

On Life In The Sudan

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Many people believe that one has a better perspective of a problem or a situation if that one removes himself from direct involvement and observes from the outside that problem or situation. In our everyday lives we hear that one must "get away from it all to get a good look at the problem." Without interference one can think and study and be more able to devote thought and make wiser decisions.

I WAS AWAY from the so-called "Black American problem", three years. I went to the Republic of the Sudan and Egypt, in Africa, and Greece, Italy, France, Germany, Denmark, and Sweden, in Europe. I studied at the University of Khartoum, in Sudan, and at the Alliance Francaise in Paris. In Sweden, I was a delegate to the World University Student conference on "Race Relations". Here was where I had to concentrate and study and discuss the "Black American Problem".

Being on the outside looking in, I studied objectively the various organizations and so-called leaders of the Black American people, weighing their words and checking their success in progress.

After doing this, I had to speak favorably and in support of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, for he had a program for the up-lift and development of my people, The Black Man in America. As I have stated in this column previously, all of the other delegates (who were white from thirteen other countries) agreed that his words were Truth and did not even deny that they were devils (the doers of evil).

At that time I did not want to relate religion to every day life. I, as had so many of my people, had been so disillusioned by the teachings of Christianity and the practices of so-called Christians that I did not want to relate achievements and comfort of development of a people to a God.

Yet, could I, could we deny the existence of a God when we have been taught all of our lives and our very natures recognize a force far superior to our own? No. We still feel deeply that there is a God. We did not know His Name, nor His Will until He taught one here in America Himself and His Will. This one is none other than, The Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

WHAT IS HE doing? He is warning us and showing us a way where we can go in safety and enter a heaven while we live. Yet as the Honorable Elijah Muhammad has pointed out to us in the Holy Qur-an 21:1-2 that "they turn away in heedlessness" to the warning, and that they "hear it while they sport" (continue in their games).

Could the histories of those prophets before our time all be false? Why was a record kept of them if we are not to learn from them?

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad teaches us that he is a Messenger from God (Allah). How can he prove this? How can we, his followers prove that he is the Messenger of God?

Top scholars of the world will admit that the general trend of history repeats itself. Let us therefore compare the prophets and messengers of the past with the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. What kind of people were they? Were they easily acknowledged as being prophets and messengers?

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