

Teachings of Muhammad Change Preacher's Outlook

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For the past 15 years, I have been a preacher and teacher for the Christian religion, which is Christianity. It was my opinion that it was the right religion until I heard the teachings of the religion of Islam. This came about by talking with a follower of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and reading MUHAMMAD SPEAKS Newspaper.

From this I became disturbed and troubled, not knowing whether Christianity was the right religion for the American Negro. I began to search and research in order to reassure my original opinion. I was not satisfied. Through a commitment to a follower of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, I decided I would and did visit Muhammad Mosque No. 25, Newark, N. J. There I heard the teachings of Elijah Muhammad by one of his Ministers.

From this visit, I was sure Christianity could not have been and most certainly is not now the seclusion for the deliverance of the 22,000,000 ex-slaves who are the so-called American Negroes in the wilderness of North America. I visited the temple the second time and it was at this time that I came to a conclusion that the teachings are right and the religion of Islam is right. And the Honorable Elijah Muhammad must be the Almighty God, Allah, and I accepted it.

Again, I accepted the religion of Islam because it is

the true religion. It is unlike the Christian religion because the Christian religion teaches one to believe in that which he cannot see nor prove. Such as heaven and hell, which is to be inherited after one dies. It advocates and compels the believer to believe in the physical resurrection of the dead. This has hindered the progress of the so-called American Negro because he has been brain washed by the white man. He has been preached to and taught by the so-called Negro preacher of the Christian religion. He shall live after he dies, and therefore, the emphasis is placed primarily on the life, the period which he is to live after the resurrection.

Therefore, the old phase is, I rather have Jesus (Spirit of Jesus) in my soul than houses and land, wealth and riches. The religion of Islam and the teaching of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, the Messenger of the Almighty God, Allah, teaches us that heaven and hell are right here on earth. It gives us knowledge of ourselves

which is a resurrection within itself. When a person doesn't have the knowledge of himself, knowing nothing of his culture, his religion, his language, his nationality and doesn't know his name, that person is dead and he needs to be resurrected from the dead.

This is what the teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad are doing. They are resurrecting the so-called American Negro from the dead. They make him alive, give him knowledge of himself, stands him up on his own two feet, give him human dignity and self respect.

This is the reason why I, who had been a preacher of the Christian religion accepted and teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. No one can, after receiving knowledge of himself, say Christianity is the religion for the so-called American Negro. Christianity is the religion that comes to us from the white man, basically offering us slavery, suffering and finally, death. The so-called American Negro does not need this.

We have slaved long. We have suffered enough and we have been dying for over 400 years. It is time now for the so-called Negro to have justice, equality and freedom.