

Islam in Tuskegee

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ATTIRED IN THE LONG Garments that are commensurate with the standards of modesty and decency as taught to Muslim women under the wise leadership of The Honorable Elijah Muhammad, I greet students as I pass them going to and from classes. Yet, there are occasions when the Black women who have taken the mini skirt as their vanguard dress greet me and my Muslim sister with downcast eyes.

I SOMETIMES wonder is it that they are ashamed of their dress? Is it that they feel we would display a hostile attitude toward them? The words which best explain the downcast eyes are those of The Honorable Elijah Muhammad; he teaches us that by nature we as the Black original people of the earth are righteous. Surely there is nothing righteous about exposing one's body to the view of the public. Yet, when one lacks a knowledge of self he also lacks the insight necessary for understanding his own nature. Thus, the nature and ways of others become dominating factors in your life.

So it is with the Black woman, she has no knowledge of herself and has seen fit to adopt the standards of a people (the white race) who have never commanded the respect of any civilized nation on earth. Everywhere the white man has gone he has corrupted the moral standards of the people, especially their women. Investigate the reports of the increase of prostitution among the women of Thailand and South Viet Nam since the coming of white American troops to these countries.

Look at the Black woman here in America; she has gone

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through slavery and miscegenation (voluntary or involuntary), and has assimilated the ways and conduct of the white man's woman. The Black woman has patterned her conduct after the white woman who has never obeyed laws of a civilized society. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad has said many times that the white race does not recognize any principles of decent behavior or dress. My beloved sisters certainly if you want the respect of other people you must first learn to respect yourselves. Your history and your very nature is against such indecent exposure.

THE WHITE woman went without clothing for 2,000 years in the caves of Europe and had it not been for Moses (a Black man who attempted to civilize her), she would not be wearing the few remnants of clothing you see on her today. However, history is a cycle and it repeats itself within a span of time. Just as the white woman felt no shame when she was naked 2,000 years ago, so today does she go without shame through the streets in mini skirts and other attire exposing her body to public view. Eventually she will return to a state of complete nudity as she is already on her way to doing and trying to take the beloved Black woman with her. All praises are due to Allah for The Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

The commercialization of the white woman's body is brought out in every Television advertisement and periodical you pick up. White women have commercialized their bodies in order to promote the sale of clothing, foods, liquor, drugs and cigarettes which are harmful to you and me. She has put her body to such indecent use that cosmetic industries amass millions of dollars from her frantic attempts to restore a look of youth and beauty to her features.

My dear sisters, why must you imitate a woman like this? The

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Honorable Elijah Muhammad teaches that you are the original Black woman of the planet earth; your beauty has always been inherent in you from both standpoints, morally and physically. There is no need for you to imitate any one if you will come and learn the knowledge of yourself under the greatest teacher of them all, The Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

Everytime the white man's clothing designers and factories place a style on the market, it does not mean that they are becoming to you. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad is building a nation which will encompass our own clothing factories. The garments made will be conducive to standards of decency for Black women. Moreover, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, Messenger of Allah (God) Who came in the person of Master Fard Muhammad, to Whom praises are due forever, beckons you to come and follow him, my beloved sisters, and cease to imitate a woman unlike yourself.

How can you teach your children principles of decency when you walk about the streets attracting attention by exposing your body. No decent man would want such woman as the mother of his children. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad has lifted the moral standards of the Black women who have accepted Islam and he seeks to elevate the standards of all Black women in

America because as the Messenger of Allah (God) the Honorable Elijah Muhammad has come to show us a new way of life; one that is in accord with a righteous people, Islam. In addition, we as Black women have been used and manipulated by the white race to such an extent that we have come to adopt their indecent moral conduct through association with them.

THE MUSLIM women in America are under the wise and wonderful leadership of the greatest Black man in America, The Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad. He beseeches you, my dear sisters, to join with your own kind (the nation of Islam) and be your beautiful self. Islam is the only decent way of life for you because it is the way of Allah (God) and His Messenger. You will never have to cast your eyes downward again. Instead you will be able to hold your head high as a believer in the one and true living God (Allah) and as a representative of the most wonderful and glorious Black nation on earth the Nation of Islam. Upon acceptance of Islam as a way of life, my dear sisters, your heart will be full with joy and your lips will utter praise as was written in the scriptures: "My lips shall utter praise, when thou hast taught me thy statutes. My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteousness." Psalms 119: 171-172.