

Emam Wallace D. Muhammad's appeal to Minister Farrakhan

(Editor's note: The following statement by Emam Wallace D. Muhammad was made following the Friday Jumah Service on March 24, 1978 at Masjid Elijah Muhammad in Chicago. The statement comes in response to recent media interest and attention devoted to recent activities of Minister Abdul Haleem Farrakhan and his relationship with the World Community of Al-Islam in the West.)

I don't like to come to you with this kind of thing, but I'm afraid that if I don't some people will be made to behave in the wrong way.

Almost every week or so there's a clipping, a report or something, telling me about Minister Farrakhan's activities. That he spoke somewhere, or said something about his changes or about our direction that we have now.

I thought maybe I should speak to you because it's a chance that you might be getting some of this, too.

As I have told you, if the information I'm getting is correct, Minister Farrakhan is asking people to go back to the same things exactly that were being taught in 1974.

I don't know this to be a fact. I am told that he is teaching the same kind of



Black consciousness. If that is so, then he's not teaching Al-Islam. Wherever you go, Muslims believe as we believe here in Chicago and throughout this community. We believe the same as Muslims believe all over the Muslim world.

If his belief is not that, then he has broken from the program, the plan, the scheme of the Nation of Islam, as we were called and has not understood and accepted the psychology and gradualism for the total religious transformation of the Lost Found Nation of Islam in America.

I know that the scheme of gradualism established by Dr. Fard Muhammad was to bring us into the mainstream of the Muslims all over the world, and it has.

It was done in a secret way as a thief in the night, under the cover of darkness (black supremacy), not in a way to let the outside know. Others tried to bring

Al-Islam to the Bilalian people in America and they failed, and were persecuted and drowned under floods of false propaganda.

This is a fact on record. This is history. They came here to try to teach Al-Islam and were not wanted and were reminded of the privilege to reside in the United States. Others came in with schemes, tricks, to get Islam in and get the Quran established and depart, leaving the Quran to answer the contradictions and their makeshift community to study and come gradually, by their own intelligence, to realize that the Quran is home, the end plotted with the makeshift plan.

Marcus Garvey had a scheme. He didn't tell his people that he had been influenced by Al-Islam, but he had a scheme. It's a matter of record that he met with a Muslim and discussed the religion and then decided that he was going to set up the organization, the U.N.I.A.

There was Noble Drew Ali. Dr. Fard Muhammad came immediately, on the heels of these two Bilalians.

There is even one such religious undercover man who went to Russia, to a small, non-Caucasian community there. He brought Islam in there. He brought Islam in there through, well—we've got to tell the truth—a corrupt way. He brought a corrupt form of religion.

I am sure that men like Noble Drew Ali, Marcus Garvey, and Dr. Fard, though they brought Islam in a disguised package, their intention was to establish true Islam.

Noble Drew Ali told his followers one day they would have the Holy Quran of all the Muslims. He put together a book and they called it Holy Quran. However, he told his people one day they would have the Quran of the Muslim world. We have proof of it.

Dr. Fard Muhammad—We used to call him the Saviour, the Master, or Allah in the Person. He told us that the Holy Quran would really free us. "Brother, once you learn this Book, this



THIS PHOTO, taken May 1, 1977 at Masjid Elijah Muhammad in Chicago, shows Minister Farrakhan seated next to one of his associates, Karriem Abdel Azziz, and members of the Chief Emam's staff.

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Book will really free you"—talking about the Holy Quran. And the Honorable Elijah Muhammad told us that, didn't he?

"Once you learn to read this book in its original language—the Arabic language," he said, "Brother, you'll be able to wake them up by the thousands." The Honorable Elijah Muhammad did not keep that from us. From the table and from the pulpit he told it.

Dr. Fard didn't say that if you learn this Forty Questions and Answers, if you learn this English lesson C No. 1, or if you learn these pamphlets of mathematical or symbolic logic you will be able to wake them up by the thousands. He said, "Brother, if you learn this Holy Quran in its language, you will be able to wake your people up by the thousands."

How are we going to explain statements like that? When the Honorable Elijah Muhammad told us that "When you become a registered Muslim here, you are a citizen with Muslims all over the world." When he told us that, he was telling us that we have to become a part of the vast body of Muslims all over the Earth. How could we become a part of them when we had not yet solved our language differences? When our tongue was the tongue of the Jah-cubites, the holy-robed racist imperialists?

Some people think that this is just a myth for something, a trick I use, but I have statements straight from the mouth of Dr. Fard Muhammad. I have talked with him in person and straight from his mouth he told me what the plan was.

He said that he belonged to a group of people who schemed to put Islam into non-Muslim societies. He said the plan was to teach things that would just attract the people. "The first step was to attract (bait) the people. We felt once they become more educated, in time they would see that the Quran was superior to what we gave them and would come to the Quran." Dr. Fard Muhammad said that was their scheme.

We don't approve of that, that's un-Islamic. The Prophets were not undercover men. Allah says that no Prophet was sent to disguise His work or to hide what he was doing. They have to do it plain and in the open. So these men who did this were not obeying Islamic instructions.

However, we are thankful. We are thankful, though they were not really Islamic in their planning, they valued the Holy Quran enough to sneak it into the American society.

Which did he (the Honorable Elijah Muhammad) himself labor the hardest for, companionship with skin color or company with the righteous?

As a child, I remember what they used to say in the public about Al-Islam. Al-Islam was persecuted. The people were made to believe that Muslims in Muslim lands didn't believe in the Almighty Real God. It was a heathen religion, a pagan religion and that Prophet Muhammad was some self-styled, false prophet. That the Arabs were a bunch of degenerates that had a lot of wives and drank wine. Some of you weren't just born today you know. How do you think

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