

## Summarised Friday Sermon

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### Countering Extreme Ideologies

- Today extreme ideas about what Islam says or preaches can be found out there. The people and groups who bring such ideas are often fully ta'asub (engrossed) with their own ideologies. Such people will use the divine sources of Islam in ways that fit in with their motives and desires.
- The Islamic Syariah consists of two fundamental features and principles. They are: *Al-thawabit* – which refers to permanent features of the Syariah. These include the tenets of faith, the pillars of Islam and its value system. *Al-mutaghayirat* – which refers to the flexible components and those that accept adaptation and change, in order to meet the higher objectives of the Syariah.
- Our understanding and practice of all Quranic teachings must be in line with the examples of our beloved Holy Prophet s.a.w. It is insufficient for us to only read the Holy Quran, without referring to the guidance of Rasulullah s.a.w. The guidance of Rasulullah s.a.w. always enjoins prosperity and *ihsan*.
- It is important that we reflect on our niat (intentions) and the way we seek knowledge. Knowledge that is beneficial will guide us, make us better individuals, and help us contribute to mankind. Every action that we take will affect the way others perceive us and Islam.
- In our efforts to solve the problems that are plaguing the Islamic world, we should approach it by having open discussions and demonstrating good Islamic values. Not only shall we have many allies among those who are committed to eradicating injustices and oppression, but this approach may also change enemies to become friends.



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