

He lives on!

The events of Saviour's Day 1975 -- so profound that it may be Saviour's Day years hence before we are fully cognizant of their significance -- have more than anything else in my life taught me the reality of our work as followers of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, the Messenger of Allah.

For as our leader, the Honorable Wallace D. Muhammad stood before us, speaking, delivering as thoughtful, as intelligent, as penetrating, as moving, as spirited a speech as I have ever heard delivered, I could only reflect on the great spirituality of this great son, from a great father.



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He spoke, authoritatively, convincingly, and from a historical perspective he manifest by his speaking at all, a true understanding of the reality of God, like the Imam he is.

Minister Wallace D. Muhammad, the Spiritual and Administrative leader of the Nation of Islam, Servant of Allah, absolutely centered his speech, last February 26, around the spiritual teachings of Islam, as taught to us so eloquently by his father, Messenger Muhammad.

In all of his speech, which I have observed, his speech is that of a religious man: sober, dignified, respectful. But more important, his actions, which I have observed, are even more deserving the description of a man who walks in the way of God.

He is forthright -- he is courageous. He is the son of a courageous father, and a brother in a courageous, and Royal Family. For in all the agonizing, heart rending torment of watching and waiting for what doctors advised would be the imminent passing off the world's greatest man, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, His family led the believers, led the nation in courage to duties assigned them by their father.

In the last few weeks as we prepared for our Saviour's Day Convention, I was blessed to get a close-up look at the Honorable Wallace D. Muhammad, and I have yet to see a more modest, unassuming, humble person, outside of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, Himself.

His modest home, and his own dedication--not to seeking personal assets which would benefit himself only--are indicative of the great caliber of man he is. Rather, he is dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge, the attainment of skills and abilities which better enable him to serve the Black Nation which he loves.

In preparation for his now tremendous task, great task, task of great honor and dignity, I have personally seen him prepare, practice and absolutely serve our nation, our people not in the grand manner of an arrogant heir-apparent, but in the modest manner of a true servant to the "little man," a quality which made his Great Father the Greatest Servant the Black nation has known or will ever know.

Less than a month ago, in the modest home of Brother James 6X and Sister Cleo X, of Temple No. 2, the Honorable Wallace D. Muhammad, himself, performed a wedding, not of a minister, not even of a minister's son or daughter, but rather the wedding of Brother James' daughter, Sister Stephanie, and Brother Walter 14X; not a captain, not even a lieutenant, but a brother, an FOI just the same, who works as the cook in the Shabazz Restaurant.

Minister Wallace D. Muhammad, son of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, Spiritual and Administrative Leader of the Nation of Islam, Servant of Allah, is an Honorable man, a man worthy of the respect we now give to him; a man, whose life is given to serve, to benefit, not just himself, but the whole of the Black nation, the Nation of Islam.

And in this noble service, and in every noble gesture of his, from serving a jail term for refusing to serve an unjust war machine--just as his father did--to working, ministering and faithfully following the teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, it can be said now, without pause or hesitation, that the Honorable Elijah Muhammad lives on, lives in the hearts of His followers, and now lives in the mind, heart, and actions of His son, and our new leader, the Honorable Wallace D. Muhammad, Servant of Allah.

We at Muhammad Speaks, from the pressmen, to the photographers, from the reporters and editors to the national bureau chiefs, pledge our absolute, our complete, our unconditional allegiance and support to the Honorable Wallace D. Muhammad, our leader, in this great battle for the establishment of truth!

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

The Nation of Islam issued the following statement, Tuesday Feb. 25, 1975 at 4:30 p.m. central daylight time:

The Muslims are heavy hearted because of the absence of our Leader, the most Honorable Elijah Muhammad, we offer these words of encouragement to His followers everywhere:

The Messenger taught us, we have five senses, but that no one sense can satisfy all the needs of the body. We should use all the senses working together. Now is the time the body must use all the senses and stay together.

The Messenger spent all His life in efforts to better the conditions of the Black man. We should try to see that we keep His principles and ideals in us. The loss of the Messenger's presence is a great loss. He worked for the unity of the Black man. It is a greater loss to lose His principles.

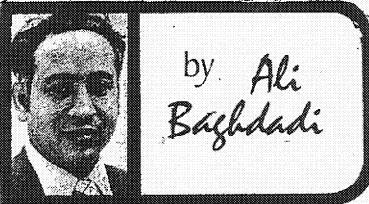
The Holy Qur'an teaches that we should not refer to the righteous as being dead. The Messenger has returned to Allah. He lives on in His works, and more important, He lives on in us. His leadership remains.

Middle East Report

Editor's note:

This is text of professor Baghdadi's speech at the 1975 Saviour's Day Convention.

To the Honorable Wallace D. Muhammad, successor of the Honorable Elijah



by Ali
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Muhammad, and new humble servant of Allah--children of Muhammad, family of Muhammad, faithful ministers and followers, brothers and sisters: As-Salaam-Alaikum, wa Rahmatu Allah, wa Barakatuhi (peace, mercy of Allah and His blessing be with you). THE AMBASSADOR of the Arab League, which represents 20 independent Arab governments, and other Muslim representatives, have asked me to convey to the family of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and to you, their deepest sympathies.

I convey to you all the deepest sympathies of 130 million Arabs. I convey to you the Sympathies of more than 600 million Muslims in the East.

THE LOSS of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad is not felt here by you alone, but is also felt by us there. We have always loved the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. Our hearts have always been with the faithful followers of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. Our prayers have always been offered for the success of Islam carried by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

We are here and there, one body. When a member in this body is hurt or is injured, the entire body feels the pain and reacts to the suffering.

We have loved you more than we love ourselves. We have loved you because you love Islam and because of your submission to Allah. We have loved you because you have become the new freedom fighters of Islam--you have become the new soldiers of Allah, and the soldiers of Allah shall win.

OUR PEOPLE have never been fond of boxing until they saw a man standing in the ring saying there is no God except Allah and

Muhammad is His Messenger, and Allah is the greatest.

Few Muslims, if any, still remember the name Frazier or Foreman. The 600 million Muslims knew the name of Muhammad Ali, the beautiful name given by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

We love Muhammad Ali because we love the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, and because we love you. And we have stood with him and we have supported him in his darkest hours. When he was rejected in America as a coward, we accepted him as a great hero.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad has told me that when he visited Gamal Abdel Nasser, the great African leader requested him to stay as a permanent guest in a palace in Egypt. However, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad returned to you to complete His work. Now, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and Nasser have met again.

LISTENING to the Honorable Elijah Muhammad's speech to you last Saviour's Day, and reading the farewell speech made by Prophet Muhammad 1400 years ago, I see many parallels.

Muhammad Ibn Abdullah told us at Mecca that women are the trust of Allah in your hands and to treat them with kindness.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad here in Chicago has taught us to respect, to honor and to protect our women.

Prophet Muhammad calling on us to hold together tight with the rope of Allah, reminds me of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad's call of the need for unity among the Blacks in the wilderness of America.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad came thru His parents but not from them. He came from Allah and returned to Allah.

HOWEVER, THE MESSAGE of Islam shall remain. The Nation of Islam shall survive. The believers in Allah, as long as they respect this Book, the Holy Qur'an; as long as they shoulder the message of Islam; as long as they stand united, no power on earth can defeat them. There is no power on the globe that can weaken you.

Allah has made this promise to the followers of Muhammad Ibn Abdullah and Allah fulfilled His promise. Shortly after his death, the Muslims became the leading and most powerful nation in the world. This promise is extended to you by Allah, and Allah keeps up all His promises.