

Woman in Islam

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CLOTHING, has a vital significance, as we can see from the dynamic and revitalizing teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, The Last Messenger of Allah.

MESSENGER MUHAMMAD, brings to life the meaning of the warning of the Holy Quran Ch. 7: 27 "O children of Adam, let not the devil seduce you, as he expelled your parents from the garden, pulling off from them their clothing that he might show them their shame. He surely sees you, he as well as his hosts, from whence you see them not."

FIRST THING that the so-called American Negro woman or girl is taught to do, when she becomes a member of the Nation of Islam, is to put on her long (ankle length) beautifully colored and graceful clothing of the Muslims. She is taught to graciously cover her hair (her crowning glory) with a gracefully draped, freshly laundered and pressed scarf, in matching or complementing color to her dress and suit.

THE WORK of the Messenger of Allah is to reform the woman. You, yourself, know the immediate psychological effect of dressing up (as we used to call it) has upon the mind, spirits and behavior. Whenever one's spirit was at a low ebb, a friend would advise them to go shopping and buy a new hat or dress. In Christianity, one dressed up on Sunday or some annual holiday, but, All Praises to Allah, Who Came in the Person of Master Fard Muhammad, Messenger Muhammad teaches us, that we should always look our best, for every day is our day, for we are the Makers and Owners of the Planet Earth.

FOLLOWING, the guidance of Messenger Muhammad, who teaches us modesty and good taste in the clothes that we wear, we can now have the clothes that are right for us . . . clothes that are really our very own. For the first time we can be ourselves and we do not have to wear the helter-skelter clothing which are the so-called styles of the white man. How easy the devil (white man) has made fit for himself, to deceive the Black People, and make them strip off their clothes, and disobey Allah (God).

MESSENGER MUHAMMAD, teaches us that the white man robbed us of the knowledge of ourselves, our God Allah and our worship of Allah (God). The white man nursed us from the cradle, to be putty in his hands.

IF the white man's style dictates dressed up, our Black women, ranging in ages from the cradle to the grave pull their dresses up. They no longer stop to think whether their form is attractive or misshapen or not. Let alone think of the decency aspect. She blindly bows down to the foolish whims of the merciless god of fashion, and if she does not do so, they are afraid that they will not be able to purchase anything to wear. This civilization of the white man, is leading the woman more and more into a beastlike life, from which

the white man came from in the beginning of his making, as Messenger Muhammad teaches us. Every good instinct is being destroyed. Her initiative towards creation is all but gone and sewing is becoming a lost art.

THE MUSLIMS, male and female, give praises to Allah (God), Master Fard Muhammad, for raising up His Divine Messenger Muhammad, who teaches the woman in Islam, all of the artistry of being a complete and Godly woman.