

# On Life In The Sudan

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Often times this particular Black American dignitary to whom I referred in last week's article, arranged parties where African dignitaries would be invited and alcoholic beverages would be served. Afterwards he and his wife would brag about their ability to coax some of the Sudanese to drink. They would abuse their weak character of not believing in nor following the teachings of Islam. This was part of their job: to become familiar with the wealthy and government officials of this African country.

**ISLAM** forbids the Muslim from partaking in games of chance and intoxicant drinks. (Holy Qur-an 5:90, 91; 4:43)

If one follows the teachings of Islam, that one undergoes improvements in mind, body and character.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad has proven this to those who follow his instructions. We who follow his teachings of Islam do undergo improvements of mind, body and character. The true Muslims in any country who follow the instructions in the Holy Qur-an are of very strong character, body and mind.

The western Christians pride themselves in their ability to pull a Muslim away from the clean and decent practices of Islam. I have heard them make mock of the intoxicant state of some Muslim rulers while I lived in the Sudan.

I believe now that those readers who were in doubt about the Honorable Elijah Muhammad's statement concerning which Black Americans would be acceptable in Africa, should now be able to see somewhat why

the so-called Christian Black American would not be accepted in Africa: They are either agents for the white western government and businessman, (uncle Toms) or greedy for wealth following the same path of exploitation of the Black African, as did their white predecessors. The Blacks in Africa have difficulty in handling their own who have been taught Christianity by the white man. They do not want to have any more of those with such teachings. The Black African cannot trust the Black American, unless he is a Muslim.

**I DO NOT** say that there are not Black Africans (who consider themselves Christians) who do not invite the Black American to Africa for a visit, but notice it is for a visit (only). Many of them see the materialistic charms which the white man has used for centuries to trick the Black man out of wealth and dignity, and wish to have some of this materialistic wealth in their country. But they do not want that man to stay in their country with this wealth.

Islam does not limit itself to stay within distinct borders. Everyone who submits to the Will of Allah, (God) and believes in the five principles of Islam are regarded as Brothers. This being the case, righteous brothers are always glad and happy to see one another. And, a righteous person is a Muslim. Righteous Brothers share their wealth and belongings with one another. When we read into the history of Muhammad of 1400 years ago we find that when he and his followers went from Mecca to Madinah that those righteous ones in Madinah (Muslims) shared their belongings with their Brothers who were without, and had left their belongings in Madinah.

When we read the book of Ma-

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lachi (4:5, 6) it says, "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse." We followers of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad can bear witness to the fact that our Muslim Brothers in the East, and all over the world welcome our presence and extend very warm invitations and receptions to us. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad teaches us that we are children in the Knowledge and wisdom of Islam. We are just learning the vast infinite knowledge of Islam. Our fathers are those who have had this wisdom and knowledge and are long lived in this knowledge.

**IN EVERY** Asian and African country, there are Muslims. Islam is on the increase and Christianity which is only 551 years old (so the Honorable Elijah Muhammad teaches us) is on the decrease. In a survey taken in 1965 it was estimated that the total number of Muslims

in the world was one billion. However this figure does not take into account the vast multiplying numbers of Blacks in America who are now joining on to their natural religion, the religion of the righteous, Islam.

What little I learned from this Black dignitary, I passed on to the students at the university.

The newspapers were silent. No mention was made of the tension of the university, nor hardly any mention of the arrests.

More time passed, the students union decided to hold a second debate. Again some professors were asked to present their arguments of the north. The majority of the staff of the university was afraid to defy the government ruling. The students therefore reinforced this representation on the debate. This time southern representatives were invited. Some were politically very well known, for they were demanding a secession of the southern three provinces, much like those Ibo's of the former eastern region of Nigeria (Biafra) are fighting for now.

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