

WHAT "WORDS MAKE PEOPLE" MEANS TO ME

A word is what describes a thing. A word can also be used for something outside of description. You hear someone say "Keep your word", meaning to keep a promise to yourself right? Everything in creation sends images to our minds that evolve into words having the potential to form language. In the beginning was the word, and it took on form as a living soul. The first command given to Prophet Muhammed (PBUH) was "Iqrah", meaning read. He had to analyze the environment around him, then turn his discoveries into images in his intellect and bring them out to human realization. That's what many of our famous scientists did. Now we know about gravitational laws, inertia, the different branches of physics, etc. So, not only do words make people, people make words into people in their perception. We hear: "Describe this person with one word" right? We use personality traits and actions to tell who and what a person is like, which is how we find out how our character is built. A picture is worth 1000 words right? You can gain many concepts from just looking at one image, that's dynamic.

Imam W.D Mohammed stated that Allah said the Ka'bah sits on qawaid. One of the meanings for this term is "*grammar*", and this was the foundation of the Ka'bah. Grammar is defined as: "The study of how words and their component parts combine to form sentences. The study of structural relationships in language or in a language, sometimes including pronunciation, meaning, and linguistic history." Words is also progression. Let's look at Alif Lam Mim, the three letters read in Surah Baqarah. From the sounds, it starts from the throat (Alif), then to the pallet of the mouth (Lam), then comes out through the lips (Mim).

Just like that we see that words are stages of development; but how do we really know that? Well, everyday we're increasing our vocabulary whether we know it or not. We are introduced to new knowledge that's all around us, not only do we increase our vocabulary, but we also increase our knowledge. Prophet Musa (PBUH) said: "Oh my Lord, advance me in knowledge". With all the understanding we gain, we learn more about ourselves, and we learn more about our interests, and the level of impact that we have on society. I think that's what the Honorable Elijah Mohammed wanted to let us know when he made the statement "Words make people". The human being, as a whole, is a compilation of words that was given life by Allah (SWT). Again, in the beginning was the word, and it took on form as a living soul. Then it is said that words have power, and it's how we use these words that determines who we are. Imam W.D. Mohammed is the best example. Whenever he spoke he calculated his words to its correct usage to where it wouldn't cause conflict. Instead, he used the power of his words to expand our minds, to have more than one-dimensional thinking. He wanted us to see things on a global level, so his words paved the way to that mindset. Only a handful of us have realized this important lesson Imam Mohammed was giving us. He taught us to study the creation, make the connection, and to take it to the logical conclusion, which is where our conceptual thinking will shine for all to see.

If we learn to use our words just as Imam W.D. Mohammed did, we can certainly see a seechange in our narrative. We have the power to influence others to join in what is right. You hear people say "Your words changed me", or "Your words really got to me", or even "What you said, it really hit the spot", see the impact? So it's not all about man power, it's about our ability to navigate through our word power.

In my opinion, once we realize the effect of our words, we truly show our togetherness. Words make people is more than just a saying, it's a critical message for the human soul, a message for our minds, and a message for the human picture. It is our knowledge that will advance us in society. It is also said that the more words you know, the better you'll become. It's going back to what I said about the power of words and the possession of greater dimensional thinking. I said it before, and I'll say it again, we as human are a compilation of words, better vocabulary goes hand in hand with being a better person. At least the soul can appreciate the advancement, because it'll be at ease knowing that we've realize the true impact and potential of our words, and we used this power to become a much stronger people, community wise and globally.