

On Life In the Sudan

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One will not find a woman scrubbing the floors in the hospitals in the Republic of the Sudan. This is a job for the man. The male patients have male nurses to attend to their persons. The females have female nurses checking and caring for them.

Conditions are generally crowded in the hospitals, but with this atmosphere of love and peace, which exists in the hospitals, one overlooks the congestion.



MUSLIM SUDANESE girl with headpiece in relaxed position.

EUROPEANS and westerners in general who visit the hospitals in the Sudan are disgusted with its congested conditions. They dislike the very liberal visiting hours which are without limit, and permit the visitors to visit any time of day. They dislike the idea of the visitors living in the room with their ill relatives. They are disgusted with seeing the Sudanese squatting and sitting on the floor of the hospitals waiting for aid or resting. Whoever may be in the confidence of these Europeans will hear them complain of these existing conditions. They are afraid to complain out loud for fear of insulting a Sudanese, which would cause them a great deal of discomfort.

What I really believe disgusts the Europeans and westerners in general is the fact that they are in a Black hospital, controlled by Blacks where Blacks are in a majority and are the ones who dictate the laws and regulations of the hospital which are Islamic.

I am sure that many of you (readers) have seen a white man at some time around a group of Black men. He is afraid and one can see this fear on his face if one looks past the false face of certainty which he may try to present to the Blacks of confidence. Often he overacts. He is cunning. He tries to be comical. He knows that he is the odd person, and that most of the attention is to him (unlike attracts). He therefore acts like a monkey in a cage, attempting to entertain his audience.

THERE ARE many European medical doctors who are instructors in the medical faculty (college) in the Sudan. They have tried, without much success, to change the existing rules and regulations of the hospital to meet those of their western society. However the strong unity of Brotherhood which exists in an Islamic society prevents the European from being successful

in his pursuits. There is a fact which I must state here: That there are many Sudanese doctors who have been educated in western societies and thus have been infected with the disease of "Western Imperialism," i.e. they worship the western society to such a degree that they desire to bring some of it into their own society.

The largest portion of the Sudanese society are strong Muslims. Thus the Muslim society as a whole ostracizes (overlooks and separates) those who go against the teachings of Islam. They are quick to cut themselves off from those who go against the basic teachings of good (Islam).

On the plane which took me from Germany to the Sudan, I met some Sudanese students who studied in Germany. I enjoyed associating with them because they were familiar with the western society, and I was new to their Islamic society. It was this group who took me with them when they went to visit a doctor who was their former colleague in Germany. He had set up a nice office, but it was empty. This was a rare situation to find a medical doctor in the Sudan without patients. He had been seen associating with Europeans more so than with his own kind, and was seen patronizing the two existing night clubs in Khartoum (the capital of the Sudan) which (I believe) are owned by Greeks and Syrians. He was also known to indulge in alcoholic beverages. With such information known about him to the public, the Good Muslim public did not trust his ability to administer

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physical aid. Those who took me to visit this doctor told him that if he wanted to be successful and establish good relations with the public, he would have to stop drinking and make a better impression of himself to his relatives and to the public. He would have to live up to the general code of ethics on his society which are the basic laws of decency of his society.

THIS IS just an example to

show you (the reader) that one who carries the habits of a western (Christian) society into a Muslim society, will not be met and accepted by the Muslim inhabitants of that country.

This doctor was a Black Sudanese. But, he was not accepted by "HIS OWN" people, because he was not conducting himself as a Black Sudanese, and was

therefore "acting other than himself."

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad is teaching the so-called Negro to drop the habits of the western (Christian) society. He is preparing the so-called Negro to meet "THEIR OWN", and thus fulfilling the prophecies of the Bible (Malachi 4:6) and the Holy Qur-an.

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