

Why Black People Should Follow The Messenger

"ISLAM IN TUSKEGEE"

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"And they were scattered, because there is no shepherd: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered." Ezekiel 34:5

THIS PASSAGE is referring to the beloved Black man and woman of America who have suffered the brutality and deprivation of the beast of America (the White Race). The thousands of mutilated bodies of Black men who lived in Mississippi are examples of the bestial traits of white people who roam this field called America.

The Black nation in America has been cut off from its brethren around the world, separated because of rebellious leaders, deceit, lies, and commercialized slavery. Is it any wonder that this state of wandering must see an end? The flock must be given a shepherd in order that it be guided to the realms of safety.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad, Messenger of Allah Who came in the person of Master Fard Muhammad, to Whom praises are due forever, is the shepherd that has been raised in this wilderness of America by Allah (God).

TWO OF THE questions asked of me most frequently by the students on the Tuskegee campus are who is Elijah Muhammad and why do you follow him? In order to answer these questions, it became necessary to make references to the past conditions of Black people in this country and tell them of the repeated

failure of the past and present leaders when faced with the problem of finding a solution to the Black man's condition today.

In group type meetings with the students, many of them agreed that there seems to be no one demonstrating the know-how necessary for aiding the Black man of America. However, their inquiry as to the credentials of the Black man's greatest leader is indicative of their search for a new type of leadership.

That the students on this campus and on other campuses may understand the credentials of my beloved leader and teacher, the

Honorable Elijah Muhammad, allow me to say that he is the Elijah spoken of in Malachi 4:5 and is presently doing the work which Moses did in the Nile, which Jesus was chosen to do from the ox stall and that which Muhammad was chosen to do from the deserts of Arabia.

THE HONORABLE Elijah Muhammad is the only Black man that is qualified to lead the beloved Black man and woman of America. The Black nation of America has been the only nation lacking a true guide from the Originator of the heavens and earth, Allah (God).

Moses was raised among his brethren to warn and guide them and they rejected him at first, and it was Moses that God told of a last Messenger that would be like him. All praises are due to Allah for sending us our beloved leader and teacher, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. As taught to us by our beloved leader and teacher, Moses' people had not had a prophet to come to them from God before the raising up of Moses, and they did not know the scriptures because Pharoah had them worshipping his false religion (Christianity). Therefore, Moses had to preach a new concept of God (Allah) and His religion (Islam).

So it is today with the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, the last Messenger of Allah (God) and the end of prophecy. He is teaching the Black man and woman of America about their true God and His true religion as well as teaching them of the slavemaster's religion (Christianity). The hammer of Christianity has had

a pulverizing effect on the minds of Black people in America; so deep is the wound that it takes the medication inherent in Islam to produce the visible signs of healing (a new way of life).

DILIGENTLY, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad has proven the truth of his mission to those who have opened their eyes. He has said that we should not, in our attempt to understand Allah and His divine plan for the beloved Black man in America, overlook the prophecy of Ezekiel wherein he prophesies that Allah (God) said "Even I will go and

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search for them (the so-called American Negro) and I will bring them again and settle them in their own land and among their own people (righteous Muslims)." The Messenger of Allah further points out that which is written in Isaiah and proclaimed by Allah in that He would call them (the so-called Negro) by a new name that He is his own right would give them, one of His names, and would take away the names of the enemy (the white race) and would slay them.

I bear witness that the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad is doing the will of Allah and teaching his followers the knowledge that will put them on the path to the "land" that will be inhabited by their own. I was formerly known by the surname of Burks, but I have been blessed by Allah and His Messenger to receive a name that is an attribute of the most righteous and merciful God I serve, Allah.

To answer the question as to why I follow this wonderful man, I can only say that after having spent three years following the members of the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee in Alabama and Ohio, after experiencing bitter frustration in all my attempts to help my beloved Black brothers and sisters in this racist country, and watching Black men cry "Black Power" at the top of their lungs by day and sleep with white women by

night, I lost my sense of direction because there seemed to be no way out...

THE CHURCHES offered me no consolation, sociological studies offered no solution to the disgusting condition of my people, and subsequent jail sentences wherein white so-called law officers proved again that they could brutalize a Black woman left me unwilling to follow anybody because I had had enough.

Today, I give thanks to Allah and His Messenger, The Honorable Elijah Muhammad for lifting me up from the depths of despair and turning my face in the direction of the light generated by truth. The eye is the light of the body and most certainly my eyes have seen the greatest light in the person of The Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad. I see the works of this great man doing what no other Black man has ever done.

Allah has sent The Honorable Elijah Muhammad to the beloved Black man and woman of America to give them life again and a new sense of direction. I bear witness that there is no other leader in America that deserves to be followed by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. This is why I have chosen to follow him.

IN ADDITION, he has been given the solution to the Black man's problem by Allah (God) Himself, **SEPARATION**. The beauty of The Honorable Elijah

Muhammad's teaching is that he shows his followers **HOW** to pull away from white America effectively and go back to the righteous way of living once perpetuated by all Black people.

Understand these days and times my beloved Black brothers and sisters as well as the credentials I have named above with reference to Allah's Messenger, the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad. I pray to Allah that my fellow students on this campus and those of you on other campuses will realize what great love and wisdom exist in this wilderness called America.

Put away your militant ways and stop wasting your time fighting white people. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad does not need guns nor molotov cocktails. Moses had only the rod, Noah had nothing but the word; Lot had nothing but the word, and Messenger Muhammad has nothing but the word. However, the key to every Messenger's work is that he has the words of the God who sent him. Thus, he is successful in His work. "The Messenger believes in What has been revealed to him from his Lord, and (so do) the believers." Holy Qur-an 2:285 All praises are due to Allah.

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