

# Warns Black Americans: Flock to Safety of Islam as Taught by the Messenger

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Following my essay, "Why 1967 Was a Good Year for the U.S. Nation of Islam," which appeared in MUHAMMAD SPEAKS early last month, it was my intention to write a complementary piece on what to hope for or expect in the new (current) year. That I failed to do so necessitates that I offer an explanation: I was—I confess—suddenly seized by a strong and deep feeling of despair.

NO—NOT on account of anything personal; such matters cannot dissuade me from discussing or expressing my views on Islam and related topics in this space. Nor did my feeling of distress concern



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the personal safety and well-being of my beloved and respected brother, guide and benefactor in the wilderness of North America, Honorable Elijah Muhammad, or members of his gracious family. Nor, likewise, did it pertain to the progress, happiness and prosperity of the venerable Messenger's loyal "laborers" or my other brethren-in-Islam in the U.S.A.

Allah (the Almighty God, to Whom all praises are due forever!) knows that I felt extremely worried and anguished about the future of ALL "Asiatic" (i.e., "original," black or so-called Negro) inhabitants of this country.

Why? . . . Because, while contemplating and seriously pondering over the subject, I could "see" no creditable improvement in their living conditions and surroundings. Because I realized the "Great Society," seemingly forever preoccupied with its global military entanglements, remained disinterested in alleviating the suffering and misery of its poor. Because, it further appeared to me, the "powers that be" would continue—unabashed and unhindered—to suppress Black Americans' legitimate aspirations to evolve a way of life and culture all their own.

THEN THERE were the numerous unmistakable "signs" that white America was preparing to launch some sort of "war" at home . . .

"Police agencies throughout the country are purchasing armored cars and stockpiling such equipment as tear gas grenades, other non-lethal weapons and shotguns . . ." said a report in

the New York Times. The Attorney General of the United States, Mr. Ramsey Clark, addressing a news conference in Washington, D.C., expressly bid the nation "plan for the worst and hope for the best . . . this summer . . ."

Writing in the magazine Army, Col. Robert B. Rigg, a retired U.S. Army intelligence officer and author of "War: 1974" urged the Army and the National Guard to prepare themselves for "prolonged war, not in Viet Nam, but right here in our largest cities . . ."

"THE FIRE next time will look like the Third World War," pronounced a notice in (February's) Esquire, inviting the readers to look for further details in the magazine's March issue. A U.S. News & World Report forecast specifically and emphatically "warned" that the United States would experience "more violence" during the next 12 months than in "1967—the worst year for riots."

The ominous threat was repeated, in effect, in numerous articles appearing in The New Republic, The National Observer, The Saturday Evening Post and dozens of other white-owned media of information across the country.

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# Black People Must Prepare to Heed Messenger's Warning

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The fact is that I am still—to this very moment—despondent and frightened.

I am frightened because I suspect the "Establishment" would use the baseless (white-conceived?) rumors of an "impending Black revolution or organized guerrilla warfare" as an excuse to harass, arrest, imprison or otherwise do away with those among the Black leadership considered a "threat to the peace and security of the nation."

I suspect this, I might add, on the strength of ample as well as readily available evidence that the Federal government would soon enact a series of new laws aimed at "preventing or effectively dealing with . . . a (Black) insurrection . . ."

ANOTHER reason I feel depressed and harrowed up the soul is that, while I am convinced that the "lost-foinds" (i.e., American so-called Negroes) would not knowingly "act in an improper manner . . . thus hastening upon themselves the dreaded day of Armageddon," I am unable to see how they would all escape the "terrible devastation, destruction and death" the devils would inevitably unleash should the latter go through with their sinister scheme of kindling huge new fires throughout this veritable "hell-on-earth."

Under the circumstances, I cannot help crying out aloud—to the top of my voice: WAKE UP, BLACK AMERICA! AWAKEN, O PEOPLE OF ALLAH, BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!

Fortunately—Allah be praised!—the one last sure and safe alternative to per-

manent, devil-devised doom is still open to you. The alternative is to flock to the beautiful banner of ISLAM—the banner of freedom, justice and equality held high for you in the kind yet firm and unwavering hands of that extraordinary latter-day bearer of divine wisdom and truth—Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

RUSH to join him—with your own! Do not stall for time, for time will not be able to stall death and destruction of those who, in these last days of the wicked devils' dominance and rule on earth, continue—unwittingly—to cast their lot with the very enemies of their race and kind as well as of Allah (the Almighty God) Himself.

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