

THE TEACHINGS OF THE HONORABLE ELIJAH MUHAMMAD

TO HIS SONS...

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Part II

In the Name of Allah the Compassionate:

Thriving upon feeling instead of understanding keeps us blind to reality and truth. We must have an awakening mind not made blind by false feelings which create an illusion and keep us among the unknowledgeable.

Simply having the feeling of knowing the truth is not enough today. We must understand how to implement it in our everyday life in order to master and control our existence, no matter how complicated it appears.

Understanding is the first awareness that one must have in order to make a decision or to judge.

The manner in which my father taught me was to start from fact, not from outdated beliefs and ideas, and to think clearly without illusion; and to keep my mind free from worries, fear, envy, grief, and doubt. To develop harmony between the mind and the body, one must not work against the other.

He cultivated my mind with love, the love for understanding and the love for doing a thing for myself.

He expressed His love for me through His patience, gentleness, sympathy, forgiveness, consideration and appreciation.

In order to have a healthy mind and a healthy body, one must be put on the proper diet, observe cleanliness of the body, properly clothing it in all kinds of weather. One must not take in anything that will harm the body.

What we see and what we hear has a great effect upon the mind and we should never think disagreeable thoughts.

Our body is made up of what we eat and drink; and when we eat and drink things which are disagreeable with the body, it causes disharmony in the body and mind and brings on illness.

Then there comes the development of your human faculties, which depend upon the purification of your inner self and the suppression of evil tendencies.

Prayer is a means of purification of the heart. So you are to read the Holy Qur'an and keep up prayer, for prayer keeps you away from indecency and evil and helps develop you spiritually.

And remember Allah much. The remembrance of Allah is the greatest restrainer upon sin.

Obeys all Divine Laws which will help you and aid you in your moral betterment. The only sanction is a belief in the great authorities of those laws.

I will not go any further on this spiritual and moral development. I will leave here and hope that all the readers of this article will seek the spiritual and moral guidance from our great leader and teacher, the Noble Wallace D. Muhammad.

My father imparted knowledge in many ways; one of His ways was in our discussions.

He encouraged me to ask questions, to be inquisitive in the search of knowledge. And not simply say "yes" out of respect. For the word

"yes" is not yes until I am in complete agreement with His response.

He taught me to think independently, that I may not have a feeling of dependency in my thinking. He developed self confidence in my reasoning and in my thinking.

And if I did not have confidence in myself, I could never have confidence in Him or anyone else. I first must have self-confidence, in order for Him to have confidence in me without fearing that today I am in agreement with Him and tomorrow I may not be because of the lack of self-confidence. This would imply insecurity and great fear on my part.

The love of Allah was rooted in the depths of my father's heart. And Allah's Voice was audible in the words He spoke.

On some occasions He instructed me to go out and bring back a verbal report of what was taking place among the people — to be His eyes and ears, to be as His observer, but not as His interpreter.

The Brain interprets to the mind what the eyes and ears see and hear. Sending me to see and hear was for my benefit; it was part of my training to learn to observe and listen.

My first lesson in learning was to pay good attention — that is of the highest importance. He would interpret to me the meaning of what I had seen and heard, and I was not to return and repeat to Him his own interpretation.

He was the teacher and I was the student. So often I have heard people telling Him of His own teachings as if they had originated the conception.

There is no way for me to repay my father for His sympathy, His graciousness and kindness, even if I had carried my father on my shoulders all of His life, and bathed His body with sweetmilk, and oiled his skin with olive oil everyday.

And served Him patience as an ideal son; and granted for Him all the luxuries and comforts of this world; honored Him with the greatest, the most noble respect; and never be indifferent to His interests and obeyed His every command with a constant desire to make Him happy; never squinting my eyes at Him; my voice never to be raised so that it may become displeasing to His ears; and my tongue forever speaking in His behalf; and my hands handling His person as gently as a new born baby; and he would be forever warmed from the love from my heart.

All of this, if I could only have done, would only have been a down-payment for what He has done for me.

But, if you are lucky and have parents, and they are not Muslims following the Honorable Wallace D. Muhammad in the teachings of Allah (Islam); if you feel about your parents the way I did about mine, I know a way that you can pay them in full: by guiding them to the Holy Temple of Islam on the right path to Allah and His servant, the Honorable Wallace D. Muhammad, or any of his ordained ministers.



The Honorable Elijah Muhammad,
Messenger of Allah

They will help them to understand and see the truth and enjoy a life, not only now, but a life in the Hereafter.

But, I can never repay my parents. And my desire was not in keeping a record of balance and payment, but it is to serve Allah and His servant, the Honorable Wallace D. Muhammad.

That is my only desire, knowing this would make them happy because they have granted me a peaceful life in this world and placed me on the road to life in the Hereafter.

The light of truth for the first time has come to us in Islam to unite the Black man in America as mortar cement lies bricks and stone together into one wall. So Islam has come with the love of Black brother and Black sister for Black brother and sister in order to unite us; so that we will become one Nation, one Leader, one God and one Religion (Islam).

Islam means submission to the Will of God. And it was submission to the Will of God taught to Moses that brought the white race out of the caves and hillsides of Europe.

It was the submission to God, as revealed by Muhammad of nearly 1,400 years ago, (may the Peace and Blessings of Allah be upon him) that again gave you spiritual crutches with which to walk after your weakness there in what is now known as Turkey and the Balkan States in Europe.

And it was that same submission to the Will of God that the Honorable Elijah Muhammad (may the Peace and Blessings of Allah be upon Him) brought to the Black man in America that is qualifying him to return to the Nation of Islam to which we belong by Nature.

And it is that same submission to the Will of God, as preached by the Supreme Minister Wallace D. Muhammad, that is the cement of love that will bind the Black man into one nation.