

On Life In The Sudan

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If we check into the histories of the prophets and messengers of the past, we see that none of them were selected or chosen by the majority of the people. They were chosen by God.

Moses was first rebuked of his authority to lead the Israelites by pointing out his faults and past sins. The people with whom Noah lived questioned his words of warning. They mocked him. The people to whom Jesus tried to teach the will of God rejected him to the point of death. Few heeded Lot's plea to let the righteous visitors alone and to stop evil and immoral practices.

Muhammad Ibn Abdullah was ridiculed and physically attacked at the beginning of his mission in teaching the people

to praise the one true God and submit to His Will of good. He had to flee for his safety from Mecca then fight for his rightful authority as their leader.

What makes our people today believe that they have a right over God to select and choose a leader for themselves? If the so - called educated among our people would use a little of their education to read the histories of God's prophets of the past and compare their humble origins, their lack of formal education, and their rejection by the masses to that of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, they would see that they do not have the right to criticize him for stating and living the fact that he is a Messenger from God.

What is your education doing for you, my university degreed Black Brothers and Sisters? Whose educational system are you in? Whose electronic, mechanical, and medical research laboratories are you in? Whose theories and laws of economics are you using. Black businessmen? What are you doing for yourselves and kind? You are copying the pattern which the white man has set, to obtain gain. You look at the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and some of you acknowledge the "tremendous work that he is doing for the 'poor - uneducated' Blacks". You see his followers as "blindly following" him and not thinking for themselves. The Truth is that the teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, when heeded, Make us to "think for ourselves and do for ourselves and kind".

I went outside of America to study in Africa and Europe (3 years), and practically every Black I met while abroad was studying with the aims of returning to his own people to help develop and advance his own kind. This developed in me a greater sense and drive to help my own Black kind, for we are in a much worse condition than they.

Educated and learned Blacks take time, examine and think for yourselves. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad has an establishment here where your knowledge and experience can be put to your advantage.

Examine the program already put into motion by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. Read his words in the past and see if they have proved True or False, then remember Deuteronomy 18:22

"When a prophet speaketh in the name of the Lord, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously." But know that if thay thing come to pass that it be the word of the Lord, to be continued...