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Fadzilah Din

Introduction

The Malay language is rich in oral traditions and aphorisms describing situations and realities which are forwarded to later generations. Provided below are some of the aphorisms particular to the relationship between *Adat Minangkabau* or *Adat Perpatih* and Islam:

*Agama mendaki,
Adat¹ menurun.*

[Religion ascended, i.e., in the context of the Minangkabau area, religion went up from the shore to the hills and *adat* or custom descended from the *darat* or hills, the original home of the Minang to the shore²].

*Adat bersendi syarak,
Syarak bersendi adat.*

[*Adat* based on religious law, religious law based on *adat*]