Webinar: Konsep Tauhid dan Ibadah Puasa Para Nabi Sepanjang Zaman (The Concept of *Tawhid* and the Fasting of the Prophets throughout History) (22 April 2021)

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The Islamic concept of *tawhid* refers to monotheism, or the belief that God is only one. In Arabic, *tawhid* means 'unification', while in Islamic terms it means affirming that Allah is the only God. *Tawhid* is the foundation of *aqidah*, which has been embedded in the hearts of mankind since the creation of the universe. The *ummah* of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and the followers of previous prophets were commanded by Allah to worship Him, including by performing fasting. The commandment to fast was given to the Believers in order to train them to be steadfast, humble, and God-fearing. Although the manner of fasting differs between prophets and their *ummah*s, fasting shows the continuation of the teachings of *tawhid* from the time of Prophet Adam (PBUH) until Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

IAIS Malaysia conducted a webinar to discuss the concepts of *tawhid* and fasting throughout the history of the prophets, featuring Professor Dr Solehah Yaacob from the Department of Arabic Language and Literature at the International Islamic University of Malaysia (IIUM). During this webinar, Professor Dr Solehah elaborated on the history of fasting among the earliest prophets, when it was done voluntarily as a symbol of redemption and to purify their souls. She also highlighted some historical facts regarding the prophets that Western writers have gotten wrong. She suggested that Muslims carry out detailed studies of the history of the prophets and their shariah. The act of fasting during Ramadan was not copied from previous prophets, but rather was a continuation of the message of *tawhid* as commanded by Allah.

Webinar: American Journal of Islam and Society's Symposium on the Theory and Uses of *Maqasid al-Shari'ah* (2 May 2021)

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On 2 May 2021, the American Journal of Islam and Society (AJIS), under the auspices of the International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT), hosted a