

## Life of Islamic Training

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The European and American professors and instructors at the University of Khartoum, in the Sudan, tried very hard to influence the young Muslim students at the university to ignore their restricted laws, morals and habits and take up their loose and immoral Western habits.

**IN THEIR** lectures, they would often speak of the young college students in western universities as being free to explore their inquiries and desires and repeatedly say how restricted are the laws of the Muslim society in which they lived.

The professors and instructors would often invite some of their students to meet with them at their tea parties and other parties in the afternoons. At these parties the foreign professors and their families would often have card games, and serve alcoholic beverages and have western music playing to create the right atmosphere. The female students would not attend these gatherings, but the male students were greatly influenced by the loose and carefree life that the Europeans and Americans were displaying.

The Americans knew that the Sudanese (young) women would not come to parties with males present. So, they gave tea parties for women only from 4:30 to 6:30, once a month. I was not anxious to attend any of these tea parties, but our house mother insisted that I, being an American, go to one of these parties.

My female colleagues were very anxious to attend the first one, for the Americans were known for their grand displays of great wealth and their abundance of fancy foods. They charmed the Sudanese with their displays of wealth and often gave small gifts to those who attended their affairs.

**THE AMERICAN** women drove the cars themselves to take us from the hostel to the Ambassador's home for the tea party. They knew that no female would ride in a car which was driven by a strange man (one not of their family): Four Sudanese and myself went in a car driven by a woman from Kentucky. As she was driving she asked each of us individually what part of the Sudan we were from. I was the last one asked and I answered, "Detroit, Michigan." The girls wanted to laugh, but did not. The driver gazed at me from the side of her eye, and her face turned red. She fell silent, and drove to the party without pursuing the conversation further.

After we arrived at the tea party, we were escorted to the large and beautiful floral garden where we sat in the same small groups with which we came. We did not see the woman from Kentucky any more that afternoon. The other American women circulated from one group to another. We were served soft drinks, tea, cookies, and cakes and small sandwiches. They spoke to every girl in my group but myself. Many of them totally avoided our group. The girls began to talk among themselves "do you see the way they treat Christine" (this was the name by which I was called before receiving the Holy Name of Bayyinah Sharrieff). "She looks like one of us, but because she is an American they do not respect her, they ignore her."

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hostel they concluded that they were treated well because these Americans were in their country, but had they been an American, or had they been in America they would not be treated with respect. I did not have to explain anything to them, they were wise enough to make these conclusions on their own. They refused to attend another one of these tea parties, and actually boycotted these parties. The American women would prepare for 100 to 150 female students, and only about 25 would come, and these were primarily medical students (who were greatly influenced by their white professors) and Coptics (Christians). The Americans thus extended their invitation to the women in general of the capital city-Khartoum.

This small incident is just an example to show how the American white man has charmed and attracted many of our Black people with their grand display of wealth. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad, Messenger of Allah, teaches us that this is the pattern of the white man, and that this coupled with his unalikehood is how he has been able to enter, control and rule our Black people all over the world.

**THRU MY** travel experiences, I am able to give proof supporting the teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad (unalike attracts). But one need not go out of America to see how our Black people have been and still are, to a great extent, charmed and attracted to the white man here in America, and thus deceived.