

## Cites Incident Underlining Why Islamic Laws Show Up America's "Loose" Ways

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Many of the Sudanese who have received higher education in Western societies have a very difficult time adjusting to their own societies after spending four to six years in the Western universities.

**DURING** my residence in the girls' hostel of the University of Khartoum, Sudan, I became acquainted with many Sudanese who had gone to Europe or America. They had become addicted to the bad habits of those countries and wished to practice these habits in their country. They lived an unhappy life in the Sudan.

Soon after my arrival at the university, many of these unhappy misfits came to me wishing to learn the most recent dances of America and to hear some of the most recent musical hits in the U.S. They were hungry for news and information of the Western society.

One afternoon a young man came to the girls' hostel for me in a long car (rare in the Sudan because the Sudanese usually buy small European cars) and sent one of the door guards of the hostel in to call me. Not knowing who was at the gate, and not be-

ing fully dressed, I wrapped a tobe (the national dress of the Sudanese women) around myself and went to the gate.

**WHEN I** came to the gate of the hostel, I found him there. He introduced himself and asked if I would go out with him. I was surprised and disgusted with his manners. He seemed so contrary to the society in which he lived.

He tried to speak American slang (sloppy English) and acted just like an American. It was so strange to see one acting in the crude impolite manner of an American in the Sudan.

He had been told that there was an American at the university and having been to America, and thus being familiar with the loose and immoral ways of Americans, he assumed that I would be an easy pick up for him. However, when he saw me in the Sudanese tobe, he was surprised, and did not press me to accept his invitation.

**THIS WAS** the first time that I realized how much of a misfit is the one who tries to behave in the manner of the white man in an Islamic society.

This young man, I learned later was known for his bad

drinking habits, and for having a bad reputation in general.

The guards reported me for having men visit me at the hostel. I will write later of the details and the results of their reports.

**THE** Honorable Elijah Muhammad wishes so very deeply that the Sisters be raised and trained into the Islamic law. He teaches the woman not to meet and speak with men outside of her family and relatives. She is to avoid contact with men in general unless it is absolutely necessary.

In order that we may be able to live in a Muslim society, in a Muslim country, we women must keep ourselves within the restricted laws of Islam.

The strictness of our law is our success, so the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, the Messenger of Allah, teaches us.

**I HAVE** lived in a Muslim country for 22 months, and I have witnessed the Muslim women living in the bounds of their Islamic law.

When they pass men in the streets they cast their eyes down or look past the man. They avoid speaking to any man other than their blood relatives or their husbands. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad, is instructing us in the same way, and thus preparing us to meet the demands made of women in the Muslim society.

In this hell of North America, these restricted laws appear difficult to some and ridiculous to others. But for those who believe the laws to be ridiculous, they are ignorant to the knowledge of the success of a clean and beautiful Islamic society: The laws.

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sive administrative machinery in the countryside. For more than a decade now, they have poured men and money into this program which has completely failed.

clearly the inefficiency of its strategy, but it is unable to find any alternative.

Now the U.S. is sending more troops and war equipment to South Viet Nam and escalating its war against North Viet Nam