




1	 <p style="text-align: center;">CONFUSION OF IDENTITY 15 April 2016AD / 7 Rejab 1437H</p>
2	<p style="text-align: right;">الحمد لله القائل:</p>
3	<p style="text-align: right;">أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ</p> <p style="text-align: center;">فَأَقِمْ وَجْهَكَ لِلدِّينِ حَنِيفًا فِطْرَتَ اللَّهِ الَّتِي فَطَرَ النَّاسَ عَلَيْهَا لَا تَبْدِيلَ لِخَلْقِ اللَّهِ ذَلِكَ الدِّينُ الْقَيِّمُ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٣٠﴾</p>
4	<p style="text-align: right;">أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدَهُ وَرَسُولَهُ،</p>
5	<p style="text-align: right;">اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.</p>
6	<p style="text-align: right;">أَمَّا بَعْدُ، يَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ وَطَاعَتِهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ، وَتَزَوَّدُوا فَإِنَّ خَيْرَ الزَّادِ التَّقْوَى، وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ يَا أُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ.</p>
7	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</p> <p>Islam is the best a way of life, as promised by Allah SWT to those who believe in Him. To preserve our Islamic identity, conviction is the best fortress. Therefore, strengthen our conviction, protect the faith within our soul, execute duties as commanded by Him and stay away from what He has prohibited to avoid His wrath. May the blessings of Allah SWT and His Paradise be ours.</p>
8	<p>The <i>mimbar</i> today shall discuss the sermon entitled, "CONFUSION OF IDENTITY".</p>



9	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</p> <p>The Identity Card is the identification of a citizen. A foreigner is identified through a passport. But, what about our identity as Muslims? Does the word “Islam”, which is recorded in our Identity Card, immediately qualifies us as a Muslim in the eyes of Allah SWT? It is not that simple. Allah SWT has dictated certain criteria to identify us as true Muslims.</p>
10	<p>First: Identity of Faith. Basically, Allah SWT created humans, by nature to be with religious faith.</p>
11	<p>As Allah SWT declared in Surah Ar-Rum verse 30, which was read at the introduction of the sermon just now, which means:</p> <p><i>“So set your face steadily and truly to the Faith: (Establish) Allah's handiwork according to the pattern on which He has made mankind: no change (let there be) in the work (wrought) by Allah: that is the standard Religion: but most among mankind understand not.”</i></p>
12	<p>The true and recognized faith as dictated by Allah SWT is the most important identity for a Muslim. Faith must be in line with what is stated in the <i>Al-Qur'an</i> and <i>Sunnah</i>. The Six Pillars of Faith for a Muslim, which is Belief in Allah SWT above all else, belief in His angels, belief in His Books and Scriptures, belief in His Messengers, belief in the Last Day, and belief in Pre-Ordainment (or <i>Al-Qadar</i>) of life lived as a Muslim. Not only to be understood and appreciated, but faith must also be maintained until the last breath.</p>
13	<p>Second: The Identity of Worship. Worship in Islam is the culmination of a sense of servitude to Allah SWT as a Supreme Being, and devotion towards Him. Worship is also a bridge that connects and links the Creator to His creations. Therefore, Muslims are identified and recognised through their acts of worship, such as prayers, fasting, charity, pilgrimage, remembrance (<i>zikir</i>) and others, as exemplified by Rasulullah SAW.</p>
14	<p>We must realise that we were created to worship and serve Him. Therefore,</p>



	Muslims must worship Him as best as possible and make worship as the main focus in life.
15	Third: The Identity of Morality. It is not just faith and worship that is emphasized in Islam. What makes it even more complete is the emphasis on Islamic morals. Islam is recognized and acknowledged as a religion of impeccable morals, in terms of actions, speech, and even when being silent.
16	Even more than that, morals is also one of the branches of preaching and propagation work. We are able to attract the masses and target audiences to see the beauty of Islam through excellent morals exhibited by Muslims.
17	When Muslims governed Medina, many citizens of Medina embraced Islam because Rasulullah SAW and his Companions exhibited excellent morals.
18	This was also shown by the Muslims when the Mongols conquered Baghdad. Interestingly, the 2 nd King of the Mongols, impressed with the morals of the conquered Baghdad Muslims, converted to Islam and changed his name to Ahmad bin Khulagu Khan. This is evident in any situation, whether while in control or dominated, as long as Muslims display excellent morals and are noble, it would have a huge impact on how Islam is perceived.
19	Fourth: The Identity of the Family and the Muslim community. Islam is not just about yourself. In fact, its identity should be propagated widely to the entire community. Therefore, the first step is to convey in advance the identity of Islam to our close family members.
20	We must always be aware that we have a responsibility to protect and ensure our family members are always under the graces and blessings of Allah SWT. With that, the identity of a loving Muslim family and community, living with love and compassion among themselves and Allah SWT, will together achieve the pleasure and blessings of Allah SWT.
21	Allah SWT emphasizes this in Surah At-Tahrim, verse 6: يَأْتِيهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا قَوْمًا أَنفُسُهُمْ وَأَهْلِيكُمْ نَارًا وَقُودُهَا النَّاسُ وَالْحِجَارَةُ عَلَيْهَا مَلَائِكَةٌ غِلَظٌ



	شِدَادٌ لَا يَعْصُونَ اللَّهَ مَا أَمَرَهُمْ وَيَفْعَلُونَ مَا يُؤْمَرُونَ
22	Which means: “O, you who believe! Save yourselves and your families from the Fire of Hell whose fuel is Men and Stones, over which are (appointed) angels stern (and) severe, who flinch not (from executing) the Commands they receive from Allah SWT, but do (precisely) what they are commanded.”
23	Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, As the world edges towards the end of its lifespan, the Islamic identity is increasingly eroded by the negligence and carelessness of Muslims. Compromised faith and belief, neglect of worship, and despicable morals, have overcome many of us. The family seems to have lost the graces and blessings of Allah SWT when parents neglect to provide religious education to their children, and the children no longer experience parental love.
24	Muslim societies are constantly in disagreement, leading to conflict and slanders leveled upon them by the enemies of Islam. In short, most Muslims no longer possess real Islamic identity, to the point of displaying visible gaps and weaknesses of themselves. Let us ponder and reflect for a moment, what are the causes?
25	First: Knowledge and Education. Let us ask ourselves, what are we imparting to our children from childhood to adolescence? Have we forsaken our responsibility as parents to provide knowledge and religious teachings of Islam, which encompasses faith, worship and morals, to them?
26	It becomes a concern when we only supply them with endless entertainment while abandoning our responsibility to introduce them to Allah SWT and His religion. Unfortunately, this is very often neglected. We need to realise that we will be questioned in the Hereafter, in respect of such obligations.
27	Second: Upholding the Right, Preventing the Wrong (or Amar Makruf, Nahi Mungkar). Although we witness upholding the right, preventing wrongdoing by the authorities, non-governmental organizations, religious leaders and so on, but it is still a great concern to the public because the influence of



	western ideas and culture is strongly affecting the current generation through multiple forms of new media.
28	It is like a <i>tsunami</i> that destroys faith built over the years. Whatever is practiced and accepted by the West, Muslims somehow embrace it in the name of modernity, even if it is against the teachings of Islam.
29	As reminded by Rasulullah SAW in a hadith narrated by Ibn Umar and recorded by Abu Daud RHM: <p style="text-align: center;">مَنْ تَشَبَهَ بِقَوْمٍ فَهُوَ مِنْهُمْ. (رواية أبي داود)</p> <p>Which means: "Whoever imitates a group of people, then he is of them."</p>
30	Third: Wisdom and discretion. The main loss of the current <i>ummah</i> is the loss of wisdom and discretion. As a result of desire, fanaticism and an environment that does not assist in the expansion of the mind, these people are weakened through a variety of things that distract and harm them.
31	For example, when trust is emplaced on those who are ignorant, they will definitely attract ruin into the community. New media are also used to disseminate contents that are not beneficial, instead of contents that expand the mind and excite the soul.
32	Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, This confused state of identity must be remedied immediately. Let us, as leaders, technocrats, scholars and citizens, work together to construct a stronghold for the future generation, built on faith and religion, to ensure a brighter future for the people and the nation.
33	Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, To conclude this week's sermon, the <i>mimbar</i> would like to summarise some of the key points, as a guide to us all: First: Realise that the confusion of identity is increasingly plaguing the Muslims during these final days. Muslims are increasingly seen to be astray from the true teachings of Islam.



	<p>Second: The effect of the confusion of identity affects our environment, our future generations and the worldviews of the Muslims themselves.</p> <p>Third: Let us reinforce faith, worship, morals, family values and the Muslim community in order for us to address the confusion of identity within our society.</p>
34	<p>Be reminded of Allah SWT's threat to the generation that eliminates their Islamic identity through Surah Al-An'am, verse 6:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ</p> <p>أَلَمْ يَرَوْا كَمْ أَهْلَكْنَا مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ مِنْ قَرْنٍ مَكَّنَّاهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ مَا لَمْ نُمَكِّنْ لَهُمْ وَأَرْسَلْنَا السَّمَاءَ عَلَيْهِمْ مِدْرَارًا وَجَعَلْنَا الْأَنْهَارَ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهِمْ فَأَهْلَكْنَاهُمْ بِذُنُوبِهِمْ وَأَنْشَأْنَا مِنْ بَعْدِهِمْ قَرْنًا آخَرِينَ ﴿٦﴾</p>
35	<p>Which means: "Have they not seen many of those before them We did destroy? Generations We had established on the earth, in strength such as We have not given to you - for whom We poured out rain from the skies in abundance, and gave (fertile) streams flowing beneath their (feet): yet for their sins We destroyed them, and raised in their wake fresh generations (to succeed them).</p>
36	<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، وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.</p>