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THE *Islamic* MEANING OF *Unity*

Hold fast unto the Rope of God and don't divide yourselves into sects
(God) has honored every child of Adam.

The most important principle that has been given to us in Islam is the principle of tawhid (unity). This does not mean that we should only believe in Allāh as the one true God. It means many more things.

Tawhid is the basis of the philosophy of life in Islam. It means that Allāh is One (prefer unity because one is a finite concept) (Ahad), therefore all mankind is one family. Two groups are possible in this one family but both are concentric, that is, rallying around the same centre of humanity itself. About these two groups,

The Quran says:

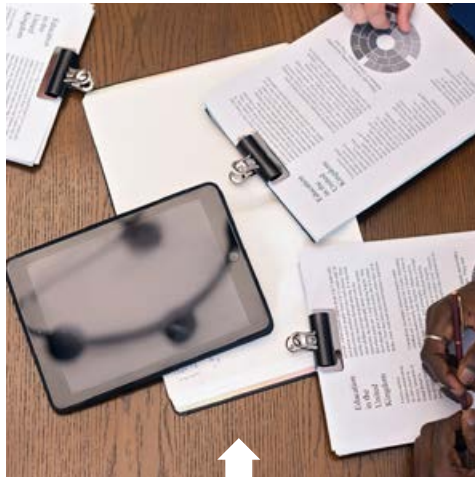
Whoever wants to be a believer, let him be one, and whoever wants to be a disbeliever, let him be.

A command has been given by the Lord and King of this universe, who cannot be disobeyed under any pretext. And Allah commands:

Stand fast by that principle of unity and solidarity that has been given to you and do not divide yourself into different groups!

This division has been taking place in history and also among Muslims on two grounds:

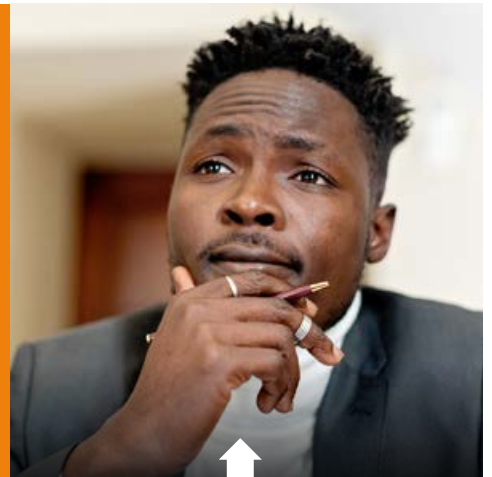
- 1 political where there has been a clash between vested interest and personalities.
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School days were the most exciting days of our lives. Most if not all learners walked to school because we lived in close proximity to the school.

A familiar sight would be the brown box-like case that we carried. **No backpacks** then. The contents would be books, pens, pencils a bottle of ink for the fountain pen, blotting paper.

Our lunch would be wrapped in wax wrap plus a bottle of the famous diluted Tomango orange juice.

PMB did not have very many schools back then. There were the more prestigious schools on the better side of town, but of course they were strictly whites only.

For us Coloureds there were only 2 schools, namely Raisethorpe Primary School & Alston Secondary School, & in later years an infant school in the city. Our Indian learners would attend Woodlands School, Girls High & St Anthony's primary. Our Zulu speaking learners attended Sobantu Primary & Edendale School. Our school was run by The Natal Provincial Administration which allocated elderly, mostly semi retired teachers to these schools. The pass rates were nothing like one would get today, as there were many issues that learners had to deal with. Many came from disadvantaged backgrounds where parents were unemployed.

It was evident there was a strategic infiltration of racial segregation entering our country. It was a period in history when the Afrikaner National Party was planning to supercede the present Govt. A dark cloud loomed on the horizon while various political parties emerged & it became common practice for one to be glued to your radio for the latest news broadcasts. This would eventually affect our education system as well. It was early days launching of the ANC Youth League as well.

Most of these teachers were predominantly white, although there were a few Coloured teachers who came from other cities.

Due to the Colonial nature of things we were taught under a very dominant colonial system. Even the songs we sang in our music classes were of a Scottish or Irish background.

In those days if one didn't have shoes or the full uniform, you still came to school because there were many other pupils who were in a similar predicament. To us this was just the acceptable norm & no one was discriminated against. Classes were large but we had big old fashioned desks with lids that opened.

All learners were given a hot meal at lunch time.

I can distinctly remember the 2 old ladies, who cooked in the

kitchen, Mrs Bowles & Mrs Fisher. They loved the children but were also cheeky. If we misbehaved in line, they would smack us with the dishcloth. There was this massive coal stove with those large pots that bubbled away continuously.

Sports day was the most exciting day on the calendar. Alas, we did not have Nike trainers or brand name tracksuits & club coloured t-shirts. We ran barefoot in white thick cotton tee shirts & shorts. If you couldn't afford them you just ran in a vest & uniform shorts for the boys & our gym uniforms tucked into our pants for us girls.

A ribbon was pinned to your garment to indicate what group you belonged to.

This type of dress code also applied to our physical training classes as well.

There weren't many sporting codes as equipment was not available. We played softball, hockey, soccer & cricket. Selected teams often traveled to neighboring towns to partake in tournaments. The transport would be at the back of truck.

Boys who violated school rules would receive a caning of 3 of the best from the principal while the girls would get hit on the hand with a ruler.

Boys would often be punished for smoking in the toilets or engaging in a fist fight with their rivals. Little gangs were commonplace so these scuffle occurred constantly.

My friends & I were reported for stealing the roses from a neighbour's garden to give to the teacher as a gift.

Being a class monitor I had the responsibility of operating the archaic cyclostyling machine. This was the mode used to copy hand printed notes on a special paper then rolled onto the blank paper by means of a hand operated handle. This was a laborious task, not like the computers today where you type, copy & pasted, select the amount & print.

The ink would run out, the paper jammed or the roller slipped out of its socket.

Milk was delivered to the school from the local dairy in large so-called jerry cans. We were given a mug of milk before school each morning.

On a hot February day after lunch break, the classroom would have a whiff of body odour, because the boys were physically engaged in a soccer game. The girls would be chasing each other or skipping like it went out of fashion. We returned to the classroom, hot, sticky & sweaty. I remember the only deodorant available was Mum deodorant cream in a small jar. One would rub it onto your armpits with your fingers. We hadn't seen or heard of deodorant sprays as aerosol cans were non existent.

The resident nurse often checked our heads for evidence of head nits or lice then the guilty parties were sent home with a note for the parents.

There was also a free dental service offered by the department. The victims would queue up reluctantly outside the surgery, distraught & in absolute fear of the consultation awaiting them. Us girls would laugh hysterically at this event because it was the class bullies who were the most frightened to have the needle pierce their gums.

I can go on & on reiterating these comical events of that day, which would be unacceptable or rendered unhygienic today. Oh yes, then there was the washroom where we all used the same cakes of Lifebuoy soap & the 2 roller towels on the wall. (yuck) Some individuals would wash their faces & wipe them on those horrendous "free for all" towels.

I won't go to the toilet situation for fear of putting my readers off their cup of tea. That is a story for another day or rather not. Bye for now my friends. See you next week as we wrap up the Colonial Era with a bang.



Importance of having a Christian Worldview (Part 1)

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PS Mike Gobel, CEO
Planting Hope Foundation

If you haven't already, I would recommend that you get your hands on the latest Police Recorded Crime Statistics for the First Quarter of 2021/2022 Financial Year, it is a shocking depiction of a society that is clearly spiraling out of moral and ethical control. I also in recent time got to read a series of articles that were posted in different

against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Further in Ephesians 6:13 it says, "we need to take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil days..."

What is a crime to one is simply a way of life to another. We are living in a dispensation where moral reasoning and godly values are no longer based on religious principles but rather on constitutional rights, freedom of expressions and freedom of choice. We have begun to ignore the core principles of human existence and the beauty of our Creation or to give honour, glory and thanksgiving to the One that gives us this life.

When we possess a Christian worldview it becomes the driving force of life, giving us a sense of God's plan and purpose for this life. Our identity is shaped by this worldview, we begin to respect others as part and parcel of the bigger picture—the sanctity of life. We no longer see ourselves as alienated sinners, condemned to a life of immorality, sin, pain and suffering or as islands living unto ourselves.

A Christian worldview is not escapism, but is an energising motivation to strive for godly and faithful thinking and living in the here and now. It also gives us confidence and hope for the future as a 'unified' nation honouring and respecting one another, irrespective of our indifferences in race, gender, culture or religious orientation. In the midst of life's challenges and struggles, a Christian worldview helps to stabilize life, our environment and our political circumstances or instabilities serving as an anchor to link us to God's faithfulness and steadfastness.

Thus, a Christian worldview provides a framework for ethical and moral thinking. We begin to recognize that humans, who are made in God's image, are essentially moral and spiritual beings not just something or someone that you can threaten, abuse, manipulate, harm or hurt as and when you feel like it. When you possess a Christian worldview you also recognize that the fullest embodiment of good, love, holiness, grace and truth is in Jesus Christ (see John 1:14-18).

Developing a Christian worldview is an ever-advancing process for us in which Christian convictions being to shape our participation in culture, social responsibility and community development. This disciplined, vigorous, and unending process will help shape how we assess and develop cultures and beliefs. Otherwise, culture will shape us and our thinking. Thus a Christian worldview offers a new way of thinking, seeing, and doing, based on a new way of being.

newspapers across our country focusing particularly on the recent unrest, violence, destruction and the rise of serious violent and contact crimes in South Africa, not to mention the almost daily revelation of new cases been brought before our courts relating to the unlawful behaviour and acts of corruption in the corridors of government and public office—all for the purpose of self enrichment and the increase of political or economic power and authority.

As I sadly submerged myself into these readings I noticed that each author addressed the crime and corruption issues in our country from the standpoint and perspective of economic deprivation (or poverty if you will). As I was reading I thought I must be missing something. One approach was anthropological, another sociological, another economic—each dealing with systemic issues, which I do not doubt for a moment exist. But missing from most of these articles was any 'sense of responsibility.'

Of course we all know that crime and corruption is a serious problem in our country but with all due respect, the question is what are our political, economic, and even spiritual leaders doing about it? From most of these authors perspective crime was discussed without raising the issue of morality. I could not believe it. Then it dawned upon me that there were diverse 'worldviews' at work in terms of who and what we see when we look and analyze the situation in our country.

We are sadly not looking at our moral and ethical decline as a 'unified' army of God. The Bible says that we "...do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age,



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What inspired you to choose your respective field of work / business?

I was introduced to the legal field and more especially to property law and conveyancing in my early twenties when I started working as a conveyancing secretary in a very well known and reputable local law firm, watched the attorneys and the conveyancers and became obsessed with the idea that I wanted to be a conveyancer too. Later on in my twenties, I moved to another well-known local law firm where again, I was exposed to conveyancers and property law on a daily basis. This inspired me to go after my dream and to work with all my might.

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How many employees do you have?

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What makes your team so effective?

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To what do you attribute your success?

Simply put: I believe that it is how badly you want something, how much you are willing to struggle and sacrifice to achieve it. I "badly wanted" to become an attorney and

a conveyancer and so I achieved it. Of course, anything worth working for is going to come with its pain and struggles. Once I decided that this career was worth the long 60 hour work weeks, and only getting 4-5 hours of sleep per night, the rest followed. I was relentless, persistent, consistent and deliberate in my quest to achieve the goal and when I qualified as attorney and conveyancer, I did not become complacent. I continue to improve and to shift my expectations of myself. The last two points which I think have attributed to my success are that I keep reminding myself that I did not achieve this goal to benefit myself only and so I aim to do something bigger than myself. Lastly, I can attribute my success to my constant quest to make my children proud of me.

What's your company's objective?

To provide the very best legal service and advice to our clients. We pride ourselves on our experience, resourcefulness, and efficiency. Our clients and their needs are our most important objective. We also aim to provide a happy working environment and support structure for our staff, this is of paramount importance to us.

What are some of your company's achievements thus far?

Our biggest achievement has been surviving the lockdown crisis in 2020 and saving the jobs of all our employees and emerging stronger than what we were before the crisis.

What are your commitments as the business owner?

Our biggest commitment is to invest in our staff and ensure they reach their full potential. If we get that right, the rest follows, namely excellent service delivery and happy clients. We are committed to the principle that "if everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself" Henry Ford.

Does your company assist the community?

Yes, we do, we have on a number of occasions made donations of food and money to our local SPCA or been part of some of the charitable drives held for them, this cause is very close to many of our teams hearts. During the recent unrest and looting in PMB, we put together food hampers along with one of our local suppliers for those less fortunate. We also donated funds to the African Care Foundation for the same purpose.

What do you like doing in your spare time?

I love spending quality time with my family. I am an avid reader and I attend a few dance and body conditioning classes to keep fit.

What advice would you give to the next generation of Town planners?

To the next generation of Town Planners:
When thinking about your life, treat it as a marathon, not a sprint. You can have it all, you just might not reach every single goal at the same time, and that's okay. It's important to focus on the long game, to celebrate all the wins, to learn from failures (which WILL happen) and to never lose sight of uplifting others along the way.



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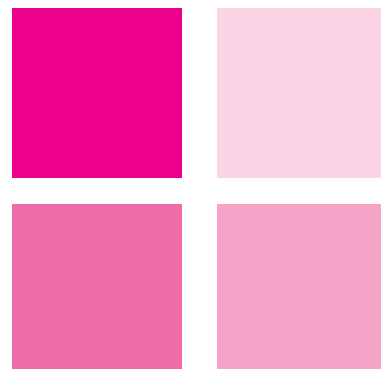
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Be Motivated

Whether you wish to achieve cleaning every room in one day or just a few, set the intention, to achieve that goal, wake up as early as possible to ensure that you get the most out of the day. Play music whilst you work. It is scientifically proven that listening to music creates a motivational background for activities such as cleaning and has a positive impact on physical and mental endurance. Simply put, if you enjoy what you do, you will do it so much better. So, create an environment where everyone is feeling good and motivated to Spring Clean.

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You've been a little scattered these days, dear Aries, and while you're learning a lot and doing a lot, it's hard to end the day feeling as if you've truly accomplished something with some many things unfinished. Today brings the ability – or necessity – to focus your energy. Figure out what you'll be concentrating on – you don't want to pass up this opportunity.

Taurus

Try to avoid jumping to conclusions or resorting to tactics to get your way today, dear Taurus, with the Sun and Pluto in minor challenging aspect. There can be some tense undercurrents brewing with others. Aim to get more information before making important decisions. A feeling of being blocked or inhibited is likely to pass quickly, after which life doesn't seem quite as serious. Defensiveness can be your worst enemy today.

Gemini

There can be some feelings of frustration as you could encounter delays and stresses, dear Gemini. Watch for a tendency for some to be envious or devious. Today's minor Sun-Pluto challenge inclines us to avoid a direct route to our goals. It's best to find your center in preparation for less focused days to come. Aim to engage yourself in earthy, grounding activities.

Cancer

The Moon heads into your sign for a couple of days, dear Cancer, and you can feel as if you're starting fresh. Emotional energy is a little bit tense today, however, so aim to keep your wits about you. Avoid undue stress over differences of opinion. You could have difficulty sorting out what others expect from you and what you genuinely believe you can and should do.

Leo

Your instincts tend to tell you to steer away from stressful or demanding situations today, dear Leo, and to get out of the crossfires. The Moon moves into the sign just behind yours, marking the end of a lunar cycle and the need to rest, relax, and wind down for a couple of days. Even so, there can be some tensions today as others don't seem to be cooperative or open to your ideas, but this influence passes rather quickly.

Virgo

The Moon heads into your solar eleventh house for a couple of days, dear Virgo, and friendships or connecting with your happiness goals and dreams can be in sharper focus. Anything that relieves stress will be appropriate. However, there can be some power struggles with a lover, children, or friends, or nervous tension regarding same, due to a Sun-Pluto minor challenge.

Libra

Your leadership qualities are in good form today, dear Libra. You're in the frame of mind that fairly demands you accomplish something worthwhile with the Moon's move to the top of your chart. However, there can be some problems and possibly underhanded or deceptive behavior with today's minor Sun-Pluto challenge. Stress can build as you become aware of responsibilities that might at first appear a little too much for you to handle.

Scorpio

The Moon enters Cancer and your solar ninth house today, dear Scorpio, which is a generally happy place for the Moon to transit. Even so, a Sun-Pluto minor challenge can dial up the demands and your stress levels in spots. The key now is to avoid getting caught up in too many projects and avoid worrying about too many things at once. It might help to build a list of priorities or take a step-by-step approach to deal with your to-do list.

Sagittarius

With the Moon's move into your solar eighth house for a couple of days, dear Sagittarius, you're craving more intimacy or depth in your experiences. You're making meaningful connections that help you solve problems and uncover motivations. However, transits today are not entirely free-flowing, nor are they conducive to pushing ahead with personal plans.

Capricorn

The Moon heads into your partnership sector for a couple of days, dear Capricorn, and you might pair up to come up with a great idea. Your interests grow. With a minor Sun-Pluto challenge today, however, you could feel undermined. Avoid negative thinking or expectations as much as possible, as it can set you up for a fall.

Aquarius

The Moon moves into your sector of work and service for a couple of days, dear Aquarius. You want to be productive or to bring more order into your life. A comfortable pace suits you today, but a Sun-Pluto minor challenge can introduce pressure. There can be tensions in interpersonal relationships if you or others focus on the negative, which is a tendency now.

Pisces

The Moon heads into your self-expressive solar fifth house for a couple of days, dear Pisces. Any activity that draws out your inner child can be satisfying. However, there can be some tension with others, or you could find that responsibilities weigh heavier than usual. Distractions and worries or fireworks with friends or lovers can interrupt the flow.

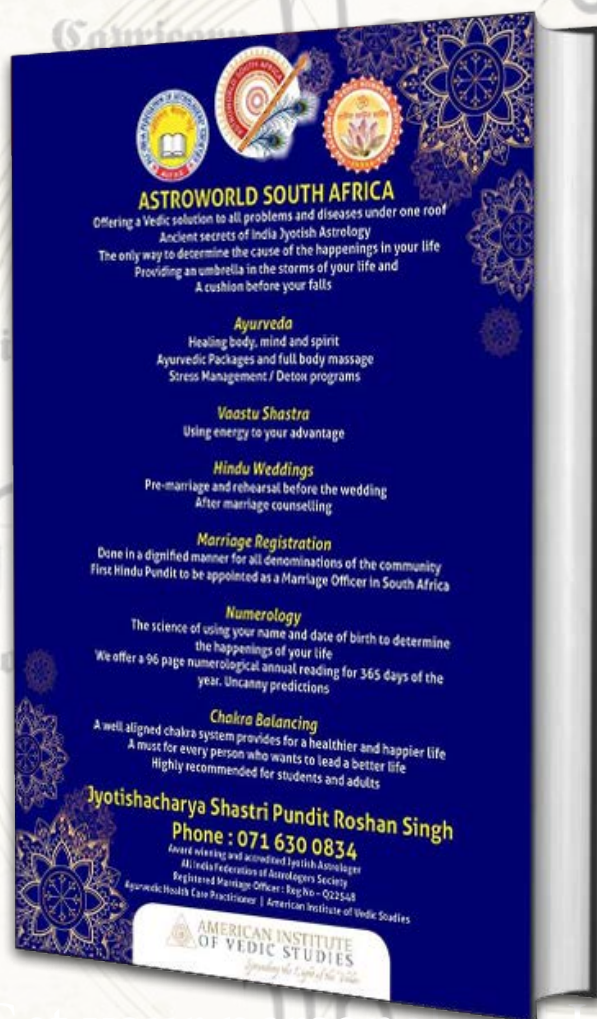


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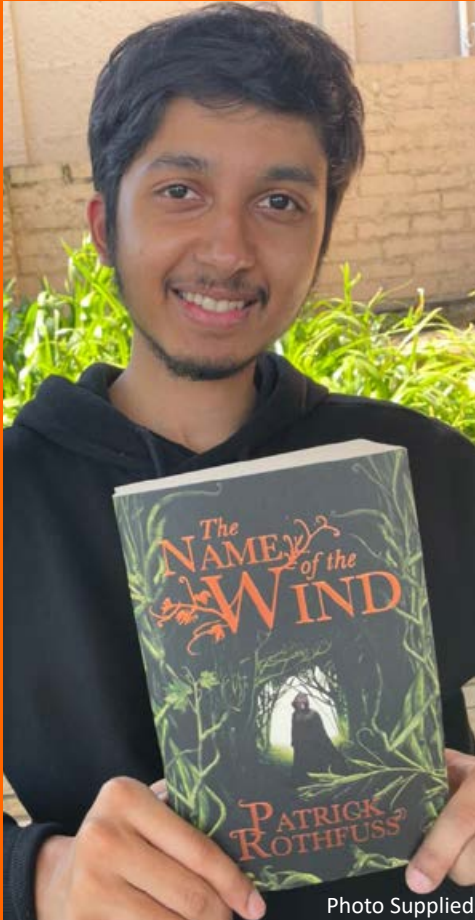


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Reviewed by Junaid Sarupen

He has talked to Gods, loved women, and written songs that make the minstrels weep. His name is Kvothe. You may have heard of him.

In 2007, Patrick Rothfuss had his career breakthrough with *The Name Of The Wind*, a heroic fantasy novel about a magician named Kvothe who tells his story to Chronicler, a travelling scribe, of what led to him becoming the most notorious man in all of Temerant. It is also the 1st in a trilogy called *The Kingkiller Chronicle*, with a sequel, *The Wise Man's Fear*, being published in 2011, and the 3rd book, *Doors Of Stone*, is yet to be released. The trilogy takes place over the course of the 3 days in which Kvothe tells his story, with *The Name Of The Wind* taking place on the 1st day.

The Name Of The Wind aims to be one of the more unconventional fantasy novels when compared to the likes of *Lord Of The Rings*, *Harry Potter*, *Percy Jackson*, etc. as Rothfuss claims he wanted a completely new kind of book without the generic characteristics of fantasy.

The book's structure is best described as a "story

within a story" since Kvothe is telling his story to Chronicler in the present day at the Waystone Inn and most of the story he tells is set during Kvothe's teenage years.

Temerant is a large continent of which the known part, called the Four Corners of Civilization, is divided into several distinct nations and cultures. Much of the world follows a religion similar, though not identical, to medieval Christianity. Kvothe is a very relatable fantasy protagonist. At some point he has to develop a sense of independence as he grows up. Upon signing up at a university of magic (which is where most of the book takes place) he has a desire for nothing more than recognition.

He encounters several other fascinating characters throughout his journey, including an arcanist who trains him in science and magic, a widow who serves as a loan shark at the university, and a potential love interest named Denna.

The Name of The Wind deals with themes such as prejudice, social class, religion, standing out, and being changed by surroundings.

Rothfuss's prose feels both beautiful and accessible, which is what makes it such a powerhouse. With his honed writing and clever direction Rothfuss piques your curiosity and then paints your imagination.

The magic system is also very unique. While magic does exist in Temerant, it only obeys a well-defined set of rules and principles that can only be exploited by those who have trained in its professional and scientific use. One of the key forms of magic that Kvothe learns is Sympathy: a discipline that creates links from one physical object to allow manipulation of another. While *The Name Of The Wind* is just the 1st act of Kvothe's tale to Chronicler, the endings to both the past and the present felt satisfying.

The book isn't perfect however as it does suffer slightly from being the beginning of the story. At 660 pages, the book does meander abit, especially when Kvothe is staying at the university. Also, some of the side characters are underdeveloped.

Overall, *The Name Of The Wind* is a very unique fantasy story that tries and succeeds at standing out among other fantasy classics and it earns an 8/10.

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Richard Rangiah (Community Chest) hands over a token of appreciation to Michelle & Vikesh Lutchman (Sign Studio) for their generous gift to the Community Chest's Red Feather Legacy Project. Special original paintings, kindly sponsored by artist Reggie Gopaul, were also presented to the couple, as a THANK YOU gesture.

The Red Feather Legacy (RFL) Project affords members of our community a philanthropic opportunity to create a perpetual legacy of giving and caring for our community. This philanthropic gift will be invested – never to be touched. Only the return on the investment is used towards the operational costs of the Community Chest.

In recognition of their extraordinary philanthropy, a plaque is placed on the RFL Wall of Honours, located on the façade of the Community Chest Offices, at 12 Stranack Street, Pietermaritzburg. The Wall of Honours is updated each time a contribution is made to the RFL Project or when a RFL member attains a new level of honour.

The Council & Staff of the Community Chest firstly wishes to congratulate Sign Studio as they celebrate 21 years of business in 2021. In celebration of this special milestone, this amazing couple (Michelle and Vikesh Lutchman) made a donation to the Red Feather Legacy Project.

We value the support received from Sign Studio, as they always go the extra mile not only in support of Community Chest initiatives but also through various community enhancement projects. To honour Sign Studio, a plaque was placed on the façade of the Community Chest Offices (Plaque Number 0047).

The Community Chest also appreciates Reggie Gopaul who tirelessly supports the Red Feather Legacy Project through donations of his original paintings, given to RFL donors, in recognition of their philanthropy.

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