## Friday Khutbah of Masjid Otsuka

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## **Reflecting Upon The Signs of Creation of Allah**

All praise is due to Allah Who sent down the Qur'an with which He guided us to the straight path. I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship except Allah, having no partners, and Muhammad is His servant and Messenger.

O servants of Allah! Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah Yunus and Surah ar-Rum:

"Verily, in the alternation of the night and the day, and in all that Allah has created in the heavens and the earth, are signs for people who fear Him." (S.10 V.6)

"...Allah has not created the heavens and the earth and all that is between them except with truth and for a specified term. ..." (S.30 V.8)

Allah the Almighty has made the universe as a Visual Book that lies open and exposed to the gaze of people, in order that they may contemplate the wonders of His creation and the perfection of His handiwork. Glory be to the One who raised the heavens without any pillars that you see and invites us to contemplate this creation.

Allah the Almighty says in the Qur'an in Surah Nuh:

"Do you not see that Allah has created seven heavens in layers," "and made the moon therein a reflected light and made the sun a burning lamp?" (S.71 V.15—16)

From that resulted the alternation of night and day, and this is a sign that astonishes minds and captivates gazes.

Allah the Almighty says in the Qur'an in Surah ar-Hijr:

"And the earth - We spread it out and set therein mountains firm and stable and produced therein all kinds of things in due balance." (S.15 V.19)

Human beings are responsible for preserving the stability of its order, the moderation of its climate, the sustainability of its reserves and assets, and the proper use and investment of its resources and treasures. Allah has prepared and spread it out, depositing in it various blessings and resources.

He sent down rain, and with it, He brought forth all kinds of fruits. Allah the Most High says in the Qur'an in Surah an-Nahl:

"Through it, He causes crops to grow for you, and olives, date palms, grapevines, and every kind of fruit. Surely, there is a sign in this for people who reflect." (S.16 V.11)

Allah also urges us to reflect on the creation of man and created us in the most perfect form and the best proportion.

Allah the Most High says in the Qur'an in Surah at-Tin:

"Indeed, We have created man in the best form and proportion." (S.95 V.4)

Then Allah the Most High says in the Qur'an in Surah al-Muminun:

"Then We made the sperm-drop into a clinging clot, and We made the clot into a lump [of flesh], and We made [from] the lump, bones, and We covered the bones with flesh; then We developed him into another creation. So blessed is Allah, the best of creators." (S.23 V.14)]

Then, contemplate the diversity of your forms, colors, tongues and languages.

Allah the Almighty says in the Qur'an in Surah ar-Rum:

"And among His signs Is the creation of the heavens, And the earth, and the variations In your languages And your colors: verily In that are Signs For those who know." (S.30 V.22)

Thus, let the believer contemplate the greatness of Allah's creation, the miraculous nature of His design, and let him ponder the aim of his existence and strive to fulfill Allah's purpose for him.

May the peace and the blessings of Allah be upon prophet Muhammad SAW, his family and all of his Companions. May Allah be pleased with the Rightly Guided Caliphs: Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman and Ali, and all those who will follow them in righteousness until the Day of Judgment.

O Allah! Accept our prayers and all our ibada and also all our good deeds for the sake of Your pleasure.

O Allah! Accept all our good deeds and forgive our sins.

O Allah! Give rizq in abundance to all Muslims in Japan

O Allah! Grant safety and security to everyone here in Japan as well as all over the world. Aamin ya Rabbil Aalamin.

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