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Islam: the Original way of life

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ANN ARBOR, Mich. — This is a response to the question posed in the June 4, 1971, *Muhammad Speaks*' story entitled, *Is Carmichael Right In Saying Islam not African Religion?*. In response to the question, it should be pointed out that it is not important to say that Islam is an African religion, despite the fact that Islam does have some roots of origin in the continent which the white man has named Africa.

But what is important as The Honorable Elijah Muhammad teaches, is that Islam is a religion of the Original people, who are the Black, brown, red and yellow decendants of the Original Black Man, the maker and owner of the planet Earth.

and the first man to walk upon the Earth.

Messenger Muhammad teaches that Islam is of the Original Black Man whose roots lie around the area of the Nile Valley and the Holy City Mecca. Consequently, Islam, being of the Black man, also has its roots within this geographical area of circumference, which includes part of Africa (Nile Valley, Ethiopia, Egypt) and what is called Asia Minor (Mecca, Arabia, Israel).

And of course these facts are understandable when you consider the fact that the Holy City Mecca is within a hundred miles or so distance from Ethiopia and that many scientists say that Africa and Asia were at one time adjoined as the same continent.

Evidence that the Black Man resided in both Africa and Asia since the earliest of time is supported by ancient historical sources such as the writings of the ancient Greek historian, Herodotus. Hundreds of years

before the birth of Jesus, Herodotus reported that Black people were indigenous to both Africa and Asia.

W. E. B. DuBois in his book *THE WORLD and AFRICA* noted that the primitive Arabs were Black people and that the Black man, from the beginning, sat in power in the valley of the Ganges, the Euphrates and the Nile. Thus even to this day Black people, who are physically indistinguishable from Africans, reside in many parts of Asia.

Futhermore, Biblical and Quranic sources indicate that the prophet Abraham lived along the Nile Valley (Africa) and that some of his people settled in what is known today as Asia Minor.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad teaches that Abraham and the other great prophets, such as Noah, Moses and Jesus, were all Black men who were early teachers of

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Islam. The Divine teachings of these great men spread throughout the circumference of this geographical area; thus, today Islam is strong in both Africa and Asia.

In retrospect, the teachings of Islam were not spread by the sword, as the white man would have Mr. Carmichael say and believe. The truth is that Islam was spread by nature, the force of Allah, The One God.

This truth is backed by Messenger Muhammad's teaching that Islam is the nature of the Black Man. Therefore, Islam spread because the Original people were in effect accepting their own natural self and kind, accepting Divine teachings of natural laws governing their

lives collectively and as individuals.

So, I would suggest to Stokely Carmichael and to all young Black men that they check out the Divine teachings of The Honorable Elijah Muhammad. With just the knowledge of The Messenger's basic teaching that the Black man is the Original man, we have a strong foundation and a starting point for solving many of the riddles of world history.

And in accepting the Divine teaching that all Original (Black, brown, red and yellow) are descendants of the Original Black Man, there is a strong, and perhaps an even more significant, foundation for solving the problem of discord and disunity among the Original people of the so-called "Third World".