

"What Islam Has Done For Me..."

The Day I Met the Messenger

By Perry T. (X)

(Kansas City, Mo.) There was a time when I was a stranger to myself, plodding along the road of life, moving ahead one step and alternately falling back two — bowed down by a mountain of doubts and frustrations and struggling in the leg irons of superficialities. But thanks to Islam, I am free today—really free in the knowledge of who I am.

But this transformation did not come overnight. It took time along with dogged determination to break out of my mental prison. Thanks be to Allah (God), it all began at a meeting where I first heard the Honorable Elijah Muhammad's message.

There was no doubting the value of Mr. Muhammad's program and his teachings, but I was 32 years old—and old habits do not die easily and long-held—though misguided—convictions are not swept aside without a struggle.

Then I fought to divest myself of the unhappy past in order that I might live a life with purpose and meaning.

In three years, I gradually became the person I am today. I feel I am a full person—keenly aware of my own potential and the tremendous potential of my people.

The knowledge of Islam proved to be the key to the puzzle that was me. Everything is different for me than it was three years ago. I am happier than I ever have been. I have remarried and have a wonderful wife who understands me and is the backbone of our household. We have three children—two boys and a girl—who are sturdy, healthy and a delight to their parents.

The contrast in my life as it is today against what it used to be is remarkable. I urge every Negro to turn to the doctrines of Allah, as taught by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. It will be the wisest move you ever made.

Ghana Embassy Post To New York Teacher
WASHINGTON, D.C.—New Cultural Affairs officer and attache to the U.S. Embassy in Accra, Ghana, is Lindsay H. White, a former New York City school teacher who recently served as associate director of Operation Crossroads Africa.



INSPIRATION GIVEN by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, although not present, at Annual Seer's Day Convention last year maintained the momentum of the largest Islam movement throughout the nation. This week the same scene will be reenacted but with the Honorable Elijah Muhammad present and delivering for black people in America a message of true salvation.

A 21-Year-Old Indian Girl Takes Islam in Her Own Way

By ROSE SANDUSKY
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I have only seen the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, Messenger of Allah, in pictures. I have never met one of your ministers, or a brother or a sister and I have never been inside one of your Mosques.

The only contact I have ever had with your religion and your teachings is through your newspaper, Muhammad Speaks. I am a 21-year-old Indian girl who lived most of her life on a reservation set aside for my people by White America. I went to school on that reservation. And as I grew up I watched my mother and my father slowly wither away before my eyes.

HOW DID this happen? If you were an Indian living in some areas of the "Great Southwest" you would know.

But suffice it to say that we never had enough food. Our water was always too low. When it was hot in our barren land we had to sleep outside of our shacks to keep cool. When it was cold there was no place to escape to. Every winter some of us suffered from exposure that led to pneumonia.

This was the "gift" White America bequeathed on the first Americans. A gift of hunger and sickness—a sickness that worked its way into the minds of the elders—and the young people of my tribe.

since then I have seen other issues.

Mr. Muhammad speaks truth when he says the white man means non-whiles no good. I know this first hand. I have seen what his great "gifts" can do. How they can make people suffer.

I do not need to meet one of your ministers, or a brother or a sister. I have learned enough just reading and understanding.

Perhaps some day I will go back to the reservation. But when I go I will go with a knowledge of truth. And I will spread that truth about me on every side.

This and this alone is what Islam has done for me.

He Sees Truth In Islam

By John Jones
(Riverside, Calif.)

I love your paper. It is the best Negro paper I have ever read.

I was born in the small town of Plant City, Florida, in 1920. I attended an All Negro school, studied Negro History and I know the Negro and the white man are not brothers.

I have often wondered why Negro History never went beyond 1855. I have asked many Negroes but they don't have the answer. Is it true that the Negro women were enslaved for giving birth to slave men?

I remember when Herbert Hoover was President, the state took all our cows. The state said the banks went broke. The state sent men in brown suits and boots to say the Negro cows had T.B. and the oranges were bad from blow flies.

In school we used to sing "Lift Every Voice and Sing." I also remember the Walter Evans case at Groveland, Florida. The police chief helped shoot andynch the men. All the Negro preachers and Uncle Toms that have eyes know a white man from a black man, no matter how light in color the man or woman may be.

I would like to separate the people that would like to be slaves. I claim separation is the only true freedom. But most Negroes are disgraceful, they seem to love dogs, whips and clubs.

Let the Negroes use dogs, whips and clubs on the white men, women and children. Then we would see a war and feel one too. I try not to bother the white people. I live in a Negro neighborhood and we are all happy.



ISLAM AS TAUGHT by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad has brought new confidence and pride to the residents of this largest black community in America. Here at a Harlem rally, the banner of Muhammad Speaks holds the newspaper which carries the articles of the Messenger of Allah to increasing numbers of black men, women and children in America.