

# BLACKNESS

shackle our minds with physical chains.

These physical chains came in the form of words but they were stronger than any chains you can imagine to keep us in the bondage of "slave-mentality."

The Christian religion became a powerful doctrine to keep us in mental slavery. Even the god that they call a spiritual god was given to us in a physical form. They taught us to trust in that god (Jesus) and to give ourselves wholeheartedly to him because he was our only salvation.

Our mothers and fathers did not fall in love with God the Father, a spiritual being. They fell in love with god the son in the flesh, a physical being. When we thought about the poor, bleeding physical Christ on the cross, we thought about God.

When we sang our songs of praises for God, we were thinking of a physical man nailed to a cross. Our minds became filled with sentiments thinking of a man suffering and dying physically "for our sins." After our heaven and even our god had been made physical, there was nothing to feed the true life within our body, to elevate it and to draw it up to a higher level.

## IDENTIFY THE HEINOUS CRIME

Brothers and Sisters, we in the Nation of Islam (the Body-Christ) want to identify the heinous crime that has been committed to destroy your natural mind with "slave-mentality," and then start correcting it.

The first thing that we began doing in the Nation of Islam under the wise guidance of the Teachings of the Great Master Fard Muhammad as they were taught for over 40 years by the Honorable Master Elijah Muhammad (may the Peace and Blessings of Allah be upon Him) was to teach our filthy people to clean themselves up. We had to bring them out of the tendency to live with themselves in the wretched condition that the devil world had designed for us.

After the people had become dissatisfied with physical uncleanness, the Teachings began to teach them responsibility. By giving everyone a duty, the man and the woman began to come back into the sense of responsibility.

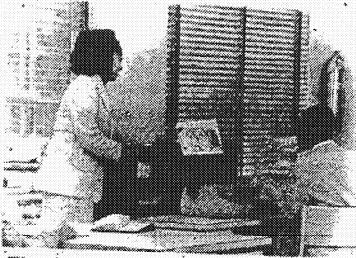
## NATION-BUILDING HABITS

The "slave-mentality" of slavery had killed the sense of responsibility in us. We felt no responsibility for self or for each other. We looked to the slave-master for everything that self needed.

The Teachings of the Nation of Islam

have killed that cancerous disease in us that does not recognize any responsibility to our self and our own kind. We, the Muslims, know that we have a responsibility to care for each other and we love to obey each other.

The white man had destroyed our thinking to such an extent that our minds weren't developed enough to be taught what to do, so habits had to be built. Our good habits for the benefit and progress of self have undone the white man's habits that were taught to us for our death as a people: nation-building habits have destroyed slave-making habits.



The intellect of the members of the Nation of Islam is elevated to such a plane that we become dissatisfied with ourselves in ignorance. We take on a love for real knowledge of any kind. All knowledge that is good knowledge is promoted in the Nation of Islam. Our minds grow higher and higher until we are able to overcome all the slavery setbacks of "slave-mentality."

## UNFAILING KNOWLEDGE OF DIVINE MIND

Brothers and Sisters, if your destruction as a real man and real woman began with the destruction of your willpower as a human being, your restoration should begin with the restoration of your willpower as a human being. The first job is to bring about a development of willpower in you. After your willpower is developed, you can be disciplined and given responsibility.

If you do not have willpower, there is nothing you can do but be a slave for other people. Willpower is what rules in you. The Nation of Islam restores your willpower; disciplines, guides, and directs you; teaches you the responsibility to self, and develops a love in you for self - rule and self - leadership.

We bring your mind out of the bondage of slavery into freedom, out of baby thoughts into grown - up thoughts, and out of the ignorance of darkness into Divine Light.

We have the unfailing knowledge of Divine Mind to raise you up into manhood



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and womanhood because we go back to the first problem that was created for the destruction of your natural mind. After that problem is solved, we bring you up to the present time and solve all of your problems along the way.

## BRING YOUR MIND IN FULL FORM

Don't waste your time following so-called leaders who guess at solutions or make theories about the problems of our people. You will be in mental, spiritual, and moral bondage for thousands of years to come, waiting on them to "theorize" your salvation.

With the Great Wisdom of Almighty God in our midst today, we don't waste time theorizing. We identify your problem and immediately start to correct it.

The Honorable Master Elijah Muhammad (may the Peace and Blessings of Allah be upon Him) said that we were a baby Nation, but He never said that we were always going to be a baby Nation. Today we are completing the job of growing the baby Nation into manhood and womanhood. We are bringing back to life the man and the woman that the Caucasian world killed with "slave-mentality" and deceived with "Artificial Blackness."

Brothers and Sisters, to finish this great job we must bring your mind into full form. If you have the true desire to be your real self as God intended, come into the Nation of Islam and walk with us in the Glorious Light of Divine Mind.

Thank you for honoring us with your time to read these few words.

Your Brother,  
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