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The test of a nation's virility is its concern for its youth. The moral fiber of a nation's youth can very well determine its outcome i.e. whether it is a successful or unsuccessful nation. The main institutions which effect the lives of youth are those of the home, family, place of worship, social organizations, and the educational institutions of a society. If a young man or woman has been under corruptive influences in any of these structures, the moral integrity must be questioned because these institutions play a tremendous role in the patterns of behavior assumed by youth today.

HERE AT TUSKEGEE Institute, there are students from all types of backgrounds; they sometimes demonstrate a true understanding of moral integrity and at times they do not. I was invited to address a class of freshmen students by their director, Dean Maggie Matthews. She said she had witnessed the conduct I have displayed on campus and felt that the freshman students would benefit from an address on morality as taught by Messenger Muhammad or the "Nation of Islam" as she stated it. The class met with me and asked me about the standards of conduct for Muslim women with regard to marriage, dating, going to parties, and sex. They seem to demonstrate that they had come into contact with some of my senior classmates and their ideas because I don't believe newly arrived college freshmen can dream up such questions after having been on campus three months (they were second semester students).

I explained to the students that Muslim women were allowed to marry (they thought that they were nuns practicing celibacy) but that we have been instructed as to the proper way to conduct ourselves in the engagement period as well as during marriage, for the teachings of almighty God Allah and His Messenger are our guidelines. I displayed the Holy Qur-an before them in order that they may understand what was meant by the guidance of Allah and alluded to sections of Suras two and four in my discussion on marriage and the duty of the Muslim man and

woman. The students seemed to be surprised that Muslim men and women do not go to public dances and parties or participate in the intoxicating drinks that are sometimes served at such functions. "The Messenger has taught us how to enjoy ourselves in a respectable manner rather than in the loose ways that you may witness on this campus," I said to them. The world of sport and play is not the way of the Muslim, for the major problem that faces Black people today is that of building something for themselves and it can not be done by dancing away all of your time. Each weekend a dance or a movie is shown on this campus and numerous house parties are held off the campus. I cautioned the young brothers and sisters about the pitfalls of these affairs that they may be on their guard.

The last question posed to me was on the matter of the sex life of Muslim men and women who are married and desire to use birth control pills. Messenger Muhammad has clearly stated that the chemicals contained in these pills can damage the reproductive ability of women using them and are solely the white man's way of committing silent genocide against the Black nation. Allah will not allow the birth of any child that he can not take care of properly. The white man's religion (Christianity) has not helped to sustain the lives of anyone believing in it as the murder of Black people by white Christians have proven. At the close of the question and answer period, individual students invited me to address the occupants of their dormitories.

Praise is forever due to Allah and the Messenger for teaching the Muslim people of the Nation of Islam the way of righteousness (Islam). Tuskegee Institute can not get rid of the problem of immorality on this campus until they are first ready to get rid of the most immoral people on earth, the white people who are now living here and teaching Black students. Then it will take submission entirely to the will of Allah (Islam) to clean up the Black people here. Praises are due to Allah that at least one administrator, Dean Matthews had the insight to recognize the Messenger's products of morality. May Allah continue to bless you Dear Holy Apostle.