

Women In Islam

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One of the greatest lessons we, the black people of America, must learn to put into practice is the mannerisms of kindness and respect towards one another. I have found this quality being given the highest regard and practice among some of the people whose customs are in many ways different from our own. The devil's teachings to us for the past four centuries have made it almost impossible to understand what this quality means to the value and nobility of civilization.

IT IS A kindness involving expressions of the unselfish sharing of the possessions, food and pleasures of one's household and community, whether rich or poor. This is not to say that the black women of America do not always display warm-hearted and sincere gestures of friendship towards others. It is, however, to remind us that the true spirit of kindness, of giving and of forgiveness has been crucified upon the hard and raw materialist concept of Western civilization and the American virtue that honors wealth and position above morality and dignity for all peoples.

This virtue of kindness has been stricken literally from our characteristics as a people because of the mental wounds we have received from our enemy, the white race of America.

Our people can give splendid parties with all the trimmings. We can serve beverages and foods with a gourmet's flourish for fanciful entertainment — but the gift of kindness, of pleasant words to those in need and in crisis, the dedicated sacrifices of giving and of helping and of understanding the complicated sufferings of our people's present plight, are, as yet, a quality sadly lacking in the daily habit of our nation's conduct.

ONE OF THE reasons giving rise to the deadening of this response to human needs among our people is America's atmosphere of

strife which has affected her status in the world as a great world power.

Another reason is the ill treatment received by many natural-born inhabitants and foreign visitors because the issues of race, color and nationality have turned many people's hands down to America's contention that she represents a world model of modern civilization.

What we, the black women of America, must do is to resurrect within ourselves the conscious voluntary virtues of giving without the expectation of reward; to give for the sake of giving—helping others of our own kind in tribulation.

FINALLY, TO detest the evils of gossip as a sickness corrupting the minds and spirits of man and nourishing unrest and the disease of prejudice being practiced against our own people. This is piled against their interests, hopes and dreams which are, all too often, shattered as a result in a whirlpool of hostility and hate.

We must learn to love each other; to sustain each other — because we are all suffering and struggling in the same crisis of survival. All praise is due Allah for the teachings of His Messenger Muhammad, which give light and direction; which heals and nurtures and which is our refuge from the evil suggestions and practices of the devil's world of sin and corruption.

Plague Strikes India

NEW DELHI, India—The plague has taken the lives of eight persons in the village of Chirgaon. It was announced by the Minister of health.

THE AREA, which is located in the Himalayas, was inspected by the Health Minister. Medical teams already have gone in and the government has taken steps to prevent an epidemic of the highly contagious disease.