also, humility, tolerance, forgiveness, respect and fairness can extinguish the fire of slander and preserve harmony and safety among ourselves.
29	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah</p> <p>As a conclusion, the takeaways for today’s sermon are:</p> <p>First: True believers are those who maintain a good relationship with his God, mindful of relationships with other people and mindful of his attitude towards the universe.</p> <p>Second: Slander is a fire, poison and cancer that causes a variety of misfortunes, hostility and strife to self, family, country and religion.</p> <p>Third: The concept of “<i>Tabayyun</i>” is a method that needs to be</p>



	practiced in this time and era of slander-through-technology and globalisation, so that we are not classified as creators and spreaders of slander, which in turn shall invite the wrath of our Lord.
30	<p>Allah SWT has clearly stated in Surah al-Nur verse 19:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ</p> <p>إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُحِبُّونَ أَنْ تَشِيعَ الْفَاحِشَةُ فِي الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ ۗ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ وَأَنْتُمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٩﴾</p>
31	<p>Which means: “Indeed, those who like that slander should be spread [or publicized] among those who have believed will have a painful punishment in this world and the Hereafter. And Allah knows and you do not know.”</p>
32	<p>بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ بِالْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَاسْتَغْفِرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.</p>