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Education and its product knowledge create a visible force within any nation if the members of that nation are using it for their benefit. That visible force as the Honorable Elijah Muhammad teaches is the constructive effort of a man to build his own nation and create power for himself and his own kind. Leading "Negro" magazines boast of numerous Blacks who have been graduated in clerical, technical, medical, and business fields. Yet, if one looks at the condition of Black people in America one would wonder why we have not been establishing Black-owned industries, jobs which will employ Black people, adequate housing, schools, land, and hospitals? The answer to this dilemma has been given by the Honorable Elljah Muhammad. We lack the motivation which education creates because we are being educated to serve our former slavemasters' children, their interest and welfare.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad is the only Black man in America who is helping the Black man do something for himself by establishing the above named institutions which are essential for the progress of any nation. The Nation of Islam is successful because the Messenger begins by teaching the Black man the knowledge of self and others in order that he may, through the will of Allah (God), do something for himself. Black people of America will never be successful collectively until a knowledge of self and God is acquired. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad is willing to teach all of us if we are willing to submit to the will of almighty God Allah. He teaches that we must stop giving our accumulated knowledge to a race of people who have always sought to prevent our rise as a nation of people.

THE SCHOOLS of America have a philosophy which does not motivate a Black child to do for self and kind. The average

Tuskegee Institute student would become offended if asked to apply his skills to the uplift of the Black nation. However, you have the exception to this kind of attilude. The white man's educational system has become magnanimous in deception only because a more superior system had not come into existense prior to the wise establishment of the Universities of Islam where a Black child can be carefully trained in the sciences, and history of the Black nation without fear of losing his self respect and identity. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad teaches that the education of the Black child must give him the desire to build his own civilization and create the kind of economic power necessary to elevate him above the status of a servant. I believe this is a profound enough statement to evoke retrospective reasoning on the part of students, parents of students and Black educators as

The timely teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad are borne out in the situations I have faced as a student teacher here in Tuskege. Parents of the students entrusted to me complain to the principal if their children should reiterate the words Black or Islam after hearing me use the terms while discussing a unit on religion. It never ceases to amaze me as to why Black educated people fear the word Black or become indignant toward one who will not forget that she is Black. This kind of attitude is a classic example of the fear instilled in Black people to point where you fear anything that your former slavemaster has not sanctioned. The propaganda of white news media has helped to instill fear of the Muslims in Black people, but Allah (God) is not to be overcome. The Messenger teaches us that the spirit of Allah is in the youth today and they are to determined to seek the kind of leadership their parents did not find.

THE YOUNG children in my class never miss an opportunity

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to question me about The Honorable Elijah Muhammad and that which he teaches as revealed to him by almighty God Allah, Who came in the person of Master W. Fard Muhammad, to Whom praises are due forever. As we discussed the textbook version of Islam and the teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad there was the constant reminder from my supervising teacher that there was no need to say any more than what the book states. If Black parents truly know the meaning of education, then they should carefully peruse the contents of their sons' and daughters' schoolbooks. Go a step further and investigate the curriculum of the school your son or daughter attends and decide whether such a school will enable your child to keep his self-respect and identity as a

Black member of the original Asiatic nation of the earth. The white man knows that education is the key to the Black nation's success; therefore, we must serve as the guardians of the spiritual and moral foods that go into the schools where our children are educated, Blind fear of something is not rooted in intelligence. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad teaches that philosophy gives direction to education. Compare, if you will, the educational philosophy of the mote the kind of attitude neces- jah Muhammad.

sary to do something for self rather than graduate and help build the white man's industrial empire.

I give thanks to the Honorable Elijah Muhammad for giving the youth of the Nation of Islam a school system that they can be proud of and it is my prayer that young Black boys and girls all over America will one day be incorporated into the educational system of the Nation of Islam if it is the will of Allah. There is none like it because no other educational system has a wiser University of Islam with that of leader. I refer to none other the schools of America and then than my beloved Leader and decide which philosophy will pro- Teacher, the Most Honorable Eli-

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