

Women in Islam

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It cannot be overemphasized that in times of crisis which are indeed invading our individual as well as collective lives, the strength of our unity will preserve us and will determine our ability to solve the problems at hand. The deep racial disturbance which is aggravating the American scene can be totally eliminated if we are willing to discuss what we really want for ourselves and people.

I ASK THE black women of America who love and cherish freedom as do all women of the world, what is preventing our expression in this racial episode in American history?

What do we as the female victims of these crucial times feel about the situation, and what would we like to see implemented as a cure to this human disease of racism? What we say and act upon can well alter the course of this racial explosion and put a permanent lock on the muzzle of this gun of corruption.

We want more than anything else, I believe, to see our entire race become the equal contenders, the equal collaborators and the equal recipients of freedom and justice beside all who can now and do boast of this accomplishment.

IF WE STUDY carefully the objectives of so-called Negro leadership that is straddling the precarious position of vying for this state of equality, we discover that we are allowing them to blindly put the cart before the horse.

Before we seek political freedom and equality, educational and social freedom and equality, we must acquire and secure mental freedom and equality.

What do the majority of our people know about themselves and people that can make them feel equal to the white man in cultural and historical achievements? If we construct the car and leave out the motor, no matter how beautiful the car may be and no matter how new its parts, it is literally useless without the motor. Therefore, we must get the motor of our minds working in order to make the car go.

THE ONLY BLACK leadership that is demonstrating its ability to instill mental freedom and ability to its adherents is that of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. It is now the time and the place to find out all we can about the power behind this leader, for this is indeed the key to our success and the means to freedom, justice and equality for ourselves and people.