

Islam

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During the summer commencement speech given by Dr. Hollis F. Price, president of LeMoyne-Owen college in Memphis, he asserted that "a society which prized material things is in a way a society without values." The speaker further said that Americans have produced a "thing culture" in which they have become preoccupied with things material and status symbols." As I reflect on Dr. Price's words, it never ceases to amaze me as to how a man as great as the Honorable Elijah Muhammad can teach for nearly 40 years that America has no values worthy of a Black Man's emulation, and still a member of the Black so-called educated class will stand up and say with amazement that America has BECOME PREOCCUPIED with material things! America has always been preoccupied with materialistic values.

She (America) has prized material wealth since her beginning and has used it as the basis for

establishing the most brutal system of slavery ever known to the world. Why would you be amazed at such "a thing culture" developing right before your very eyes? It was greed for wealth and knowledge that prompted the white man to bring Black people to America. She fascinates Black people with her wealth so as to make her former slaves feel that the glitter on her gold is due to his (Black man's) labour in polishing it (working for the devil). This will always be a materialistic culture where it concerns Black people because we were declared MATERIAL (property) by the devil when he brought us here over four hundred years ago.

Nevertheless, America, your gold is cankered! As it is written in the Bible! It is falling against you like the walls that encased the filth of Sodom and Gomorrah. Just as gold can not be decomposed by ordinary chemical means, your measuring stick of fraud and deceit (gold) can not be broken by mere financial debts. It takes the power and

will of almighty God Allah to rust and decompose your god (Gold). As it is written in the Bible: "Ye have heaped treasures together for the last days. Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord . . . Ye have lived in pleasure on earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter. Ye (America) have condemned and killed the just (Black people); and he doth not resist you." James 5: 3-6.

The teaching of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and the scriptures bear witness to the greatness and power of Allah to bring America and her "thing culture" to end. I forever thank Allah (God) Who came in the Person of Master Fard Muhammad, to Whom Praises are due forever, for raising from among us, the so-called Negro, one who is Divinely qualified to teach us of the times. There is no need to

be amazed by what you see developing before your eyes when Allah (God has sent a warner to us in the personage of the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

No, there is no need to say "WE" when referring to America's wealth and materialistic values because Black people don't own America's wealth. She has used us to help store it up. But Allah (God) owns the earth. If Black people are starting to feel materialistic, it must be as a result of imitation because it is not a realization. As a leader of a Black college you should know these things and convey them to young Black people who are crying for relevance in their lives. This is one of the tragedies of Black college leadership. Presidents always tell students to live up to the "American dream" instead of just telling it like it is.

I would be very wealthy if I could count the times President Luther H. Foster has told us to promote the highest goals of American democracy. This is the same as telling a Black student

Messenger and not the guidance of the devil's deciples . . . the mockers.

THE law of Christianity deprives the man and woman of his and her rights to happiness. The Law of Islam guides the Muslim man and woman into the right way to secure lasting marital happiness.

THE WOMAN IN ISLAM knows and appreciates the strong moral Law of Islam. Every government knows that with strong morals one has a strong government. When morals decay; the government crumbles.

THE WOMAN IN ISLAM gives Eternal thanks to Allah (God) for His Divine Moral Builder, Messenger Muhammad who, (Bible Jude v. 24, ". . . is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his (Allah's) glory with exceeding joy," ALL PRAISES TO ALLAH.

to kill himself. If he doesn't, the "goals of American Democracy will." If you doubt this assertion, look around America. You of the so-called "Black educated class" will soon have to admit that Allah is God and the Honorable Elijah Muhammad is His Last and Greatest Apostle.

All praises are due to Allah.