



1	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ON THE THRESHOLD OF JUDGEMENT DAY</b> 28 October 2016AD / 27 Muharram 1438H</p>
2	<p>إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ لِلَّهِ، نَحْمَدُهُ وَنُسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ وَنَتُوبُ إِلَيْهِ، وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَسَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا، مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَهُوَ الْمُهْتَدِ وَمَنْ يُضِلَّهُ فَلَنْ تَجِدَ لَهُ وِليًّا مُرْشِدًا.</p>
3	<p>أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ،</p>
4	<p>اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى نَبِيِّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَمَنْ دَعَا بِدَعْوَتِهِ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.</p>
5	<p>أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَنَفْسِي بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ وَطَاعَتِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ.</p>
6	<p>قَالَ تَعَالَى: أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ يَسْتَعِجِلُ بِهَا الَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِهَا وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مُشْفِقُونَ مِنْهَا وَيَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّهَا الْحَقُّ أَلاَّ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُمَارُونَ فِي السَّاعَةِ لَفِي ضَلَالٍ بَعِيدٍ ﴿١٨﴾</p>
7	<p><b>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</b> Let us increase the level of our conviction in Allah SWT by performing all that is required of us as Muslims, and to be steadfast on His path. In addition, be aware of the devil who is always persuading people to disobey Allah SWT's commands. May we manage to sow the seeds of conviction in ourselves as provisions brought from our life on earth, for success in the Hereafter.</p>
8	<p>On this auspicious day, let us together reflect on a sermon entitled "<b>On the Threshold of Judgment Day</b>".</p>



9	<p><b>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</b></p> <p>No one knows when Judgement Day shall come - not any creature, in the heavens or on earth. The knowledge of when the time shall come is with Allah SWT alone. Such speculation was whispered through Surah Al-A'raf verse 187:</p> <p>يَسْأَلُونَكَ عَنِ السَّاعَةِ أَيَّانَ مُرْسَاهَا قُلْ إِنَّمَا عِلْمُهَا عِنْدَ رَبِّي لَا يُجِيبُهَا لَوْفَنَاءَ إِلَّا هُوَ نُقِلَتْ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ لَا تَأْتِيكُمُ إِلَّا بَغْتَةً يَسْتَلُونَك كَأَنَّكَ حَفِيٌّ عَنْهَا قُلْ إِنَّمَا عِلْمُهَا عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٨٧﴾</p>
10	<p><b>Which means:</b> "They ask you, [O Muhammad], about the Hour: when is its arrival? Say, "Its knowledge is only with my Lord. None will reveal its time except Him. It lays heavily upon the heavens and the earth. It will not come upon you except unexpectedly." They ask you as if you are familiar with it. Say, "Its knowledge is only with Allah, but most of the people do not know."</p>
11	<p>Allah SWT, the Most Merciful, does not cause chaos. Judgement Day is preceded by signs indicating the proximity of the Hour. Such signs act as early warning so that provisions can be prepared as well as possible. As for those who do not believe in Judgement Day, they will continue to commit sin and wrongdoing until the Hour arrives suddenly.</p>
12	<p><b>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</b></p> <p>Indeed, Rasulullah SAW has warned of hundreds of signs with regards to the arrival of Judgement Day. There are warnings that have been revealed by Rasulullah SAW through Anas bin Malik RA and recorded by Al-Bukhari RHM:</p> <p>لَا تَقُومُ السَّاعَةُ وَإِمَّا قَالَ مِنْ أَشْرَاطِ السَّاعَةِ أَنْ يُرْفَعَ الْعِلْمُ وَيُظْهَرَ الْجَهْلُ وَيَشْرَبَ الْخَمْرُ وَيُظْهَرَ الزِّنَا وَيَقِلَّ الرِّجَالُ وَيَكْثُرَ النِّسَاءُ حَتَّى يَكُونَ لِلْخَمْسِينَ امْرَأَةً الْقِيمُ الْوَاحِدُ</p>
13	<p><b>Which means:</b> "Rasulullah SAW said with regards to signs of the nearness</p>



	<i>of Judgement Day is when religious knowledge will decrease (by the death of religious learned men), religious ignorance will prevail, alcohol would be openly consumed, there will be prevalence of adultery and women will increase in number, and men will decrease in number, so much so that fifty women will be looked after by one man.”</i>
14	When examined individually what was stated by Rasulullah SAW, it appears that those he had mentioned are happening now.  <b>First:</b> Decrease in Religious Knowledge. Religious knowledge here is defined as any matter relating to the Hereafter. As <i>Duniawi</i> (Worldly) knowledge expands, <i>Ukhrawi</i> (Hereafter) knowledge decreases. This happens through the death of learned men of the religion.
15	It is now very difficult to find a successor to Abu Al-Hasan Al-Ash'ari or Al-Maturidi. There are no more shining examples such as Imam Malik bin Anas, Abu Hanifa, Al-Shafi'i and Ahmad bin Hanbal. We are humbled when compared to the greatness of Al-Bukhari and Muslim, as well as other scholars who have graced the stage of great knowledge throughout Islamic civilization.
16	<b>Second:</b> The spread of ignorance. When the pious and learned have gone, the Ignorant ( <i>Juhala'</i> ) will be appointed as a point of reference. They will guide towards confusion. Not only will they finally be misguided, they will ultimately divert the public from the straight and true path. Due to this ignorance and confusion, it will give rise to the emergence of radical groups, of those who detest Islamic scholars, disputes over trivial ( <i>furu'iyah</i> ) matters as well as ideologies that strays far from the true path of Islam, like religious pluralism and secularism.
17	<b>Third:</b> Open consumption of alcohol. Undoubtedly, the opening of new liquor premises is more widespread now than before, and among the patrons of these premises are Muslims themselves. This is the reality of what is happening in this community that is heading towards the end of times. No one cares about commands or prohibitions - as long as they get



	what they want, to the point of sacrificing their morals and faith.
18	<b>Fourth:</b> Rampant adultery. Every day, the number of cases which can be attributed to adultery, or close to adultery, such as being caught for close proximity ( <i>Khalwat</i> ), as well as abandoning of babies, and registration of a child born out of wedlock, continue to rise. We forget that our actions are recorded left and right while the sky above and the ground below as well as every inch of our skin bears witness to the actions of those involved. When we are judged, we would be unable to speak as our tongues are tied and we shall have to bow in acceptance of the consequences and punishment for adultery, a punishment so severe and terrible.
19	<b>Fifth:</b> Less men and more women. Whether we realise it or not, the female population of the world is increasing. The current shortage of men is due to their involvement in wars, coupled with a variety of mishaps and misfortunes until Rasulullah SAW described it by a ratio of 50 women to one man. We are currently facing it and perceive there are more women than men now.
20	<b>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</b> Do we still think this world will last for a long time? After knowing our situation, what are our preparations? There are four things we should evaluate, namely:
21	<b>First:</b> Perform all duties and commands as instructed. If there are things required by Allah SWT which we have yet to fulfil, perform them immediately. Do not delay.
22	<b>Second:</b> Abandon and avoid all that is prohibited. Those with conviction and fear will always be careful of matters that can lead to any sin or wrongdoing, including matters that are uncertain ( <i>syubhah</i> ) or offensive ( <i>makruh</i> ). Think about it: the pleasures of sin is temporary, but the misery of punishment in the afterlife is unbearable and forever.
23	<b>Third:</b> Be thankful of the blessings bestowed. The sign of gratefulness is to use these favors in the way that pleases Allah SWT. Do we not want people who borrow items from us to use them properly and not damage it? Allah



	SWT has loaned to all of us His favours, and He does not want us to use them wrongly and unlawfully.
24	<b>Fourth:</b> Be patient in the face of misfortune. The world is akin to a large examination hall, full of tests and trials. Be patient and Allah SWT will repay you with countless rewards and blessings.
25	As stated in Surah Hud, verses 10 and 11: <p>وَلَمَّا أَذَقْتَهُ نِعْمَاءَ بَعْدَ ضِرَّاءٍ مَسَّتَهُ لَيْقُولَنَّ ذَهَبَ السَّيِّئَاتُ عَنِّي إِنَّهُ لَفَرِحٌ فَخُورٌ ﴿١٠﴾  إِلَّا الَّذِينَ صَبَرُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ أُولَٰئِكَ لَهُمْ مَغْفِرَةٌ وَأَجْرٌ كَبِيرٌ ﴿١١﴾</p>
26	<b>Which means:</b> “But if We give him a taste of (Our) favours after adversity has touched him, he is sure to say, “All evil has departed from me:” Behold! He falls into exultation and pride. Not so do those who show patience and constancy, and work righteousness; for them is forgiveness (of sins) and a great reward.”
27	<b>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</b> The conclusions that can be drawn from today's sermon are:  <b>First:</b> Judgement Day will definitely arrive in unexpected ways to those who are negligent. As for those who are always prepared and constantly reminded, they will face it easily.  <b>Second:</b> The signs of the Hour have already occurred. In these days of ignorance ( <i>Mulkan Jabbariyyah</i> ), eventually the earth will be covered by <i>Ad-Dukhan</i> (intolerable smoke), the <i>Dajjal</i> will appear, Prophet Isa AS will be resurrected and <i>Yakuj</i> and <i>Makuj</i> will appear.  <b>Third:</b> As preparation for Judgement Day, we must resolve to complete what is required by our religion, to remove unwanted and undesirable behaviour, to be grateful for the divine gifts and blessings, and to be patient in the face of misfortunes



	encountered.
28	<p>To end the sermon, let us reflect on the words of Allah SWT in Surah Ash-Shura, verse 18:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ</p> <p>يَسْتَعْجِلُ بِهَا الَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِهَا وَالَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا مُشْفِقُونَ مِنْهَا وَيَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّهَا الْحَقُّ أَلا إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُمَارُونَ فِي السَّاعَةِ لَفِي ضَلَالٍ بَعِيدٍ ﴿١٨﴾</p>
29	<p><b>Which means:</b> “Only those who do not believe wish to hasten it while those who believe hold it in awe, and know that it is the Truth. Behold, verily those that dispute concerning the Hour, are far astray.</p>
30	<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 الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.</p>