

On Life In The Sudan

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Islam is a safe and a beautiful place for a woman to be.

Far from the popular opinion among uninformed Black people in America, that Islam enslaves a woman, making her subservant to the man, etc., Islam glorifies the woman and places her in a realm where she does not have to strain herself. She only has to be herself.

THE HONORABLE Elijah Muhammad teaches us that a woman is the help-mate of the man. By nature she is second to man, and is thereby weaker than man. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad teaches the woman to be herself at her right place, the home. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad is the one among us who has been taught by Almighty God in person, Master Fard Muhammad to Whom praises are due forever, and he teaches all who will listen their rightful places: That which is their nature to be. He teaches us to look at the nature of the animals of the earth and take a

lesson. Look at the female species of the birds and beasts. All tend to keep themselves more concealed while impregnated. This is to guard her from evil, and help insure her and her unborn's safety.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad advises the women who follow his instructions to guard themselves likewise, due to the environment in which we live. The Mother is their first teacher. Her mate usually helps to provide the home and resting place for her and their new off-spring. He does not spend all of his time with them. He is away sometimes in search of food, sometimes exploring and surveying his surroundings. The female stays with her young, leaving only when necessary to get food for them to eat.

The Black women who do not follow the teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and choose to work undergo a strain many times for they are working outside of their natures.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad teaches us that it should be the sole interest of the woman to keep her family and husband happy and comfortable in that resting

place which the man has provided. He stresses the importance of the mother's guidance and instructions to the young.

CAN the two be compared, the Islamic teachings to the woman in the East and the West? Most certainly. I lived with many Muslim families during my practically two years in the Republic of the Sudan and I can bear witness to the Truth which the Honorable Elijah Muhammad teaches the woman of Islam. He only teaches Truth, and anyone who doubts it, try to find one word of falsehood in his teachings. He has promised money and to lay down his life if one word of his teachings can be proved false. The Muslim woman in the East concentrates on keeping a happy atmosphere in her home. She is respected for being a woman. Islam recognizes the physically weak state of the woman, and provides protection for her.

All praises are due to Master Fard Muhammad for teaching one among us to teach us our rightful places. We the women who follow these instructions are happy in our places.