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One early evening while I was walking with a young Sudanese family down a street in Port Sudan, a city in the Republic of the Sudan located on the Red Sea, I noticed a large group of young men walking on a side street. My thoughts quickly went to the possible danger of these young men being a street gang which would attack and possibly harm us.

I was afraid of such a large group of young men. I wanted the Sudanese with whom I was walking to quicken their steps and hurry themselves so as to avoid any possible confrontation with these young men. I told them to hurry. They questioned my anxiety to rush. We were on our way to the cinema and we had at least one half an hour before the film began. I told them of the possible danger from the approaching youth gang. They were surprised at my words and expressed feelings. They said that I need not worry over such a thing as these young men threatening our peace. They said that these young men were probably not even thinking of us. I told them of the youth gangs in American cities which tormented many daily in the streets. They were astounded to hear of such happenings.

We continued to walk at our casual pace in spite of my worry. This group of young men passed us without saying anything to us. They were talking among themselves and did not seem to even see us. One of the

Sudanese with whom we were with said to me, "you are in the Sudan now, not America." "You do not need to worry, you are

with people who are peaceful and who wish to do others no harm. You are with Muslims."

This experience which I had in the Sudan may seem insignificant to many, but to the one who has an understanding of decent societies this incident shows a clear confrontation of elements in the so-called Christian western society meeting a basic element of the Muslim Eastern society: Western violence meeting Eastern peace.

The Sudanese did not know the fear of evil existing in the west.

Through the teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad on moral decency, a society based on peace is being established. We who follow the Honorable Elijah Muhammad desire no longer to harm or act violently with one another. We are forbidden to do so by our restricted laws.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad has made us more aware of the values of moral decency which are best valued in the best societies of the world. I have spent practically two years in Africa, and one year in Europe, and I make this statement after much observation in my travels.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad is the only Black Leader who has the sincere interest of his people at heart and is backing this interest with deeds of raising us to a level where the better societies of the world will respect us as a Nation, and admire us as a people well deserving of admiration for being peaceful in the midst of a violent society; clean in the midst of filth.

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