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A Nation firmly plants the seed of its culture in its literature. As I recollect the literary assignments given me as a part of the course requirements I had to fulfill at Tuskegee, I questioned the value of many of them in terms of enabling me, as a Black student, to understand and identify with the culture of a Black Nation. The greatest tool being used in the American Educational system to deprive a Black student of the mental precepts of Nationhood are the printed textbooks and supplementary materials which exhort the European and American societies. Of late, the devil has begun to mention the Black Man and his accomplishments in his literature, but only to the

extent that it will not be harmful to his rule.

Whenever we were given "Classical Works" to read and evaluate, there was always an introductory note by the author to give the reader insight on the significance of and the role played by this particular piece of literature, especially if it is an American or European classic. These classical works generate and perpetuate the culture of the people who helped shape their existence. If a Black student has not been blessed to be instructed first by Allah's Most able Messenger, The Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad, it is very easy to begin assimilating the white man's culture when studying him due to the absence of valid literature by and of the Black Man and his Nation. Yet, one fact is irrefutable, the literature and language of a Nation is essential if its cultural base is to survive; when the language and literature become impaired tools of expression, the civilization starts to decline and is never held in the spotlight of nations again.

We forever thank Almighty God Allah Who Came in the Person of Master Fard Muhammad for giving to His lost people (the Black Nation here in the Wilderness of North America) through the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, the greatest of all books ever written, the **GLO-RIOUS HOLY QURAN**. It tells of a language and a people who will rule; and of a people whose culture (ISLAMIC) shall dominate the Earth and bring about a government of universal peace. Yet, history will reveal

a government of universal peace. Yet, history will reveal that men were the composers and bearers of their nation's literature to a great extent. So it is today, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad so graciously appoints our Nation's newspaper, **MUHAMMAD SPEAKS**, with the spiritual teachings of Almighty God Allah as it was revealed to him by Allah (God). He composes the **TRUTH** and places it before the Black People of America for whom he has been risen to teach.

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