

LIVING TOGETHER IN HARMONY

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In the Apostolic visit, His Holiness , Holy Pope Francisco's to Indonesia, 3–6 September 2024, raised three major themes of humanity 1) Faith, 2) Fraternity and 3) Compassion. The basis for being able to live together between religious communities are these three things, which in the teachings of Islamic Faith have made it clear that the difference in Religion (Bhineka Tunggal Eka, in the context of Indonesia) is mutual respect between differences in religions, (لكم دينكم ولي الدين).

After understanding the first point then must apply the second point, namely Fraternity, in this context the teachings of Uchwah Bsyariyah (أخوة بشرية), Brotherhood between

Humans becomes important because living together begins with Brotherhood, which is woven and bound with Compassion. The embedded feelings to respect each other, appreciate each other, trust each other, support each other, and protect each other are born and live from a very commendable nature commanded by Allah, namely the nature of Tolerance, (تسامح) which contains the following meanings:

(١) التسامح من الصفات التي أمرنا بها عز وجل ورسولنا الكريم، فالتسامح هو العفو عند المقدرة , والتجاوز عن أخطاء الآخرين, ووضع الأعذار لهم، والنظر إلى مزاياهم وحسناتهم بدلاً من التركيز على عيوبهم وأخطائهم.

1) Tolerance is one of the qualities commanded by the Almighty and our Noble Messenger. Tolerance is forgiving when able, ignoring other people's mistakes, making excuses for them, and seeing their goodness and good deeds rather than

focusing on their disgrace and mistakes.

(٢). التسامح هو توفير مساحة للعلاقات الاجتماعية مع بعضنا البعض.

2) Tolerance (تسامح) is giving space to socialize with each other.

We live religiously in one country, as we live in a big house, in that big house there are two rooms, namely 1) public space, living room, a room that anyone can enter, called (Muamalah Room), in this room all followers of religions can work together with each other in social life, a space to help each other, a space for human brotherhood **اخوة بشرية** which must be developed into a space for brotherhood of the nation, **اخوة وطنية** .

And the 2nd is the Privacy space, namely the space of (Tawhid, Faith and Ubudiyah space), this space is a space that differentiates between guests and homeowners, a space

that differentiates between one entity and another, a space that differentiates between one religion and another.

What must be understood here deeply is in which space a Muslim for example can work together and live together with non-Muslims, and in which space we maintain our differences.

In this space of Faith, (Aqidah), we must be able to respect the differences. The space that is in accordance with the command of Allah (لكم دينكم ولي الدين), because in this space is the essence of differences, and in the space (Mu'amalah) of our social life we live together.

٣. التسامح جزء من العدالة.

3) Tolerance is part of justice.,

Tolerance ، تسامح ، is part of Justice, because it means mutual, giving each other, respecting each other, protecting each other, loving each

other, acknowledging each other, not the opposite value.

The existence of justice because of the word mutual.

٤. التسامح زينة الفضائل.

4. Tolerance is the decoration of virtue.

Humans, who are handsome, tall, and dashing will have complete performance if they are given the right decorations.

Buildings, cars, motorbikes, and other types of materials will be more beautiful if they have the right accessories.

The most appropriate and much-needed decoration in social life in society is

Tolerance, **تسامح**. Because from tolerance will produce goodness for oneself and others.

٥. أفضل نتيجة من التربية هو التسامح.

5. The best result of education is tolerance. If students are smart, master their educational

materials, are knowledgeable in their fields, enjoy their knowledge, and have good grades, they still need one more knowledge, namely the knowledge to utilize knowledge. One of the knowledge to utilize knowledge is Tolerance, التسامح, because with tolerance it will be easier to get networks, networks, business partners, sources of funds and others. Tasamuh is part of Achlaqul Karimah, and is the best result of Education.

٦. التسامح هو مفتاح الفعل والحرية.

6. Tolerance is the key to action and freedom. If we want to go, we must first set the destination where we want to go, at least (share lock) is activated first, then start walking, likewise when we want to do something that must relate to other people, Tasamuh must be activated first, because in any situation we will easily adapt, easily find a way out if there are problems, and easily accepted by the public, and easy to succeed in the end.

Installing Tasamuh is giving space to forgive, giving space to accept, giving space to give goodness, and turning away and distancing ourselves from stupidity. As the Qur'an says:

خُذِ الْعَفْوَ وَأْمُرْ بِالْعُرْفِ وَأَعْرِضْ عَنِ الْجَاهِلِينَ. صدق الله العظيم... (الاعراف ١٩٩)

Be tolerant, and command decency, and avoid the ignorant

These are some of the things that I convey briefly, hopefully it will be useful for those of us who are different to be able to live together in Harmony.

Blessings and Peace be with you all....

Thank you.....