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As-Salaam-Alaikum

In the Name of Allah, our Saviour, Who came in the Person of Master Fard Muhammad. We forever give thanks and praise to Allah for our beloved Leader and Teacher, The Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

Dear Bro. Minister, Captain and Secretary:

CONSIDER THE TIME

For more than thirty five years now, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad has been trying to prepare Us for the time in which we presently live. Today we are suddenly thrust into a kaleidoscope of events; major changes occur daily as the world in general and the so-called American Negro specifically reacts violently to the upheavals of a changing world. In the midst of this stands the muslim, resolute in his faith and confident of his future survival. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad is ever mindful of the needs of our ever growing nation. Being the progressive, divine leader that he is, Allah is constantly revealing to him the role that we must play and the significance of today's history. So that you too can remain abreast of prophecy and so lead the people who lean upon you and flock to the Mosque to drink from the cup that the Honorable Elijah Muhammad has provided for you, our leader and teacher has decided to periodically forward to you "TABLE TALKS OF MUHAMMAD".

As many of you are aware, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad's schedule is so tight, so jam filled with the details and necessities that are part and parcel of running a Nation that the important task of ministering to the Ministers and Laborers sometimes gets a little behind. Yet one of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad's most enjoyable tasks is teaching and it is at his dinner table where wisdom knows no bounds and understanding is depthless that a fantastic number of things are discussed. It is these "TABLE TALKS WITH MUHAMMAD" that you will be receiving periodically faithfully reproduced word for word from a tape recording of questions put to the Holy Apostle and his answers. You will find a broad range of subjects being discussed from the Problem Book to "What should a Muslim name his child". It goes without saying that this totally unselfish sharing of the wisdom of Allah with you is characteristic of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. You may find many of these topics the subject for a teaching that you can and should go to the people with. Other topics will relate to specific administrative techniques and details that can find its use primarily amongst the laboring staff.

Everything you receive will be wisdom of the highest order---use it accordingly.

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Faithfully yours,
MUHAMMAD'S MOSQUE#2

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A comment by The Honorable Elijah Muhammad on a subject that had been brought up about the possible and the impossible: There is nothing impossible so Allah told me. I questioned Him on this. Now, what makes the God so sure that nothing is impossible? Because if we say anything or this or that is impossible yet we find ourselves within the circle of something how can it be impossible to produce or take away or to change anything? It can't be impossible. Because you may think something is impossible or don't see the possibility existing there somewhere, the God can still say there is no impossibility. Here is the point he takes. Once upon a time nothing existed. You and I couldn't be sitting here discussing this because we came from nothing. So if we were made out of nothing into something then that does away with the impossible. There can't be the impossible because here we are ourselves produced out of nothing. That's very beautiful and a good answer. Just like people argue with you about who is God and say that man can't be God. That's a foolish man talking like that. You can't replace man. If man is not God then try and replace him. You can't replace him so that's a proof right there that he's God. Your mind doesn't exceed the limitation of the first man who is God because He came down through us. We have been experimenting from ourselves. Everything that we think is necessary then we can produce it and bring it into reality. If this house is sitting in my mind but it is not yet built and I can bring it out of my mind into reality, that's the God.

Questioner: That's right, He creates it.

Hon. E. Muhammad: That's right, you can create the image that is in you, that is in your mind once you can conceive out the image of it, of what you want. Then you can bring it into being. But that which you just can't create in your mind is something you can't do. Now that yet does not mean that it (that which you have not yet conceived of) is not coming in. It may come in your son's mind or your son's. son's mind, that same thing which you were trying to get a hold of, it will come up in somebody else's, that is if it is necessary, if it is good. It's like our Saviour. The people had been wanting someone to conquer this devil for a long time, so it kept on going from one to another then finally His (Allah's) father produced the thing that was necessary. That is a son that would be wise enough to destroy the devil. He was lucky to have been the father. Wherever there is a line for something it will be produced. Just like the devil wanted to learn how to fly. He kept trying some contraptions until he learned how to get up there in something heavier than air and went on to make the air his servant. It was the same thing when he was on the other side of the ocean. He kept on looking over the vast ocean and couldn't see any end to it. He wanted to see where the sun was going down on the other side of it, so he kept on until he mastered the waves and the storms until he got over here.

Questioner: The Quran says, and one of the points the eastern muslims remark on is that the Quran says that He (Allah) neither begets nor is He begotten. Yet we know that Allah came out of the family of the Tribe of Shabazz, out of the family of The God and the God is always produced out of a fairly consistent family, so that

from the ranks of this family we look for the production of a God so that eventually this family actually begets the God. Yet knowing the Quran is true and that what the wise man wrote they meant even if we don't have an understanding of it, how do we account for this apparent contradiction?

Answer: Well, that has two meanings. There was no Tribe of Shabazz with that first God brother. There wasn't even a tribe. Tribe means many or the head of many. So in the beginning of the Creation of the life germ of man there was no Tribe there. That was one God talking there, the Tribes came later. Just like the space was not full of Stars when this was going on, but now its full. We had no Sun in that time but now we have one. Around these live eggs that we call planets, we now have a Sun to keep them warm. Now, he begets not nor is He begotten, this is the theme. When was He not begotten? When was He not beget nor begotten? What do you mean He begets not nor is He begotten? Is He one who does not beget civilization when he is out of civilization? Is He one that was not begotten by civilization and that now the proof is He was not begotten Himself? You see this goes into a very deep science. This is what I whipped one of the Ahmadiyyah muslims with. He used to be over here on 46th and Wabash at that time. We had what you might call a showdown. He wanted a showdown with me when we were on 43rd St. and so I gave it to him one monday. This was his subject that he picked and it also was my subject. We both had the same subject: "Say He Allah is One. Allah is He of Whom nothing is independent. He begets not nor is He begotten. The main question in it with which he was trying to condemn me was where it says, "and there is none like Him". Well I knew this would probably be the only thing in the Quran he would contend with me that Allah was not man, and I was proving that God was man. I showed him up by proving he didn't understand what he had taken for his defense, how it didn't defend him when he was trying to make it serve something other than a man. I started off with him on the actual noun and pronoun that was used there; that it applies to something and not to nothing. A spirit can't be given a noun and a pronoun which is not something of itself. It is something that is emitted by something. You don't have steam coming out of the kettle all by itself. You've got to have something in that kettle for it to be producing steam. The steam is the energy of what you have in there. Well, anyway I won, I can tell you that. He came down with about 7 or 8 volumes of books. I had one book, The Quran. I never did let him get away from the one book. I held him there because the Quran is the chief of all the other books. He and I wrestled there and we had a temple full. It was really something to see how the wisdom of Allah as taught to me stands up against anything you can, out there and scrape up brother. What made him so dissatisfied and confused was this was thier book so he jumps in there and tells me not to dispute it from the beginning. He said, "THIS Quran, every muslim on the earth believes it. If you don't believe in THIS Quran no muslim in Asia or anyplace else will like you." I said, well I would be the same if were them. I said if they didn't like this Quran, I wouldn't like them. And he was surprised because he thought I was going to argue the Quran as an untrue book. Then I said here, the Quran comes after the Bible and not before the Bible. It is a book produced after the Bible and given to Muhammad but it is a book that verifies the truth of the Bible and the truth of the Bible verifies the truth of the Quran and it teaches you that. This he did not try to condemn. He said that's right, absolutely true. I said but we must understand it. And the Bible teaches the same, we must understand. Therefore the Holy Quran is not a book made whereby the average reader can read and understand it he has to learn what it means. If he did then the prayer for an interpreter for Abraham and Ishmael would not have been made. The Holy Quran often mentions the disbeliever not understanding. I said what we call the creed there, Say

He Allah is One God, that's right. I said in the very beginning He was One. He was before all and from Him we all came, right? He said, yes. I said alright then that is final and that is conclusive that we must believe that because we all didn't come at once. Say He is One God and there is no God but Him. I said this I agree 1,000 %. I said but now He comes here and He says, Allah is One, He begets not nor is He begotten. I said but this can't go now back to that one in the beginning because if that were so how did we get here if He didn't produce us? ~~He was~~ He was not begotten but now we're here from His creation. He created us. Well if we were created by Him, we are begotten of Him. He gave birth to us. I said but brother you have to understand what this is referring to. We couldn't use this as saying He beget not nor is He begotten, we can say He is not begotten because He was the first and if He was the first we can not refer to Him as being begotten for if we did then we would have to say that one who begot Him would be the God. So in that sense the He begets not nor is He begotten is true but the Quran is a book made to condemn the Trinity of Gods and this is what it is referring to. We are to get away from believing Christian beliefs and interpretations of the God. They say there are three Gods. Well I say if there are three then here is a begetting and a begotten and we must make a distinction. Who was the first one? The Christians make the three equal, so now the Quran has to shed the light of truth on the God that the God is not three Gods but is only One God. He has in the Quran here He is not a begetter, this is the Trinity making Gods beget God here, you see? Therefore this must be stamped out along with the worship of a trinity of Gods. Our God is referred to throughout the Holy Quran as being One God, Your Lord is One Lord it says; your Lord is One God. This is to condemn the teaching of that in which the showdown of truth has come, that is a world that is teaching that the God is three. Here now, I'm saying to you that God is only One God. He is not three. He doesn't beget nor is He begotten. You say (the Christians) that He begot Jesus for a son. He didn't do that. The power is in the Jesus to beget if you understand it rightly (To be continued)

Question: Dear Holy Apostle, what would your position be on students who have been converted to Islam and have now gone to the colleges and universities? Should they try in any way to teach or represent Islam? How should they best conduct themselves?

Answer: They should pass it on to anyone they see that look as if they would accept it and if he can go back to the colleges and universities where he has his own equal in education, he should do his utmost to try to convince those students because they (the educated) are the hardest people of all to be converted. You would think that the educated should be the ones to accept it first because of their advance in education over the unlearned. Unfortunately this is not the case. The unlearned accept the truth first and they are the ones who go and teach the college students the history that spreads out into the past for thousands of years. This history has never demonstrated the highly learned people spreading the truth of God amongst the people where they thirsted and needed the truth. It has always been the unlearned that started. As you notice in the Bible, that the Bible teaches us concerning Jesus' teaching the common people heard him gladly. It was the learned who constantly challenged him. They love what they have of the world and care not so much for the spiritual truths of education. It's always worldly education that educated people tend to lead people into. This is why the governments of the past have been destroyed. It is because it makes them proud and they want to enjoy the temporary life of that government and its education.

Question: What do we mean when we say white or black? What constitutes a white person and what constitutes Black? What do we mean when we use the term Negro? In certain areas of the world, if you have a certain amount of black blood in you it makes you a Negro according to their classifications. In other areas of the world, a little white blood makes you white. How do we clearly define such relationships? How do we say whom we accept or don't accept? Do we let these people in the Mosque? What do we teach them related to Islam?

Answer: We can accept belief from anyone regardless to what color they may be if they believe. We can accept that belief in them or on the merit of their belief but it does not mean we should house them under the roof of our place of worship as an equal member with us. The reason for this is because we have been rejected by the societies of all colors of people and we have suffered wearing the shackles of slavery and abject ones amongst the nations. Therefore Allah has chosen us to be his selected people and therefore making us a selected or elected people of His, He does not want us to mix with those who have rejected us until He has made us what He wants us to be. What He wants us to be is head and rule over them that have destroyed us as a ruling power and as an equal member in their society. Therefore Allah intends to make us now a better people and have a greater society and in the reverse reject them (those that have rejected us) for He will guide us, teach us of Himself, His wisdom and His wisdom is superior to any of the known rulers knowledge. So it is true that the Bible teaches that we are his elect because he wants to make a new people of nothing. We are the only people on earth that are rejected by all other civilized societies of the nations of the earth. That means we are outcasts. Allah wants to show the world how great and wise He is. Allah takes the outcast and teaches and trains the outcast to become the ruler of the rulers to fulfill the Bible wherein it says you are no longer the tail but now the head and in the stone that builders reject; it only means a people that some civilization rejected and now He has made that people the head. Now, to build a new Nation Allah uses these rejected people for his cornerstones.

TABLE TALKS (continued)

Question: Does this refer specifically to the Negro here in America? The West Indian for example, does this include them? They have come from the Islands and

Answer: West Indians are still our people only they were ruled under other than the American whiteman. They were ruled under the British but they too are drifters out of Africa.

Question: In terms of clarifying and pin pointing our definition of a Negro.....
(question interrupted by the following answer)

Answer: You can't pin point a Negro because there is no such thing as a Negro. This is a slang term given to our fathers by the white devils, the slavemasters. They called us all kinds of slang. Never do you find a good name which they gave to our parents. Nor even today do we find them giving us good names. Even after the coming of God and God calling you by his name they (the slavemasters) still don't want to call you by the name Allah gives to us, we being his people.

Question: There are some originals who have either a devil mother or father. Some of them may be quite dark; others may be very very fair. What is their classification?

Answer: When you get at the root of it there is actually nothing but white and black. The Yellow Man, the Red Man, the Black Man and the devil mixing all in makes up the different races. The Puerto Rican is an offshoot of that kind of mixture as are the Hawaiians. There, the Chinaman, the Japanese and the American devil and others made a pot of stew out of the aboriginal Hawaiians so now you see a different type of people there; we can hardly find the real thing anymore due to these mixtures. However these people are throughout the Western Hemisphere, the origin was of black people all the way to New Zealand and Australia where we have strains of aboriginal people, the same throughout the Pacific.

NEXT ISSUE:

1. Is Astrology a true Science. Can the Muslim rely on the stars and horoscopes to foretell his future and judge his personality?
2. Our Mosque would like to start a school for the muslim children. What are the prime requisites that must be met before we can undertake this project?

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Question: Dear Holy Apostle, there are many people that I know who live day by day according to Horoscopes. It seems that the Astrologist have computed that certain months are governed by certain planets. Consequently it is said that if you were born at a certain time under a certain sign of a certain planet this signifies that you will be possessed of certain specific characteristics. These characteristics will to a large extent supposedly govern and determine your personality. When I read these horoscopes and the things they try to project it seems to me that they are broad enough and general enough to cover everybody and everything. Then, when one sees something that they like, since one always likes to hear something that one likes anyway, then you consider that certainly fits me and these things must therefore have some truth to them. Yet we know the moon itself has some type of definitive effect on the earth in terms of controlling water (although the Astrologist do not recognize the moon in their scheme of things) and the question that comes to my mind is, in terms of the fact that the Universe as such as it has been set up, it follows a law, it follows a pattern, can the changes and positions of the planets and their relationship to each other actually effect people from the point of view of behaviour and personality development?

ANSWER: For several years while doing research on Islam and this Christian religion in Washington D.C., I read many of the best books of Astrology. These Astrologers call themselves scientists on the stars and their reactions and their effect upon people on the earth. Horoscopes and things like that are one of the biggest tricks there ever was to throw me and you away from the truth because if you study it and you're not careful and you don't already know the truth you will be tempted to believe a little of it anyway.

2nd Questioner: The astrologers believe that if you were born on a particular day no matter where on earth, you have something similar in your personality to everyone else born on that same day.

ANSWER: Yes, you mean they put that lie out on everybody all over the planet.

Questioner I might say that I couldn't find any scientific basis for the establishment of what the Astrologist purport to be the truth. On the other hand that which you have taught us of ASTRONOMY holds true and makes sense and is certainly scientifically sound. When we consider what you have taught us about the deportation of the moon, how the moon relates to the earth, in terms of the dryness of that planet, in terms of the earth's effect upon it, it once having been a part of Earth, it all makes scientific sense. These far-fetched notions of the Astrologist, when you think about it don't have a modicum of fact to back them up; and yet I've heard muslims discuss notions of Astrology with some evidence of belief in it and are actually impressed by some of the books on Astrology.

ANSWER : The Holy Quran is against you believing Astrology. It teaches you against it and tells you where it came from, from the devil not from the Muslim.

The Muslim that is not too strong better not get hold of this kind of stuff. I studied books of it and I'm telling you if you are not careful you will be tempted to believe some of it. Such people (astrologers) should be taken to the chopping block and one by one have their heads chopped off. No wonder God said to me, "these type of people, kill every one of them. Don't let any soothsayer exist in the earth, those who peek and mutter...." (The conversation then drifted into a discussion related to Buddhism and other religions and pseudo religions and the Holy Apostle then made the following statement):

Some of the books there in the Congressional library brother, that if you don't read it and keep your mind on Islam, you'll be tempted to believe some of it, if not all of it. Brother I say hold fast to the handle of Islam for these things (Astrology, Hinduism, Buddhism and the like) will lead you astray. No wonder the God told Moses, He said "do not follow them, do not marry into that people other than your own people Israel lest these people will lead thee astray from the God who brought thee up from the land of Egypt out of the house of bondage." And then He says, "it will come upon thee the effect that is written in this Book against you." Now we see it clearly, these are things of which we are warned, Israel is warned, I don't care what strangers you run into don't marry them because this people, the Book says, God will destroy because they don't worship Him. We see plenty of that today. They (all the other religions, pseudo religions and pseudo scientists) don't worship Master Fard Muhammad and He is the God today and He is going to change the world. He is going to be the ruler and we are His people that He will rule the others with---remember!

QUESTION: In the event a Mosque thinks they are ready to start a school, what do you think are the requirements that must first be met?

ANSWER: Finance. That's the first thing you have to think of. That is, set aside a budget for the school. You can't get the teachers to teach for nothing. They have to live themselves. Therefore the first thing is to see that you have enough finance for the school. You have text books and furniture to buy for the school. You can't seat small children in the same seats as teenagers and adults. Their feet have to be on the floor when they sit down. To leave them swinging is against the health. Therefore to meet the requirements of setting up the school it is to figure out first how many students do you have after being able to start financially. See how many books you need and the grade of books. What grades are the teachers going to teach? From kindergarten to what level? And then you have to have a teacher that is capable of teaching the courses the students require but it is finance first unless you have a charity teacher who would do it for nothing, one who has enough income otherwise not to count on the school.

QUESTION: On student enrollment, we assume the students will be Muslims from the Mosque. Suppose the parents of a child are not in the Mosque but those parents would like for the child to attend the school, what would our stand be on that?

ANSWER: The parents are Muslim or non-Muslim?

QUESTIONER: Muslim

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ANSWER: IF THE PARENTS ARE NOT CHARGED with any breaking of the law that is such they should be separated from the society of Islam, the children could still attend the school even if the parents themselves are a little lax about attending. We cannot deprive the believing children of the knowledge that we know they should have and the education and qualifications we know they should have on account of laziness on the part of the parents to come and attend and learn something themselves. If they are willing that we teach and train their children, I say that we teach them if the parents are not out of the Mosque on serious charges and put in class F. But if they are just not regular attenders and yet believe and will contribute to the cause that's alright. They are just losing themselves what they should be learning of education but that doesn't stop their children.

QUESTION: Does the University here accept Lost Found's?

ANSWER We accept them if they go by our rules. That is they will sign up and help back up the school financially and will fight for its causes against an opponent or enemy of our school. We have a written agreement here at No. 2 that we put them under. And if they sign it we will teach their children if we have any vacancies in the school into which they can be placed (Vacancies in the School are almost unheard of now-a-days). At the present time our enrollment is so crowded that it's virtually impossible to accept any outsiders. We do have applications coming in for such. I have heard many lost found people of ours want their children to attend our school and would like that we teach them but they themselves are not ready to accept Islam. However they don't mind their children coming over enrolling in our school because they like the curriculum we have because it makes for better disciplined, morally orientated children.

COMING SUBJECTS

What should a Muslim name his child?

Why we do not allow sisters in short dresses to attend the Mosque

Why is English lesson No.C 1 so named?

Say He Allah is one God, He begets not nor is he begotten.....if this is so (and of course it is), how do we account for the birth of Master Fard Muhammad?

(this is an extremely deep subject and may cover several table talks)

Astronomy—the Planets

Moses, his rod and the Magicians.

Tuning In

and LOT'S MORE! KEEP WATCHING FOR-----TABLE TALKS WITH MUHAMMAD!!!!!!

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QUESTION: What should a muslim name his child? I'm sure you get many letters every day asking you "what name should I give my newborn child?"

Answer: Give them a Muslim name if you want but the fact about it is you should have one too. You shouldn't apply an independent name of God to an "X". No, because this means any name that I would take that is an attribute of God should have nothing else attached to it such as X which is an unknown quantity or an unknown name because this (the attribute of God) is known. Say for instance that I would name myself Abdul X Johnson. I'm qualifying Abdul by X and Johnson.

QUESTION: Is it acceptable for one to decide to take a full name? For example Malik Muhammad?

ANSWER: It is not given for you to choose names of Allah according to your wishes. You were dead and out of his names and under the names of enemies of God and yourself and didn't know it. Therefore you don't know the attribute of God to choose for yourself. You could also make mock of His name the way you would choose and try to link them up according to your wishes. The meaning of these names for example; one name could have several meanings. It doesn't just stop at the one meaning, several meanings may be there and you may be choosing a name that nothing in your qualifications demand that you should be given such a name. Then you may choose one in which you should have chosen a different one because of your better qualifications or future life. He (Allah) named me first Karriem. Then later He changed my name to Muhammad. He told me He wanted me to have a bigger name. He referred to a more honorable name as a "bigger" name. He wanted me to take Abdul Muhammad. He wouldn't force it on me after I was too dumb to know what Abdul meant (smile). So I rejected Abdul and held on to Elijah but I didn't reject Muhammad because I liked that name. Then, at that time I didn't know the meaning of these names. That was when I was first being taught. Since I learned the meanings of Abdul, I wish I had taken it. Karriem is a lesser name in its meaning than Muhammad. Muhammad has the highest honor of any of them.

QUESTION: Isn't there a sequence in which these names should fall? For example Karriem isn't a first name is it? Could someone be named Karriem Abdullah? Would that be correct?

ANSWER: Yes. You could also be named Karriem Allah

QUESTION: How about Allah Karriem? Are the first and last names interchangeable?

ANSWER: No. You don't put anything behind Allah. You can say Karriem Allah, not Allah Karriem.

QUESTION: That's important to know because some times you find persons have chosen themselves a name and they stick them together any old way in any direction

ANSWER: Yes, that's like a man trying to put his head down on his feet (smile). The name has too much meaning to it. Karriem for example we could say is merciful or for a person with saintly qualities. When it comes to Allah that means the

one hundred attributes of God. Therefore we should not put it in front of a name that means less.

QUESTION: Some parents will give their children a name totally different than the names they themselves carry. I wonder if this would create a legal problem for them in the framework of this society?

ANSWER: Yes, and it is an insult to the Holy name to apply it to a name that does not have any Holy meaning to it or is not a name of Allah. If I had to take a name while I'm at it I would take the whole thing. I'd take two names. I wouldn't go and apply one of these names of Allah to little or nothing like a slave name, that I wouldn't do. I think the Muslims or believers should be content with just adding an "X" to their slave name because this tells the world you don't just yet know your name, it's yet pending, and it shows you are "X" out of your name. And then again Allah knows, and He has promised you a name and I'm not the one to go to work to give nationally to my followers names of Allah. I was not given that authority to give you names nationally. What I mean by that is all over the country I'm not to name my followers after the attributes of Allah. No, He didn't give me that authority. It never did arise as such but in a way that He told me to know it according to the scripture. He Himself will name them. He told me He had a name for all when the time comes and the book teaches that the works will step up a war until He did name His people. In the Revelation where it says that He stopped the Angels from executing a judgement on the country, on the beast until he could seal His people. This is a kind of symbolic way of telling it there in the Bible, seal them in the forehead with his name because it's in the head that is the faith alright and that's already sealed; but giving them a name would come like the Book said there in revelation, He give them a name written on stone that no man could read it save he who received it and all like that because He give it in Arabic and there was non-speaking Arabic people there. Those whom He was naming were non-arabic speaking therefore they couldn't read the name in Arabic. So it's pretty well put in the Book but it has to be understood. In Isaiah it says bring everyone that is called by my name and the next few words gives us the knowledge that He did name them Himself. He said because I have chosen them for my glory. Therefore He is demanding that there be given up all that is called by His name because He gave them that name.

QUESTION: Recently the Muslims here in Chicago actively supported a political candidate for office. Does this indicate a change in our attitude about voting? Along these same lines how closely should the local Muslim minister observe the shifting political scene in their own areas? And lastly, what part should they play if any in trying to help shape policy of the active black candidates? This seems to be cropping up all over the country; many black men are running for office and they are asking for the support of the black community including the Muslims.

ANSWER: I will let you know whether or not that we should enter the political field myself, personally (there was no further explanation or ramifications of this point at that time. The statement was bluntly put and that was that).

QUESTION: Recently a policy change was inaugurated by you whereas Lost-Founds (women) were not to be permitted to enter the Mosque if their dresses were above their knees. What effect do you think this will have on recruiting women to the ranks of Islam in view particularly of the fact that in some areas the Ministers have reported a fall in the attendance of the women? When the women are turned away due to dress length, what explanation if any should the official who sends them away give to them?

ANSWER: That we will not have people coming in our Temple with a disgraceful style. We can not stay in the field of reforming our people from wearing such indecent styles if we are going to permit them to sit in our Temple with us. We must lock the door on such styles

QUESTION: This then is the way you recommend the official tell the person refused admittance?

ANSWER: Exactly without any explanation further. Here some time they take the hem out of their skirt if they are interested. Sometimes they go home and change their skirt and come back. I will never permit them to come into the Temple with mini-dresses on. If we don't have one sister coming to us, regardless to how it diminishes the number of visitors, I'm not going to yield to their wishes of indecency disgracing the Temple of Islam. Could they go to heaven like that? If not this is the door to heaven, That's what the Mosque is---a door to heaven. Over here we honor no style of the devil that is an indecent style. And if not one of our sisters will accept coming to the Temple because of the prohibition against wearing such styles, o.k., they can stay home forever! You can't please two masters. With such dresses on she tempts menfolks. Especially when she sits down because she has nothing to hide herself. If you're going to bring temptation into the Temple where you're suppose to be reforming them, you're a poor reformer, In fact you're no reformer at all. I did dismiss one Minister who was permitting such acts. (At this point the M.G.T. Captain at No. 2 entered. Coincidentally we pointed out to her, we were just discussing the questions of sisters and their dress and she (The Captain) was asked how she was handling the situation at No. 2 and what were some of the responses like...)

Sis. Captain: We don't have any difficulty there. The sisters respond well. When you tell them that we have a regulation here that all followers of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad carry out, that is for a sister to be allowed inside our congregation they must have a garment on that is at least 2 1/2 inches below her knees and when she sits down we can not have her garment riding above her knees. After we explain to them it is a form of respect for themselves and for the teachings we don't have any problems, not argumentative. We had one sister go home and change and came back and her dress was still too short. They seem to understand that we have to stick to our laws. They are not argumentative at all. Some of them turn their skirts down lower.

HOLY APOSTLE: Some of them take their hems out?

Sis. CAPT. That's right. We've had that happen many times. (the conversation went on in this vein and the Holy Apostle then made the following statement):

HOLY APOSTLE: This shows that they want to come in and hear the Truth! I don't think any sister with a decent mind would argue with you about not permitting any indecent style into your Holy place. Then if they do begin arguing with you, you know that if you had allowed her to go in you would not have a fit sister anyway. Some of the Temples, they like to have big numbers to report regardless to what they look like. The Holy Quran and Bible teaches that it does not take numbers to accomplish great things. It is the ones that are sincere. So it is with us, this is warning us, that if our number is small remember that it is like all other great things in the past that came about; it was a small number that brought about such things: Even fighting the enemy, the Holy Quran teaches us do not be afraid to go before the enemy because we are small in number. Kingdoms have been taken with a small number. It's the faith that you have from Allah. We may not have a world of people to fight the enemy but be steadfast in Allah for Allah is sufficient to take care of them alone.

In one of our earlier table talks we were discussing Astrology and the Messenger's point of view relating to that subject. We now return to that tape and develop the subject a little further as it relates to Tuning In, pseudo religion, extra-sensory, perception and the like. As only he can, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad develops the spiritual side of the questions and relates it to true knowledge. The subject for discussion is that one of the dinner participants had the distinct belief that she had been taught and instilled with the power to somewhat control peoples actions and thoughts by a learned person in one of the Asiatic lands. Let's pick up the conversation.....

She: Dear Apostle, when I was in-----there was an old man I use to visit and he had studies in Hinduism and he had given me books and literature on it. We were reading about different stages of development of controlling the mind. One time I got in a trance to some music. He had a tape of all kinds of funny music and it could play on your senses.

Muhammad: If you gave your senses over to it.

She: Yes. Well, I had given myself over into it. I got in a trance over this music. This old man told me that this music was what was played before people would go into a Temple to get you into the spirit to communicate with thoughts. He was telling me to direct my thoughts on one word, or one thought or one picture and keep it on that until you achieve a unification with that. (editors' comments: This is an established method of hypnotic induction by which the subject may or may not realize a trance--the hypnotic state--is being induced). Then you can direct your mind into other channels. I got to that stage I thought and I couldn't move. I knew he was speaking to me..... (Interruption by another dinner guest that we shall designate by the initials AB)

AB : He was continually speaking to you while the music was going?

She: No. He left me there.

AB: But every now and then he would say something to you right?

She: Yes. When he came back, I couldn't lift up an arm. I was on a plane (state of mind) where I felt I was away from everything yet I could see in the third person. He said if you put yourself in the 3rd person you can't feel pain or anything to your body because you are looking at yourself from the outside, therefore you are not conscious of anything that is inflicted upon you as a person. I think that's true sir. So I was in this hypnotic state.....

All Table Participants: That's right and that's the secret right there, you were in a hypnotic trance.

She: He could speak to me and I couldn't move. I could hear him and everything but I couldn't do anything until he threw water on me and slapped my face.

AB : Sister, while you were under this hypnotic state he could have told you anything he wanted to and you would have believed it. He could have suggested things into your mind such that from now on you would believe this and you would do this and do that and you would have been inclined to do them especially if you had gone to him more than once or twice.

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HOLY APOSTLE: Brother now you can see to get this world into the knowledge of the truth you have a job.

AB : That's right, because so many people out here are messing up. They get a little bit of knowledge about a thing, especially about fooling with the human mind, that it really messes up the persons beliefs. He could really make you believe he's God if he wanted to.

She: But I think I really learned how to communicate with some people mentally by just focusing my mind on one thing.

HOLY APOSTLE: You did? Alright, communicate with me. Go home and try to communicate with me now.

She: Well sir your mind is so much more powerful than mine that....(Interruption)

AB: Well I've got a weak mind, concentrate on me. (General, good-natured laughter)

HOLY APOSTLE : That's the trick knowledge. You see, the old man was smart. He said if you don't believe, or you don't act like such and such a thing, I can't do anything with you. You admits his defeats.

She: Dear Holy Apostle, you have said that if you think something to be or to come into existence that if that thought is not interfered with, that it could come to pass.

AB : Who said that?

SHE: The dear Holy Apostle has said this.

AB: Yes, but who can do this?

SHE: He said anyone....(looking around the table) didn't he? Didn't some of you hear him say this one night when I asked him?.....(Silence)

Holy Apostle Wait a minute now. Let me tell you what kind of thing I was referring to. It had to be that of God. But you can't just say here, the alley person-- be a light over there and it comes. No. We can't do that sister. And if we have to bring into existence something different and better than that light over there, that may come but I say to you whenever there is a longing for a change, it will come to pass. The people will give birth to that type of person that can bring it.

SHE: Dear Apostle, what about Mary and Joseph then? After Mary's father left her she was left to take care of his property and a storm came up. When the storm came up you have taught us she became frightened and she thought about Joseph in her fear and Joseph then came and stayed with her.

HOLY APOSTLE: Yes, but they were righteous people. They could tune in on one another. That's a clean way. There are no tricks in that.

SHE: Yes sir, but that communication does exist between two people if its for good and if it's righteous?

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HOLY APOSTLE: Yes, the righteous can do that. But not just anybody. He (Allah) taught me that any righteous person can tune in. But you have to be righteous to do that. You can't just sit down and think about yesterday I use to drink whiskey, I'd like to have a beer today and then turn around and say, "Oh, yes, I'd like to see God

SHE: But you know while I was there (in the East) I did think that I wanted someone to come and that person came. I talked to them and everyone else saw that person too and it happened that way a few times and the people didn't know why they came, they just got the urge to come.

HOLY APOSTLE: We also have had people come up just as you be thinking about them. They are already on their way to your door.

SHE: But this person sir, they say they were in another place altogether. I say to myself, "at 10:30 I will walk in and this person will come" and at 10:30 I walk in and the person would come.

AB: Can you do that anytime you get ready?

She:No. I have to be in the right medium. I can't have all these confused thoughts around.

AB: I don't mean can you do it right here. What I mean is whenever you get ready under the circumstances that you were there, then would you put your life on it that you could tell me so and so would be at such and such a place and they would be there? Would you put your life on it?

SHE: I can't say that. But when I did it, it happened.

AB: Yes, a lot of things happen but you don't have any control over it. It's going to happen anyway.

HOLY APOSTLE: There has been so much fantastic witchcraft and talk that some people believe in witchcraft more than their God, because they have been taught witchcraft, soothsaying and the like.

QUESTIONER: There does still seem to be the question about how much we understand about the mind and the capabilities of the mind, what it can or can't do in terms of the limited knowledge we've been exposed to. As a professional man I've been exposed rather extensively to the so-called scientific evaluation of the mind, its power and capabilities. Experiments in psychology have been performed in what is spoken of as clairvoyance and extra-sensory perception for which they can find no satisfactory explanation for certain events and circumstances that have taken place. I don't think these things can just be discounted or written off as folklore. I feel many things we don't presently understand, tomorrow we may understand. It becomes a question of getting the scientific evaluation and basis of those things we presently have no knowledge of.

HOLY APOSTLE: I see you have a little of it in your pocket too. (smile).

AB: Actually from my understanding of it, the mind of our fathers, God himself created everything in the Universe with thier minds. But this does not throw me into a spooky state where I think that minds that are not righteous, not holy, not in accordance with Allah and the divine law, I don't believe they do these things. Anything they do is by accident or just by chance.

HOLY APOSTLE: Look at the magician. He stands up and produces live rabbits, chicken: and turkeys and all such as that seemingly coming out of his hat. None of it is real. There is no such thing as rabbits jumping out of a hat unless they are put there. These are tricks, sleight-of-hand.

QUESTIONER: That is of course an important consideration I think. Its important to be able to understand that the rabbit didn't come out of the air. It is a material thing that came from some other material thing. That rabbit was born somewhere and the magician had to bring it to the place from whence it was shown.

HOLY APOSTLE: But how did he shutter our eyes, bring a trick, curtain or vision here to make us believe it was something actually completely different than what it was? He could not produce a glass of water unless he were to go somewhere and take it out of a hydrant. But I see a glass of water. Well alright then, if I did not see him get it out of the hydrant, he has tricked my vision right? Well this is the thing I am coming to. Regardless to the education that we may acquire, if we don't believe in the truth of reality we are bound to be headed for the fishers net. Now this poor sister here, just listening to her, I looked over an area of millions of people while she was talking. What I mean is it came into my mind that there are millions of people like that. What is the best way to convince them? You have to convince them with reality. Our people, they have for many centuries, thousands of years worked hard with each other to show that I am greater in power than you. And now they have a greater field of trick power, that you are better than me at tricks and I will worship your power of tricks. And this is the kind of thing now that gives us trouble and drags us into the net. We must just remember that it is not the real thing. We must remember that this'not the way of God and if its not the way of God we don't partake of it. When you get that kind of mind nothing will have a power over you. She was talking about this Hinduism power that kind of captivated her. She thinks there is a little something in it, that she can use it, that she can bring you out from Detroit or Milwaukee with the power of her mind because she was tricked under that power of mind. It was not the kind of power we use from God. It was TRICK power. She was depending on it and felt she could do it because under those circumstances it looked like it worked alright. But if put to a test, she couldn't do anything. No! If put to a test she couldn't do anything.

AB That's right. And her teacher. if put to a test, if his life depended on it....

HOLY APOSTLE: That's right if put to a test he and his teacher and his fathers teacher, you can put them all to flight with the power of truth.

QUESTIONER: That's beautiful dear Holy Apostle and if I may, I would like to add that a further protection from that kind of thing is the ability to delve beneath the veneer that is put before your eyes and get at the basis of the thing. Certainly your teaching is such that if one understands the need to get at the ROOT of a thing, the very foundation, your final conclusions will be much more understandable.

HOLY APOSTLE: Now here's a biblical picture. Moses and the magicians both had rods. The magician rods could do practically the same thing that Moses rod could do. It could crawl away and look like a serpent. It was so real and looked like it had so much power that Moses became frightened. Maybe he wouldn't be able to convince that people, he thought. Moses was afraid he wouldn't be able to compete with them. Thought Moses, "these birds are pretty strong. They have something crawling around here too." Now remember God back there in the bushes had demonstrated to Moses his rod and Moses had even become frighten out there to see his rod crawling away like a serpent. The God told him, "pick it up and it w'll become a rod again." And

so Moses picked it up. God said to him, Now go show these signs to Pharaoh." O.K. When Moses got there so as to demonstrate his rod Pharaoh said, "well now you haven't done anything. I have some who can do the same thing. Come on magicians". That was Pharaohs' false prophets. He says "Go ahead and cast your rod". When the magicians cast their rods, the rods crawled around like serpents and Moses was excited. "My, my", thought Moses. "Their rods are crawling as good as mine and I got mine from Jehovah up there in the bushes. Where did they get their rods from? Who gave them the power to crawl around like serpents". Moses was afraid again. Maybe he was being cheated or maybe Jehovah did not give him the best for these people have rods that do the same thing as mine. Look at the point there. Then, the Holy Quran says, Allah says go ahead. You will be the overcomer, cast down your rod. He cast his down and his serpent ate up the magicians. Then the magicians were astonished. Pharaoh was defeated. The same goes now. The magicians make a picture before you that looks like it really has divine work in it. God himself could not do any better you might think. Oh Brother! Its not the power of God working there. It is the enemies power working there. Get after them with truth. Some of the scientists say that this serpent that was crawling of the magicians was the lies that they were telling and Moses put down the truth and his truth ate up their lies. It was truth versus lies. The magicians had the lies and Moses had the truth. They were smart with their lies thinking they could win with lies but Moses put down the truth and it ate up the lies. That's the way one scientist gives it. I don't say that's exactly what it was. Actually this rod serves as a sign. The rod acts as something we use to chastise. When God asked Moses the first time, "Moses what is that you have in your hand/" He says, "My rod that I walk with and that I beat off the leaves that fall on my sheep with." This is a good thing to show Pharaoh, some truth that I have to demonstrate to the World and what will come 4,000 years from now. See this rod, you can use it for chastising, you can use it for resting on, to lean on; you can use it to aid your sheep. I'm going to give a rod that in the last day will aid people and we will give a sign of that by your rod here. That same rod brought death to Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea according to the Book as he struck the water and the water went together and drowned Pharaoh. This was a mighty rod but this was also just an example of what God has in mind in the last day. The rod is spoken of in Isaiah as, "And you shall beat them to pieces with the rod like a clay pot" referring to people. This is not a literal rod. The Book closes in the last chapter that a sword came out of the lambs mouth to overcome the beast and brought the beast to naught. Not with a literal sword but the sword that proceeded out of his mouth, that the truth. That was the truth that Moses was contending with Pharaoh with. It put Pharaoh and his magicians to death. Right? ALL PRAISE IS DUE ALLAH!!

TABLE TALKS WITH MUHAMMAD

Vol. 1 No. 5 (Unless stated otherwise all answers are made by The Honorable Elijah Muhammad, The Messenger of Allah)

Questioner: Dear Holy Apostle, often the Holy Quran starts off by saying, "I am Allah, the Best Knower", with emphasis it seems to me on the "I", yet frequently within the context of the Holy Quran you will read, "We" did such and such a thing and "We" did this and "We" did that. Is this two different Gods Speaking?

Answer: No. It is the principal God putting himself on the same subject and the same answer with other Gods [Relating to the use of the term "We"]. Let me make this a bit clearer. In the beginning or opening of the Quran, He is addressing Himself to us; He is One; Say He Allah is One. In other places we will find it (The Holy Quran) bearing witness with this same contact as in the beginning in these words: "Your Lord is One". Such words are used to get you and I set upon a God that is [self] independent of the "We". But here in front the Quran is addressed to the Messenger and it is from One God because that One God is the One dealing with the Messenger not a "We" of Gods; there is only One dealing with the Messenger and He is the Messenger. Now to verify this we can go to the Bible on the teaching of One God and of His visit to the Messenger in these words found there in Psalms; Who is the Son of Man that God should visit him? Well that shows you that this man is one who has been visited by the Supreme Being and the Scientists are in words saying what is in this Son of Man that you [God Himself] should visit him?

Questioner: It would seem that this Son of Man must be an unusual one.

Answer: That's right. He found something unusual, like the Book teaches further on in parables, the Bible prophesies of him being something different from the others, a pearl of greater weight than the other pearls, or as a stone harder than other stones, that this stone could crack other stones. "Say your Lord is One Lord" doing away with a Trinity. [by such a saying the God is saying to us], "Don't you believe in that Trinity now." Then he (the Messenger) is made to pray that prayer, "I am not of the polytheist". That is referring to the Christian with a 3 God belief. It is very beautiful when you understand.

All: It certainly is Dear Apostle!

Answer: It [the Holy Quran] should have opened with this saying; God, Your Lord is One and I am Allah. That's beautiful there, letting the Messenger know I am your God and I'm not any three Gods; I am One God. No, that's what I am-- Myself talking to you [Muhammad], I am the real God. He's acquainting himself with His Messenger in the very first place and He begins with His Messenger and He discusses Messengers. He says, Allah came to so and so and He gave him a scripture and He taught so and so and He gave him a scripture letting the Messenger know that this should not be surprising to you for the same work I am doing for you has been done by other prophets.

All: That's plain enough

Answer: Yes sir! It's beautiful. So He addresses Himself as One. Don't you be around here talking about some other God such as Jesus Christ and all like that and there are three into one. I'm just One God and you don't see but One. I'm the One and I'm giving to you what was given to the prophets before you

And I'm giving to you their history and their people and how they were treated----all these things. It is so beautiful. Right here in the beginning is He and His Messenger. There is no group there. He begins in the beginning with His Messenger and He discusses with His Messenger the history of Messengers. I just feel good all over when I have to repeat it because I do know I am the answer. And being the answer to that is one of the most glorious and the most blessed things to be the answer to that you could ever hope for---to be the right hand man of God in the judgement and He has conferred upon you HIS will! Whenever you learn it right it is really something.

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Questioner: That makes us blessed/for that one God chose as His right hand man has been chosen from amongst us. He went to no other people.

Answer: That's right. He chose your brother. That makes Him (The Messenger) and you one of the family.

All: Yes sir----a happy day.

Answer: That's what the Holy Quran further says here that this one that Allah raises up, a Messenger from amongst them; it dignifies them and makes them a great Nation to have that honor that they could boast the Messenger is one of us. Not to think about opposing him and making mock of him. That's the last thing you should think of because you are dignified [by having such a one amongst you]. Think over it; you are honored because wherever you go when people learn that you are one of my followers even the devil himself will honor and respect you.

[This entire subject, "Say He Allah is One God", is indeed a most beautiful one and as the Messenger goes into it you will find it stirring and depthless. The Holy Apostle kind of "lights up" as he gets into this subject and gives it the meaning and beauty, spiritual and scientific interpretation that only he can and we will develop the subject in later table talks just as the Messenger has given it to us.]

At this point a Sister made a comment that follows which takes us into a different subject and highlights the wisdom of the Messenger in his broad and civilized points of view.

Sister: Dear Apostle. I was coming off the airplane and I had on my M.G.T. suit. The stewardess stopped me and she said, "Excuse me, are you a Nun?" I said, "No, I'm not." She said, "Well what are you?" I said, "I am Muslim" She looked at me and said Oh, what a beautiful garment you are wearing. I just love that; that is so beautiful. I said, "Thank You". and she just smiled and.....

Answer: That's right, you're suppose to say thank you. If you had not you would have acted ignorant. If somebody is trying to honor and respect you and you go along saying nothing----that's ignorant. Many brothers and Sisters go along being honored and they don't have sense enough to respect it. Please do not teach yours to be like that. They don't mean harm (the believer), they're just ignorant.

Sister: She asked the question so I told her. The last time I was here you told me if they ask you, tell the truth.

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Answer: That's right you tell the truth regardless to whom or what. That's the righteous. That's what you're suppose to do, tell the truth and if you hide the honor and the blessings of Allah that is laying out there for you before the eyes of the world, you're not giving Him (Allah) any credit at all and He should take it away from you. Look at me. Twenty of them (Devils) could come in here right now and I would go around shaking hands with them. Sit down and talk to them; Yes Sir, no sir----I respect them. I don't even say yes and no to them. I most of the time say yes sir and no sir. And a lot of them will say "the Honorable Elijah Muhammad..." Respect of each other. We have just not learned and it is so ignorant for you to be out there robed down in heavenly garments, people trying to show respect to you and you're out there acting like you don't want it.

Questioner: Yes, with noses in the air. I think many of us have seen that kind of behaviour.

Holy Apostle: That's right this is the most ignorant thing you could be doing. You should look at the people and smile and then thank them, as long as they are showing respect to you.

Sister: I've noticed too that from your facial expression you can gain respect or gain other than respect. Sometimes sisters go out and have the attitude as if to say don't you dare come near me or even talk to me. They look unpleasant. It is as though if you were to say "Hi" to them they would snap right back at you for saying "Hi" to them as if to say "Who are you to say "Hi" to me and.....

Holy Apostle; Well they should not say "Hi" to you. If someone were to come up to you and say, "Hi", you should act as if you didn't even hear them.

Sister: Yes sir. What I mean was it seems to be a question of one's facial expression. You don't have to be smiling but you don't have to look unpleasant either. Like you said if they ask you a question you should answer the question.

Holy Apostle: That is if it is an intelligent or decent question. Try to get the teachings from me here and don't try to pull off anything that could make things go wrong by using your ideas, otherwise I will charge you for it. That's the Holy Quran. It says they were right there in his face (The Messenger's), they should have gotten it right.

Sister: Yes Sir. Sometimes a lost-found will come up and ask you a whole lot of questions about your religion. Well I cut it off. When they ask me one question I say come to the Mosque.

Holy Apostle: A man or woman?

Sister: Woman or man. Most of the time a woman.

Holy Apostle: If a lost-found woman comes up trying to ask you some questions about Islam, you try your best to give some information to them.

Sister: Yes Sir: What would you do if a lost found man asks you?

Holy Apostle: Tell him where the Temple is.

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Answer: Brothers should not be shouting all up and down or across the street, "As Salaam Alaikum," to the sisters. If they do the sisters should act as if they didn't hear them. Remember that today the lost found knows the greetings just as well as you do and you might not even know with whom you are speaking. You might also notice that this greeting from brother and sister may sometimes be used in a "flirty" way so we must caution the brothers and sisters against such things.

A General Comment by the Messenger:

We have to be careful of this old evil time. Just like the Holy Quran teaches us, jealousy and envy, it will destroy you. We are reaching an enviable state of our teachings and our work. We must be careful of that. We don't pay any attention to people who envy us or are jealous of our accomplishments. We just go ahead in the name of Allah praying for Him to give us more progress.

Question: Exactly how did Muhammad Ibn Abdullah come by the Quran? Many of the scholars teach that he went up into a cave in the mountain and under profound meditation a voice came to him and he went back and began to recite the Quran. This then is how revelation came to him and thus as it came to him he recited the Book from time to time. Some of the scholars say this revelation came from the Angel Gabriel, yet none of the scholars even begin to touch on the subject that you so beautifully explained for us that is there is the God saying "I am Allah the Best Knower and the sometimes use of the word "We" coming from Allah.

Answer: Yes, brother, It is clear when you study it right here in the beginning of the Quran, that Muhammad(Ibn Abdullah) was in a similiar way like others before the real Muhammad. He heard voices like others say they heard voices say, the Lord saith unto them speak so and so but they did not see the speaker of the voice. So Muhammad was the same but he was not the right man for the resurrection. In the resurrection God is made manifest. Everybody would know Him as He is.

Brother: This is substantiated in the Bible alright but does it come through in the Quran Dear Apostle? For example the Quran is constantly referring to that one who says I am the last of the prophets, and there is none after me, I am the seal. I think this accounts for the reason so many of the old muslim get lost in the Quran and will not accept you.

Answer: But that can't be the Muhammad of 1400 years ago. He didn't resurrect the dead. We are the dead.

Sister: Dear Apostle, I was reading the Holy Quran a few weeks ago and I'm not certain but I think it was in the chapter under the Star and the footnote mentions there that Muhammad was taught by God in person (see Chapter 53 of Holy Quran-Footer 2374-5th edition) face to face and we know they don't say that about Muhammad 1400 years ago.

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Answer: That's right and these scholars always writing about Muhammad, they won't pick that part up. That shows they are opposed to anyone claiming this office but Muhammad of 1400 years ago. The writer Muhammad Ali in his footnote points out that some of the scholars think that it was the Angel Gabriel speaking to Muhammad but he points out it was God himself. See, this couldn't be the right Muhammad since he was pointed out only as one hearing voices. The Holy Quran teaches that the Saints hear voices too but that doesn't make them prophets. Now remember that for this is beautiful. They (the Saints) hear voices too but that doesn't make them prophets. We have people in this old evil time that want you to believe that they have been inspired by God just in an old dream. "You know I dreamed such and such a thing. I want to tell my dream." But in the Holy Qurans such acts are condemned; it is very well put there to keep down anything like that which came up in Moses' time, a lot of diviners and a lot of dreamers. Isaih's teachings prophecy this same point; he says if you dream a dream, tell a dream. Don't try to make it other than what it is by calling it a vision. This is what most of them would like for you to do, that is consider thier dream a vision. I didn't have a dream they say, I had a vision and I saw such and such a thing and I heard the Lord say so and so... They do that today in order to claim divinity. So the Bible is right when it warns us that if you have a dream just say I dreamed so and so, don't try to make it some kind of divine vision. I asked the Saviour about dreams and He said brother we don't pay any attention to dreams. Now think over that. This was His first answer. Then He told me about one of His dreams. He said, "I had a dream once when I was six years old. I dreamed that I was over here in America pushing these big Devils like Rockefeller and Dupont and the like in a lake of fire". And then He glanced back at me and said, "I see my dream coming true." He did this to let me know all dreams are not false because He had dreamed one Himself (smile). So you see one thing He wanted me to be sure of is that He came to push this Devil in a lake of fire. He dreamed it when He was six years old like Yacub dreamed or had his vision that he was going to make a Devil when he was six. Well when He (The Saviour) was six He had a dream that He was going to kill that Devil. See how beautiful it is? Both boys six saw thier future when they were six years old. It is wonderful to get this kind of teaching from Allah through a Messenger. Now again there is another teaching from the Holy Quran you don't find them (the writers of and about the Old Islam) harping about. It is this: The Holy Quran teaches that He (Allah) and His apostle were drawn together on the farthest horizon. This point is not taught because some one might wake up. Muhammad Ibn Abdullah of Arabia was never out of Arabia. If therefore he was never out of Arabia how could he be seen on the farthest horizon? The farthest horizon is to the dateline in the Pacific. Then this makes the Western Hemisphere the farthest horizon (from:the East). When the sun rises over here on the U.S.A. it is the furthest for the other little islands in between are just stepping stones for this is a continent. No sir you don't hear them harping on that. Remember the writers do not have the knowledge we have and anything that will make you think or that they don't understand they just kind-of skip over it.