

Says Black Man 'Free' in Body But Still Enslaved in Mind and Spirit to Devils

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Nearly 400 years after the first shipload of "human cargo" (i.e., deceived and forcibly-enslaved African men and women) was brought to these shores, the evil European-initiated and Christian sanctioned institution of slavery still persists—though, admittedly, in a somewhat altered and well-camouflaged form.

IN BODY, the U.S. Black man is "free." There are no heavy chains or manacles barring or restricting his physical movement. In mind and spirit, however, he remains a prisoner of virtually the same "cruel trappings . . ." characteristic of the earlier era of bondage.



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That is indeed why a vast majority of American so-called Negroes choose to act—or "react"—as they do: They believe in and

worship not their own one true God, ALLAH, but in the Roman-contrived three-in-one-godhead. They recognize not their own (original) religion of righteousness, ISLAM, but the various Caucasian-concocted Christian cults.

They seek and derive counsel not from the Holy Qur'an—the one sacred book that has never been tampered with—but from the Bible, which retains little of its original content, value and sanctity as a result of extensive, ceaseless emendation and revisal during the centuries past.

LIKEWISE, the "Asiatic" (Black) inhabitants of America possess not the beautiful (Arabic or African) names of their ancient forefathers but those imposed upon their immediate ancestors during the decades of slavery. They adorn their persons and homes not with the divine "signs" of life, peace and enlightenment—the Sun, Crescent-moon and the five-pointed stars—but a veritable symbol of defeat and death, the Cross.

Moreover, the Black people of America have no love or respect for self and kind. Lacking the knowledge of their own history and heritage, they seek to befriend and join (integrate) with the very enemies of their race—the "mandevils"—and cherish the peculiar

and singularly shallow culture of the Anglo-Saxon world.

Infinitely worse, I think, is the fact that multitudes of Black Americans today are so incapable of "seeing, hearing and thinking" for themselves that they fail to perceive the perilous nature of the times we live in. It is as if they were totally unconcerned or outright oblivious of both the "devil" and the "deep blue sea" . . .

WHILE an apostle—the Honorable Elijah Muhammad—endeavors to awaken the "lost-found people of Allah in the wilderness of North America" (i.e., so-called Negroes) from their state of mental death and diligently strives to save them from further suffering, destitution and depravation, so many souls keep looking skyward (hoping for some "spook" to emerge and descend on earth) and stubbornly cling to the notion that only in the "Hereafter" (as against HERE-and-NOW) can they be "born again."

To me, this pitiable condition—this inestimably dreadful muddle of life—is a phenomenon which a righteous people could not have wished or on their own brought upon themselves. It has to be, and is, the working of those all-naughty devils—Satan's cohorts on this planet.