

"What Islam Has Done For Me..."

Islam Solution to Family's Problems

By Ruby X Thompson
(Fort Lauderdale, Florida)

Like most Negroes, I thought the answer to our problem was integration; that all we had to do was qualify ourselves and we would be totally accepted by the white race. Some of my high school teachers also insisted that this was the solution to the Negro problem. I was destined to learn the error of this kind of reasoning.

I was married after I completed my high school studies. Before long, I took a course in practical nursing. This, I thought, would give me a little more status than those who worked as housemaids, cooks, etc.

After finishing the practical nursing course, I received my license and was employed by a newly-built, modern hospital.

However, I soon found out that I didn't receive any more respect than the maid or kitchen help. We all were "looked down" on and treated the same.

Furthermore, the white practical nurse working beside me received more pay when she started work than I already was earning, though I had been there longer and had been given three pay raises.

I also soon learned that my white co-workers expected me to do my share of the patients assigned to me and care, in addition, for theirs. I complained to the supervisor, but she took no action, which kept up a constant friction between my white co-workers and me.

My friends, who also were nurses, also complained about this treatment — but behind the whites' backs and never to their faces.

After my friends saw me trying to stand up for my rights, they seemed afraid

to talk to me in the presence of whites. Apparently they did not want to be seen acting on a friendly basis with someone the whites considered a "trouble maker."

During this time, my husband had been attending the Mosque, and he started to tell me about the teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. I got such a thorough understanding of the Messenger's program that I knew this was the only solution to my problem and the problem of so-called Negroes.

No matter how many colleges or universities you have attended, or how many degrees you may own—without having a true knowledge of your God and yourself and following the teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, you never will attain full freedom, justice or equality.

I always have loved my husband, but I love him even more for bringing to me the knowledge of the great and wonderful teachings of Islam.

I'm now 26 and he is 34, and we own our own home. We also have two fine children. We all are working in the cause of Islam. We forever thank Allah for sending to us our dear beloved leader and teacher, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.



ELIZABETH HASSAN shows spread and pillow ensemble she sewed completely by hand and which she will present the Honorable Elijah Muhammad during the February 24th Convention. Spread has 527 small triangles, sewn and cut over a 30-day period and representing approximately 90 man-hours of labor. It was a labor of love, says Sister Hassan.

Skilled Seamstress Tells Of Long Search for Truth

By Sister Elizabeth Hassan
(Chicago, Illinois)

Before I accepted the teachings of Islam I thought I was right in my way of thinking even though I was living wrong. I thought I had Jesus in my soul and that God was an unknown spirit. I was sure that Jesus was God's only begotten son. I found I was wrong after hearing the Messenger of Allah.

Until one summer night in the year 1931 I was drinking, smoking, gambling and doing everything wrong. One of my friends came to my home at that time and told me she had heard a man say he had come to this country

and disease were forced to live with daily.

Before accepting Islam I used to try to sew when I came home from work but my efforts were always half-hearted.

In Islam there is a class where the women are taught to cook and sew. Here I developed my skill as a seamstress.

I sell cosmetics during the day now and use this opportunity to invite all of my customers to judge Islam for themselves by a visit to our Mosque.

Many times there are two and three carloads waiting to visit our Sunday meetings. I only wish more could be accommodated so that they too could enjoy the blessings which await all in Islam.

(In the concluding installment in the next issue of Muhammad Speaks, Elizabeth Hassan tells of her slave name and her Holy name and describes how the Messenger of Allah spoke of the evils of smoking fully 32 years ago).

Eyes Republic Status

LUSAKA, Northern Rhodesia—Dr. Kenneth Kaunda, president of the United National Independence Party who is slated to be the country's first African prime minister, said he wants his country to become a republic as soon as it is declared independent next year.



FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE, built by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad is symbolized in these young students of the University of Islam in Chicago preparing to begin classes in the institution guided by the Messenger of Islam. The Messenger of Allah has brought the teachings of Islam to more people in North America than any leader in the history of the continent.