

# Islam in Tuskegee

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Praise and thanks is forever due to almighty God Allah Who came in the person of Master Fard Muhammad and His Beloved Messenger the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad for fashioning a nation and religion in righteousness; a nation in which the beloved Black man and woman of America may seek refuge from the oppression and enjoy the fruits of peace and progress.

AS SCHOOL draws near a close, the advocates of armed revolution are advancing their ideologies on Black college campuses. Over the past two months I have read of the philosophies advocated by frustrated Black people who seek to lead the masses out from the camps of racism controlled by white America. Recently, Tuskegee Institute was visited by another spokesman of armed revolution. James Foreman, director of internal affairs for the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee who said "I have tried everything. Now, I am convinced that armed revolution is the only solution to racism in this country." As he continued to explicate his program of "guerrilla warfare," he added "the best guerrilla fighters are between the ages of 21 to 35. This leaves me out because I'm over the road. I am just here to preach and spread the word."

I believe most intelligent people would agree that when one sets himself up as a leader of his people and advocates that they go into battle with an opponent who is much mightier than the people he is leading, then most assuredly this leader ought to be capable of guiding his people as well as physically able to struggle with them. Perhaps the term "Rear Admiral" had its origin from such back seat leaders. My beloved brothers and sisters,--The Honorable Elijah Muhammad is teaching the Black man of America how to do something constructive for self. Surely if you were understanding the Bible that the white man has given you permission to read you would know that almighty God Allah is the "comforter" "the Jesus" you have been awaiting for 400 years.

**THE POWER** of Allah (God) and His credentials have been hidden from the Black man and woman of America for 6,000 years. Nevertheless, Allah has declared an end to the oppressive rule of the white race. He desires now that you, his beloved people have a knowledge of Him and your enemy as He has instructed His Messenger, The Honorable Elijah Muhammad: "Now will I rise saith the Lord; now will I be exalted. Now will I lift up myself." Isa. 33:10. To further affect a change in the condition of Black people in America, Allah has raised from

among us (Deuteronomy 18:18, Malachi 4:5) one like unto Moses, one who has been divinely missioned to do the work that Moses had to do i.e. lead a people from bondage (white America). Messenger Muhammad is not trying to stage a revolution in America. There is no need to clean up a house that has become a haven for devils and their works of evil (America Rev. 18:2). Instead, Messenger Muhammad is bettering the condition of Black people in America.

What will you gain by taking up arms against a mighty and wicked enemy such as the white race (Psa. 37:35)? The Honorable Elijah Muhammad does not advocate armed revolution if the Black man cannot be the victor. He teaches us that to begin such a fight is suicide when we have not the resources to finish such a battle. Allah (God) must be the executor of this fight.

Why not spend the time, energy, and money it takes for an armed revolution and join with Messenger Muhammad in the constructive work of building a nation? I have worked with the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee and I once believed that the program it offered was legitimate for the welfare of my people. Today, I bear witness that Allah (God) has got to be the planner of any program designed to liberate Black people.

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As The Honorable Elijah Muhammad teaches us, the problems facing Black people in America require a divine solution. The self-appointed leaders only cause the people to err.

There is no time for armed revolution. Instead, arm yourselves with the wisdom of Allah (God) as taught by His Messenger, The Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad. Allah (God) has come to save His People and not to see them destroyed because of ignorance or disobedience: "Thou wentest forth for the salvation of thy people, even for salvation with thine anointed." Hab. 3:13.

**ALL PRAISES** are due to Allah and His Beloved Messenger, The Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad.