

# THE LOST-FOUND NATION OF

In the Name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful; Peace and Blessings upon His Servant and His Messenger, Muhammad, forever. Amen.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The Lost-Found Nation of Islam in the West was established to be a part of the great, vast, universal Nation of Islam all over the world. We have been moving in that direction for many years under the guidance of Master Elijah Muhammad (peace be upon Him). Now we have gotten our house in the proper order and we want the world to know that we are part of the Universal Nation of Islam.

### ALLAH'S WISE PLAN

When the teachings of Islam were first begun in the Bilalian (Black American) communities in the wilderness of North America by Master Fard Muhammad in the early 1930's, no one knew what Almighty God had in His great plan. Even as the number of converts in the Muslim Community began to swell and even as their strength began to grow during the 40-year leadership of Master Elijah Muhammad, still the world could not clearly see the wise design in the plan with which Allah was moving the mentally and spiritually dead Bilalian people of America.

No one thought that the despised and rejected once - slaves of America would accept the call to Islam as quickly as they did accept it. Although many teachers of Islam had toiled for many years in America before the establishment of the Lost - Found Nation of Islam in the West, very little progress had been made in getting Bilalians to accept Islam in this wild, savage society which hated Islam and which openly mocked Prophet Muhammad ibn Abdullah (peace be upon Him), His Divine Message, and any person who dared to follow His teachings.

### A MODERN DAY "MIRACLE"

In spite of this hostile environment, thousands of Bilalian men and women, who were former Christians, suddenly embraced Islam and accepted to be identified with the 800 million Muslims all over the world. Thousands of men and women who were ex - slaves or who were the children of ex - slaves accepted the One True and Living God, the Creator, the Originator of the heavens and the earth, as their only God. They also

accepted Prophet Muhammad, to whom the Holy Quran was revealed, as the Universal Prophet.

Who would have believed that in such a few short years, the Lost - Found Nation of Islam in the West would have grown from nothing to a great religious body numbering in the hundreds of thousands stretching from coast to coast in America and spilling over its borders into Bermuda, Jamaica, Trinidad, Virgin Islands, Belize, Canada, and into other countries of the Western Hemisphere? But this modern day "miracle" has happened, and we believe that soon Islam will be the religion of the majority of the people all over the world.

### OUR FAMILY WAS DESTROYED

The first thing that we experienced in slavery as Bilalian people under the cruel grip of slavery in America was the destruction of our family. The world that enslaved us knew that a people's strength is in their family unity. They had to destroy our family bonds before they could successfully reduce us to work animals.

Now, thanks to Allah, we have come into Islam through the teachings of a great man and a master teacher, Master Fard Muhammad. Today we know that we are not alone here in the West and we know that we are brothers and sisters of the Muslim family all over the world.

### A "LOST" PEOPLE

Master Fard Muhammad told us in the early 1930's that we were from Muslim foreparents and that we had many Muslim brothers and sisters around the earth. Today, white Christian writers in the West are admitting that many of the slaves that were brought to America were from Muslim lands and that they had Muslim names.

The world is now admitting that the strength of Africa during the time of slave traffic was not pagan nor Christian, it was Islamic. Because Master Fard Muhammad recognized our true history, he identified us as a people who were "lost" from our land, our people and our religion. That is why he referred to us as "The Lost - Found Nation of Islam in America." He did not mean that we were a new nation or a different Nation of Islam from the Universal Nation of Islam, but he meant that this body represented the lost members from the Universal Nation of Islam.

### ISLAM ALONE IS THE KEY

We have the knowledge of True Religion (Islam). We know that whatever any other people have found of good as religion is only something that is a step closer to right religion. The real religion for all people is Islam. We are the descendants of Islam whether we descended directly from Islamic parents or not, because Islam is the natural and pure religion of all humanity.

Because the Lost - Found Nation of Islam in the West is a new Muslim Community in the world of religious communities, we must keep our eyes open because the old, evil world would like to deprive us of the life giving Light of Islam. They know that Islam alone is the key to freedom, justice, equality, and strength for the Bilalian communities of the West.

1. I say: I seek refuge With the Lord And Cherisher of Mankind, سألت الله العليم
2. The King (or Ruler) Of Mankind, ملك العالمين
3. The God (or Judge) Of Mankind, — إله العالمين
4. From the mischief Of the Whisperer (Of Evil), who withdraws (After his whisper), — سوءن كوكبوسية العاقبات
5. (The same) who whispers Into the hearts of mankind, — الذي يوسوس في صلوات الناس
6. Among Jinns And among Men, من بين الجن والإنس

HOLY QURAN translation by Yusuf Ali; Sura CXIV, Verses 1-6.

### THE ISLAMIC MENTALITY

Since the great Masters Fard Muhammad and Elijah Muhammad (Peace be upon Him) lit the torch of Islam among the more than 30,000,000 Bilalians in America, the "Islamic mentality" has produced a clean, righteous people who are contributing to the financial, social, economic, and spiritual upliftment of the total community.

In over 175 Temples of Islam in America and the Caribbean, members of the Lost - Found Nation of Islam in the West work tirelessly to propagate the Faith of Islam. New converts are rushing to the call from all walks of life at the rate of approximately 25,000 per week. (The total National figure of new converts for Temple meetings held September 24, 26, 28, 1975, was 28,909 — Editor) There are now 46 Universities of