

## Pakistan Muslim: Muhammad's Work, Not Words, True Test Of Greatness

(This is the third and final in a series on the Muslim movement in America under the leadership of The Honorable Elijah Muhammad by a leading Pakistan Muslim. Mr. Naeem, a noted world traveler and lecturer, brings his experience to bear to explain and appraise the present anti-Muslim attitude exhibited in the United States.)

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For decades the U.S. Press carried on an ugly and unholy campaign to discredit the Muslim Faith—by misrepresenting everything Islam stands for. Today it is merrily engaged in misrepresenting the man who, in this wilderness, stands for Islam—the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

Most American writers, their hearts "sealed" by perennial proddings from the pulpit and haranguing of the rabbis, cannot and will not even attempt to understand Mr. Elijah Muhammad's Mission. Whatever the significance and symbolic interpretation of his utterances, they have already labeled him "persona non grata" and so in the eyes of the world's "Most Liberal Press" will he remain!

Equally determined, however, is the Honorable Elijah Muhammad in his aim to reach out to ALL of Allah's down-trodden people here in the Wilderness of North America and to provide them the Message of a NEW LIFE (Islam) that would "almost overnight eliminate all ills afflicting them."

### BROTHERHOOD OF ISLAM

A partial result of his endeavors, in fact — which, in turn, reflects the Will of Allah (God) — is already evident:

Hundreds upon hundreds of black men, women and children in every nook and corner of the United States — once godless or Christians all have, of their own free will, joined the vast and powerful Brotherhood of Islam. That is to say, they now believe in ALLAH, the One True God, His Prophets and the Holy Quran. Yes, no longer do they call

themselves Baptists, Jehovah's Witnesses or Catholics.

No longer do they worship the graven images "forbidden by the Scripture itself." No longer do they belong to the Church or look up to the Cross for spiritual guidance. ("How can a Sign of Death uplift or guide anyone?")

No longer do they believe that Christ died for them. And no longer do they wear on their per-



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son the ornaments representative of Christianity "that promised all the Heavens but not a tiny piece of this earth we could call our own!"

### CHANGE IN BELIEFS

A change in one's beliefs, however, does not by itself constitute an event of major importance. Lots of people change over to the Catholics' side and quite a few Catholics begin to profess Protestantism.

**ONLY THE MUSLIMS NEVER CHANGE THEIR FAITH.** ("Once a Muslim, always a Muslim!") Also, when you become a Muslim, that is no ordinary switch.

**WHY?** Because when you declare that "There is but One True God, ALLAH, and that Muhammad is His Prophet," you suddenly recognize yourself, your purpose in life, your potentialities, your capabilities.

### PURPOSE IN LIFE

Your feet become firmly planted on the Path of Righteousness, your hands eager for hard work, your mind the absolute master of its sensitive mechanism. Your eyes steadily focused on the Banner of FREEDOM, JUSTICE and EQUALITY, you realize that you need not look back, ever!

Islam permits no hypocrisy; you either accept Islam in **TOTALITY** or you cannot call yourself a Muslim. You either submit yourself to the Will of Allah, in entirety, or you are still a defiant infidel. You either love **ALLAH** or you may very well be

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possessed by "Shaitan." (the Devil).

## WAY OF LIFE

Islam, of course, is not merely a dogma or a religion of prayers and rituals alone. It is a **WAY OF LIFE** — a philosophy of Action. It abhors idleness and promises a Heaven-on-earth, i.e., the good life, to all who work and work hard.

In this respect, the U.S. Muslims may well be setting a precedent for the rest of the Muslim world, for I know of no Muslim community or group whose members work harder — for self-improvement as well as in the Way of Allah — than the followers of Mr. Elijah Muhammad.

Rarely, indeed, does a day go

## TEACHINGS OF ISLAM

The teachings of Islam also constitute a complete Code of Moral Conduct and Ethics. As such, it must affect its adherents' family life as well, and it does. That is why the Muslims claim, and quite rightfully so, that there are no broken homes (or hearts) among them. No divorces, no suicides, no children born out of wedlock. And no juvenile delinquents, either!

The U.S. Muslims under the leadership of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad possess many other superb qualities of personal character: **UNITY, DISCIPLINE, SPIRIT OF SELF-SACRIFICE, DEVOTION TO ALL THAT IS GOOD.** These characteristics may well provide the basis of a great New World of Islam.

If the critics of Mr. Elijah Muhammad fail to comprehend the **LOGIC** behind his teachings, are they so blind, if I may ask, that they **CANNOT SEE** the beautiful result it has produced and continues to produce?