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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,*
*Adat 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 shore].

*Adat bersendi syarak,*
*Syrak bersendi adat.*

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