

# They Hate The Champ

By Elijah Muhammad

*Why is there so much of an upstir about Muhammad Ali, who was brought up under the slavemasters' name of Cassius Clay?*

America is upset over his being a Muslim and holding such a title in the sports world. This is an open manifestation of the hatred of the Muslims and Islam in America.

*What have they attempted to do with this poor young brother who has accepted Allah for his God and Islam for his religion? They wanted to change the laws of that particular sport in order to deprive a Muslim of being the "Champion."*

Why should not they recognize Islam as the religion of the so-called Negro; a dignified religion which brings dignity, a religion that assures the believer an eternal future, and makes him honored and recognized the world over, a religion which makes a man a

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# Why They Hate the New Champion

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brother of all the righteous people of the earth and gives him a home among the civilized people of the earth, a religion which is destined to be the last religion of the human family of the earth and a religion which came with Almighty God?

*Why is such a religion hated by the West and especially by America? The true religion of Allah, is entire submission to His will. Why is there so much hatred for this young man (Muhammad Ali) who has accepted Islam and who quickly gave up the name Cassius Clay and is still shaking off the slavemasters' ways? He (Muhammad Ali) seeks the Hereafter and not the world as he plainly stated in the New York Times Newspaper,*

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He said he realized the Championship was nothing and that it only lasted a little while, and that he must prepare himself for the Hereafter.

*How many so-called Negro leaders or religious leaders have been wise and brave enough to elevate themselves to the side of the true God as this young man has? He is giving up the world of the Christians, which is a world of sport and play, as being nothing. The Hereafter is what he seeks. What does he mean by the Hereafter? He means after this world has been destroyed and a new world of peace and righteousness has been established by the God and Author of righteousness.*

Muhammad Ali seeks recognition of his own.

No sooner than the world of Islam heard of his acceptance of Islam and that he was the holder of such a great title among the wicked and the sports world as the World's Heavyweight Boxing Champion, they, for the first time since the Negro has been in the Western Hemisphere, recognized Muhammad Ali for accepting Islam and the name Muhammad Ali which will live forever; as long as there is a heaven and earth.

The name Cassius Clay

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*is a limited and passing name that will disappear with the destruction of the world of Christianity, while Islam is the salvation of Allah and Muhammad Ali is an eternal and everlasting name of God.*

It was frowned upon for such a young man to so readily shed his old slavemasters' name by the teachers and preachers of the Christian church (the white man's religion). The government began taking a poll to see how many were for taking the title from him. When he received the title, he received it for fighting and winning. It is a disgrace to take it away from him.

*Let someone fight Muhammad Ali and win as he won. Just because he accepted Islam, they want him to forfeit his*

*title.*  
Has there ever been a so-called Negro recognized by Asia and Africa in such sports until Muhammad Ali accepted Islam? They have given him a free trip in honor of their governments to visit their country. This shows that Islam will get the Negro recognition in the world of the righteousness and this is what America fears; that we are receiving universal recognition.

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