

DISCLAIMERS

There are a few disclaimers that I would like to state beforehand so that you, my beloved readers, can maximise the benefits from this compilation in spite of the various weaknesses it has.

In all sincerity, all I want to do is to share. Hopefully, you would enjoy reading and learning from the various topics I have humbly put together.

- I admit I am no expert in the topics written – these are mere sharings from an ordinary man. I do not claim to have the necessary credibility to produce expert contents on the topics, but I did so anyway because my original intention is and has always been about sharing; nothing more, nothing less.
- This compilation is never intended to be a self-help book, a motivational book or a book of solutions to the reader's life problems. The title itself says it all – that it merely contains notes on life as seen through my eyes. The notes may or may not be right, and may or may not be applicable to the reader's life – it is up to you to judge and choose the ones relevant to you.
- Most of the examples cited in this compilation are from my own personal experiences. You will be reading quite a bit of my successes and failures, and also some examples from the lives of some of those who are closest to me.

However, in no way is this compilation my biography. I just thought that my own real life examples may be the most appropriate and effective way to tell a story as they are based on actual events.

- I am no professional writer; my vocabulary is limited, both in my mother tongue – the Malay language as well as English. Due to this apparent weakness of mine, you will come across a lot of repetitive words throughout this compilation. I am lucky to have my sister in law a.k.a. editor to inject some flair into the writing.
- I literally wrote the compilation without any proper structure. I had listed down the topics I wanted to write about and straight away went on to do it. I adopted a “free flow” approach, letting whatever comes to my mind flow out to my fingers, on to the keyboard. You will notice in certain parts, the contents are all over the place. There are a lot of repetitions of the same concept in different topics; it was designed and meant to be as such as (i) a result of free flow writing and (ii) repetition is good for anchoring a message, an approach I learned from the Quran.
- I had made reference to verses in the Quran and various hadiths throughout the compilation. For the Quranic verses, I had used translations mainly by *Sahih International* or *Yusuf Ali*, taken from the website *quran.com*. For hadiths, I had tried my best to only used authentic (*sahih*) hadiths taken from the online compilation *sunnah.com*. If there are any hadiths that fell below the level of *sahih*, I have attempted to qualify it. I have avoided using any weak (*dhaif*) hadiths in the compilation.

- I am no Islamic scholar; I was never officially trained in the areas of *shariah* but there are many parts of this compilation that touches on the matter. In view of this apparent weakness of mine, I had ask two of my brothers, Hafizal and Fadhil (both qualified in the areas of *shariah* and currently working in the *shariah* unit of a Takaful Operator) to review the contents to ensure that it is in line with Islamic teachings and represents the correct meanings. They have also reviewed the Quran verses and hadiths used.
- I had made references to theories and concepts introduced by prominent experts throughout the compilation. However, I am not sure whether I have given them the appropriate acknowledgement and recognition as they rightfully deserve – I am not even sure of the right method to do so. In view of this, in the name of shared knowledge, I humbly seek forgiveness if I did not give due recognition to the original authors as they rightfully deserve – it is not my intention to undermine their contribution.
- Another weakness that I have (although some say it is a strength) is my tendency to write what I read in almost the same way it was originally written. This may seem to appear as plagiarism, but I do not intend for it to be so. This is due to my strong memorising skills; as when I recall the important points from my memory, they usually come out as close as possible to the original form. Therefore, again, I humbly seek forgiveness to the original authors if it came out as such in any parts of this compilation.
- As this isn't an academic book, there are no proper researches conducted in preparation of this compilation. References to other sources are not properly cited and are all done in an informal manner. My sincere apologies if it does not fit the proper writing standards.

- Last but not least, everything in this compilation was written solely from my perspective, according to my own preferences and preferred style of writing. As such, if any of the contents offend you in any way, I apologise in advance. Everything great in this compilation comes from Allah and any shortcomings comes from my own weaknesses and mistakes.

Have fun reading!