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GIVING THANKS FOR THE GIFT OF THANKS

Thanksgiving (Yawm al-Shukr) is a holiday that is celebrated in several countries around the world, including the United States, Canada, and others. Aside from the Fiqh (legal) discussion about whether or not Muslims can, or should, “celebrate” Thanksgiving, we wanted to take a moment to look at Thankfulness from an Islamic perspective.

Many Muslims know that Belief (Iman) and Disbelief (Kufr) are opposites, they are often unaware that kufr is also used as an opposite of Thankfulness in the Quran. Kufr can refer to covering or concealing something, which includes intentionally covering or concealing (thus denying) the favors and blessings that Allah has given us.

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Read, Listen, and Study Lectures of Imam W.D. Mohammed

The Path to Judgement

Holy Quran: 17:13

Reflections by Nashid Rushdan, Sr. And every human being G-D brings whatever works of good or evil attached to him, so he is not held accountable for works other than his, and no one other than him is accountable for his works. And Allah will bring out for him on the day of the resurrection a record that has his recorded works in it that he will see opened.

Every person will have to give an account of the life that they lived before transitioning to the next life. The next life is the destination where judgement takes place. But many people are not consciously aware that their deeds or actions are recorded like pages in a book held together for future reading, as a result, they will be called upon to answer for the lawful and unlawful things they did during their life. Too many of them are tying their actions to the plans of satan, such as killing, stealing, gambling, selling and consuming illegal drugs and alcohol, etc. These people develop unlawful habits subliminally after

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The Month of Jumada al Awwal, Fifth Month of the Islamic (Hijri) Calendar

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being coerced by exploitation through various media outlets such as television commercials, sitcoms, music, movies, etc. These media outlets have made normal behaviors become abnormal and abnormal behaviors become normal, causing people to commit unlawful acts while thinking they are committing lawful acts. These acts are recorded in an individual’s personal life book assigned to them at birth that is to be opened later for judgment by G-D. For people to know what acts are lawful or unlawful, they need to seek G-D’s help by seeking His guidance through His scripture.



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Allah reminds us about this in the Quran, 2:152; 31:12. In both of these verses the verb kafara is used to refer to ungratefulness, i.e., denying Allah's blessings upon us.

Thankfulness can be described as Allah's increase (of blessing) to those who are thankful, meaning when a person is thankful, Allah gives them success, and thus they become even more thankful, again increasing their success. This is a beautiful reminder rooted in the Quranic message 14:7. Thanking Allah is not merely something we do with our tongues. It is not enough for us to say "alhamdulillah" or "al-shukr lillah" or other such phrases to show our gratitude. Rather, we must understand the depth of the blessing by remembering that it is from Allah directly. Even blessings that we think are from our own actions, such as the money we earn from our jobs, are from Allah, who blessed us with the ability to work hard, and gave us success in our efforts.

Below are several words often used to express thankfulness. See how many you are familiar with.

1. Shukran (شكرًا)
Shukran is used in all Arabic-speaking countries, in both formal and informal settings, and is understood widely among speakers of all dialects of Arabic. It comes from the root verb shakara (شكر) meaning "to thank". As a common response, you may hear al-'awfoo (العفو) or 'af-waan (عفوًا) which literally means "forgive/pardon", and is the equivalent of "you're welcome" or "no problem" in English.

2. Tislam/Tislami (تسلم/تسلمي)
Heard mostly throughout the Levant and parts of the Gulf, this phrase comes from the root verb salama (سلم) meaning "to come out safe/healthy". It can be used when a friend or family member gives you something or does something nice for you.

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Add ideyk (إيديك – to a male) or ideyki (إيديكي – to a female) to the end of the phrase and you will quite literally say "may your hands enjoy health" – a way of thanking the person who gave you something.

3. Mamnoun(t)ak/ek (ممنونك/ممنونتك)
Mamnountak/ek (female speaker) or mamnounak/ek (male speaker), is used throughout the Levantine region to say "thank you" or to mean "I'm grateful to you".

If you've got this down, you know some Persian, too! This Arabic loanword, mamnoun (ممنون), which is gender-neutral in Persian, is commonly used to say "thank you" by Persian speakers as well.

4. Ya'tik al-'afiya (يعطيك العافية)
Literally translating to "may [God] give you health" this phrase is said in recognition and appreciation of someone's hard work. In response, you may hear Allah y-a'fik, which also means "may God bless you with good health". It is also used in the Levant as a way to say "hi" when entering a shop, acknowledging and praising the fact that the people attending you are working hard.

5. Yekather khairak/ek (يكثر خيرك)
An abbreviated version of the saying "I wish [that God] increases your welfare", this phrase can be a way of saying "thank you so much for helping me" across the Arab world. Khair (خير) is the noun meaning "good" often heard as bekhair (بخير, well) when responding to the question "How are you?"

Editor's note: These words are used in many different dialects of Arabic. Check your pronunciations with local language speakers to be sure you are saying what you mean to say.

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You may obtain a free Alabama photo voter ID card online at Mobile@vote.alabama.gov; or in person at 151 Government St. Ste 165 Mobile, Alabama 36602; Phone (251) 574-8586.

Tuesday November 1st --Last day to apply for an absentee ballot by mail.

Thursday November 3rd – Last day to apply for an absentee ballot in person.

Monday November 7th by 5 p.m.— Last day to submit a completed absentee ballot in person.

Tuesday November 8th noon. Deadline for completed absentee ballots received by mail.

Tuesday November 8th—Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.



The November election has important items to consider like changes in the Alabama Constitution including who can vote. Get informed before you vote.

To view the plain language summary of statewide ballot measures approved by the Alabama Fair Ballot Commission,

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