

★ Women in Islam ★

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According to the Quran Chapter 5:33—"The only punishment of those who wage war against Allah and His Messenger and strive to make mischief in the land is that they should be murdered or crucified, or their hands and their feet should be cut off on opposite sides, or they should be imprisoned. This shall be a disgrace for them in this world, and in the Hereafter they shall have a grievous chastisement."

Much has been said about the strict enforcement of laws as applied to those who

accept Islam under the leadership of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad; but, in reality, we are being dealt with leniently in the face of the Quran's strong injunction on the proper course of action to be followed under a certain set of circumstances.

One of the reasons why we are not as yet subjected to these laws is because of our association with the white race of America who is given to the relaxation of social ethics and frivolity has taught us the same misconception of the good life.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad teaches us that because his image and way of life is strongly implanted in our minds, we must be brought into the full knowledge of the laws pertaining to Islam and ourselves in slow degrees. As the Holy Quran tells the Messenger, "this is a Quran we have revealed to thee that thou mayest read it to the people by degrees."

Furthermore, we have

been reared with murderers, thieves and all types of criminals and sexual perverts; and until hearing the teachings of Islam we are not responsible for having followed in the footsteps of our enemies. But upon our acceptance of Islam, we are responsible for our actions to the final day of judgement when no soul or person can come to the aid of another nor can a father avail his son in aught nor a son his father.

In Islam we are taught the highest respect for the execution of justice and for the pursuit of righteousness. In this connection we must not be weakened by the adverse actions of those professing with their lips what they fail to put into practice.

The Holy Quran explains that "we make some of you a trial for others." Islam manifests clearly what is right and wrong. If we are unable, with the guidance of a true Messenger of God in our midst, to conduct our lives according to the relatively simple injunctions of Islam, we will most certainly be the losers in the Hereafter.

Islam is truly the most potent remedy for the evils that for centuries have afflicted our people. It arrests us from temptation, it purifies and cleanses our minds and bodies.

It is unequivocally our salvation. Let us finally remember that the laws of Islam are in accordance with the laws of nature, for as everything in nature submits to the Will of Allah, so does the laws of Islam (THE DIVINE LAWS OF GOD) require our obedience as acts of submission to the Will of God (Allah).

Million Women in NACWC's Drive

DENVER, Colo.—Newly elected President Dr. Mayme Reese of the powerful National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Inc., has been credited here with launching the most spirited drive in the history of the huge organization embodying nearly one million Negro women. The Negro Women's group, with its headquarters in Washington, D.C. under the leadership of Dr. Reese, is said to be reverting to its original objective by stimulating the current struggle for the achievement of equality and justice for black people throughout America.

The objectives of the group,



DR. REESE