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| 1 |  <p style="text-align: center;">BEWARE OF COMMITTING CONTINUOUS SIN 27 January 2017AD / 28 Rabiulakhir 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 يَضِلَّهُ فَلَنْ تَجِدَ لَهُ وَلِيًّا 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، يَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَنَفْسِي بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ وَطَاعَتِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَفْلِحُونَ.</p> |
| 6 | <p>قَالَ تَعَالَى: أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ وَإِذَا جَاءَهُمْ أَمْرٌ مِنَ الْأَمْنِ أَوْ الْخَوْفِ أَذَاعُوا بِهِ ۖ وَلَوْ رَدُّوهُ إِلَى الرَّسُولِ وَإِلَى أُولِي الْأَمْرِ مِنْهُمْ لَعَلِمَهُ الَّذِينَ يَسْتَنْبِطُونَهُ مِنْهُمْ ۗ وَلَوْلَا فَضْلُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَتُهُ لَاتَّبَعْتُمُ الشَّيْطَانَ إِلَّا قَلِيلًا ﴿٨٣﴾</p> |
| 7 | <p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, In conjunction with <i>Sayyidul Ayyam</i>, with Friday being the leader of all days, let us together increase the levels of our faith and conviction in Allah SWT. There is no other way to achieve it other than to comply with, and implement all, the commands of Allah SWT, and avoid all that He has prohibited us from doing.</p> |
| 8 | <p>In today's modern world, we are witnessing the rapid dissemination of information, in line with technological developments in communication. If not given considerable attention, this phenomenon may encourage undesirable</p> |



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| | and negative actions to occur unnoticed. |
| 9 | Therefore, today's sermon will discuss the topic: “Beware of Committing Continuous Sin” . |
| 10 | Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, Islam is the only religion that emphasizes on the purity and the truth of facts. Therefore, throughout history, Allah SWT has sent His messengers from among the <i>Siddiq</i> , or those who always speak the truth and do not lie. This is to ensure the teachings of the faith are always protected and preserved from any human intervention. |
| 11 | This is the essence of the verses 43 to 44 of Surah al-Nahl: <p>وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ قَبْلِكَ إِلَّا رِجَالًا نُوْحِيْ اِلَيْهِمْ فَمَسْئَلُوْا اَهْلَ الذِّكْرِ اِنْ كُنْتُمْ لَا تَعْلَمُوْنَ بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ وَالزُّبُرِ ۗ وَاَنْزَلْنَا اِلَيْكَ الذِّكْرَ لِتُبَيِّنَ لِلنَّاسِ مَا نُزِّلَ اِلَيْهِمْ وَلَعَلَّهُمْ يَنْفَكِّرُوْنَ</p> <p style="text-align: right;">٤٣</p> <p style="text-align: right;">٤٤</p> |
| 12 | Which means: <i>“And We sent not before you except men to whom We revealed [Our message]. So ask the people of the message if you do not know. [We sent them] with clear proofs and written ordinances. And We revealed to you the message that you may make clear to the people what was sent down to them and that they might give thought.”</i> |
| 13 | Allah SWT warned that no man really knows more than any other man in absolute terms. In fact, the most knowledgeable on this earth are the prophets who have received revelations from Allah SWT. Therefore, we are strictly required to receive knowledge, especially religious knowledge, from the revelations obtained by the prophets rather than from any other source. |
| 14 | Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, Allah SWT has honoured Prophet Muhammad SAW and raised the ranks of his followers to the highest levels compared to previous generations by making Rasulullah SAW the final messenger. Unlike previous generations, the <i>Ummah</i> of Rasulullah SAW has been bestowed many favours and |



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| | <p>blessings by Allah SWT. Therefore, the <i>Ummah</i> of Rasulullah SAW is responsible for keeping and maintaining the purity of the teachings, which was obtained through revelations, until Judgement Day.</p> |
| 15 | <p>Imam al-Bukhari <i>rahimahullah</i> recorded a narration by Mu'awiya bin Abi Sufyan R.A, where Rasulullah SAW was reported to have said:</p> <p>مَنْ يُرِدِ اللَّهُ بِهِ خَيْرًا يُفَقِّهْهُ فِي الدِّينِ، وَإِنَّمَا أَنَا قَاسِمٌ وَاللَّهُ يُعْطِي وَلَنْ تَزَالَ هَذِهِ الْأُمَّةُ قَائِمَةً عَلَى أَمْرِ اللَّهِ، لَا يَضُرُّهُمْ مَنْ خَالَفَهُمْ حَتَّى يَأْتِيَ أَمْرُ اللَّهِ.</p> |
| 16 | <p>Which means: "Whoever Allah wills good onto him, He (Allah will bestow) onto him knowledge of the religion. I am only the deliverer (who delivers knowledge), while the Almighty God is the Giver (of men). And these people will always stand on Allah SWT's command, they will not be criticised by those who oppose them, until the coming of the day (of Resurrection)."</p> |
| 17 | <p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</p> <p>Achievements in communications technology today have greatly simplified the distribution and delivery of religious knowledge and information. Applications such as <i>Whatsapp, Telegram, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Wechat</i> and others have opened up greater opportunities for us to communicate with different groups and different numbers of people within a very short span of time.</p> |
| 18 | <p>This is certainly a very exciting medium of communication, especially for those of us who want to convey religious knowledge and advice. We are not only able to reap the rewards, but the rewards shall be continuous if the knowledge and advice we gave are transmitted forwards by another person to others.</p> |
| 19 | <p>This is the chain of virtue that was introduced by Islam, as recorded by Imam Muslim and narrated by Jarir bin Abdillah RA, in a hadith where Rasulullah SAW was reported to have said:</p> <p>مَنْ سَنَّ فِي الْإِسْلَامِ سُنَّةً حَسَنَةً فَعَمِلَ بِهَا بَعْدَهُ كُتِبَ لَهُ مِثْلُ أَجْرِ مَنْ عَمِلَ بِهَا</p> |



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| | <p>وَلَا يَنْقُصُ مِنْ أَجْرِهِمْ شَيْءٌ وَمَنْ سَنَّ فِي الْإِسْلَامِ سَنَةً سَيِّئَةً فَعَمِلَ بِهَا بَعْدَهُ كُتِبَ عَلَيْهِ مِثْلُ وِزْرِ مَنْ عَمِلَ بِهَا وَلَا يَنْقُصُ مِنْ أَوْزَارِهِمْ شَيْءٌ</p> |
| 20 | <p>Which means: “Whoever starts a good thing and is followed by others, will have his own reward and a reward equal to that of those who follow him, without the rewards of such persons who follow him diminishing in any way. Whoever starts a bad thing and is followed by others, will bear the burden of his own sin and a sin equal to that of those who follow him, without the sin of such persons who follow him diminishing in any way.”</p> |
| 21 | <p>Based on the hadith just now, we can understand that Islam encourages its followers to spread good and while doing so, should prevent the spread of evil. Therefore, Muslims should be careful before starting something, for fear that it is actually an evil deed with sins that continue to linger.</p> |
| 22 | <p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, In our eagerness to use social media, it should be noted that the same medium could also be used by the enemies of Islam to spread misinformation and lies that could harm people. There are a great number of lies and deceit currently scattered throughout cyberspace for the public to look at. Some use the opportunity to offer and suggest misguided ideologies and false teachings subtly, which could slowly erode one's faith without realizing it.</p> |
| 23 | <p>Furthermore, the medium has been used to discredit and slander others. This combination has made it the perfect package to destroy the <i>Ummah</i>.</p> |
| 24 | <p>In addition to that, social media is able to influence users to disseminate news, stories, and facts, including those about religion, which are provocative and controversial in nature. Without realizing it, sensational elements cause us to be equally affected and to pass it on. As a consequence, unity is not encouraged, but society would be in a state of discord instead.</p> |
| 25 | <p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</p> |



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| | Of late, 'instant' Islamic preachers in cyberspace are sprouting like mushrooms, growing at an alarming rate. By using the 'copy & paste' function alone a person could seem to be very knowledgeable and be the reference point for religion and religious issues in the society, even though in reality their knowledge and mastery, with regards to the disciplines of the religion, is very shallow. |
| 26 | This phenomenon is made worse by the state of the society which likes to spread polemics without any prior <i>tabayyun</i> , or research. They rush to be the first to spread the so-called news or facts. There is no doubt that the intention may be good, but how it is done is wrong and inaccurate. It would be really regretful if the rewards we seek is replaced by the committing of sin, especially if the sin involves a lie against Rasulullah SAW. |
| 27 | Imam al-Bukhari <i>rahimahullah</i> recorded a hadith as narrated by al-Mughirah RA, where Rasulullah SAW was reported to have said: إِنَّ كَذِبًا عَلَيَّ لَيْسَ كَكَذِبٍ عَلَى أَحَدٍ مِّنْ كَذِبِ عَلِيٍّ مُتَعَمِّدًا فَلْيَتَّبِعُوا مَقْعَدَهُ مِنَ النَّارِ |
| 28 | Which means: "Telling lies about me is not the same as telling lies about anyone else. Whoever tells lies about me deliberately, let him take his place in Hell." |
| 29 | So severe indeed is the repercussion of spreading lies against Rasulullah SAW. Muslims should be cautious in claiming that something is from Rasulullah SAW's teachings. There are many parties and individuals who have the authority and can be consulted as a source of reference before such statements or teachings can be circulated. Remember, a tiny drop of misinformation about the religion will have a continuous and great effect to it until eternity. |
| 30 | Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, To end today's sermon, let us observe some conclusions for us to reflect upon: |



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| | <p>First: We must always increase our Islamic knowledge in compliance with the principles of discipline and study, based on the teachings of authorised and reputable scholars.</p> <p>Second: Be careful with the propagation of the message of Islam. Conduct research beforehand and use proper references first before messages are delivered, in order to ensure correctness and accuracy.</p> <p>Three: Be mindful of what we preach, for there are implications with regard to rewards and sins that will be taken into account in the hereafter.</p> |
| 31 | <p>As stated by Allah SWT in Surah al-Hujurat, verse 6:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ</p> <p style="text-align: center;">يَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِن جَاءَكُمْ فَاسِقٌ بِنَبَأٍ فَتَبَيَّنُوا أَن تُصِيبُوا قَوْمًا بِمِجْهَلَةٍ فَتُصْحَبُوا عَلَيْهِ مَا فَعَلْتُمْ نَدَمِينَ ﴿٦﴾</p> |
| 32 | <p>Which means: “O, you who believe! If a wicked person comes to you with any news, ascertain the truth, lest you harm people unwittingly, and afterwards become full of repentance for what you have done.”</p> |
| 33 | <p>بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ بِالْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلَ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ. فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ فَيَا فَوْزَ الْمُسْتَغْفِرِينَ وَيَا نَجَاةَ التَّائِبِينَ .</p> |