Women in Islam

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Since the awesome process of rudely decomposing the black man's mental conception of himself and people was regarded as essential for manufacturing good and obedient slaves in the beginning of the slave era, what then must have been the dynamic scope of that which was temporarily destroyed?

WE, THE black people, having been nursed on our inherent inferiority, c a n now, in this age of psychological investigations and discoveries, encroach successfully upon the motives of the white man's secret interlude into our minds, producing the dark ages of our existence in America.

If the white man founded a system of slavery by employing the labor of uncultured heathens and barbaric savages, why was it necessary for the purposes of the slave system to first destroy the black man's so-called inherent inferiority and outward bestial temperament in order to instill inferiority and to relegate our race to the level of the beasts of the field?

If a man is already a fool, it should not be necessary to make him a bigger fool to accomplish the task of the white man's crudity.

BUT IF a man must be made into a fool, it then becomes a necessary burden to destroy the roots of his mental power and proximity to his past so that he loses consciousness of his senses and his equilibrium and becomes totally the incognizant agent in the hands of the culprit.

This is, in effect, what has happened to the so-called American Negroes t o d a y. They have been duped into believing that they have no history w o r t h mentioning and that they owe an immeasurable debt to the white man for "rescuing" t h e m from the depths of the savage African jungles o v e r four centuries ago.

IT IS OF interest to note in this connection that the great Muslim traveler and writer, Ibn Battuta, wrote of our alleged savage land back in the 14th century pertaining to a vast region in West Africa known then as the Mall Empire where "Its inhabitants are seldom unjust and have a greater horror of injustice than other people.

"Their sultan shows no mercy to anyone who is guilty of the least act of it. There is complete security in their country. Neither traveler nor inhabitant in it has anything to fear from robbers or men of violence."