

Fighting in self defense

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MOST DISTINGUISHED are the Muslim Ministers and representatives of the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad, Messenger of Almighty God Allah, Who Came in the Person of Master Fard Muhammad, to Whom Praises are due forever.

By the Divine Power and Authority of Allah (God) and His Great Messenger, a Muslim Minister is given the right to go forth and demonstrate as well as teach his Beloved Black Brothers and Sisters the Truth of Islam which is the very nature of the Black Man as Messenger Muhammad teaches us. The Muslim Minister is further distinguished because he devoutly serves Allah (God) and His Messenger; he represents Allah and His Holy Apostle in the Black Community where he teaches and performs a duty to his Black Brother and Sister, that is unprecedented in the history of Black People in America - delivering a life-giving Truth from God through His Messenger regardless to whom or what.

Such reverence as this to Allah and His Messenger as well as the Principles of Islam is what makes a Muslim Minister of the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad

distinguished before Allah (God) and the world.

On June 20, 1971, a Muslim Minister of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad was murdered in Tyler, Texas as was reported in the July 9, 1971 issue of **Muhammad Speaks** Newspaper. The report of the death of Brother Minister Joe X (Pease) is disheartening and disgusting, because it points to the presence of cowardliness among the Muslims in Texas. What is the point of another Muslim Minister eulogizing his dead Brother and telling the public of his great work with the Black people of Texas; his great desire to help the Messenger spread the Truth; and how much he will be "loved and admired because of his great stand against injustice" after he has been killed unjustly?

Does not the Bible teach us that "For in death there is no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?" Psa. 6:5. Our Brother can't hear our thanks for having been a righteous servant of Allah and His Messenger. But, his murderer can read and make mock of the

passive manner in which the Muslims took his act. The Holy Quran teaches the Muslim his duty, "And fight in the way of Allah against those who fight against you but be Not aggressive." 2:190.

According to the report of Brother Minister's death, he was not the aggressor. So, by what right do we allow a murderer to take the life of a man striving in the Name of Allah to do good among his people? The Holy Quran again reminds the Muslim "O you who believe, retaliation is prescribed for you in the matter of the slain:" 2:178. It has been made known that the murderer of our Brother has been freed on bond. This is an open manifestation of cowardliness of one Brother towards another. If the Muslims in Texas had **HEART LOVE INSTEAD OF MOUTH LOVE**, they would follow the murderer until justice has been rendered upon him according to the Law of Islam. But, you will not rise to your feet to do justice because of your cowardliness and fear of the murderer.

THE LAW OF ISLAM teaches us that revenge must be taken against the murderer of a Muslim. You have a Holy Quran there in Texas; what is wrong with you? The Murderer had discovered cowardliness

among you in Texas or he would not have committed this act. For anyone to create a disturbance in, or around a Holy Temple of Islam shows their disregard for the sacredness of the Temple. This savage Black Man reportedly came to the Temple and called the Minister out. After exchanging words with him, he killed the Minister who was accompanied by one other Muslim Brother. Where were the other Muslim Brothers? Why would you allow the spiritual head of the Temple to go to face three who are unknown to the Brotherhood and escorted by only one other Brother. These men were reportedly driving a truck that could conceal any lethal weapon or any person (s) with ill-intent.

It is a disgrace for a Minister of Messenger Muhammad to lose his life because of such cowardliness and carelessness. Yet, a Brother Minister tells the public that "Brother Minister Joe fought a good fight and kept the faith. His labor will live throughout eternity."

No Brother, what will live is

the cowardliness which exists in those who passively accept his death. The idea that there is a large temple of Muslims there in Texas, not far from the Temple, where the Minister was killed, who have not sought to avenge their Brother's death, shows that cowardliness exists there too. They will not harm this man that the devil just put out on bond: the man who just bereaved a Muslim Sister and her nine children.

MESSENGER MUHAMMAD TEACHES us that in Islam you live for your Brother and die for your Brother. If you will not kill for your Brother who will kill for you?

I would not want to be the wife of one of you coward Brothers in Texas. Messenger Muhammad said that he will never look toward the Muslims in Texas for help. If he comes there, he said that he will not notify the Muslims in Texas that he is coming. He would depend on Allah, because if he met with opposition the cowardliness in the hearts of the Texas Muslims would make them too late to defend him, if they get there at all.

The Muslim Sisterhood is in jeopardy there in Texas when the Muslim Brotherhood allows a savage Black Man to take her maintainer and provider from her and then wait passively on the devil to render justice in her behalf. The devil (white man) is not the maintainer of the law at Muhammad's Mosques of Islam. The Minister gives and maintains the law that Allah gives to him through His Messenger and protects the Principles he has professed in black and white to uphold.

No Muslim is safe in Texas or anywhere when an enemy can take their lives whenever he desires. Again the Quran teaches us "And there is life for you in retaliation. O men of understanding, that you may guard yourselves." 2:179.

ALLAH (God) HAS given us a fearless Leader in the personage of the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad, His able and Divine Messenger. Surely he is an example and a sign to the wise and fearless Muslim.

Through this article, my Beloved Sister, wife of Brother Minister Joe X (Pease), may I convey my love for you and your family and I pray that the Spirit of Allah will forever be upon you and your loved ones.