

Islam In Tuskegee
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Perhaps you will agree that one of the ways to learn of a people is to read the literature written by them and about them. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad points out the causes behind the fall of ancient Babylon as written in the scriptures (adultery, drunkenness, gambling, murder) which are the same sands of sin upon which America stands today.

AS CHRISTIANS, it would be well for you to know that you are reading of modern day America when reading the Bible's account of Babylon's fall. The literature of a people is significant to understanding them.

As a Muslim follower of Allah's (God's) greatest and last Apostle, The Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad, it is my one desire so long as I stay on this campus to make known to the Black students here the depths of this synthetic religion called Christianity, if it be the will of Allah. However, it is the custom of white people to use Black people for the detriment of their Black brothers.

I have reference to a class wherein a white Catholic Priest (turned teacher of Black students) required of me a discussion of the concept of a "Holy War" as it relates to the Frankish Christians and Muslims as depicted in the French epic entitled *The Song of Roland*.

In this piece of literature, Muslims are described as "Heathens" by the Christian Emperor Charlemagne and his vassals. As was customary at this time (778) the emperor made himself the protector of Christianity and sought to bring all conquered territories and peoples under the Christian creed or kill them. Thus you have the advent of the words "Holy War."

I am of the opinion that the only reason a Catholic priest would ask a Muslim to discuss the concept of a Holy War would be to test the depth of my belief in Islam and my knowledge of my people. Nevertheless, I give thanks to Allah for my beloved leader and teacher, The most Honorable Elijah Muhammad. He has already told me who I am, the origin of Christianity, the meaning of past and present

conflict between Muslims and Christians, as well as who will and has always been the victor, Allah (God).

Common sense would make one aware of the fact that the denotation of the word "Holy" implies that this is an attribute of something free from sin and unaltered in construction; a being abundant in love and free from hate. War reeks with the smell of blood and murder. How can anything be synonymous with a holy state if its foundation rest in violent conflict. Surely war is not the way of one who is holy. Yet, if you will read the historical literature of white Christians you will see that they have never respected Allah's command to them: "Thou Shalt Not Kill." It is the way of Christian whites to take a word such as "holy" and bring it down to an adulterated level.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad teaches us that there has always been conflict between the righteous (Black people) and the unrighteous (the white race), Psalms 37:32. An expression of anger came over the face of the instructor as I told the students in the class of the atrocities committed by Christians dating from the wars of Alexander The Great (334-323), who was great because he plundered and murdered conquered people. This kind of title will give you an idea of the values entertained by white Christians and especially by Christian America. She takes pride in boasting of her numerous battles with her alleged enemies and how they were defeated in the "interest of the free world."

The priest did not dispute a word of my discussion because it encompassed the superior instruction given to me by Allah's Messenger, The Honorable Elijah Muhammad. If the priest intended to use me to promote Christianity or for the purpose of deceiving my brothers and sisters in the class, he has failed. There comes a time in the life of every Muslim when his belief in Allah, His Messenger, and the teachings of Islam are put to a test by the enemies of Allah (the white race) just as Jesus was tempted three different times by the devil (the white man) in an effort to get him to disobey Allah.

I concluded my discussion by telling the students to read the history of the wars committed in the name of God by the Christians in the East and in the West. The truth of Islam is universal. All praises are due to Allah.

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