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# Islam in Tuskegee

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Our beloved leader and teacher, The Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad has said many times that the Black man is righteous by nature and that Islam is a religion of truth, freedom, justice and righteousness.

**IN ESSENCE**, Allah (God) who came in the person of Master Fard Muhammad, to Whom praises are due forever, is saying to us through his Messenger, the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad, that to accept Islam is to accept yourself. There is no longer the feeling of self-hatred among Black people; at one time the word "Black" was regarded as a curse word by Black people because white people thrived on the instillment of this concept in every Black man and woman they came in contact with.

As I arrived on the campus of Tuskegee Institute, my fellow students greeted me very warmly with the greetings of peace, As-Salaam-Alaikum.

Immediately, I found out that the previous articles written about Tuskegee Institute had been read by many of the students and they expressed their appreciation and thanks to me as well as the hope that the articles would be continued. I thank Allah for giving me the ability and I extend my gratitude and appreciation to my beloved leader and teacher, the most Honorable Elijah Muhammad, for giving me the opportunity to write in this most renowned newspaper.

The beginning of another academic year has brought me and my Muslim brothers and sisters together again. As we come together, I am reminded of a law of motion which states that forces in the world about us always turn out, upon close exami-

nation, to consist of combinations of forces.

**WE, THE** Muslim followers of the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad are not representing ourselves, but the combined strength of Allah (God) and His Messenger, The Honorable Elijah Muhammad as well as a nation of righteous Muslim brothers and sisters. To further accelerate these forces in motion, the wisdom of Allah as revealed to His Messenger, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad in the books entitled **Message to the Blackman in America** and **How To Eat To Live** have been ordered and will be available for students to purchase very soon in the Institute Bookstore. The message they carry will make previous books written about Black people appear as footnotes.

Since arriving on the campus, I have engaged in many conversations with my fellow students about the Nation of Islam and its leader, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. The students who occasionally stop me on the campus streets to discuss the religion of Islam sometimes feel that they cannot meet the standards of conduct or grasp the knowledge the Honorable Elijah Muhammad has made known to his followers.

I conclude from this type of attitude that Black students value only what the white man has deemed necessary for them to

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# Messenger's Thought Must Guide Tuskegee Campus

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understand and are still using the white man's statistics on the Black man's intelligence as their frame of reference. This type of thinking must be discarded if the Black man is determined to get this monkey (the white man) off of his back. However, I thank Allah for building the confidence of many of my fellow students, for they came to meetings with me continuously and participated in open discussions of the teachings of Islam despite their previous claim to fear of not understanding as the meetings occurred during the past academic year.

**THE TEACHINGS** of Islam can be understood by all Black people if they are willing to learn; Islam is, so to speak, a trick-free mirror for the black man to look into and see himself and be well pleased.

Now that the students are returning to the campus after having gone to the respective mosques in their home cities over the summer months, they are bearing witness to the teachings of Islam and I have been asked by some students to ex-

tend their "best wishes" to the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

**AS THE YEAR** begins, we, as Muslim followers of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad do not intend to allow the blossoms of truth to be destroyed and we ask Allah (God) to continue to guide us. Just as the weeds (sin) grew up in the Garden of Eden I see weeds (the influx of white people to the campus) growing up in the midst of the beloved original people of Tuskegee. Nevertheless, the God of slavery has lost his empire because the Honorable Elijah Muhammad has instruments in Tuskegee that are taking the motion of the black student's body (indecent, ignorance of self, sport and play) and altering his action with the forces of Islam. I am indeed honored to be one of the instruments and I thank my beloved leader and teacher, the most Honorable Elijah Muhammad for his guidance.

As the year progresses, I am sure that the whites on campus will test the power of Allah to make his presence and identity known as well as that of the black man's open enemy the white man, but this will be of no consequence. Allah is the Greatest.