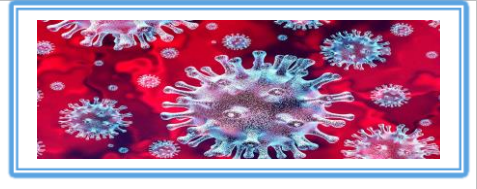


Newsletter

A Newsletter of the Mobile Islamic Community

Reading Gives Us Someplace To
Go When We Have To Stay Where
We Are Mason Cooley



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

IMAMS SPEAK

Excerpts from Imam W. D. Mohammed's public address on the first Sunday of the New Year, 2006. The Imam began WITH THE NAME ALLAH, and what follows in that tradition, and properly greeting those present.

We pray that the New Year we have now will be better than the year that just went out. And I believe it will be for all of us. We are addressing the need for reform. The future that we are facing is going to bring about more demand for reform, more support for reform... This is a new world we are living in. This is a new time and a new world. The world was once being one-sighted, seeing one way and not respecting the whole people or the whole population of the planet. It was moving very selfishly in the direction of what it wanted and ignoring justice.

At home in our big and small cities, reform is becoming a more pressing issue. Feeling and perception also need reforming; how we feel about things and how we perceive or understand things. Communities must support efforts to reform popular thinking and attitudes. Emotions are too high. The human intelligence in the future will be approached more directly. People will be demanded to use their brains and respect intelligent behavior. As the world tries to keep its old habit of singing and dancing their troubles away, the world gets more messy. Morals become more confused and human abuses more horrified...

Read the HOLY QURAN daily.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Imam Kamal H Saleem

Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim
"If you loan to Allah a beautiful loan, He will double it to your (credit), and He will grant forgiveness: for Allah is most Ready to appreciate (service), Most Forbearing, - Knower of what is hidden and what is open, Exalted in Might, Full of Wisdom."
Qur'an Sura 64 At-Taghabun, Ayah 17-18.

As we close out the year 2020, and begin 2021, many reflections are in order. First of all, we should thank Allah that those of us that are still here; are here by the Mercy of Allah. The year of the Pandemic will continue into 2021. We pray that Allah bless humanity to see an end to this devastating pandemic.

With that said, as we reflect upon this year and anticipate the next year, wouldn't it make good logical sense to seek Allah's Mercy and Guidance? As we do that, we continue to plan and take responsibility for our lives and actions. We are told in Qur'an that our own selves obligate us. As we go into 2021 what's our focus? What are our goals and objectives? It is said and it's a very true statement that "If you don't have a plan, you are part of someone else's plan." Guess what they are planning for you!! Imam Mohammad (RA) enriched not only this indigenous community of Muslims and the Muslim world, he impacted so many different areas of

COVID 19, A NEW CORONAVIRUS

CORONAVIRUS

Could you be required to get a COVID-19 vaccination to keep a job?

"The short answer: Yes. An employer can make a vaccination a requirement if you want to continue working there. But there are significant exceptions for potential concerns related to any disability you may have and for religious beliefs that prohibit vaccinations. And experts say that employers are more likely to simply encourage their workers to get immunized rather than issue a company-wide mandate.



Source: <https://www.cdc.gov>

Employment in the United States is generally 'at will,' which means that your employer can set working conditions, says Dorit Reiss, a law professor at the University of California, Hastings, who specializes in legal and policy issues related to vaccines. Certainly, employers can set health and safety work conditions, with a few limits.

What workers can do

- Seek a vaccine exemption on medical grounds
- Seek a vaccine exemption due to religious beliefs
- Ask for alternative accommodations such as use of personal protective

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This is really an unconscious world. It is a world with a spirit controlling it. Most of the people are controlled by a spirit that is not intelligent and is not the spirit that came from good parents. It is not the spirit that came from good teachings and education. It is not the spirit that comes from the individual's good thinking. And that spirit is costing us a lot. So, we are going to have to reform our spirit. All you have to do is reform the way you think, and everything will change for the better. (to be continued).
(Credit: Muslim Journal, Jan. 19, 2018)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Join the international Museum of Muslim Cultures,



INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM
**of MUSLIM
CULTURES**

Jackson, Mississippi for the **Excellence Awards and Fundraising Gala, December 30, 2020** at 6pm central time. To register for and support this virtual event, visit
<https://app.mobilecause.com/e/fmOoGg?vid=f10s3>

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We encourage our readers to send information about interesting and important items. We are looking for journalists to write information/articles about the Prophets and Messengers mentioned in the Holy Quran; and Women in Islam. To receive newsletter guidelines, or for questions or comments contact The Editor at newsletter1559@gmail.com.

life. If you adhere to, and implement his exertions, you are not only in a good place, you are most likely foremost in faith. As we continue to strive through what may seem to be difficult times remember that Allah is with us. As it says in Qur'an "and soon will your strivings be known" and "with certainty with difficulty comes relief".
JazakAllah

NEIGHBORLY NEEDS

The Believers that we are aware of that are experiencing health concerns are: Sister Nimat Muhammad, in Saad Facility.

Brother Leroy Shareef who is at home but was experiencing and recuperating from health issues.

Sister Gloria Mahdi who has been in and out of the hospital recently.

Sister Barbara Id-Deen continues to get progressively better and hopes and prays to stay on this path with Allah's guidance and protection.

Brother Eddie Shahid has been under the weather.

We are asking Believers to remember them in your Du'a'. Let us remember the blessings and responsibilities that we have one to the other. We are an extended family so when one of us is experiencing discomfort, illness, loss, or pain, we should be there for each other. We never know what a phone call, visit, or gift can mean to someone experiencing difficulties. I pray that Allah bless us to fulfill all of our obligations; not just out of obligation but out of sincere love and concern.

As-Salaam-Alaikum
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Holy Quran 2:177

...be firm and patient, in pain (or suffering) and adversity, and throughout all periods of panic. Such are the people of truth, the G-d fearing.

equipment, working separately or working from home.

Those restrictions generally are tied to the federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, according to guidance the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) issued regarding workers' rights during the pandemic, including vaccinations. If employees have medical reasons or sincerely held religious beliefs that prevent them from taking a potential coronavirus vaccine, employers could be legally required to give the workers some reasonable alternative to continue to work."

Source: <https://www.aarp.org/>

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California Appoints First Muslim Chaplain to State Legislature



Offering spiritual support and guidance, Muslim chaplains in the West act as intra-institutional leaders who work towards greater interfaith understanding and community engagement.

With more chaplains taking leading roles in universities and hospitals, Imam Mohammad Yasir Khan made history this month after becoming the first Muslim chaplain appointed to the California Legislature.

Anthony Rendon, speaker of the California State Assembly, appointed the Imam on December 7 as the assembly chaplain for the 2021-22 session, according to a news release.
Source: AboutIslam.com
(Submitted by Nashid Rushdan)