

FRIDAY KHUTBA OF TOKYO CAMII

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ADVICES -1-

Dear Mumins!

Our Prophet (s.a.w.) said in a hadith as follows: "Verily the religion is advice". By reflecting on this hadith, I would like to make some advices, firstly for my own nafs.

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Comprehend the creed of tawheed properly, and don't distort from it in any way whatsoever. Don't accept anything as a measure about this matter except Quran. Rasulallah (s.a.w.) got his creed only from Quran as well.

The creed of tawheed grows up with deeds and produces fruit. So perform your prayers and fasting strictly. Don't neglect your zakat. And make pilgrimage at the first opportunity.

Don't forget that Allah (s.w.t.) has said that He (s.w.t.) creates the nights for rest and the daytime for working. Thus you should rest at nights that you can get up energetic and vigorous. There is no any legitimate excuse for missing the Morning Prayer.

Read books, especially Quran, that can give you something useful and permanent. Follow the agenda of the world matters as much as possible. A Muslim is a person who has global worldviews. So, he cannot be indifferent to the events that took place. Then, observe the right and wrong actions. Talk and discuss about it among you.

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Talk to the people kindly and sincerely both face to face and at the phone. Listen carefully to the other party. And try to understand what s/he wants to say, even if

you think it is wrong. Then, say clearly what you would like to explain, but only that you know well. To say "I don't know" is not a weakness but a virtue for you.

Don't forget that there is someone who knows more than every knower. Please research to know what you do not know yet. Ask others. And try to have the truest one by reasoning among different opinions.

Don't accept the words of anybody as an absolute true, even if he is a Muslim. Accept it after that you compare it with Quran and become sure. Don't forget that, someone who says something right in a matter, may be mistaken in another matter. It is only Allah who never makes

mistakes. Then, don't fall into the same mistake again and again enlarging your faults in the past.

In your relations with other people, be respectful, so that they will be respectful to you as well. Treat them firstly as fellow human beings, because Allah (s.w.t.) has created man in the best stature. It does not mean that you should appreciate their faults. Attracting attention to their mistakes does not mean that you are not respectful to them overall.

Pay attention not for the origins of the people but for what they tell. Whomever you listen to, take the words that you think right. The important point is this and that you need are right words before anything else.

