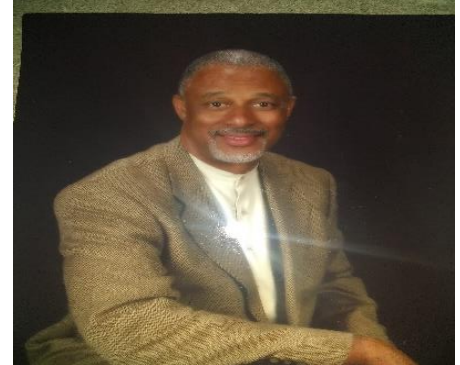
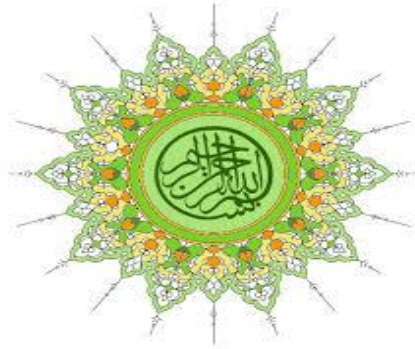
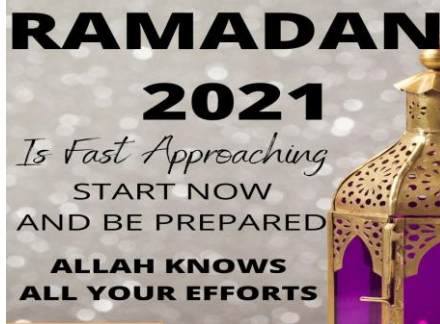


# Newsletter

## A Newsletter of the Mobile Islamic Community



Newsletter vol.1 no. 2 Ramadan Schedule

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

### IMAMS SPEAK

Below are excerpts from a 1982 interview with Imam W. D. Mohammed that was published in the predecessor to the A.M. Journal and re-published on Facebook. As with all articles, we ask that you read with the eyes of goodness and include in your thoughts as you reflect upon these words.

### Jurisprudence and Shariah in Al-Islam

QUESTION: Do you encourage your community to practice the Sunni of Prophet Muhammed in harmony with the interpretation of such Sunni scholars as Al Ghazali, Imam Rabini, etc.?

—Danbury, Conn.

IMAM MOHAMMED: Regarding the jurisprudence and shari'ah in Al-Islam, the understanding and application of the teachings of Al-Islam especially in legal matters, and the body of laws that have been established or formed over the many centuries since the time of Prophet Muhammed (S.A.W.), I would say only that I advise Muslims in this part of the world -- especially the Muslims of this community -- to follow the leadership of this community and have faith that this leadership will bring this community to the highest possible point of development as an

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Read the HOLY QURAN daily.  
Ar Ra'd-Thunder; Al Hijr-The Rock; Al  
A'raf-The Elevations

### QURANIC REFLECTION

#### Polygamy Misunderstood

By Nashid Rushdan

If you are afraid or anticipate some discomfort with not being equitable with the destitute women, whose father is absent or those who have not come of age, being one is under your hand in that you have not granted them a dowry like other than them. Then abstain or marry what is good for you from the women other than them two, three, or four.

If you are frightened or anticipate adversity toward you from the women, then be content with one and take possession of what is near you from the bondwoman. Therefore, take up what is lawful for you amongst the orphans and wives from one to four. With the restriction of one or the possession of the right, it will come close to avoidance of oppression and transgression.

The emphasis rules out marrying another woman from a physical attraction. The verse is not promoting polygamy, but it is putting a limit on a condition that puts women in an abusive or unjust situation in a

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Congratulations 2021 Ratification  
Mobile Masjid Resident Imam  
Kamal H. Saleem

### RATIFICATIONS

With the new year comes renewed leadership for the Mobile Masjid of Al-Islam. Imam Kamal H. Saleem continues as the resident Imam. Two newly ratified Surah Board members, Gregory Shakir and Ahmed Zahra join board members Shareef Id-Deen, Chairperson, and Ronald Ali. May Allah Protect You All In Your Service To Our Community. Below are messages from new board members and newly ratified Resident Imam Saleem.

ASA. I am Gregory Shakir, an early supporter (at the age of 12, in the 1970's) of the Hon. Elijah



Muhammad, I continued under his son's leadership, Imam W. D. Muhammed (The Muslim-Spokesman for Human Salvation). I enlisted in the United States Coast Guard at the age of 17, returned home in 2008, where I have been an active member of The Mobile Masjid. Through membership on the Shura Board, I serve as secretary. I operate the only Muslim owned

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Islamic community.

The established principles and teachings of this religion, we accept and we intend to include all of those sound and well-established teachings and bodies of knowledge in our own curriculum for the elementary schools, the high schools and the colleges. And we hope to make all of that knowledge available to our Imams.

But we have to do it with some discretion, because the writer knows, I am sure, that there are many unsound Hadiths, many unsound laws in the Islamic society today and we have to be careful to select them very carefully.

Who knows, perhaps this community in the very near future will be blessed with learned scholars from our community who will be able to study history, study the history of the law, study persons like Al Ghazali and Rabini and many others and give even deeper insight than we have so far.

We don't believe that the past scholars in this religion are super-beings and there will be no match for them in the future.

We believe that if we study the Qur'an very diligently, study the life of Prophet Muhammed, Hadith and the body of information that traditionally has been passed down as shari'ah, or whatever, with our modern mind, our modern interest and the sincerity that is in us at this time, it is possible that we will improve upon it.

That is what history is. History is improving upon what is discovered, upon what is given.

G'd has given us some things and we make certain discoveries or certain disclosures. G'd also has blessed us with vision to even make improvements. Perhaps there is something that the old scholars overlooked when they were

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### QURANIC REFLECTIONS

society. The verse presents the possible hardships of polygamy and strongly suggests that a monogamous relationship is better in a balanced society.

Sources: Holy Quran 4:3, Abu Fares and Ar Raghieb Arabic Dictionary Editor's note: We encourage our readers to seek additional Quranic sources and send your comments to newsletter1559@gmail.com.

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**Jurisprudence and Shariah in Al-Islam** interpreting and applying the teachings of Qur'an and the teachings of Prophet Muhammed -- which are the same in my opinion.

The teachings of the Qur'an and Hadith differ only in that one is the language of the Prophet, the other is revealed language. The body of knowledge that was expressed from the Prophet as a human being -- or as the Prophet to Hadith or whatever we might want to call it-- though it is second in authority to the Qur'an, in my opinion it must be in agreement with the Qur'an.

I think some of these scholars of the past have not dealt with law and Hadith as they should have dealt with them--that is in the light of the Qur'an. Let the Qur'an be the inspecting light: inspecting what we are doing, inspecting what we are examining, questioning the conclusions that we come to.

I think there is more improvement to be done in that area.

I hope that from this community will come leaders, scholars who will carry us into stronger, more solid grounds regarding Hadith and Shari'ah.

05/21/1982

"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

### RATIFICATIONS

Pest Control business in Mobile, and possibly, the state of Alabama.

Ahmad Zahra was born in the village of Al Haram, Jaffa district in Palestine and grew up in Kuwait. He came to the United States in 1982. In 1990 he received a degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of South Alabama. He has a teenage son, a wife who is an educator, and in his spare time he likes to work in the garden.

Imam/Hajji Kamal H. Saleem says: First of all, I would like to express my appreciation to the Believers of the Mobile Masjid for their hard work and giving me the privilege of being a servant leader. True leadership in Al-Islam is servitude because it is very clear in our religion, clearly defining what leadership is. Whether it is an Imam, Committee Chair, Teacher, Propagator, etc., it is all centered on Servitude. Rendering service is key. All of us have to be dedicated to lifelong learning and application of this sacred knowledge. Loyalty is not so much to the leader as it is to the religion. The leader is a follower of the Prophet (pbuh). Leaders will come and go, but the goal of Muslims is always the same: to keep following and expanding on the traditions that lead to ultimate success; success in this life and the next.

### OF NOTE

Congratulations to Sister Patricia Salaam and Brother Prince Shakuur



on their recent wedding (nikkah). May Allah reward them with many years of married bliss.

***It is He Who has created man from water: then has He established relationships of lineage and marriage: for thy Lord has power (over all things). Holy Quran 25:54***