

Islam In Tuskegee

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Part 1

As dissatisfaction unseats administrative authority on college campuses all across America, the would-be-leaders of Black youths eagerly battle for top positions in newly formed organizations or so-called leaders of old organizations began to speak from a different point of view as students and poor working people make their grievances known.

DURING THE student revolt on the Tuskegee Institute campus and before, numerous speakers in the civil rights field would talk to those of us who were students and tell us of our obligations to the Black community of Tuskegee and Macon County.

All of the students agree that they should be educated to meet the needs of the community and county but, none of the leaders could exactly tell us how to go about doing this. Due to the internal frustration of the student body and lack of guidance, some of us ventured out on our own into rural counties in an effort to help fight the oppressive conditions of Black people.

After one such venture, a Tuskegee Institute student was killed in the downtown area of the city while driving back to campus late at night by a devil in Tuskegee.

The student body mourned the death of Sammy Younge and then its sorrow turned to anger. At the call of the different leaders who spoke eloquently and with a fiery temperament condemning the white people of the South and Tuskegee, the student body marched from campus to the downtown area of the city in protest.

SOME STUDENTS were arrested, property was damaged and many S.N.C.C. workers stood in the crowded streets and further denounced the white people and told us we must organize to fight the deliberate murder and oppression of Black people. The student revolt on campus was a continuance of the dissatisfaction Black students on campus had quelled inside of them for years because no one could guide them properly so that the problems could be resolved.

Having been among those students who lacked the proper kind of leadership, I CAN TRUTHFULLY BEAR WITNESS THAT A God has come and raised up a Messenger who will guide us into all truths.

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Unnecessary deaths and destruction have befallen Black people in America because they have accepted the guidance of the devil (white people) and of newly risen revolutionaries whose programs for obtaining freedom for Black people change with the seasons or whenever they go out of the country and return. Leadership, and the right type of leadership is the key to the salvation of the Black Man and Woman in America. The devil knows that the self-appointed leaders have not the wisdom nor the backing to overcome him. Thus, he presents these so-called leaders to you via television, newspapers, and radio in order that you may be deceived into thinking that you can obtain freedom, justice and equality with other than the Messenger of Allah, The Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

Long before the so-called revolutionaries could vocalize the consonants in the word revolution, The Honorable Elijah Muhammad said "Black Man Do For Self; Come follow Me and With the Help of Allah, I will guide You to success." The success of the Muslims in every major city in the country bears witness that the fiery rhetoric of speakers of revolution and pan Africanism goes for nothing without divine guidance and

hard work. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad has been teaching for nearly forty years of the destruction and fall of America as it is being taught to him by Almighty God Allah Who came in the Person of Master Fard Muhammad, To Whom Praises are due forever. It is senseless to revolutionize a burning house. As a student in the Civil Rights Movement, I watched one leader after another present his version of what the Black Man must do to gain freedom and the same leaders have a different version today.

Allah (God) blessed me to be called to the home of His Beloved Messenger and as I listened to his words of wisdom and observed the aura of kindness that pervaded his personality, it made you feel as if you were meeting a friend of many years. It is through the Messenger of Allah that the Black Man and Woman of America becomes nearer to their God for, as it is written: "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God;" The Honorable Elijah Muhammad has been raised to make us acquainted with Allah (God) and guide us on a sure path in accord with the will of Allah. You and I have listened for many years to worthless speeches by self-sent leaders. The devil is well able to overcome them and silence their speech. But, as it is written of Messenger Muhammad: "The Law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide." (Ps. 37:31) May Allah forever Bless you Dear Holy Apostle.