

## Islam In Tuskegee

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It is not an uncommon sight today to see young Black Brothers cheering and philosophizing on what is best for Black people. Their leaders espouse a program of action that always has a subservient-to-white price tag attached to it. For 3 years I worked with the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. They too had a program for the liberation of my people, but at the end of this three-year period, thousands of Black brothers and sisters had been shot and killed (some before my eyes), jailed or still struggling to make the liberation of the Beloved Black Man a reality. There were some who remained in the Civil rights movements only to be of help to the devil (White Man) by informing him of the movements of all members of the organization. The police raid staged on the S.N.C.C. headquarters in Atlanta a couple of years ago will bear witness to this. The devil was a part of the organization when I left it.

MY EARLY college years were intermingled with community work in Rural counties in Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi. I would be overjoyed when Civil Rights leaders would come to the campus of Tuskegee Institute to speak and tell us what the next move would be. I had and still have today an unquenchable hatred for the devil (white man) and I would do anything to make him loosen his slavish grip on my people. The more deeply involved I became in the Civil Rights movement the more atrocities I had to bear. I was on my way to an Ohio State penitentiary for women on a charge that I was not guilty of when I first heard the wondrous teachings of Almighty God Allah through His Messenger, The Honorable Elijah Muhammad. My only

desire was to help improve the conditions of my people and for this the devil sought to confine me to a penal institution falsely.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad has said so many times and the scriptures will bear witness that a tree is known by the fruit it bears. I have nothing to present as an accomplishment for these three years of my life except that I can truthfully bear witness to the teachings of Allah's Messenger, "the White man is the Devil." Therefore I speak from experience my Beloved Black Brothers and Sisters when I say to you that there is no man capable of leading you aright except Allah (God) and His Divine and Wonderful Messenger Elijah Muhammad.

All of the so-called leaders who once painted beautiful pictures of freedom to me and other college students are now living in Africa, or in jail if not holding rallies to preach a doctrine that will get many thousands of Black people killed.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad has undergone far more than any human being with a lesser mission than he, but he is emerging victoriously because as it is written, "after affliction comes ease." Messenger Muhammad does

not desire that you, my Beloved people, suffer, for he has come as a comforter to his people with a glorious message from the mouth of Almighty God Allah Himself. It is his hope that you will heed the message that he has brought from God.

There is no future for you among the revolution-in-the-streets teachers. The devil has prepared, as the Honorable Elijah Muhammad teaches, a solemn death for you in the streets. Yes, a tree is known by the fruit it bears. Compare the work of past and present organization leaders and the wondrous work of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. You will see that every branch that comes forth is true and lasting for the good of the Beloved Black Man and Woman of America. All Praises are due to Allah.