

On Life In The Sudan

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In an Islamic society there is no class system. The society is not separated into different groups according to wealth nor material accumulation.

ALTHOUGH I did not go to a meeting in a Mosque while I was in the Republic of the Sudan, I observed many Muslims who did. The men all wore white long plain simple garments called the gelabia, with white turbans. Their shoes were also simple. One could not distinguish a financially rich Muslim from a poor Muslim; they all dressed the same.

I spent a lot of my vacations and week ends with the family of Siham Abuellah. Her father was a wealthy man and owned much land as well as a construction firm. On Fridays (which was their one day weekend) Siham's father and three brothers dressed in their Gelabias (which is their national dress) and went out to the Mosque where the men of that community gathered for prayers after which they discussed the business of their community and the news of their families.

Within the Mosque there is no distinction between the one who donates the food or money to the Mosque and the one who receives the food, and money from the Mosque. The donator and the receiver stand shoulder to shoulder in the Mosque, there are no special seats for special people in the Mosque. All Muslims are those who submit to the Will of God, Allah. And according to Islamic law it is the duty of the wealthy one to support his Mosque and to give charity to help the poor.

It was a happy event for Sayeed Abuellah (Siham's father) and his sons to go to the Mosque, for they were in unity. This also prepared the sons to learn more of the people in their community and their duty to the community. As the Mosque they met the other young men of their community.

THE MOSQUE is a center of social education as well as a place to meet to pray in unity, to the Almighty God, Allah. Muslims discuss mutual problems as well as social and political items in a mosque. There are no special places or recognition of social status in a Mosque. All are humble servants to Allah (God).

Siham's family had several servants; however, they were not called servants. They were called by their names, and regarded as helpers not servants. These helpers who washed the floors and ironed the clothes and

did the heavy cleaning, ate the same food as did the owner of the house, and often ate at the same table or from the same tray as did the owner.

Since I had been raised in a Christian society, where one does not find the servants of the

wealthy eating with the wealthy at the same table and from the same tray, this seemed a strange relationship between the servants and the served. But then this was Islam in practice. Islam establishes grounds for

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MOSQUE IN Omdurman, Sudan

Big Birth Rate vs. Bad Medicine

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intra-uterine device (IUD) "loops" which birth control fiends put inside women's wombs. These devices are so dangerous that the "liberals" are now trying to find away to get rid of Black babies through legalized abortion operations.

The Univ. of Chicago area health release also announced

Influenza (flu) and pneumonia cause 3 per cent of white deaths and 8 per cent of "nonwhite" deaths.

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each man to respect the other as a man, and also to accept the other as a Brother. This was practiced by all of the Muslim families with whom I visited while there in the Sudan.

Islam establishes rules of duty and conduct of man to man, brother to brother. It brings knowledge and understanding and thus unity between brother and brother.

—IN ISLAM, one does not find the society separating itself into various social groups, the membership to which depends on a certain economic background, as one finds in western Christian societies. Where Islam is practiced there can be no Class system. One does not find one Muslim taking advantage of another Muslim in an Islamic society. This is part of the Brotherhood which Islam establishes.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad has brought to our attention the duty of man to man (his own kind). He teaches us to do, want and love for our Brother what we do, want and love for ourselves.

The teachings of Islam by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad does away with social discrimination on financial and materialistic grounds. It erases discrimination on bases of wealth and color which is practiced among our people in Christian societies. It creates a unity of man with his own (those who

are like him and who believe as he does). This is again the teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad . . . "Join on to your own, and help yourself." What is "your own," a righteous person, who wishes and strives to do the will of God, and help your own kind.

WE SHOULD ban together. Those of us who have been more fortunate than many to receive a higher education and have more than substantial incomes should unite with those of our kind who have not received higher educations and have not incomes to support their families and help our less fortunate kind by teaching him, so that he may improve himself. This will benefit both. This is brotherhood. This is unity. This is Islam. These are the teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, to help us establish a brotherhood, to be united with our own kind.

Goodyear Goof In Tire Marking

The huge complex of Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. goofed recently, by placing incorrect load markings on some 2,000 auto tires earlier this month.

A GOODYEAR spokesman, in Akron, Ohio, said the 8.25-by-14 "All-Weather IV" tires have a load rating of 1,620 pounds, but an upside-down "6" in a tire mold made the load rating read 1,920.