

## FRIDAY KHUTBA OF TOKYO MOSQUE

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### JUDGING OURSELVES IN THIS WORLD

Dear Mumins!

We are about to enter a new year. Life is flowing like water. We are not aware how fast life is passing before our eyes. Someday we may realize how our lives have passed, how life after death has started and how we will be judged. We need to pay our dues in this life, and prepare ourselves for eternal life. Allah says in the Quran "...And let every person look to what he has sent forth the morrow, and fear Allah Verily,Allah is All-Aware of what you do." [1] This tells us that every Muslim must take life seriously, and must act accordingly with the teachings of Islam.

This life is a test. We are all being tested in this life, and it is no different than a student who is preparing to take an exam. After we die we will be accounted for our actions in this world. We will have a test, and in order to pass the test we need to focus on being good. Our prophet (pbuh) tells us that "before you have been tested hereafter, make sure to self-test yourselves in this world . Prepare yourselves for the big test. If you can self-test yourself properly you many end up having a lighttethereafter." [2] Before we criticize others we must learn to criticize ourselves. We must continue on doing good deeds. We must condemn ourselves for our sins, and never repeat them again.

We must always think that we are under the supervision of Almighty Allah (swt). There is no unlimited freedom in this world. Remember, we did not come to this world voluntarily, that is why we must live our lives according to the teachings of Almighty Allah (swt). "We must act as we see Allah (swt). Even though we do not see Allah



(swt), surely Allah (swt) sees us." [3] We definitely need to give credit to Allah (swt) when we succeed in this life, gain wealth, and so on. Allah (swt) states that "But seek,with that(wealth)which Allah has bestowed on you,the home of thr Hereafter, and forget not your portion of lawful enjoyment in this world,and do good as Allah has been good to you and seek not mischief in the land.Verily Allah likes not the Mufsidun." [4] Our beloved prophet (pbuh) stated that "when you want to remember other people's faults, remember your own faults." [5] We must remember the sins we committed. Allah says in the Holy Quran"... Allah will call you to account for it. Then He forgives whom He wills and punishes whom He wills. And Allah is able to do all things." [6]

Our beloved prophet (pbuh) warned us by saying "When the Day of Resurrection comes you will be questioned about everything you have done in this world, and you will be responsible for your sins."

[1] Al-Hashr, 59/18

[2] Tirmizi, Kitabu'l-Qiyame,25

[3] Sahih-i Muslim, Kitâbu'l Iman, 1

[4] Al-Qasas,77

[5] el-Aclunî, Keshfu'l Hafa, c.1,s.69, nr.192

[6] Al-Baqara , 284