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(Ed. note—Following is a portion of an article written almost one and one half (1½) years ago. The events foretold in it are coming to pass today for all to see.

Not only are the hard times predicted by the Messenger of Allah afflicting the United States in every imaginable form, but also the Black man and Black woman in North America are rising to a renewed sense of duty and purpose.

Even leaders of the Christian church are admitting this mighty truth today, where yesterday most preachers slandered the Nation of Islam and mocked the Divine Teachings of The Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

Only this month, writing from distant Ethiopia, the Rev. Hosea Williams, veteran leader of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in many civil rights struggles across the Deep South, wrote to The Messenger:

'Dear Honorable Muhammad—After touring ten African countries we have learned a lot about the struggle of poor and Black people. We have also learned that you are Number One all over.' The letter is signed by Rev. Williams and his wife, Juanita.

The evidence cannot be disproved. Muhammad is The One!

THE DUTY of the Black Man is to do something for his Black self and Black kind. **THE DUTY** of the BLACK MAN is self-preservation.

EVERY LIFE that is created on the planet earth has a duty. It is bound to this duty, by nature, to do something for self.

THE ONCE slave Black Man in America — enslaved by the white people, his white slave master and enemy, made the Black Man a subject and keeps him a subject by depriving the Black Man of the knowledge of self and the doing for self. These are the two most hated things which the white man hates to have come to the Black Man — the freedom to **DO** something for Black self and the freedom to **THINK** for his Black self. The white man hates for the Black Man to be a visionary for his Black self. He hates for the Black Man to control ideas that will produce recognizable constructive plans and doing for Black self. We are just entering into a day and time that we should have had 100 years ago.

AS YOU SEE, my Followers and myself try the utmost to do something for self and this is hated by white America. We are an example for the Black People here in America who wish to try to do for exercising such freedom for Black self that white America would like to go to war with you and destroy not only your efforts and the produce which you are producing, but they even want to destroy your life, your self, because of your efforts to do something for self.

But we just do not have fear of white

people, anymore, also we have control of ourselves. We can show them that we are guided by God, and that we rely on Allah our God and that He is our Avenger against our enemies and is quick to Retaliate as it is written, "He is Quick to Take Retribution". The whole country of America is visited by all kinds of calamities because of the evil that white America has done to us, the Black once-slave. Allah (God) is Happy to Retaliate. He Wants to Fight. He Does Not Want us to fight, He Wants to Fight the white man for us. We the Muslims are not going to try to prevent Allah (God) from Fighting for us by putting ourselves in the way. We stay out of the way and let Allah Fight for us.

THE BLACK Man here in America, in Africa and everywhere on our planet earth is hated, despised and opposed by the white man for his efforts to do something for self.

OUR DIVINE DUTY today, is to unite on a constructive plan that I have by the Help and Guidance of Allah (God), set before you. Your efforts, Blind Black leaders, is to have it to say that you lead this people into that plan, in order to get some name for your own Black leadership, which you are not qualified to do, today. It is Divine Leadership that will win for the Black Man and not political leadership, nor christian leadership.

CHRISTIAN LEADERS have in the past and up to the present day, made much merchandise out of the Black Man in America. It takes a very good spiritual and understanding church preacher to do anything constructive for his people. And he cannot do anything constructive through christianity. He will have to come to Islam for there is no hope for you in the church. The church is a house of slavery made by the white man for you and me a long time ago and its head is in Rome, Italy. We see how much trouble the head is having. There is not hope for us in any christian religion and you the Black preachers are the big boosters of the christian religion. It was organized and is backed by the white man in order to make merchandise out of the Black Man. He has made you to think that Jesus established the church. Jesus prophesied the doom of the church, while he himself did not know it, and the doom of the white man and all who go in their religious belief.

THERE ARE a few white people who

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believe in Islam. We give them credit for their belief, but they are not by nature a true Muslim. The Black Man is born a Muslim; by nature, he is a Muslim. The Black man is not to be made into a Muslim. But white people, if they accept Islam, they will be made Muslim on the principle of their belief in Allah and His True Religion, Islam. We call them Muslim through their faith or belief, but they are not Muslim by nature. But we the Black People are Muslim, by nature.

THE DUTY of the **BLACK MAN** is to do for self and think for self. This duty is now made binding upon us because of the loss of the world power of the white man. The power of the white man is falling

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hourly. We can no longer look forward for the white man of America or of the world of his kind, Europe, to care for us. I keep warning you of this. Do not you remember the parable (in the Bible) of Jesus concerning the rich man and the poor man (Lazarus)? The poor man lay at the rich man's gate. While the poor man was suffering in poverty and want and begging, the rich man lived sumptuously, but at last the rich man died. In the hell of poverty and want the rich man lifted up his eyes to Lazarus and asked for his help.

MANY people think that this could never come to a flourishing and powerful

nation, such as America. But rich and powerful nations have fallen in the past and it is happening today and it will happen in your and my time, to this people.

THE BLACK MAN'S DUTY is for the self-preservation of his Black self and Black kind. I have given you an example through my own work and I am still giving you an example of how you can do something for self.

YOUR BLACK BROTHER AND BLACK FRIEND,

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD
Messenger of Allah to you all.



The Honorable Elijah Muhammad
Messenger of Allah