

Women in Islam

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The pride of the Black Nation shall return; the Black woman shall be adorned with the sacred laurel leaf and the pillars of a new kingdom shall be proclaimed. These are not the words of unfounded aspirations but the clear prophecies of a noble people's heritage. We are living in the time of the Mahdi, whose reign has favored none other than the so-called American Negroes of America.

THERE are those who ridicule this claim. However, it is to be understood that this ridicule is based on ignorance, envy and falsehood. It is no casual occurrence for the Black people or for the peoples of the world that a Messenger, in the person of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, is gathering his people to the call of Islam in these critical times.

It is no casual utterance that he teaches concerning the long-awaited Mahdi—as we face the last days of this world. He is the one awaited by many of the people. "He is al-Mahdi, whom each sect claims."

We are reminded in the 21st Surah about those who seek to distract us from the revealed truth: "And among men is he who disputes about Allah without knowledge, and follows every rebellious devil . . ."

THIS IS truly an adept description of the decrepit attitude of many of our people today. Indeed, they dispute, as the Qur-an continues, "without knowledge, and without guidance, and without an illuminating Book."

It has been written concerning the advent of the Mahdi that He would be a born Arabian; that He would gather His people together before the Day of Judgment and bring about a rule of justice.

We read further that the Mahdi will cleanse the two holy cities of Mecca and Medina and that He would prepare the way for the coming of another whose mission would be that of a preparatory work for the final day; it is written: "The earth will join him in calling to God . . ."

THERE is a great deal more written concerning prophecies to be fulfilled in the Mahdi's time, but even with this information, it is clear that the Person of Whom the Honorable Elijah Muhammad speaks fulfills these prophecies to the letter.

Let us study together, all Black Women of America, and learn together with exhilaration of spirit that we are coming into the greatest knowledge of our day; we are living in the time of the Mahdi.