

# Newsletter

## A Newsletter of the Mobile Islamic Community



*May Allah bless your heart with a joyful spirit that keeps glowing forever! Happy new Islamic year to you all.*

*Thanks to Luqman Rashid and the Hilal committee for announcing the first day of the Islamic month of Muharram 1442 on Friday, August 21, 2020.  
HAPPY NEW ISLAMIC YEAR!*

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Surah 9: Ayat 36*

### PANDEMIC CONCERNS By Imam Kamal H Saleem

Bismillah  
When we stopped having our meetings at the Masjid back in March the Corona Virus was starting to spread throughout the Country and different parts of the world especially in the West. Now five Months later we have a serious pandemic on our hands. In the United States alone we have over five million cases and over 170,000 deaths with a daily death rates increasing in many states. As we know, we have been meeting on our Masjid's grounds when weather permits for Jumauh. We are adhering to the known guidelines of social distancing, wearing masks, and asking Believers not to come out if they are sick or have a fever or cough. Anything that would endanger themselves or others.

We are blessed with a comprehensive religion. I will not quote verses or hadith that give us directions on what to do or how to continue practicing our religion under adverse circumstances. I think most of us know those references and in earlier emails we shared those.

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### FOOD FOR THOUGHT By Nashid Rushdan

Or did you consider that you will get to enter the garden that embodies trees, rivers, and fruits while there has not yet happened to you an amazing comparison like that which came to those who expired before you? The believers are those who calmly endured hardship like the calmness of those who came before them. They desired relief from calamities like the stress of poverty, illness and pain that reached, overtook, unsettled and disturbed them. The affliction was so disturbing to their inner nature that it increased their level of hardship. Both the representative in spiritual matters and those believers who are obedient along with him said, "when will the aid and support of G-D come"? The forces of help which they were promised to receive from G-D slowly came to them. Now surely G-D's help is always present. G-D's help always opens the victory that comes.

Some people fail to see and recognize G-D's help because they have put a false material picture of what help is in their mind.

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### STORIES OF THE PROPHETS Prayers and Peace Upon Them All

#### Al Hijrah or the Prophet's Emigration

Much persecution of Muslims by the people of Mecca, including members of the Quraysh, a prominent community in Mecca, led the Prophet to encourage migration to Abyssinia. Even though the Christian ruler was kind to those who migrated, this proved not to be enough for many of those who migrated to Abyssinia. Muslims also left Mecca and went in small groups to Yathrib (Madinah). Some stayed, others were sent back. When the command of ALLAH came for the Prophet to emigrate from Mecca to Madinah (Yathrib), Muhammad asked Abu Bakr to accompany him. Haykal describes: "During Muhammad's long and exhaustive trip, the news reached his companions in Yathrib that he had emigrated to join them.

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I will say that the life that Allah has blessed us with is sacred and a trust. We are obligated to protect it. With that being said by the time of this post, unless there are drastic changes, those numbers will increase rather than decrease. There is still so much that we do not know about this disease. I pray to Allah that He blesses and protects not only us but the world under this Pandemic. InshaAllah we will continue to improve upon our different forms of communication for the benefit of the Community. We will continue to monitor and stay up to date on the information as it relates to this Pandemic. We will exert caution by praying and following our religion and our good senses. In the midst of all of this there are always opportunities for growth and development and yes blessings. So, protect yourselves and your families and loved ones. This like everything else in life will run its course. The overriding question is will you grow from it. I pray that the answer for all of us is an overwhelming YES. We did grow in the midst of difficulty. In closing as our Prophet (pbuh) said to his companion in the cave "have no fear Abu Bakr Allah is with us." Allah is always with the Believers. JazakAllah Khair

## Announcements



**Season of Creation 2020:**  
**Jubilee for the Earth**

An on-line series designed to help communities of faith act to protect creation.

September 6, 2:00 - 3:15 p.m.  
**Transforming Faith, Transforming Earth**  
Dr. Robert Gottfried, The University of the South  
followed by a panel discussion

Presented by  
**GULF COAST Creation Care**  
A faith-based climate action alliance

September 20, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.  
**Creation Care from Varied Faith Perspectives**  
Interfaith Panel:  
The Rev. Bob Donnell, All Saints Episcopal Church, Moderator  
Imam Kamal Saleem, Mobile Masjid of Al-Islam  
The Rev. Ellen Sims, Open Table United Church of Christ  
Mr. Glen Mutchnick, Congregation Sha'arai Shomayim  
- Springhill Avenue Temple  
Dr. Stephen Wilson, Spring Hill College  
Ms. Candice Dunston, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Mobile

September 27, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
**We Need Courage - Not Hope - to Fight Climate Change**  
Anna Jane Joyner, Climate Activist

Register for all Zoom sessions on our website:  
<https://gulfcostcreationcare.org/upcoming-events>. Sessions will also  
be livestreamed on our Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/GulfCoastCreationCare/>.



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This causes them to miss seeing all the continuous help that G-D provides to them each second of their life such as protecting them while they are asleep. Comparing the indigenous African American community to other ethnic communities, we are in a worse condition due to the psychological effects of slavery that we have been carrying for generations. In 2020 we are still psychologically tied to depending on our material wealth to come from the former slave master until we cannot see G-D's help. If we compare our material wealth during the period of slavery to now in 2020, our condition is far better than what it was during slavery. If the indigenous African American would start looking through the lens of our natural mind or our first mind as it is called, we would see that G-D's help is constantly helping us. Then we can advance as other ethnic communities are advancing in this world. We will become sharing producers and contributors in the global marketplace versus continuing to be consumers for other people's material products. By the indigenous African American people recognizing G-D's help in real time 2020, we can compete with other groups and be a witness bearer that G-D's help is always near.

(Sources: Holy Quran 2:214, Abu Fares Arabic Dictionary, Ar Raghib Arabic Dictionary, Muslim American Logic Institute (M.A.L.I.) Student Reflections, and Imam W. D. Mohammed Tafsirs)

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### Qur'anic Reflections Calendar

A one of a kind Qur'anic Reflections Calendar, from August 2020 to January 2022 is a great gift to share for the Islamic New Year. The Qur'anic Reflections calendar includes M.A.L.I. student reflections. Locally contact Nashid Rushdan, or notify Qur'anic Reflections Calendar Editor, Fowziyyah Ali at [ali.efz157@gmail.com](mailto:ali.efz157@gmail.com) or call 585-354-7423.

## Study and Enrichment

Khankids.org (from birth to 1st grade)  
<https://studyal-islam.com/>

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Aware of the enmity of the Quraysh and of their attempts to follow, seize [and kill] the Prophet, the Muslims waited anxiously for his arrival...". The significance in Islam of the move from Mecca to Madinah is so great that the Islamic calendar acknowledges this event, Al Hijrah.

With the sighting of the new moon to start the first month of this Islamic year, Muharram 1, 1442 AH (After Hijrah), August 21, 2020 AC (After Christ), we pray everyone enjoys a safe and prosperous New Islamic Year, New Year Mubarak!

Reference: The Life of Muhammad by Haykal

## DID YOU KNOW

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1) Muharram مُحَرَّم

2) Safar صَفَر

3) Rabi' Al-Awwal ربيع الأول

4) Rabi' Al-Akhir ربيع الآخر  
also called Rabi' Al-Thani ربيع الثاني

5) Jumada Al-Oula جُمَادَى الْأُولَى

6) Jumada Al-Akhirah جُمَادَى الْآخِرَةِ  
also called Jumada Al-Thaniyah جُمَادَى الثَّانِيَةِ

7) Rajab رَجَب

8) Sha'ban شَعْبَان

9) Ramadan رَمَضَان

10) Shawwal شَوَّال

11) Dhu Al-Qi'dah ذُو الْقَعْدَةِ

12) Dhu Al-Hijjah ذُو الْحِجَّةِ

## Announcements

Barbara and Shareef Id-Deen welcomed another grandbaby, Jabril Dawan Id-Deen, Al-hamdulillah!



During COVID19, the Mobile Masjid of Al-Islam will meet using Facebook at The Community Mind or by conference call, 712-775-7031. Use pin: 524420723#.

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