

For And About You

By Harriett Muhammad

DEAR HARRIETT,

Is it a fact, one of the greatest challenges to so-called Christianity in the world today is presented by Islam, the black man's true religion?

I BELIEVE, the total number of Moslems in the world today is around 750 million. In my travels, I have learned Islam is making far more converts in Africa than is so-called Christianity, and is spreading rapidly, not only there but in other lands as well. Large numbers of Moslem missionaries, many of them trained at the University of Al-Azhar in Cairo, are entering Africa for this purpose.

Egypt seems to have a definite aim — the establishment of Moslem and Arab domination over the African continent, and its emissaries are seeking to persuade Africans that in order to enjoy political freedom, Christianity (the religion of the ruling races) must be destroyed. Have you any knowledge of this?

IS ISLAM the only religion which presents a definite theological barrier to the teachings of Christianity? I'm inclined to believe, Islam's uncompromising attitude concerning the unity of God makes the doctrine of the trinity unacceptable. I'm inclined to believe, from what I have noticed among the followers of Mr. Muhammad, Islam is our, the so-called Negro, natural culture. Do you believe it even

gives to the so-called Negro a higher social prestige than Christianity?

Have you noticed, one thing is certain; the so-called white man's Christian faith is not making tremendous headway in America, among the 25 million so-called Negroes? If there is any marked movement of the so-called Negro or his church at all, it is by certain radicals who are "fed up" with the church and are rather anti-religious in general. I use to wonder why so many black men sold **MUHAMMAD SPEAKS**. Lately, even I have been able to read the handwriting on the wall.

MR. MUHAMMAD knows that today, when people can be subjected to the pressure of propaganda by the so-called white press and radio, etc., it becomes supremely important to make all the so-called Negroes critically minded, lest, like the Gardarene swine, they hurl themselves in blind passion over some cliff. Many of my associates believe my stand against mix-marriage isn't rational. How do you feel about this in so-called Christian America?

I'M INCLINED to believe, before the so-called Negro leaves his own to mix or marry a white woman or

ZANZIBAR — Tanzanian president Nyerere said recently that one of the two ways to save southern Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) from the white minority rule was to rise up in arms and fight for freedom.

ADDRESSING members of the national service at Ruyu camp, west of Dar Es Salaam, President Nyerere said that in that event, the African states had the duty to help them.

man, he should check the motive. If one thinks through the reason why the so-called white and so-called Negro (as a whole or their individual adherents) do or do not cooperate, one will find that the reasons fall naturally under three headings — theological, sociological and psychological.

Because of the truth I've learned from conversing with followers of Mr. Muhammad and from reading **MUHAMMAD SPEAKS**, whether anyone likes it or not, I'm sui generis: indubitably, irrevocably, intransigently individual.

IT'S A hard pill to swallow for any black man with three and a half years of college to awake one morning only to realize he must be re-educated into the truth. How would you feel? It would be hard for even you to realize how much time and money the so-called white man's system has taken from me. No matter how hard the so-called Negro battles for his own individuality in America, I don't believe he will find it by integrating with the so-called white man.

TO BE ANSWERED IN THE NEXT ISSUE

Something on your mind? Write and tell me about it.

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**THIS IS IN ANSWER TO A LETTER I RECEIVED FROM
MR. J. C. OF WASHINGTON.**

You asked in your letter if I had any knowledge of Egypt's aim of establishing Muslim and Arab domination over the African continent, and as to whether or not there is a movement in existence to destroy Christianity in order to have political freedom. As far as I am able to ascertain from the information available to me, Egypt is not, and indeed, is not in a position to establish dominance over the African continent.

SHE DOES, however enjoy and relish basking in the sun of influence and prestige, but no more so than does or would any nation if given the opportunity. Because of Egypt's past glory and because of her strategic geographical location (being at the hub of world activities), Egypt has always held a certain spot in Africa's heart. Contemporary Egypt is one of, if not the strongest independent African nation. But even so, there is so much work being done and to be done that Egypt could not possibly be putting too much money and effort into continental domination.

AL-AZHAR University has always sent out missionaries for the past thousand years. It holds a unique position in the Muslim world, as it does not belong to Egypt alone, but to all Muslims. It is the fountain of traditional Islamic knowledge — it is the life source of the science of "Fiqh" (the science behind the origins of Arabic words and their intricate meanings) which draws many Arabic scholars.

No one has to destroy Christianity in Africa — its dying a natural death all over, because the time is ripe for such. Its period of use had ended. Its tentaments conflict too much with the laws of nature and have usually, for the most part, never gotten beyond lip service. Not so with Islam, as it takes into consideration the strengths, the weaknesses, and the nature of man, and thusly is not really a "religion" as we are used to thinking, but a way of life. A way of life with certain basic tentaments that help man to produce the best that is in him.

YOU ASKED, "Is Islam the only religion which pre-

sents a definite theological barrier to the teachings of Christianity?" I am not a student of religions and don't want to discuss the theologies of any religion in this column, because justice could not be given such a subject. Next you asked, "Do you believe Islam gives to the so-called Negro a higher social prestige than does Christianity?" I assume you mean here in America, since it certainly does in the Islamic world. Yes, to certain thinking segments of the nation and for certain logical reasons.

All persons with sociological, political and psychological backgrounds are able to understand the need for the so-called Negro to undergo a complete and thorough transformation if he is to be made an equal in the eyesight of civilized mankind. Islam has been successful in bringing about such transformations. To the majority who like the status quo, Muslims appear as a threat, because the majority doesn't want the so-called Negroes to become other than their carbon copies.

As their carbon copies, we remain easy to control because they know of what we are composed.

HOWEVER, they perceive our transformation in masse as a threat, because we would then, in more ways, become equal. So to those who have undergone a change and are more equal, more respect is given. We have a position of respect founded not as much on our collective material acquis-

You also asked my opin-

ion concerning mixed marriages. Since this ties in with another letter I received, it will be taken up in the next issue.

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World Loan to Uganda

KAMPALA, Uganda—The world bank will assist Uganda with a loan of 9 million dollars to expand secondary schools, it was announced.

EDUCATION Minister Dr. Joshua Zake said that Uganda will contribute another 4.48 million dollars to the program which will provide 13,900 school places.