

On Life In The Sudan

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What is the proper education that the Black man of America needs?

It is very obvious by its failure to uplift the Black man, that the educational system of America (including its colleges and universities) is not adequately fulfilling the needs of the Black man in America. The Black student of America is only taught to become a better tool for the American society.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad has been teaching for nearly 40 years that the Black man must have a knowledge of himself to have a proper education. He has written this in the Herald Dispatch (California), the New York Amsterdam, the Memphis World, the Pittsburg Courier, and the Crusader, and the Defender (Chicago) before establishing his own newspaper, "Muhammad Speaks" in 1963.

I left America in search of a good education, one which would benefit myself and my people. I studied in the Arts faculty at the University of Khartoum, in the Sudan,

Africa for nearly two years. I was suprised to find Islam lived by Blacks who looked like my people in America: There was a peace and harmony there which I never witnessed among Blacks anywhere. I lived in Egypt for 3 weeks, observing the people in general and trying to learn about a proper way of life for self and kind. I lived in Greece 3 weeks, and Italy five weeks, France 6 months, Sweden 2 months searching for the best of education and guidance for myself and kind.

In Paris, France while studying French at the Alliance Francaise, I became acquainted with a follower of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and was able to read his wonderful book MESSAGE TO THE BLACK MAN IN AMERICA. This was the end of my searching for the proper education and guidelines for myself and my Black kind. I never thought that I would have to return to America to find this, but I had to return for he is in America.

So many of my Black kind who have been educated by the white man's educational system realize that something is missing from their education. Yet due to their ignorant proudness they refuse to submit to guidance from one who has not spent the years they have in the American educational system. A truly intelligent educated person

would recognize wisdom and honor its possessor no matter what type of formal education that person acquired. "Look what he writes" (Holy Quran). The written words of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad prove that he is no fool, or false prophet.

If you are truly educated, you will be happy and thankful to Almighty God whose proper name is Allah for blessing us with a perfect guidance. The Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad. May Allah continue to Bless you, Messenger Muhammad.



Golden-domed Mosque of Al Kadhimain near Baghdad.