

What Islam Has Done For Me



MUSLIM LAW FIRM of Bradley and Bradley celebrated grand opening in Cincinnati recently. Partners in the firm are husband and wife team Attorneys David A. X and Aldean S. X (Bradley). The husband and wife team is seen above being congratulated by Attorney David's father, Mr. William H. Bradley, as Ministers Daniel (F.O.I. uniform) and Jimmy — from Muhammad's Indianapolis and Fort Wayne Mosques respectively—look on.

Lists Blessings in Islam

Sister Mary E. 7X (Mosque No. 13) have been blessed with a tremendous amount of happiness and peace of mind. I indeed thank Messenger Muhammad for sending such a devoted teacher of Islam to Albany, N.Y. as Brother Minister John B. X, a man with great wisdom, knowledge of self and understanding.

I ALSO thank Messenger Muhammad for rewarding me with a knowledge of what the future holds for the Black People here in the wilderness of North America.

So many of our people's minds are crippled with the idea that Jesus Christ is still existing. After hearing the true teachings on Jesus, by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, I now feel sorry for our people who fail to accept the only true and living God, Allah.

I, as a follower of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, the past

Messenger Muhammad Here to Bring Heaven on Earth, Not 'Pie in the Sky'

By BROTHER ROBERT X (Long Island, N.Y.)

Before I heard the teaching of Islam by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, I had already been cast into prison. Not knowing that I was in a confused state of mind, I went to prison in 1957. I had already served three years in the Army of the United States, and had been overseas fighting my own kind.

THE TEACHING of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad was the key to the doors of knowledge, for he took me out of the sky and showed me the pie that was in my eyes; he showed me that heaven was on this earth, and not in the sky.

In 1958, I was still buried deep in a mystery God, looking for the "hand of milk and honey," streets "paved with gold," all in the sky after I die. This little man, the Lamb, brought me down, and showed me that "milk comes from the cow, the cow gets its nourishment from the grass, grass grows on the land, honey comes from the bee and a bee gets its nourishment from a flower which grows where? You guessed it... right here on this earth.

Then, I stopped looking for the Heaven in the sky, and asked myself "who told you this?" When I received the answers to this question, I conceived that Psalm 82 really meant something to me... for if someone had to rise, it must have been me. I was buried in Satan's deepest hole, looking for a heaven after I die.

I SAY TO YOU, now... if you are in the churches, looking for that Jesus to rise from the dead to lead you to heaven where you will supposedly sit on the right hand of God, then you, too, should reread the Bible and "see what he said about a "comforter." You should also read Malachi 3:1 & 4:5.

But first tell me who needs comforting more than we, the so-called American Negroes? I heard the Honorable Messenger Elijah Muhammad (My Leader and Teacher) in that deep hole of death. And today, I am happy to say and know that there is no God but Allah, and the Honorable Elijah Muhammad is his Messenger.

I say to those whom I have left behind, as My Leader and Teacher says, hurry and join unto your own kind!

Explains Why Black Man Must Learn To Love His People, Take Pride in Self

PART I
By Brother Samuel X (Mosque No. 27)

It is a striking irony that while some religions are often quite analytical and subtle in their understanding of a man's obligations to others, it is quaintly naive about his obligation to himself. The religions of the West assume that black men need to be taught in detail exactly how they should act to one another and others, but these same black men are supposed to be innately wise or spontaneously intelligent about the way they should treat themselves. Herein lies one of the supreme fallacies of religion and ethics in the Western world.

THE FACT is that black men have been taught the immorality of tragic self-hate, just as they have been taught the immorality of cruelty and callousness to their brothers.

We understand that love and hate are emotions which align themselves at times to other persons and at times to ourselves. It is one of the discoveries of the psychologist that our attitudes toward ourselves are just as complicated as our attitudes toward others—sometimes more so.

Many authorities in the fields of ethics and religion will grow indignant with this view. "You are proclaiming a very dangerous doctrine," they will say. "By advising

men to love themselves, you are merely sanctioning an intensified selfishness. Human beings love themselves too much already. What people must be taught is that self-love is evil, that it must be conquered, and that the true goal of life is the rejection of self in the altruistic service of others."

This condemnation of selfishness and exaltation of altruism is the traditional attitude of Western religions. It holds up a worthy goal to be sure, but there are many errors in its estimate of human nature.

IS IT TRUE that we are spontaneously good to ourselves? The evidence points in quite the opposite direction. Black men may wish to be good to themselves, but how misguided and unwise they are in their attempts to reach that goal!

The fact is that we often treat ourselves more rigidly, more fanatically, more vengefully, than we do others. Suicide, self-mutilation, and more subtle forms of self-degradation such as alcoholism, drug addiction, and promiscuity are pitiful proofs of this. Such self-hate is not restricted to the weak and the insane.

Such actions constitute a crime not only against ourselves but against society. He who hates himself, who does not have proper regard for his own capacities, powers, compassions, actually can have no respect for others. Deep within himself he

will hate his brothers when he sees in them his own marred image.

LOVE FOR oneself is the foundation of a brotherly society and personal peace of mind. By loving oneself, I do not mean coddling oneself, indulging in vanity, conceit, self-glorification. I do, however, insist on the necessity of a proper self-regard as a prerequisite of the good and moral life. "A man must associate in friendly reverence for himself." In a deep sense we must have good domestic relations with ourselves before we can have good foreign relations with others.

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