

Women in Islam

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Being in Islam is like being at a great whipping post of knowledge where the process of learning is so explicit that we, as a people, have become willingly or unwillingly 20,000,000 students of the Universal Knowledge of Islam.

The Holy Qur-an reflects upon this enormous power of Allah and Islam by revealing that everything in the earth and universe bows in submission to Allah regardless to the will of the people. Even our very shadows glorify His Eternal Presence.

THE OPPOSING camp of the wicked must also cater to this inescapable law of the Supreme Being. Often through chastisement, plagues, destruction and death, men and nations have been forced to submit to the Creator. Through the tragic consequences of man's own deeds, he runs his course to meet shame and disgrace at the end of the road. As nations become rebellious and seek to outstrip the Divine Power of God, they soon become choked by their own malice, ambitions and transgressions to the Divine Law by which the Universe was set in motion.

Does this imply that because evil exists that God made the evil as well as the good; and as others assert, brought sin into the world as well as sanctity and righteousness? The answer in most people's minds is clearly no, but the explanation is decidedly more difficult to perceive.

If we take for example, food, we know that basically it is a provision which sustains our lives. However, too much taken in excess or too little can bring us into the perils of death. Is the God who provided the food for us to eat responsible for one or the other conditions which we may bring upon ourselves? Is it correct to surmise that God by so making man, all actions, good and evil, as evidenced by human behavior, have been based? It is only through the consequences of an act that either of these qualities can be

fully realized. Man becomes aware of himself and his environment through experimentation.

A BABY never knows what will hurt him until he experiences the act of falling, choking, etc. which is more often the results of self-inflicted injuries which are neither caused by the mother or another individual. Experimentation is the base of our intellectual responses to life; it comprises the circulatory system of man's intelligence. In fact, according to Messenger Muhammad, he learned directly from Allah that this is how the scientists of our universal nation know that the most intelligent of beings live on our earth. This is due to the activity and degree of experimentation which has taken place on our planet.

Secondly, we must remember, that if all of us had attained an equal state of perfection, we would all be Gods; and there would be no supreme deity to whom honor and praise is due. To attain proximity to Divine Perfection is to pass through the various stages of spiritual achievement of which, teaches Messenger Muhammad, there are essentially three. To accomplish this, we must surmount all of the difficulties that must have produced the first thought that entered the Universe.

WE were given the power of judgment and initiative faculties to experiment with all that exists to benefit ourselves and civilization. God did not put a limit on the future creative potential of what has been made in the earth when that creative instinct is employed in the way of good. But, adverse activity will automatically bring into operation His implacable laws which place a limit on that which man may derive through experimentation which constitutes evil and a threat to his world and total existence. This tolerance is applied only to the extent that it may teach man a lesson and preserve into eternity the peace, beauty and tranquility of His Creation.

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AFRICAN DELEGATES walk out of the United Nations General Assembly during speech by British Prime Minister Harold Wilson, whose hypocritical policies permitted Rhodesia's white supremacy regime to declare unilateral independence which terminated chances of

black Rhodesians to have representative government. Most of African delegations walked out during the speech, refusing to listen to Wilson's two-faced appeal for support of British policy on Rhodesia.

Springfield M.G.T. Funds for Center

SPRINGFIELD, Mass.—The M.G.T. of this city concluded a three-month drive to raise \$1,000 for the Honorable Elijah Muhammad's proposed vast educational center to "re-educate the Negro so he can qualify for his own future."

THE SISTERS, under the direction of Sister Capt. Grace X, sponsored a series of social evenings in the area.

In reporting the success of the drive, Sister Capt. Grace noted that: "Many of our friends in Springfield helped to make our efforts a success. We cannot thank the F.O.I. enough for selling our tickets, trans-

porting our goods and making friends for us through the sales of MUHAMMAD SPEAKS newspaper. "And above all," she said, "we thank Allah for giving to us the Honorable Mr. Elijah Muhammad." WINNERS IN the drive were: Sister Cardia, Sister

Ruby, Sister Josephine and Sister Irene, first-place; Sister Gussie X, Sister Naomi X and Sister Addie X, second place. All the followers of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad are bending every effort toward the building of an educational center

Africans Urge Preservation Of Wildlife

MORGES, Switzerland—A new convention asking governments to help save African

wildlife was drafted recently by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature at the request of the Organization for African Unity. It would replace the 1933 London convention drawn up when the African continent was largely ruled by European colonial powers.

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