

# Newsletter

## A Newsletter of the Mobile Islamic Community



O you who believe! Eat of the good things that We have provided for you, and be grateful to ALLAH, if it is Him you worship.  
Holy Quran 2:172; 16:114



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

**Read the HOLY QURAN daily.**

**Amendment Results Below.**  
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### IMAMS SPEAK

“We, the world of religious teachers, are so far behind. We are talking to man’s soul; we are talking to his spirit but are doing little teaching to his rational mind. And that is a big mistake.

In Islam, the focus is the rational mind and Muhammad the Prophet, peace be upon him, said ‘G-d did not create anything better than the human brain.’ This is the saying of our Prophet (pbuh) recorded in Bukhari and Muslim in hadith, the great volumes of information...

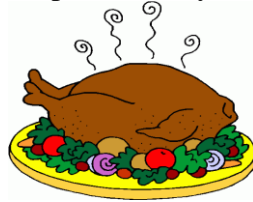
Should I go and give G-d the spirit of my soul and the sentiments of my heart, when G-d has created my brain above my soul and above my heart. Although the soul is so mysterious, it may extend above my brain, but I do know it waits on my brain to do something. So, should I perform with my spirit and not perform with my mind for G-d? Should I glorify Him with my spirit and not with my intelligence?

When you see what has happened in this world to bring communities from existing just like animals, eating, sleeping, having sex, playing and dying, to engage in the material world and to give human beings science and technology and many comforts with the intellect working with matter...

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### NEIGHBORLY NEEDS

**Thanksgiving food give away.**  
Prepared turkey dinners



will be given to the community on Thursday, November 26, 2020 from noon until finished at the Mobile Masjid of Al-Islam, 1559 Duval Street, Mobile, Alabama 36605. Walk or drive by to receive. For further information contact Norma Shakoor at 251-367-6439 or Janice Rashid at 251-767-7666. Donations accepted. Contact Wali Mustafa at 251-300-9672.



**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**  
Imam/Hajji Kamal H Saleem

"...But it is possible that you dislike a thing which is good for you, and that you love a thing

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### DID YOU KNOW

We all know by now that Joe Biden is President Elect of the United States, even though Alabama voted overwhelmingly against him. But do you know what your votes in the other November 3<sup>rd</sup> election areas meant?

**Amendment 1** amended 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. Only vs Every—what does it mean to you?



**What did Amendment 4 do?**

This measure authorized the Alabama state legislature— during the 2022 regular state legislative session— to recompile the Alabama Constitution and provide for its ratification. According to the text of the proposed amendment, authorized changes to the constitution were designed to include:

- arranging it in proper articles, parts, and sections;
- removing all racist language;
- deleting duplicative and repealed provisions;
- consolidating provisions regarding economic development; and

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### IMAMS SPEAK

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When you see how Islam came in the time of Muhammad (pbuh), when the world had left off intellectual interests and scientific inquiries, when Muhammad (pbuh) received Qur'an, it was inspired again in the minds of studious men and women. Then the great sciences and technology came back—medicine, astronomy with instruments to study the stars, with instruments to make glass; all of this came back. Then came universities and colleges.

When you see that, know that G-d created human beings to glorify Him, not just with the instruments of their feelings, but with the instrument of their brain and their rational faculties, etc. This is a great glorification.” Source: Wake Up To Human Life, Imam W. Deen Mohammed, pages 52-54

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

“Thanksgiving in the United States is a national holiday with most businesses closed and people off from work and school. It is [traditionally] celebrated by meeting family and enjoying a meal and time together. As such, most Muslims enjoy the weekday off in the same way. Although Thanksgiving has some pseudo-religious roots among colonizing Europeans and Native Americans, its concept as a way of showing thanks to the divine is widespread throughout most cultures... It is seen as a way of bringing together people from varying cultural and religious backgrounds. In this light,

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which is bad for you. But Allah knoweth, and ye know not."

Whether you are in trouble or in a good situation, you always thank G-d because maybe the trouble saved you from something worse. Something worse could have been in the way for you. Maybe the trouble detained you or diverted you to prevent you from receiving the other trouble that was waiting on you. The other trouble could have been much worse. We never know. Therefore, we trust G-d for everything. We say "SubhanAllah" and on G-d we put our trust. Highly glorified is Allah, and we put our trust in Him.

There is so much to gain from this verse from the Qur'an and the wisdom of Imam Mohammad. Too many times in life people concentrate way too much on the obstacles not realizing that with or within that obstacle is a life lesson or an immense opportunity for growth and a blessing. Life is presenting these challenges and too many times we as human beings miss the opportunity for growth. A unique way to set yourself up for the challenges of life is rather than spending countless hours trying to change things that are not within your power to change, why not go to work on you. We have to realize that in order for things to change we have to be willing to change and the reality is that no one can do it for you. You are the one in charge. When one comes to this conclusion, change is imminent. Your salats work better for you. Your relationships are better and you will definitely experience more peace of mind.

JazakAllah Khair

Imam/Hajji Kamal H Saleem

Sources: Holy Quran-2:216; Tafsiirs of Imam W. D. Mohammed

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- arranging all local amendments by county of application.

An example of language that was set to be removed includes Section 256 of Article XIV, Alabama Constitution, which states "Separate schools shall be provided for white and colored children, and no child of either race shall be permitted to attend a school of the other race."

To see how your vote impacted other Alabama issues visit the sources listed below.

<https://ballotpedia.org/Alabama> or <https://www.sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes>

Did your November 3<sup>rd</sup> vote count?  
<http://myinfo.alabamavotes.gov>

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Thanksgiving is permissible (mubāh) if it is free of any impermissible elements..."

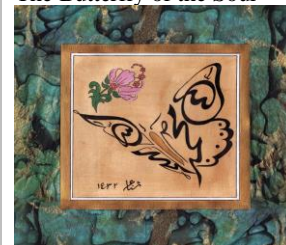
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<https://icmcasjid.org/iftaservice/fsq7>

Is yours a multicultural, multireligious, or non-traditional family? If so, how do you celebrate/observe Thanksgiving, Christmas, or other celebrations/observations? Send your replies to

**newsletter1559@gmail.com** and look for a compilation of replies in a future newsletter.

The Butterfly of the Soul



by Sana Naveed