

Tells Why Messenger Key to Salvation of Black Man

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As I pointed out last week, it is not as a devoted "brother" (i.e., fellow-Muslim) that I endorse the Honorable Elijah Muhammad's philosophy and views on unity, power and other matters concerning the black man in America. Rather, I appreciate his judgment on such issues because it is, in my estimation, based on complete logic as well as considerations of practicality.

LIKEWISE, it is not my own adherence to Islam or my personal admiration for the U.S. Muslim leader that prompts me to suggest his name, as I have done on several occasions, for leadership of ALL black Americans. I



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support this choice because I am convinced that, of all American (so-called) Negro leaders, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad alone is best qualified to serve — and

hence guide — his people.

Let me reiterate: In my opinion, there is no other black leader in the wilderness of North America worthy of wearing the Honorable Elijah Muhammad's mantle. There is no other individual who deserves to don his hat or who can fit into his shoes.

I also know for sure that no political leader here will be able to solve the highly-complex (so-called) Negro problem — because the problem under reference is not a political but a moral and an economic one. (What the so-called Negroes lack and most want is human dignity, the right to knowledge of "self and kind" and money, good homes and friendship in all walks of life — not the "privilege" of choosing between different white candidates in Federal, state or local elections.)

SIMILARLY, I am absolutely certain that the (Christian) church leaders won't be able to "raise the dead" of this hell-on-earth — because the "poor" preachers themselves need to be awakened to the reality of LIFE (the truth of God and His religion).

The political and church leaders of black America, again, cannot succeed in achieving unity and power (i.e., Freedom, Justice and Equality) in behalf of their people because they apparently do not know how to go about it. If they did, surely they would not act and behave as they do — seeking greater fraternization and closer social relationship (integration) with the very enemies of their race and kind!

We cannot help deducing the (so-called) Negro politicians and preachers cannot see, though they have eyes, that the benevolent "Great Society" members of today are none other than the wicked (former) slavemasters' children and grandchildren.

UNDER THE circumstances, how can we expect the "blind ones" to lead others out of this dungeon of "darkness" (continued mental slavery)? How can we possibly rely on "puppet politicians" and mercenary preachers (slaves of white man's Christianity) to help rehabilitate the 22 million "dry bones" of America

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when the former are themselves devoid of life?

By contrast, the God-sent Muslim leader, Honorable Elijah Muhammad, not only possesses the prescription that can and will cure every ailment afflicting the "lost-founds" here — namely ISLAM — but also Allah's own sanction to apply it with all possible dispatch and speed.

That is, indeed, why I continually contend, and with absolute confidence, that of all those championing the American black man's cause, no one but the Honorable Elijah Muhammad is destined to triumph.