

# Emam's Gary address stresses natural human growth

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GARY, Ind. — Emam Wallace D. Muhammad, spiritual leader of the World Community of Al-Islam in the West (WCIW), delivered a stirring "New World Patriotism Day" lecture to 2,000 persons here recently.

The address, entitled, "The Director Human Survival," was delivered in the Westside High School auditorium and was one of two major talks delivered that day by the internationally acclaimed leader.

The second address was delivered later in the afternoon at Masjid Elijah Muhammad in Chicago.

The audience was a representation of the area's diverse racial, religious and educational makeup. Several nuns were present.

Mayor Richard G. Hatcher read a proclamation which named July 3rd "The Hon. Wallace D. Muhammad Day" in Gary.

The mayor of this steel producing center prefaced his reading of the proclamation by declaring that one city was more honored by receiving Emam Muhammad than it has been honored through the years when it has received kings, senators and presidents.

The audience responded enthusiastically as Emam Muhammad stressed several significant points in a lecture filled with appeals to reason, wisdom and socio-historical fact.

He boldly challenged listeners to increase their mental, moral and

spiritual qualities, which are necessary for Americans to improve the quality of their lives. He listed charity, sacrifice, knowledge, understanding and human intelligence.

"We have to put human intelligence back in the seat of authority," Emam Muhammad said. He undergirded his lecture with the theme that the road to human growth, development and happiness is towards God.

"We have become overburdened with the problems of life and have not been putting solutions from God on them," he pointed out.

Emam Muhammad, who consistently proves that religion is the superior force in society, compared the scientific progress made by the Russians to that of America as an example of how Allah (God) grants recognition to those who recognize Him.

God, just as parents would their children, tend to favor grateful human beings who give thanks and praises to God over those humans who don't he said.

"When they sent the men to the moon, who got there first?" he asked. "Old wicked America... Everybody thought it would be Russia, who tells the people 'you're not accountable to anyone except man.'"

Emam Muhammad noted that Americans' willingness to give credit to God has helped the country develop to the point that people throughout the world could look and say



RICHARD HATCHER (left), Mayor of Gary, Ind., greeting Emam Wallace D. Muhammad, spiritual head of the World Community of Al-Islam in the West. Looking on is Fajri Islam, resident Emam of the Gary Masjid. (Photo by Wali Akbar Muhammad)

America is beautiful.

He said although "America mistreated her slaves and denied them (freedom) equal opportunities," Allah blessed America because she "has the right disposition."

He indicated that much of America's wickedness towards Bilalians had been committed out of "ignorance."

He cited several changes Caucasian Americans have made in their attitudes and practices towards Bilalians in recent years as proof that America has become a land worthy of upholding.

He credited the American government with steadily "improving the law" so that all Americans could benefit from the service of that law.

He also noted that there is a group of divinely-inspired leaders in the country who work in various social fields, including religion. The noted

Emam said these leaders are "God established..." They can be easily identified, he said, because "they come out and work for the poor."

"The world has grown small because it has grown so large with people... The rich must share their wealth with the poor... You may ask, 'Why should I have to share my money with the poor?' "Because it's not yours!" he answered.

"We can have a beautiful world," Emam Muhammad said optimistically, "but we're going to have to work and build up human life. Almighty God has designed human beings to grow as the best creatures."

Emam Muhammad said in opening remarks, that he'd like to see closer ties between the people of Gary and nearby Chicago.

"I feel there should be more traffic from Chicago to Gary. Good healthy traffic, not drug traffic."

# Emam Muhammad calls for 'genuine patriotism'

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police.

I saw him beat that Caucasian man's head until it bled all in his face and they threw him in the paddy wagon. This is what a Caucasian man did to his Caucasian brother in Chicago who was wrong in an argument with one of my Bilalian brothers.

This shows you there is a great change. A great change has taken place here in America. All praise is due to Allah. Wouldn't I be a fool not to recognize that I am living in a new day and in a new world? Wouldn't I be a fool not to appreciate the new day and the new world?

I would betray the first slave, the middle slave, the last slave and those who came under the Jim Crow system. I would betray all of them if I

didn't rise up today and appreciate the life that we have here in America.

That's what they cried for, that's what they struggled for, that's what they begged for. A new day. A day when the people would be recognized and respected for what they are and treated equally. We have come to that day. I would betray all of my slave parents if I didn't appreciate this America and this change that has taken place here in this America.

Look. I've got people still looking at me. How come he let Caucasians come into the mosque? How come he did this? How come he has made all of these changes?

"Because we are making a new world and all the forces of heaven and earth are with us to do it. And you won't do nothing but short-change yourself, you will rob yourself if you

don't come into this world, come into this mind and live in the present.

We've got an ambassador who goes to Africa and he's not scratching his head to any Caucasian people in South Africa. He goes down to Johannesburg, he talks to the Caucasian leaders, the rulers over the slavery apartheid system they have there and he speaks like a man. He even risks his job back home with the President because he's a man. He's a man of a new day.

Ambassador Young returns to America and the press is upset, everyone is upset. He goes to the White House and the President says, "Yes, he's still on the job." You tell me I'm not happy. If you're not willing to carry the flag you don't have to carry it. I'll carry it. If you don't want to carry it let me carry it.

You don't know how long we've been fighting for this day. We've been fighting for this day for thousands of years. Don't think that it was just 500 years ago or 300 years ago when people starting mistreating Bilalians.

People were mistreating Bilalians 2,000 years ago, 4,000 years ago, 6,000 years ago and just today I am free. Just today I can stand up and command respect all over this planet

Earth. All praise is due to Allah.

Do you really want to get the reward that you have earned? In your ancestors suffering and in your own suffering you have earned a great reward. The only way you can get it is to embrace truth, embrace truth. Put down your petty selfishness. Put down your petty physical complaints. Put down your petty racism and prejudices. Throw away your false self-righteousness. Put off falsehood, filth, and lies and you will stand up the giant of the whole earth.

As - Salaam - Alaikum. May Allah bless you.

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