

WHY I BELIEVE IN ISLAM

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existence of God and man's relationship between God and man must be the true religion, and the truth of a religion is surely a sufficient reason for believing in it.

I believe in Islam for the reason that it doesn't compel me to accept all those matters, the sum total of which is called religion merely on authority, but furnishes no convincing proofs in support to its doctrines.

Islam does not base itself only upon the experience of people who have passed away, but invites everyone to a personal experience of that which it teaches and guarantees. It claims that every truth in some manner or the other can be put to the test in this world, and it thus satisfies my reason.

Islam claims that the creator of the universe is a living God. Islam teaches that there can be no conflict between the word of God and the work of God, and thus resolves the supposed conflict between science and religion. It does not ask me to ignore the Laws of Nature, and to believe in things which are contrary to them. On the contrary, it exhorts me to study the laws of nature and to derive benefit from them. It teaches me that, as revelation comes from God and he is also the creator of the universe, there can be no conflict between that which he says and that which he does. It invites me, therefore, in

order to understand his revelation to study his work, to realize the significance of His work, to study His word, and thus satisfies my intellectual yearning.

Islam does not seek to crush my natural desires but guides them along right channels. It converts my natural desires by proper control and guidance into high moral qualities. In converting my natural desires into high moral qualities, it also satisfies my humanity. It teaches me to love in a pure and proper way which insures through my progeny and perpetuation of all my resolves. Islam teaches me to eat good food within proper limits.

I find that Islam provides conditions of peace and comfort for me and for all those who may wish to tread the path prescribed by it, whoever they may be, whatever they may be and wherever they may be.

In whatever position I place myself, I find that Islam is equally useful and beneficial for me, for my neighbors, for the employer and employed, for men, for women, for the rich, for the poor, for the great nations, for the small, for the internationalists, for the nationalist, and that it establishes a sure and certain relationship between my Maker and me.

How indeed could I give it up and accept something in its place. Then why weren't we taught Islam instead of Christianity?

To reduce a man's physical being to slavery, you must also reduce his mind to the same level. In order to make a man into a slave he must be first stripped of his manhood. Teaching us Christianity instead of Islam stripped the Negro of his manhood.

I thank Al-mighty God (Allah) for coming to us fulfilling the prophecy of the Bible, and giving to us Mr. Elijah Muhammad to teach us Islam, our Salvation.

Islam, and nothing but Islam by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad (Supreme Wisdom, Volume 2 page 51,) is actually our religion by nature. Islam is the religion of Allah (God) and not a European organized white man's religion. Islam is the original, the only religion of Allah (God) and His prophets. It is also the only religion that will save the lives of my people and will give them divine protection against our enemies. Islam dignifies the black man, and it gives him the desire to be clean, internally and externally and to have for the first time a sense of dignity. Islam removes fear and makes one fearless. It educates us into the knowledge of God and the devil, which is so necessary for my people. Islam and nothing else but Islam is meant to solve the so-called Negroes' problems and raise them from their mentally dead condition. Islam, in fact, will put the black man of America on top of civilization.