

Islam in Tuskegee

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If one observes the women of a nation, the moral progress of that nation can be determined. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad teaches us that the woman is the field through which a nation grows; thus that field must be cultivated if there is to be a good harvest. The number of male students who meet with me greatly outnumber the female students.

WHEN FEMALE students come into a meeting, I notice that they are more apprehensive as well as argumentative. The past 400 years of the Black women's history here in America will show cause for her lack of submissiveness and constant fear of insecurity.

While the Black brothers are seeking knowledge that will give them a sense of pride and respect for themselves; the sisters are trying to find a reason for submitting to the leadership of a Black man as well as a reason for believing in the Black man's ability to lead her. This divided temperament of the Black man and woman makes valid the effort of The Honorable Elijah Muham-

mad as he instills principles of leadership and respect into the Black men who follow him.

I have concluded from my conversations with some of the young women here that they believe in the teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, Messenger of Allah Who came in the Person of Master Fard Muhammad; to Whom praises are forever due, but the familiar way of life taught to them by the white man seems more secure to them at the present time. This is especially true with reference to their manner of dress.

Before the appearance of Almighty God Allah in the Person of Master Fard Muhammad and hearing the teachings of His Messenger The Honorable Elijah Muhammad, the Black nation has had no other teacher than the white man. He has transgressed the dignity and manhood of the Black man such that he is not respected or obeyed by his woman nor does he respect himself.

The rise of the Black man is very evident today and as Black women we can not aid the men of our nation in gaining self-respect nor the respect of other civilized nations as long as we live under and imitate the indecent stan-

dards promulgated by the white race. For, when has it ever been civilized to uncover one's body in public? Who started the production of the "Mini Skirt"?

MY BELOVED sisters I am sure you are aware of America's greatest perpetuator of immoral conduct, the white race. Why not accept your own (Islam and Allah)? You shame your great Black nation when you follow the standards of indecency and hinder the moral progress of your nation: "A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones." Prov: 12:4 The Honorable Elijah Muhammad has come to warn us of that which is acceptable in the sight of Almighty God Allah my dear sisters, for the reward for indecent moral conduct and dress is clearly written: Isa: 3:18-24.

We must learn to put away the fear that has been instilled in us and trust in Allah (God). You will never get respect of men until you learn to respect yourselves. When a Muslim woman covers herself in accord with the teachings of The Honorable Elijah Muhammad, don't be too quick to think that it is a foreign way to show respect for Allah (God). It

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clearly teaches you the proper way and manner that is to be undertaken when manifesting your allegiance to God in 1 Cor: 11: 5-12.

My beloved sisters you must cease to argue with the truth. Allah has given His Messenger The Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad a message born of divine wis-

dom and truth and he teaches us so that we may understand the truth.

IT IS NOT enough to say you believe the truth, but you must practice it in submission to the will of Allah, God of the Black

nation and accept Islam, your true way of life. "Put on the whole armour of God, (Islam) that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil (the white race)." Eph. 6:11. All praises are due to Allah."

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