

For And About You

By Harriett Muhammad

DEAR HARRIETT: For several months I have been a faithful reader of MUHAMMAD SPEAKS because this newspaper gives so much information one would never find in any other United States newspaper, and also, because I am very much interested in the American movement of Islam, which has done so much good for its members.

Reading the paper, however, many questions come to my mind which have, so far, remained unanswered because I have not had a chance to discuss them with a so-called "Black Muslim"—not knowing anyone. My Muslim friends are all from the Arab world, Africa and Pakistan, and they have the same questions as I:

1. How can Islam be only the religion for one group of people?
2. If it is for black people only, what about the millions of white Arabs who are all Muslims? Remember, the Arab world is the house of Islam.
3. Doesn't Islam teach brotherhood among all people who believe in Allah, without specifying their skin color?
4. American Islam teaches that "intermarriage or race mixing should be prohibited." What about marriage between two Muslims of different skin color?

I would greatly appreciate your answering these questions for me.
—GERDA MENSAHSAHAH, New York, N.Y.

DEAR GERDA: I enjoyed reading your letter and I, in the best way I can, will attempt to answer your questions.

1. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad doesn't teach that Islam can be only the religion for one group of people. He teaches that Islam is the religion for those who have a righteous nature.
2. When Mr. Muhammad refers to black people, he is not just referring to skin

tones. It is the nature of a person that is important. He teaches us that all black people (including brown, red, yellow and cream peoples, those with blonde hair and light eyes) are born with righteous natures, whereas the white man has been grafted out of the black man, thus making his nature weak and prone to evilness.

It is not the whiteness of the skin that is evil. This is only an identifying mark. An evil nature is found in the European white man and his descendants. We consider all "white" Arabs as members of the black nation, the original nation of the earth.

3. Islam does teach brotherhood among all peoples who truly believe in Allah. Since this is beyond the capabilities of a race of devils, only those who are not devils qualify.

The main point here is whether or not you believe that Mr. Muhammad has been given a new message to the world, warning of the presence and workings of a race of devils. The choice is up to you to accept it or reject it. Time will surely tell which choice was correct.

4. Marriage between two righteous Muslims of different skin color is fine.

I don't profess to be a minister, but I hope my answers have helped you in your understanding of Islam, as taught by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

Something on your mind?

Women of Africa in U.S.—Part II



News and Notes About Women

ATTRACTIVE AND TALENTED African women leaders who fought brilliantly and relentlessly for passage of the United Nation's great document calling for the elimination of all forms of racial discrimination, Miss Judith Imru of Ethiopia (left) and Miss Florence W. Addison of Ghana, comparing notes here, have given encouragement and sympathy to their Negro brothers and sisters who are struggling in America for freedom, justice and equal opportunity.

Write and tell me about it.
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If your letter has not been answered, it will appear in a following issue.

Says Freedom Forces To Hit Portuguese

BRUSSELS, Belgium—African freedom fighters presently undergoing training in Tanganyika will launch an invasion against the Portuguese in Mozambique in April, declared Vergilio de Lemos, Portuguese opposition leader.

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