



1	 FORGOTTEN MANNERS AND ETIQUETTES 4 November 2016AD / 4 Safar 1438H
2	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.
3	أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ،
4	اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى نَبِيِّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَمَنْ دَعَا بِدَعْوَتِهِ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.
5	أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَنَفْسِي بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ وَطَاعَتِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ.
6	أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ لِمَنْ كَانَ يَرْجُوا اللَّهَ وَالْيَوْمَ الْآخِرَ وَذَكَرَ اللَّهَ كَذِكْرًا 
7	Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, The followers of Prophet Muhammad SAW are the best of peoples for as long as they are on the path based on the Al-Qur'an and the As-Sunnah. Therefore, let us strive to increase the level of our faith and conviction in Allah SWT by obeying His commands, avoiding all that has been prohibited, and by not taking lightly the committing of any sin or vice. May we be among those who would always receive guidance from Allah SWT, and be successful in this world and in the Hereafter.
8	The <i>mimbar</i> on this auspicious day would like to discuss the sermon



	entitled: "Forgotten Manners and Etiquettes" .
9	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</p> <p>History has proven that the manners, morals and etiquettes practiced by Rasulullah SAW made Islam highly respected and revered. His life was full of warmth, affection and love for fellow human beings, including non-Muslims. The beauty of Islamic etiquette and manners exhibited by Rasulullah SAW and his companions made them more loving and helpful of each other. The best of examples was taught by Rasulullah SAW to his people in forming exemplary public morals and virtuous character for all times.</p>
10	<p>Allah SWT stated in Surah Al-Ahzab verse 21:</p> <p>لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ لِّمَن كَانَ يَرْجُوا اللَّهَ وَالْيَوْمَ الْآخِرَ وَذَكَرَ اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا</p>
11	<p>Which means: <i>"You have indeed in the Messenger of Allah a beautiful pattern (of conduct) for any one whose hope is in Allah and the Final Day, and who engages much in the Praise of Allah."</i></p>
12	<p>Sadly, in reality the Muslim community today is increasingly neglecting these Islamic manners and etiquettes. They prefer to compete among each other in achieving the goals and dreams of their lives. The rapid development of technology has made us lose the manners and etiquettes that were once the pride of Malaysians. There is a Malay proverb that says, <i>"The strength of the nation is its courteousness, once courtesy disappears, the nation will collapse."</i></p>
13	<p>People are now selfish and materialistic to the point that they are destroying their inner Islamic moral values. As a result, there is no more spirit of mutual cooperation, visiting each other, being considerate and so on, because the manners and morals have disappeared from their lives.</p>
14	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</p> <p>Dr. Yusuf Al-Qaradawi, in his book entitled <i>"The Desired Excellent Features</i></p>



	<i>of the Muslim Community”, says: “People, especially the Muslims, must return to the fundamentals to educate the heart and soul with the human values that emphasize love and close brotherhood values in society. These values must be the culture and morals as well as the manners in a society of civilized human beings who practice the values of Islam”.</i>
15	This means that we must uphold the values of good and eliminate any bad values, praise noble characters and take into account the moral aspects in each case.
16	<p>Among the etiquettes and manners that need to be considered are:</p> <p>First: Driving Etiquette</p> <p>Being on the road highlights our true character and attitude, such as anger, ego and selfishness. An incident which occurred in May this year should be made an example of what should <u>not</u> have happened. A number of motorists who jumped queue and used the emergency lane during a traffic congestion had resulted in an ambulance being delayed in arriving at the location of an accident. The delay caused the death of the accident victim who was not able to get medical treatment on time.</p>
17	In all honesty, there is always the opportunity to practice Islamic driving etiquette on the road, where we are tolerant, law-abiding, unselfish and forgiving when driving.
18	<p>Allah SWT stated in Surah Al-Furqan, verse 63:</p> <p>وَعِبَادُ الرَّحْمَنِ الَّذِينَ يَمْشُونَ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ هَوْنًا وَإِذَا خَاطَبَهُمُ الْجَاهِلُونَ قَالُوا سَلَامًا</p>
19	Which means: “And the servants of (Allah) Most Gracious are those who walk on the earth in humility, and when the ignorant address them, they say, “Peace!”
20	<p>Second: Etiquette on Cleanliness and Hygiene</p> <p>Islam strongly encourages its followers to keep clean and to observe proper</p>



	<p>hygiene. A clean environment can provide us comfortable and harmonious surroundings, especially in public places like mosques or <i>mussolla</i>. Rasulullah SAW despised people who dirty the mosque or <i>musolla</i> with acts such as spitting.</p>
21	<p>In a hadith recorded by Imam Al-Bukhari and narrated by Anas bin Malik RA, Rasulullah SAW said:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">الْبَزَاقُ فِي الْمَسْجِدِ خَطِيئَةٌ، وَكَفَّارَتُهَا دَفْنُهَا</p> <p>Which means: “Spitting in the mosque is a sin, and its expiation is that it should be buried (removed).”</p>
22	<p>To what extent does a Muslim have a sense of responsibility when soiling or throwing rubbish in the mosque or <i>musolla</i>, especially in the toilet or bathroom? We are proud of the architectural beauty of the mosque or <i>musolla</i>, but we rarely take notice when it comes to the cleanliness of the toilet or the bathroom. This is a main area utilised by the congregation and should be given attention by everyone, including ourselves. We should not solely blame the management because it is a shared responsibility to maintain cleanliness. Mosques or <i>musolla</i> are symbols of Muslim communities. Therefore, it should be better managed compared to other places.</p>
23	<p><i>Third: Etiquette regarding neighbours (Socialising)</i></p> <p>Nowadays, people are more inclined to build big houses and put up higher and thicker fences that separate them from their neighbours, living without mixing or socialising with others. In fact, harsh words, accusations and slander are often widely used, unashamedly, by many of us regarding our neighbours’ shortcomings in the social media, such as Facebook, whatsapp and so on.</p>
24	<p>Among the virtues in relation to the perfection of faith is honouring neighbours and not being hurtful to them. In a hadith recorded by Imam Al-Bukhari and narrated by Abu Hurairah R.A, Rasulullah SAW said:</p>



	<p>مَنْ كَانَ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ فَلَا يُوذِ جَارَهُ، وَمَنْ كَانَ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ فَلْيُكْرِمْ ضَيْفَهُ، وَمَنْ كَانَ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ فَلْيَقُلْ خَيْرًا أَوْ لِيَصْمُتْ</p>
25	<p>Which means: “Whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day should speak good or remain silent. Whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day should honour his neighbour, and whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day should honour his guest.”</p>
26	<p>Rasulullah SAW emphasized that for those who believe in Allah SWT, then he must be respectful and kind to his neighbours by keeping in touch and by not being hurtful to them. The outcome of this request will be achieved when there is love, care and good relationships with our neighbours.</p>
27	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</p> <p>Concluding the sermon today, the <i>mimbar</i> would like to invite the congregation to reflect upon the following as guidance for everyone:</p> <p>First: Islamic manners, morals and etiquettes should be strengthened by parents and relatives, either inside or outside the home. The society must also play its role in instilling this Islamic culture today.</p> <p>Second: Recommendations of Rasulullah SAW regarding driver etiquette, cleanliness and hygiene, and neighbourly etiquette, are very relevant in forming the Islamic culture today.</p> <p>Third: Islam is a religion that is safe and saves. History has proven that Islam is a source of inspiration and justice for the people and for the community.</p>
28	<p>Allah SWT declared in Surah al-Hadid verse 25:</p> <p>أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ</p>



	<p>لَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا رُسُلَنَا بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ وَأَنْزَلْنَا مَعَهُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْمِيزَانَ لِيَقُومَ النَّاسُ بِالْقِسْطِ وَأَنْزَلْنَا الْحَدِيدَ فِيهِ بَأْسٌ شَدِيدٌ وَمَنْفَعٌ لِلنَّاسِ وَلِيَعْلَمَ اللَّهُ مَنْ يَنْصُرُهُ وَرُسُلَهُ بِالْغَيْبِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ قَوِيٌّ عَزِيزٌ ﴿٢٥﴾</p>
29	<p>Which means: “We sent aforetime our messengers with Clear Signs and sent down with them the Book and the Balance (of Right and Wrong), that men may stand forth in justice; and We sent down Iron, in which is (material for) mighty war, as well as many benefits for mankind, that Allah may test who it is that will help, Unseen, Him and His messengers: For Allah is Full of Strength, Exalted in Might (and able to enforce His Will).”</p>
30	<p>بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ وَاسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ يَا فَوْزَ الْمُسْتَغْفِرِينَ وَيَا نَجَاةَ التَّائِبِينَ.</p>