

Islam In Tuskegee

By Anna Karriem

What further means of cruelty and mistreatment must you, Black People of America, withstand at the hands of the white man before you willingly submit to your God, Allah Who came in the person of Master Fard Muhammad, to Whom Praises are due forever and follow His Divinely Guided Messenger, the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad? Allah (God) Came to North America to save His people (The Black Nation) as it is written of him: "Thou wentest forth for the Salvation of Thy People..." Hab. 3:13 My Beloved People you are daily being destroyed by the white man because of your own disobedience and refusal to hear and obey the call of God's Messenger, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad to "COME, FOLLOW ME. I AM THE KEY TO YOUR SALVATION."

I WILL sing praises to my God Allah and be eternally grateful to Him and His Beloved and Wise Messenger, the Most Honorable Elijah

grateful to Him and His Beloved and Wise Messenger, the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad for showing me the straight and sure path to Freedom, Justice, and Equality. All Praises are due to Almighty God Allah. When I went into the South in search of a way to end the oppression of my beloved people, I had no knowledge of the great miracle Allah (God) had performed in our midst-the raising of a Messenger in the personage of the Beloved and Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad. As soon as I could get the time and transportation, I would leave school (Tuskegee Institute) and travel to other Alabama countries and work with members of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (S.N.C.C.) in work pertaining to voter registration, teaching community persons and helping to prepare precinct residents for the use of voting machines if they were not familiar-with them. As it was the popular belief that political power meant Black Power. I have come to know under the wise leadership of Allah's Messenger that this is true only if you set up the governmental structure yourself as a Black Nation of people who are guided by Almighty God Allah. How can today's so-called Black

Leaders obtain political power for a Black Man who has yet to realise the power of his mighty Brain not to mention trying to get powerful in another Man's house (White America). If a man can't think and build for himself independently of an oppressor then he surely will never become a ruler over him.

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Part 2

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I once thought this could be done while I worked in the rural South. However, wisdom vanishes ignorance. I recall returning from Sunflower, Mississippi with other S.N.C.C. members and listening to a staff report of the progress that had been made in our efforts to register Blacks to vote. I listened as a Black Brother reported of a funeral in Natchez, Mississippi wherein a young brother was buried.

After his burial, his body was dug up and mutilated by some of "the upright white citizens" of Adams county and the pieces thrown on the porch of the bereaved Black family.

As it is usual, there were no arrests, he said. As I listened to other workers report the situations in the areas where they had worked, I knew I was at a crossroad in life. I could not wave the banner of non - violence anymore. I no longer feared death, but lived daily off of the desire to spill the blood of white people as they had done to my people. The white man is a hard and ruthless enemy. If you battle with him without the help of Allah (God) you will become as hard and savage as he is.

Much had happened during the following years before I met the Messenger of Allah (GOD). But, I will never forget his invitation by letter to come and talk with him. As he sat down to talk with me I felt as if the blood of life was circulating in my veins again, for I did not realize how hard and unfeeling I had become.

He began by telling me who the true God was, and then of himself and the identity of the Black Man and the devil and finally of the mission he would send me on.

The Messenger sends an invitation to you too my beloved people each week in the greatest Black Journal the world has ever read, MUHAMMAD SPEAKS. Why not accept the Guidance of Allah and His Messenger? This hard and cold world of the white man has nothing to offer you in the way of progress and justice. May the Peace and Blessings of Allah forever be upon you Dear Holy Apostle for the life you have given to me and to all Black people who have heeded your call: "COME FOLLOW ME. I AM THE KEY TO YOUR SALVATION." All praises are due to Allah.