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Mosque No. 5

"Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees, and that write grievousness which they have prescribed." Isa. 10:1. On numerous occasions I have been invited by students enrolled in different classes to come and address that particular class on the teachings of The Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad. Once again, I accepted the invitation of a member of a specific class to come and address his class in the student union ballroom and share the platform with a Presbyterian minister, Reverend Lawrence Haygood. The minister was asked to address the class and its guest first on the "Role of the Black Man in Religion." As I listened to him speak, I could not help but be amazed at his opening statements which included profanity as a means of attempting to draw the attention of the audience. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad teaches us to stand up in the name of Allah (God) and not to begin uttering the name of Allah with expressions that are mundane in this western civilization. As a Black man, this minister owes that much respect to God and more.

The minister went on to raise the question as to why there are so many people leaving the church. He contends that the church has not been active enough in the lives of its members; thus, it has failed. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad, Messenger of Allah, has been teaching us over the past 38 years that Christianity is a made religion; that which was constructed as is now being perpetu-

ated by the Pope of Rome does not have its origin in almighty God Allah.

Christians practice a belief in the "Holy Trinity" or that God is composed of a "Holy Ghost, the Father, and the Son." This is to preach a doctrine that would make Allah (God) guilty of being an unseen being and an adulterer as The Honorable Elijah Muhammad teaches. It clearly states in the Bible "To whom will ye liken me and make me equal, and compare me, that we may be like?" Isa. 46:5. Despite the words of God and the teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, Christians continue to equate Allah to a supposed "Son" and bow down to pray to a dead Jesus. People will continue to leave the church because it is not founded upon the true way of life Allah intended for us, the Black people of America.

SEVERAL POINTS of discussion were expounded upon by the minister, but I will allude to

those which will clearly demonstrate the danger and deceit which will befall any one who follows the ways of the white civilization of America. The minister showed his frustration at having students come to him seeking advice in cases where young female students are pregnant or that two young people desire to marry, but are unable to do so because of school obligations and financial problems. He recommended that they not frustrate themselves in terms of their sexual desires; thus, he advocated the use of birth control pills in order that the young couples "can be free of guilt for wanting to love one another." I need not go any further in enumerating the concepts which usually encompass this kind of ignorance. Prior to making these statements, the minister said "the church has failed to provide a code of moral ethics for its members." Is it any wonder why the church is failing when one can listen to a man who says he represents God and teaches young people to do that which is not written in the Bible or Holy Quran?

I would like to ask of you Black ministers who say that you know God, Where is it written that you were commanded by God to teach your people to drink the poison contained in birth control pills which over a period of time completely breakdown the progesterone and estrogen producing organs in the female body? The cessation of these hormones will inhibit childbirth. How can you be so ignorant as to take whatever you read in the American Medical Association Journal and teach

your people to believe that what the slavemaster's descendants are advocating today is much better than their old way of killings Black peoples i.e., brutal beatings, mutilation, and bullets fired from a gun placed at the head of a Black man or in his mouth? The minister concluded his speech by inviting all to work in unity to build a better church.

AS I AROSE to approach the rostrum, I gave praise to Allah

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and extended the greetings of peace to all of my brothers and sisters present on behalf of The Honorable Elijah Muhammad. It was at this time that all of the students who had been nodding and sleeping during the minister's speech as well as the sisters who had been sitting in a manner unbecoming a civilized woman, began to wake up and sit up pulling their dresses down and putting out the cigarettes. Their actions bear witness that Allah is the Greatest, that Islam is the very nature in which the Black nation was fashioned and that the truth as well as the wisdom of Allah and His Messenger are able to clean Black people up and get rid of the filth that clings to them in this country.

THE MINISTER was the loudest of all the students during the periods of applause. I don't believe that the minister really had any faith in what he had said, but playing the role of a Black imp for white Christians. I will forever thank Allah and His Messenger, The Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad, for teaching his followers the truth of what God has commanded. The respect a Muslim woman receives is due to her adherence to righteousness and not to the ways of this world. All praises are due to Allah. I will always be grateful to Messenger Muhammad for what I have become today.