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# Women In Islam

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To the vast majority of the American public, the Muslim woman appears as a strange and alien force in great contrast to the accepted American way of life. For it has been assumed, and too rashly, that to be apart of their society was the great objective of the Black People in the Western Hemisphere.

This was thought of by the whites as the greatest achievement for which the Black politicians and educated classes of our kind were demonstrating through their fiery appeal for integration.

The white man, by setting up and legally endorsing the establishment of various high-priced and extravagant glamor spots in his cities which denied entrance to Black folks (American, Afro or Asian) has inflated his ego to have thought that we outsiders were envious of his seemingly superior position in society.

To those whites who know the eventuality of the rapid increase of so-called Negro women adopting the Muslim Way of Life, there is much to fear. For these apprehensive white observers realize that the woman represents a family and is inextricably interwoven into the entire field of activities conducted within the family circle and the entire society; it is feared that her influ-

ence will easily convert her people into accepting this new way of life in Islam. This is too much for the white man to take. For he envisions the rapid decline of his economy, and a decrease in the prestige and influence he has experienced in every avenue of the Black man and woman's life.

**HE BECOMES** no longer the idol to adorn and worship but the source of evil to flee from and to be aware of. The white man realizes that the reconversion of the Black people to Islam means that his deception and false teachings of our origin and destiny and his own have been made manifest. He is afraid that now his true nature is being revealed and he, himself, is learning the utmost parts of the meaning of his own existence, much of which he was ignorant of himself.

Furthermore, he realizes that this power being generated throughout our entire population

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is not the sole result of a man named Elijah but by the force and power of a living God who taught Honorable Elijah Muhammad this poignant truth that is building up that which has been torn down and tearing down that which has been built up.

**WHEN THE** white man and woman suddenly see the emergence of their ex-slaves, and especially the woman who has been allowed more privileges and freedom to matriculate into their society than the man, as Muslims, they are struck with awe and cannot help but to admire in humility and submit to the Power of the God that is brining this change about. Upon coming into contact with the Muslim woman, follower of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, they are unable to recognize their once ex-slave. They are actually confounded to learn that we are not from India, Pakistan, Egypt or the West Indies as they assumed but right from their old slave land of America.

**TO CONCLUDE** this brief study of the effects of the Muslim Woman in American Society, I say that for the white people, it is fear mixed with admiration and anguish mixed with a dying hope that perhaps in the flickering light that remains of their day to be in command, they may take a few black converts with them to their defeat.