

CREDIT

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For over forty (40) years, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad has been teaching the Black man in America Divine knowledge. He has given the Black man all of the tools necessary to become independent; however, this great Wisdom will go for naught unless we gain the understanding of how to put it into practice to benefit ourselves in the way of righteousness — I must emphasize, "in the Way of Righteousness," because to make the mistake of attempting to use Allah's Wisdom in other than a righteous way could cause severe consequences.

We must learn the divine Wisdom that the Honorable Elijah Muhammad is teaching us, and apply it to our everyday life — for what He is teaching constitutes a complete New way of life.

Messenger Muhammad has taught us the actual facts about our open enemy, the devil. Since we know the making, the history, and the nature of the devil, we should have a better understanding of the tools he uses to keep himself "independent" and the Black man "dependent."

The devil knows that people are motivated by their wants and desires. Consequently, to make slaves of people and to give them a false sense of prosperity, he gives them what they want by extending them credit; for then, they must work for him or for his brother to pay off their debts. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad wants you to be able to stop hiding from bill collectors, stop changing your voices when you answer the telephone, and stop being afraid to answer your door bell or go to the mailbox. If you are in this kind of situation, then you are literally "in hell."

WHAT IS CREDIT — Credit is from the Latin root meaning belief, credence, faith, trust, in the sense of a thing entrusted to another — a loan. Credit is the extension of goods or services on a "buy now pay later" basis; or in its simplest terms, "the use of someone else's money." In this civilization we know who has and controls the money. So what we are really saying is that credit is the use of the white man's money.

WHY CREDIT — Credit as we know it in this civilization is not to be found in the Black man's history. The credit system that we are familiar

with was devised by the white man for the benefit of the white man. Credit benefits the devil's economy. He makes money in more than one way. First he makes money on the goods that he sells you — then, he turns right around and makes money on your use of his money. Further, if you are not prompt in your payments his brothers, the Process Servers, the Collection Agents, the Lawyers, and the courts all make money when you are penalized for your inability to pay. Knowing the devil's nature we know that everything he does is for his benefit alone. By allowing you credit he makes you dependent and keeps you dependent; for you will always seek after that which you cannot afford.

WHAT ARE the results of Credit — You are deceived, pacified, always in debt and always dependent, while the devil gets rich and stays superior. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad is constantly teaching us that the devils live and make themselves rich from the Black man's labor and are most certainly the "blood suckers of the poor."

WHY ARE WE concerned about credit — We have already established that credit obligates you to the creditor (devil). Mathematics tells us that we cannot serve two masters at the same time, so what happens? The more obligated you become to the devil the less likely you are to serve our God, Allah, and follow His Messenger, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

Surah 2, Verse 282

"Oh you who believe, when you contract a debt for a fixed time, write it down. And let a scribe write it down between you with fairness; nor should the scribe refuse to write as Allah has taught him, so let him write. And let him who owes the debt dictate, and he should observe his duty to Allah, his Lord, and not diminish anything from it. But if he who owns the debt is unsound in understanding or weak, or (if) he is not able to dictate himself, let his guardian dictate with fairness. And call to witness from among your men two witnesses; but if there are not two men, then one man and two women from among those whom you choose to be witnesses, so that if one of the two errs, the one may remind the other. And the witnesses must not refuse when they are summoned. And be not averse



LISTENING ATTENTIVELY as National Secretary Abass Rassoull shows future plans for Muhammad's Temple No. 2 to interpreter is Sultan Ali Mirah Hanferi, from the Awson Region of Ethiopia. The plans include complete renovation and additional structures. The Sultan made a special visit to Chicago to see for himself the works and progress of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. With him are (left to right) Hashim Gamal A-Shami, an agronomist, Kadofo Mohamed Hanferi, the Sultan's interpreter and 2nd year student at American University in Wash., D.C., the Sultan, and his secretary and National Adviser Ali Ibrahim Youssuf. MS Photo by Emerson Muhammad.

to writing it whether it is small or large along with the time of its falling due. This is most equitable in the sight of Allah and makes testimony surer and the best way to keep away from doubt. But when it is ready merchandise which you give and take among yourselves from hand to hand, there is no blame on you in not writing it down. And have witnesses when you sell one to another. And let no harm be done to the scribe or to the witnesses. And if you do (it), then surely it is a transgression on your part. And keep your duty to Allah. And Allah teaches you. And Allah is knower of all things."

There is much wisdom in this verse — (1) we are taught the importance of being "right and exact;" that is, writing down all business transactions (whether with the devil or ourselves.) (2) It is the teachings of Islam that the one who owes the debt dictates the agreement. The devil uses the wisdom in this verse but he changes it around from justice to injustice and has the creditor — not the debtor — dictate the agreement. (3) We learn that no matter what debts we are obligated to we must not diminish anything from our duty to Allah.

(4) We also learn in this verse of the Holy Quran the importance of having witnesses in business transaction, and also the responsibility of being witnesses whenever we are asked to do so. Whenever we are buying and selling among

ourselves we should have witnesses.

In every Black neighborhood across the country you will find the "easy credit jewelry store," "easy credit clothing store," "easy credit appliance store," "easy credit furniture store," and "easy credit automobile dealers." These

are merely slave traps set up to further enrich the devil and enslave you by selling you inferior merchandise at inflated prices, charging exorbitant interests. Do not propel yourselves into a living hell by patronizing these cut-throats and blood-suckers. The goods they sell you will not last as long as your payments.

Muhammad has true leadership

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Black communities over the years have produced many who tried to pick up the banner of leadership only to fall way short of their goal because they did not possess the quality of a true leader.

You must appraise the quality of a person's leadership in practice by studying his followers; how many and what kind of followers does he have?

Black communities have become much stronger as a direct result of Messenger Muhammad's leadership because it is good leadership for us. You don't have to ask him questions if he has leadership ability because leadership is something a person does, not something he has, this makes a successful leader and we can truthfully say without reservation that Messenger Muhammad is a natural leader and champion of the people.

Messenger Muhammad's interest in his people are broad and his activities are mature so he will neither be crushed by defeat nor over related by victory.

If you will take the time to study the true leadership ability of Messenger Muhammad here are some of the characteristics and certain useful traits which helped make him the real leader, i.e., higher intelligence, analytical ability, successful to motivate others to follow him, able to solve complicated problems and has personal motivation to keep accomplishing something good for us. Yes, Muhammad has the nature of true leadership. This tells us that leaders are born, not made. You make them your leader when you recognize them as such.

I bear witness that Allah is God and Messenger Elijah Muhammad is His Last and Greatest Apostle and Our True Leader and Teacher.

As Salaam Alaikum