

FRIDAY KHUTBA OF TOKYO CAMII

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REFLECTION OF EMAN TO THE LIFE

Dear Mumins!

The belief (eiman) is not only a sentence, an expression or a state that emerges by saying "I have believed" but also a lifestyle in itself. The one, who says "I have believed" resembles a trader that promises to his/her Lord, signs contract and pledges to fulfill its requirements. The Qur'ân, our Holy Book mentions belief in numerous verses, and invited even those mumins who already said "I have believed" to the belief.¹ Allah (s.w.t.) gives good tidings of the paradise to the believers and those who perform the duties stemming from their beliefs, and warns the unbelievers of the close and cruel torment.

Dear Muslims!

What dignifies the man at the presence of Allah is his/her belief and stable devotion to Allah (s.w.t.). The world is a preparation field for the hereafter. ***"Whoever does good equal to the weight of an atom shall see it. And whoever does evil equal to the weight of an atom shall see it."***²

Dear Mumins!

The man who tries to diligently fulfill the provisions of his/her eiman does not give up easily his/her eiman and performing its principles toward the temporary boons of the world. S/he remembers the promise to Allah (s.w.t.), reflects it to his/her around, and establishes good relations with his/her spouse, children, neighbors, relatives and friends. Then he/she treats to the people and the nature, both animate and inanimate in a suitable manner as a mumin slave of Allah; lives so that, when

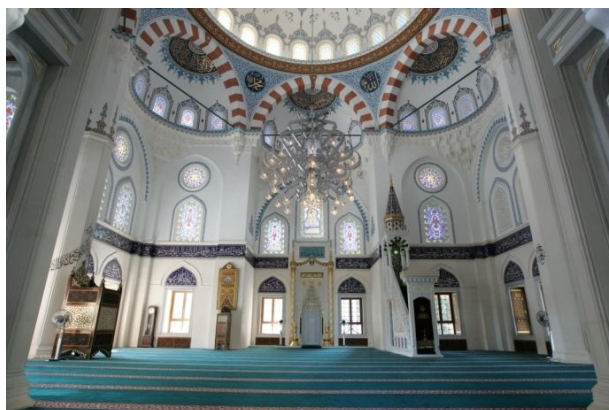
asked "whether this work suits to the mumins" after his/her each action, is able to easily and instantly say "Yes". Of course (s/he) avoids alcoholic drinks, gambling, adultery, theft, lie and forgery and so on, being aware of that all of them are the deeds of munafiqûn (hypocrites); fâsiqûn (rebellious and disobedient to Allah) and those who follow the Devil's path.³ A salih (genuine) mumin does never forget that all of his/her deeds have been recorded in full and some day he/she will be held accountable of them.

More important than all, as the Prophet (s.a.w.) decreed, "s/he is afraid of committing the big sins as (s/he) is afraid of fire." The real eiman does require this.

Dear Mumins!

Let's not forget that every adversity and trouble that we inevitably face in life is a test that we should pass with gravity and patience. Again let's not forget that every boon and wealth that we pursue in the world is nothing but a play and amusement.⁴ Everything is perishable and temporary. What it remains forever is merely Our Lord, Full of Majesty and Honour. For us, Muslims, to believe in Allah and to get His pleasure, is above everything.

May my Lord strengthen your eiman, and beautify your morals and deeds.



¹ An-Nisâ', 136.

² Al-Ādiyât, 7-8.

³ Al-Mâidah; 90.

⁴ Al-Anâm, 32.