

Cites Authority in Sudan Home and How Man Maintains Role as Chief Provider

By Sister Christine

As I was reading through an old magazine on the teachings of Islam, I read: "Position of women in Islam: man and woman are of the same essence, possess the same soul, and they have been blessed with equal capability for intellectual, spiritual and moral attainments."

REFLECTING on this brought to mind the Honorable Elijah Muhammad's teachings to us that "the woman is equaled to man, but Allah has exalted man above woman because he is the chief provider.

The Messenger teaches that it is the law of nature that the male seeks the provisions for the female. Nature gives the female more of an instinct to feed and provide food for the offspring, but the male is the provider of the female. This fact exalts man above woman.

The devil has reversed this law of nature among our black people here in the wilderness of North America by making the black woman the chief provider for herself, offspring and her mate.

I AM SURE that many of my black brothers and sisters now realize that under the devil's rule, conditions were (and are still) arranged so that the black woman has the job closest to the devil with the larger income and having a more secure income, than the black man. Thus the black woman supporting the family (being independent) felt her right to authorize (dictate) the family and household business.

This was the case with the majority of our black people before hearing the teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, and is today to a large extent the existing

factor which brings much confusion into the family life.

I shall, at this time, point out a condition existing in the Sudan in reference to the family income, which I believe will enable many of the readers of this article to understand how women, who do work in Islamic societies, do not acquire a self-efficient attitude of independence.

IN THE Sudan, where the devil has not been able to change the natural law of order, the number of women who work outside of the home are few. Those who work are mainly employed as school teachers in girls' elementary and intermediate schools.

The working woman in the Sudan receives four-fifths of the salary that a man would get employed at the same or an equal position. This is done because the woman is dependent on the man and the man has dependants.

The woman always is provided for, whereas the man must support and provide for others. This limitation on the amount of income which a female can earn also limits the authority in the home to the man. Dear Holy Apostle teaches us that the authority in a home must be with the man. This is the natural law of order.

IT IS VERY difficult for some of our black women to accept their place in the natural law of order. Nature made them to bear children and equipped them with an instinct to provide food for their children — mother of civilization (we know this from the teachings of the Honorable Messenger).

This is a very large responsibility, which many of our black women do not realize. They, instead, strive to take

the place of the man in civilization.

Allah, Who came in the Person of Master Fard Muhammad, has revealed to His last Messenger, Elijah Muhammad, the true natural order of things. The Messenger is here to teach us, so that we may restore the natural law of order.

ONCE IN accord with the natural law of order, my black brothers and sisters, we no longer feel a strain or live in confusion.

Says Black Vote Stolen

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clared, "which means in practice that they must identify with certain interests in society. And this means in America that government has usually identified with the interests of white people."

In conclusion, Bennett pointed out that for 100 years, "white politicians have used the whole range of parliamentary weapons to deny black people human rights.

"It is time now, I think, for black officeholders to use the whole range of parliamentary weapons in a nonviolent campaign within the political process . . .

"TODAY, as in 1776, black people embody the truth of the Declaration of Independence. And the mission of the black politician is to do what white politicians have failed to do — define and actualize liberty and equality as a faith and a way of life."