

Newsletter

A Newsletter of the Mobile Islamic Community

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Read the HOLY QURAN daily.

...And Allah sees well all that ye do
HQ 57: 4

Amendment info below.
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FOOD FOR THOUGHT By Gregory Shakir

QURANIC REFLECTION By Nashid Rushdan

Election Day is Tuesday November 3, 2020. Know Before You Vote.

Below are excerpts from
<https://ballotpedia.org/Alabama>
regarding amendments on the
Alabama November 3rd ballot.

Amendment 1: A yes vote would
amend the Alabama Constitution to
state that "only a citizen of the United
States," rather than "every citizen of
the United States," who is 18 years
old or older has the right to vote in
Alabama.

Amendment 2: This amendment
proposes to increase membership of
the Judicial Inquiry Commission and
affects many other judicial matters.



If you have voted
absentee, check the
status of your ballot at
<http://myinfo.alabamavotes.gov/>

Amendment 3: The Judicial
Vacancies Measure concerns the
length of time an appointment serves
if a vacancy appointment is made.

Amendment 4 Proposing an
amendment to authorize the
Legislature to recompile the Alabama
Constitution and submit it during the
2022 Regular Session, and provide a
process for its ratification by the
voters of this state.

Amendments 5 and 6 concern "stand
your ground". Alabama already has a
"stand your ground" law passed in
2006.

**Expounding on the teachings of
Imam W.D. Mohammed (IWDM).**
"WORDS MAKE PEOPLE." This
tiny but powerful equation, smaller
than $e=mc^2$ has re-wired the thinking
of millions of Americans and the
world. Words are shaped by thinking.
Thinking is shaped by belief and
belief is shaped by the environment,
i.e. parents, teachers etc.

In Sura Ibrahim 14: 24-26, Allah
says, "A goodly word is like a goodly
tree, whose root is firmly fixed and its
branches reach the sky... An
evil word is like an evil tree: It is
torn up at the root, having no
stability." From this verse, we can
see where Allah connects words and
trees together. In the book, "As the
Light Shineth from the East", IWDM
writes on page 68, "A tree is a
symbolic picture of the human
society. "

Words are developmental,
truthful. Words develop a truthful
person (society). Development carries
the notion of enhancement of one's
capabilities and potentials. It implies
a forward movement from a given
position to a position of greater
achievement, opportunity, and
benefit.

In order to develop, individually or
collectively, it is necessary to define
the goals one wishes to achieve--
factors that influence development,

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The Need to Accept One Another
"O mankind! Lo! We brought you
into being both male and female as
Adam and Eve. We made you an
amazing creature from a pattern that
never existed before you; such as
classes and groups with its highest
social lineage, that you recognize
certain things about each other."

Generally, when most people meet
another person, it is considered to be
a mere introduction. People usually
do not take the next step which is
really getting to know the person they
just met. The next step is vital to
human interaction which is accepting
the person. When we accept another
person, this begins the process toward
trusting one another which opens the
door to understanding one another.
This process erases all prejudice, such
as thinking one is better than the
other.

The natural way of learning one
another is done by looking at that
person's character. In addition, these
steps cause a deep affection of caring
for one another. If all people would
accept to learn more about one
another, there would be more peace in
this world versus the chaos we are
seeing throughout the world today.

We see chaos among various
communities.

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and the process of achieving the desired goals for development. Each human being is born with some basic faculties--eyes, ears, and eventually speech. How these faculties are molded depends on inherent capacities, nurturing environment, and other external influences. Long before man speaks to the developing mind, G'd is already speaking to the developing person. The physical world strikes the physical senses but force behind the physical world is more powerful. Al-Islam places a great deal of emphasis on self-development. This is where an individual takes the responsibility for understanding the purpose of human life. The individual takes responsibility for shaping that life in the best possible manner, for one's own benefit and the benefit of the society at large. "Choose the best thereof." Al-Islam provides comprehensive guidance to achieve this goal. Human development consists of processes of growth and change that take place from birth to the end of life. The development process is both internally and externally influenced from sensory inputs through the organs. It is internally self-propelled from things which happen within the human body and mind.

The focus here is the development of the human mind, by using words which take place through sensory inputs and internal mental processes. This development includes learning through the senses, and cognition that occurs when learning is abstracted into knowledge for subsequent use. "Speak a word directed to the right." As we speak internally, especially, and externally, in general, we hard-wire our brain, with habitual destructive thoughts, words. We re-wire our brain with new language, creating a new person with positive affirmations.

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QURANIC REFLECTION CONTINUED

It is a result of people refusing to accept each other and allowing their prejudice to form their opinions of the other from a mere introduction. We know that communities are formed to unite different groups of people, but this is not happening. G-d created us to further our relationship with each other and celebrate our differences. However, we are observing people from all walks of life jockeying among themselves that they are better than other people. People should not boast about the greatness of their group. On the contrary, they should humble themselves in their devoutness. "Lo! The highest of you in the sight of G-D is the one who is most devoted to Him. Lo! G-D's knowledge is comprehensive and pure. The Most High brings forth knowledge that is precise, and He is well acquainted with all secrets." G-d created us to know each other and to share our unique differences with one another. (Sources: Holy Quran 49:13, Abu Fares Arabic Dictionary, Ar Raghīb Arabic Dictionary, Muslim American Logic Institute (M.A.L.I.) Student Reflections, and Imam W. D. Mohammed Tafsiirs)

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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The Bible in Philippians 4:8, says, "Therefore, my brethren, think on those things that are true, those that are honorable, those that are righteous, those things that are pure, those things that are precious, those things that are praiseworthy, deeds of glory and of praise. Think and meditate on these things."

"Words make people." The words we speak, silently or aloud, create our lived world experience. Every thought we think is a word.

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COMMUNITY MATTERS



Stewart Memorial joined Mobile Masjid, and the Ali Foundation in distributing food to the citizens of



Mobile. The 2020 Census was the



focus of this effort as well. The Mobile Masjid is set to continue monthly food distributions with the next one scheduled for October 28th.



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Words can be measured on a vibrational scale. For example, the word love vibrates at a higher frequency than the word hate. The word health vibrates higher than the word sickness. Choose your words carefully. They make you. They **"REMAKE THE WORLD"**.