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Black Man and Woman of America and the World.*



# WHY?



# THE CRUCIFIXION OF THE HONORABLE ELIJAH MUHAMMAD AND THE NATION OF ISLAM

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Most Black people who watched the Nation of Islam rise from obscurity to affect lives far beyond its actual numbers have wondered what happened to the Nation of Islam. But, more importantly, they have wondered why the destruction of the Nation was permitted to happen? Is there a Divine scheme in the Nation's rise, fall, death and resurrection? Many supporters of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad wonder have all of their suffering and sacrifices to build the Nation of Islam been for naught? Was it all in vain?

This edition of **THE FINAL CALL** explains the Nation's demise, its rise again, the forces that brought about its death and the Force that is bringing about its resurrection. We shall see what effect the Nation's fall has had on Black people in America and the world, and what effect its rising again will have on the future direction of Black people in America and the world.

*"... All ye shall be <sup>condemned</sup> because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered. But after that I am risen, I will go before you into Galilee."* (Mark 14:27,28)

The United States government has applied the principle of smiting the shepherd and scattering the sheep most effectively where Black leadership and Black organizations are concerned. Seemingly, an *unwritten* law forbids the development of proper leadership among us. By "proper," we mean leadership that is suited to the needs and the requirements of the time.

"Proper" leadership has to be concerned with the organization of people and money for the effective removal of the obstacles which are in the path of liberating our people. It is precisely this desire and plan to organize Black people to make positive steps toward our own advancement that brings down upon Black leaders the wrath of the United States government.

I was recently warned by a brother, who worked for police intelligence, that as long as I wanted to raise the level of consciousness among Black people, the government would not necessarily oppose me. But the one thing the government is totally opposed to is the organization of people and money to remove the obstacles that are in the path of our advancement.

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anteed freedom of speech, freedom of worship, freedom of assembly, and freedom of the press. Yet, if our leaders seek to exercise these freedoms for the purpose of maximizing our strengths to enable us to deal effectively with an unjust system, then the very government that is sworn to uphold the Constitution which embodies these guarantees, marshalls its forces to eliminate our leaders, scatter their followers and destroy their organizations.

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tion of Black organizations and leaders is not just an isolated incident, accident, or exception to the rule which took place only under the Nixon administration. This destruction of Black leadership has been and still is the policy of every administration that has had to deal with our great leaders.

This is why the Bible and the Holy Quran are so instructive, if properly understood and used. These Books describe and indeed plumb the depth of the wickedness of the minds of former Kings and rulers, enlightening us to the depth of the wickedness of the minds of present-day rulers and the lengths to which they will go in order to destroy effective Black leadership.

It is not an accident that our preachers, politicians and intellectuals have historically opposed our strongest Black leaders. And, it is not an accident today, now that these professional classes are waking up to the wickedness of the government and its unwillingness to deal justly with Black people, that some of our stronger Black politicians are being effectively stripped of power and pushed out of office. Many of our preachers are being castrated and "paid" by the promise of wealth and nearness to the enemy to create the illusion that racism in America is now dead.

And, our intellectuals are feeling the awful bite of a rabidly racist society.

## Pharaoh, Herod and Hoover

Let us examine the minds of Pharaoh and Herod. Let us also examine the mind of J. Edgar Hoover, the presidents and powers that he served, to see the parallel and make a comparison.

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instances, the rulers expected a Deliverer or Messiah to come to birth among the oppressed. And, in both instances, these rulers sought to kill the Deliverer or Messiah at his birth.

Pharaoh saw the population of Israel growing and said,

*"Come on, let us deal wisely with them; lest they multiply and it come to pass that, when there falleth out war, they join also unto our enemies, and fight against us; and so get them up out of the land."*

(Exodus 1:10)

This fear of Israel's population increase led to the wicked and deceitful plan to kill all boy babies and spare the females. So wicked and effective was that plan that the boy Moses had to be put in a basket and floated down the river to spare his life.

In the time of Jesus, Herod decided to slay all the male children who were two years old or younger in Bethlehem. So, Jesus had to be secretly sent into Egypt to spare his life.

These Biblical histories must be studied for they contain prophetic descriptions of what is in the minds of present day rulers. These Biblical histories must be studied in order that we may understand the machinations and the evil plans of the

United States government against our mighty Black leaders of yesterday and against us today.

The whole society of America and its institutions are designed for the destruction of Black men. Not only does this society want to kill us before we are born through abortion and birth control, but every institution sticks a "needle in the brain" of the Black man to render him impotent and ineffective... a functional illiterate in the white man's world!

## The Perils of Birth Control

In an interview I had with Senator Patrick Moynihan (D-NY) 13 years ago for Muhammad Speaks newspaper, we were discussing the birth control plan and the population growth of Black people in America. He stated that at the time of America's independence, the birth rate of Blacks to whites was one Black for every five whites. After the Civil War, it was one Black for every ten whites. In 1965, the ratio had increased to one Black for every six whites. He also informed me that it would be *twenty years* before the Food and Drug Administration would be able to tell whether or not the birth control pill was safe!

Remember, the birth control plan was especially designed for Blacks, Hispanics and Third World people. Black women are being told not to have babies because they will not be able to care for them. Now, it has been recently disclosed that, in spite of birth control methods, the birth rate of Blacks is *twice* that of whites. To demographers, sociologists, and political scientists, *this portends great trouble for white America in the future.*

The fact that there have been many adverse side effects in many women who use the birth control pill fully manifests the wickedness of a government which would permit the distribution of a drug without fully knowing or really caring about the consequences of its use. The Black female is being destroyed through the drugs she ingests which contribute to cancer. Twenty-five years ago cancer was a disease found predominantly among Caucasians. Twenty-five years later, according to recently published statistics, although Blacks are 12 percent of the population, their cancer rate is twice that of whites. Thus, in this respect, present day rulers are more wicked than Pharaoh and Herod, for this modern birth control plan is aimed at eliminating an entire people!



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## Hoover's Counter-Intelligence Program

It has been revealed that J. Edgar Hoover developed a counter-intelligence program which was designed to prevent the rise of a Messiah who could weld together the various groups and factions among us. Why should J. Edgar Hoover, a political man, use the scriptural term "Messiah" to describe the expected leader among us? What did he and the United States government know about themselves, us, and our sojourn, trials and tribulations among them that caused them to expect the birth of a Messiah? They, unlike us, know the prophecies of the scriptures concerning us and them. As it is written in the Holy Quran, "The devil sees you as well as his host from whence you see them not."

Although this verse of scripture refers to the sophisticated eavesdropping devices of the government and her many agents that are among us listening and watching, it also points to a higher truth: their wise knowledge of themselves and us, and our lack of knowledge of ourselves and them, allows them the advantage of keeping their superior position over us.

This is why the Bible raises the question, "How can they know except they have a teacher and how can they have a teacher except he be sent?" Therefore, every teacher who has come among us to advance us in the knowledge of self and others has been crucified by the United States government which uses our ignorance, jealousy and self-hatred as the instrument by which it carries out its evil plans.

Two thousand years ago, Herod had come to a troublesome era because of the zealot movement among the Jews that was calling for independence. Herod, being somewhat versed in the prophecies concerning the birth of a Messiah, saw in the fragmented outburst of the Jewish zealots a clear sign of the Messiah's birth. He did not want to see the zealot movement unified for in that unity he saw the end of his power. Therefore, in his mind, the Messiah had to be destroyed.

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Hoover and those with him did not want any leader to pull these factions together for they feared, like Pharaoh and Herod, that if we united with an outside force that was against them, we might possibly overthrow their government and put an end to their power. So, the killing, jailing and discrediting of our leaders became, in their eyes, a matter of *national security*. This teaches us that *NO Black leader, however moderate or extreme, ever really has the backing of the United States government.*

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I am reminded of General Chappie James, a super patriot, who died broken hearted because he realized that he did not truly have the sincere backing of those for whom he was willing to give his life. Why would a government fear the acquisition of knowledge that would dignify a people up from slavery when, at the same time, they claim that this is their desire for us? Why was Chappie James feared in government circles? Could it be that they fear our people achieving success and gaining high positions? Is it because they believe that one day we might use that knowledge and those positions for the liberation of our people?

This was also Herod's thinking. He both feared and admired the Jews. As Herod failed to murder Jesus at His birth, and Pharaoh failed to destroy the Deliverer for Israel, so Hoover failed to destroy the Messiah among us.

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## A Pattern of Destruction

Many forces were present during the ministry of Jesus that Herod manipulated to bring about His crucifixion and the destruction of His work. There were the intellectuals who resented and were jealous of His influence among the masses. There were the religious leaders who resented His independent exposition and explanation of scripture. There were the preacher-politicians who were stung by the exposure of their weaknesses and their failures. Herod himself was suspicious of the possible connection between Jesus and the zealot movement. Pontius Pilate was concerned about his waning popularity with the Jews. The Roman people just wanted peace and security. These same forces have been present in our past and are present today. All of these forces were manipulated in the past by J. Edgar Hoover and the United States government and are being manipulated today to destroy our Black leaders and their organizations.

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In analyzing the techniques used by Herod to bring about the crucifixion of Jesus and the destruction of His movement, we can see clearly the pattern used to destroy every effective Black leader, from NAT TURNER and DENMARK VESEY to MARCUS GARVEY, THE HONORABLE ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and THE NATION OF ISLAM.

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## An Origin with a Purpose

In 1972, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad spoke with Minister Louis Farrakhan and said "Brother, I don't like to talk about this because it gives me great pain but the Nation is going to take a dive for the second time."

When the Messenger saw the pain in Minister Farrakhan's face, He comforted him by saying, "But, don't worry Brother. It will be rebuilt and it will never fall again." It was from time to time He kept saying to Minister Farrakhan, "Go exactly as you see me go and do exactly as you see me do. Now Brother, you can preach this word as strongly as you see me preach it. But, you must go according to the way I go . . . meaning that you must practice righteousness or they (the enemy) will piece you in two."

In re-building the Nation of Islam, it is incumbent upon us to retrace the Honorable Elijah Muhammad's steps. The first newspaper that the Messenger produced was in 1934 after His teacher Master Fard Muhammad had left Him with the Mission. The name of that paper was THE FINAL CALL to ISLAM. Therefore, we have chosen to begin as He began.

One day, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad said to the Minister, "Brother, if there were any sign or symbol that I would choose to represent my work it would be the trumpet . . . for the trumpet is the sign of the resurrection of the dead."

So, as He began, we begin! THE FINAL CALL is a message published by people dedicated to the resurrection of the Black man and woman of America and the world. All inquiries may be addressed to: The Final Call, Inc., P.O. Box 8154, Chicago, Ill. 60680.

Remember, United We Will Survive . . . and this is THE FINAL CALL.



Minister Louis Farrakhan



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Marcus Garvey

As Jesus became stronger among the people, and His fame began to spread, the authorities became more excited and worried. Herod used informants to keep knowledgeable of Jesus' words and actions. Agents were placed among His listeners to raise questions that would cause Him to come into conflict with the law in an attempt to trap Him. These agents would also raise questions designed to produce doubt in those who believed in Him.

They followed Jesus with wicked and false interpretations of His work, portraying Him as an outlaw and accusing Him of doing His work by the power of Satan.

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The scriptures teach us that, although the authorities wanted to destroy Jesus, they feared the people. Herod felt that if Jesus were killed at an improper time, the revolutionary zealots would rise up and add to his troubles. So, a careful plan had to be devised to kill the influence of Jesus among the people so that there would be no outcry among the people when His crucifixion took place. In fact, the plan was so skillfully wicked it would cause the very people who benefitted from His message to call for His crucifixion.

A careful search of Jesus' disciples was made to find their strengths and weaknesses. A very careful search was made to find that particular one with the necessary weakness that could be manipulated to produce a BETRAYER. All true witnesses of Jesus had to be silenced or neutralized. Then, false witnesses would appear.

After creating confusion and distrust, and disseminating false interpretations of Jesus' motives, it was then easy to smite the shepherd. Even second and third line leadership had to be effectively neutralized or destroyed so that the scatter-

ing of the followers would be complete.

Let us look at recent leaders. Is it not true that these same techniques were used to destroy KWAME NKRUMAH, PATRICE LUMUMBA, and AMILCAR CABRAL? Were not these same techniques used to destroy the Honorable MARCUS GARVEY and scatter the members of his movement? Is it not true that these same techniques were used in the destruction of NOBLE DREW ALI and the scattering of the Moorish Science movement? Were not these techniques used to bring about a crucifixion of PAUL ROBESON, ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, STOKELY CARMICHAEL, H. RAP BROWN, MAXWELL STANFORD, DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., HUEY P. NEWTON, MALCOLM X, and THE HONORABLE ELIJAH MUHAMMAD?

#### Crucifixion . . . Cruel and Unusual Punishment

Crucifixion was a cruel form of capital punishment used by the Phoenicians and the Persians. From them, crucifixion was adopted by the Romans, who reserved this punishment for slaves and foreigners.

The cruelty of this form of capital punishment lay in the public shame that was involved and in its slow physical torture, for the condemned man was made to carry his cross along the public roads to the place of execution which was nearly always in a public place. There he was stripped of all his clothing. Unable to care for his bodily needs, he was the object of taunts and indignities from passers-by.

Crucifixion damaged no vital part of the body. The victims, nailed in their hands and feet with ropes binding them at the torso or shoulders to the wooden frame, were held immobile, unable to cope with heat, cold or insects. Death came slowly, often after many days as a result of fatigue, cramped muscles, hunger and thirst. Then, when the victims were taken down from the cross, their legs were broken to insure that they would not escape.

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This form of punishment was used to make examples of the Jews and to serve as a warning to potential offenders. It served as a public reminder of the Jews' servitude to an alien power and was used especially in Palestine as punishment for robbery, tumult, riot and sedition.

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#### Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?

Looking back at the crucifixion of Jesus, we feel pain, anguish and sorrow for Him. We feel anger, bitterness and sometimes hatred for His tormentors; and we feel anger and bitterness toward His disciples who abandoned Him. What an awful way to punish a man whose only crime was that He wanted to bring His people into the knowledge of His Father and His Father's Kingdom! (The knowledge of God and the laws and rules of His government, which guarantees Freedom, Justice and Equality.) But, the beauty of looking back is that now we can see the Divine Purpose for His crucifixion. So, in understanding that purpose, the bitterness, the anger, and the hatred leave us.

If we were contemporaries of Jesus, would we be like those who called for His crucifixion because we believed the lies of the false witnesses? Or, would we be like His disciples who, in fear, ignorance, doubt, disbelief and disappointment, abandoned Him? We sing the song that asks the question, "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?" The word "Lord," or Rabbi, means teacher, master, or one who nurtures a person from a state of weakness and ignorance to a state of strength and wisdom. We have always been present when our teachers, leaders and nourishers have been scourged and crucified. And, as bad as it may seem, we all have taken some part in the crucifixion of good men.

There is no Black leader who has become successful among the Black masses who has not been crucified. The cross, a symbol of suffering, shame and death, also represents a universal law: that all things that would be great will come to the crown of greatness only after having suffered the most severe form of trial, tribulation, humiliation, and even death in one form, to come to birth in an even greater form.

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Every Black leader who truly loved us has had a terrible cross to bear. He or she has not only had to bear our ignorance, ingratitude, envy, jealousy, hatred and scorn, but the United States government has always added to that cross or burden by constant harassment, plots and schemes to discredit and disgrace our leaders, falsely accuse them, publicly strip them, and illegally try them. When we react to the lies and half truths by either calling for their destruction or by not caring what happens to them, our leaders are destroyed. Then, in another generation, we learn of their sincerity, goodness and greatness.

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Each of our great Black leaders has been publicly shamed and humiliated. This is the meaning of carrying the cross to a public place of execution. Our leaders have carried their "shame" and "disgrace" to a public trial where false accusers have added to their burdens. It appears as though they cannot speak effectively in their own defense. Nothing they say is stronger than the lies and the public clamor against them. Friends and supporters are neutralized and, in the wake of the leaders' "disgrace", abandon him.

Stripping the crucified victim of all his clothing shows how the private and personal life of the leader is uncovered. Our enemy knows that no one gets through this life without committing some sin. So, it is written in the scriptures that they watch the steps of the righteous, or those who seek justice for us, to use that which appears to be error or mistake to bring that leader or person to nought. What they find, they add to, that the leader might be brought to disgrace and ruin.

Stripping the victim also means taking away his followers, leaving him naked and mocked as a leader.



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Thieves and gamblers, who were never part of the crucified leader's ideas, principles or movement, cast lots, or gamble, to gain the robe (the followers) of the leader. Binding the leader to the cross means that he is fixed in such a way that he cannot move; he cannot use his hands or his helpers; he cannot walk or move toward his goal.

When the leader is taken from his cross, after his excruciating pain and torment, his legs are broken. This means that all support for his ideas and principles is broken among the people so that after he is gone, no one can rise up to carry on his work. And, if one is strong enough to rise up to continue his work, that one gets no support. Soon he, too, loses the will to continue.

As the crucified leader dies of fatigue, hunger or thirst, his followers get tired, or are worn out, through the process of the trial and crucifixion and become unwilling to continue to support his ideas. Denied that which feeds him and nourishes his desire to continue, he becomes a broken man and "gives up the ghost," losing the spirit or will to continue to struggle, saying "it is finished".

Thus, every one of our Black leaders have been crucified. So effectively have they been crucified that it appears as if none of them were wise. It appears as though they were so selfish in their leadership that they prepared no one to carry on their work. This is contrary to the truth.

Were you there when they crucified our teachers, leaders, guides and nourishers? Yes, we were there and we took part in their crucifixion. We saw Marcus Garvey crucified. We saw Noble Drew Ali crucified. We saw Paul Robeson crucified. We saw Adam Clayton Powell crucified. We saw Malcolm X and Martin Luther King Jr. crucified. We have witnessed the crucifixion of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and the Nation of Islam and we are now witnessing the crucifixion of our Black elected officials. There is a saying that those who do not learn the lesson of history are doomed to repeat it. Have we learned our lesson or will history repeat itself in the 1980s?

#### Impact of Elijah Muhammad's Leadership

As every storm has its eye, so every dynamic movement for social, political, and religious change has a central figure or force generating the spirit of that movement.

For the past forty years, but especially the last twenty-five, it is undeniable by scholars, scientists and students of social phenomena that the dynamic leadership and message of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and the Nation of Islam has been at the core of the Black movement in America.

Many, if not most, of the accommodating changes made by the United States government to the

demands of the more "moderate" Black leaders were a direct result of the fear that, if the system did not make these accommodations, the masses would lean toward the more "militant" or "extreme" Black leaders . . . the foremost of whom was the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.



Stokely Carmichael

Now that our dynamic leadership is gone and Black organizations have been effectively weakened or destroyed, what is the response of the United States government and her agencies to the legitimate cry of Black people for justice? What the President, the Congress and government agencies are saying in response to our demands can be summed up in three words: "Go to Hell!"

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In His book, "Our Saviour Has Arrived", the Honorable Elijah Muhammad writes, "Revolution between Black and white is due to the work of Allah (God) and His Truth among the Black people of America." This powerful, pregnant and revealing statement gives us the root cause of the crucifixion of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and the Nation of Islam. It gives us the reason why the United States government was determined to stop Elijah Muhammad at all cost, to destroy His movement, or to turn it around so completely that it would be unrecognizable. This statement also teaches us that:

- Allah (God) has intervened in our affairs as He did for oppressed peoples in the past;
- Allah (God) has revealed that particular truth of which Jesus prophesied that would make the Black man free indeed;
- The Divinely missioned teacher who would stand up and be willing to pay any price, bear any

burden, suffer any hardship to deliver and establish that truth which would give justice to the Black man was now among us.

It is written in the Bible,

*"The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth because I testify of it, that its works are evil."*  
(John 7:7)

The world (white world) hated Elijah Muhammad because of His testimony against their world and its wickedness. And we, the Muslims, followers of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, are also hated not because we had done any wrong; we were and are hated because of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and His testimony! Or, as the scriptures say, "hated for His Name's Sake."

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The message of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad completely destroys the myth of white supremacy. Therefore, the government in general, and the FBI in particular, left no stone unturned in trying to destroy the faith, confidence and trust of the membership of the Nation of Islam in their leadership, both local and national.

#### Dirty Tricks

The government has been aware of, watching and working against the Honorable Elijah Muhammad since the early 1930s. If a monetary figure could be given to show how much of the taxpayers' money has been spent on surveillance, informants, dirty tricks and discrediting tactics of the government toward the Nation of Islam and all the Black leaders and their organizations, especially during the 1960s, it would probably run into the hundreds of millions of dollars.

Many of the early Muslims were visited and questioned by the FBI as to why they wanted to believe in this "new" faith, Islam, and to follow the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. This was done to put fear into the new Muslims so that they might dis-

continue following the Messenger. Neighbors and family members were visited by the FBI and shown a photograph of the Muslim brother or sister. Naturally, this would frighten the neighbors and families who would then call other neighbors, families and friends telling them of the FBI visit and questions. This served at least two main purposes: 1) It put on that Muslim the pressure of family, friends and neighbors turning against him or her because of the newfound faith. 2) It frightened the friends, family and neighbors to such degree that the Muslim could not get them to visit the Temple or hear the teachings which had changed his or her life.

Soon, the whole Black community was buzzing about the "new" faith and the strange "new" people, the Muslims. The FBI would visit some of the Muslims' jobs, which would get them fired. As the word spread that those who followed the Honorable Elijah Muhammad would lose their jobs, the isolation of the Muslims was complete, and the fear of the Muslims began to spread.

#### Unity: The Key To Our Survival

But the Muslims looked so new, so clean. Our habits began to change from evil to good. Though there were some who feared us, and some who hated us, there were many who admired the Muslims.

While it would seem to some that the FBI had gained a victory in containing and isolating the Muslims from the Black community, Allah (God) turned the FBI's so-called victory into a defeat and made a great victory for the Muslims to serve as a sign. Since we were isolated from family, friends and community, we had no one but each other and the wise, comforting leadership of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

*Our unity and love for each other was and is the key to our survival.*

As Jesus says in the scriptures:

*"Think not that I am come to send peace on earth; I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me, is not worthy of me; and he that loveth son or daughter more than me, is not worthy of me."*

(Matthew 10:34, 35, 36, 37)

Thus, in the early days of Islam in North America, our bond of love, brotherhood and unity was so strong, though few in number, we were mightier than all of the pressure of the world, family, friends and neighbors that was brought against us for our new faith. Again, this gave us a powerful sign . . . that our unity and love for



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### Mr. Muhammad's Illegal Imprisonment

When the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941, the United States government stepped up its campaign against the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and the Nation of Islam. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad was arrested in 1942 and charged with sedition and draft evasion. Although the draft age was from 18 to 44, and the Honorable Elijah Muhammad was 45 years of age, this made no difference. The President of the United States, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, wanted Elijah Muhammad off the streets.

Messenger Muhammad was thoroughly questioned by the FBI on what He was teaching to Black people in America. They could find no chink in His armor or hole in His garment. Nevertheless, He was sentenced to five years in the federal penitentiary at Milan, Michigan of which He spent approximately three and one-half years. Through national weekly magazines, daily newspapers, and the radio, the American people were fed the lie that the Honorable Elijah Muhammad was a supporter of the Japanese war effort. Since the Japanese in America were being rounded up and sent to concentration camps, it was natural that Japanese "sympathizers and supporters", called a "Japanese fifth column" would also be rounded up and sent either to prison or to concentration camps. This "big lie" created the smoke screen that would allow the government to illegally try and imprison the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. These lies, half truths and false charges also created great hatred for the Muslims and intensified their persecution among the people.

When Messenger Muhammad was released from prison in 1946, He was told, according to His words to me, that "the President wanted me off the streets because he could not afford to have me teaching the Religion of Peace (Islam) while America was prosecuting the war with Japan."

### Malcolm X

In 1952, Malcolm X was converted to the teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and soon rose to become His National Spokesman. Malcolm's fiery oratory, his consummate skill as a debater, his wit, charm, carriage and charisma, made him one of the most feared, hated and respected Black men in America. No white defender of America's racist institutions, and no Black defender of white injustice, could handle Malcolm. He was in a class by himself. Jealousy arose in the hearts of many for Malcolm, both within and without the movement.

There is voluminous information in the FBI's files on Malcolm and the Nation of Islam which supports

the conclusion that one of the chief aims of the counter-intelligence program of the United States government was to separate Malcolm X from his teacher, destroy him and, as a result, hopefully destroy the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.



Malcolm X

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There is much that I could say about the relationship between these two men, not just from the emotional standpoint of a loyal and devoted follower of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, but from the viewpoint of one who has walked in the shoes of Malcolm up to the major crossroad of decision... the same major crossroad Malcolm faced in his life. Only I have chosen *not* to walk away from the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, but, indeed, to walk as closely as I can in His footsteps; to retrace them, in an effort to restore His work, defend His name and character, and build on the marvelous foundation that He laid. Although the odds may be against me, I am confident with the help of Allah that we shall prevail, for it is written, "If God be for you who can be against you?"

The FBI planted evil seeds, wicked suggestions, and vicious rumors within and outside the Nation of Islam in an effort to shatter the confidence and faith of the people in Malcolm and the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. Through *Time* magazine, *Newsweek*, several other respected publications and so-called "factual" television documentaries, they worked night and day to sepa-

rate Malcolm from the Messenger and to isolate Malcolm and the Messenger from the Black community.

Malcolm was interrogated on the teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad on radio, television and college campuses from city to city and from coast to coast. Scientists of psychology, psychiatry, voice stress analysts and body language experts studied his body language, weighed his words and listened to the inflection of his voice on certain words to determine the degree of strength or weakness of his faith in certain aspects of the teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. Malcolm X was sifted thoroughly, his weaknesses found and exploited. Finally, the sought-after split became reality.

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### Infiltration of the Nation of Islam

There is now ample proof that in the close circle of laborers around the Honorable Elijah Muhammad were agents of the United States government who reported daily on the conversations held at His home, on who His guests were, on what was said, and on His plans and projects for the Nation. Agents of the government were in every highly critical area of the Nation of Islam. They were high up in the secretarial department. They were on the staff of the Muhammad Speaks newspaper. They were sprinkled in the national businesses and in the Universities of Islam. Their duty was to disrupt, interfere, take advantage of weakness, and to promote and foster corruption.

### FBI Admits Murderous Activities

Thus, as the FBI counter-intelligence program admits its complicity in promoting violence between members of the California-based group, US, under the leadership of Ron Karenga, and the Black Panther Party, causing brother to kill brother, they also encouraged violence between the Black Panther Party and the Blackstone Rangers in Chicago. They worked to divide Huey Newton from Eldridge Cleaver and to produce bloodshed between these two factions of the Panther Party. They worked diligently to divide husband from wife and follower from leader. The FBI worked to destroy the faith and confidence of loyal and devoted followers in their leadership, so totally breaking their faith that many of them are now in insane asylums or wandering the streets, lost, never

again to put their confidence in any man to lead them. The FBI set up innocent, sincere people to look like agents, so that some good people would be killed by zealots thinking they were doing the right thing.

The history of the FBI will show that they paid for all kinds of deviant activities to foster the destruction of Black leaders and Black organizations. And, history will also show that the FBI is the architect of the crucifixion of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and the Nation of Islam.

### Good Works Overcome Evil Schemes

Malcolm's assassination and the climate of hatred for the Muslims generated by the media produced another great trial for the Nation of Islam. However, the internal unity of the Muslims remained so strong that we survived a scheme so well calculated that, had it not been for Allah (God) and our faith in and our love for the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, we would have been destroyed.

It took years of painstaking work to rebuild the confidence of Black people in the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and the Nation of Islam. Messenger Muhammad was not a great talker; He was a doer. His positive good works of reform; His program of independent Black schools; His program of acquisition of land; His idea of doing for self, finally began to erode the years of propaganda. His wise, leadership broke the propaganda machine's attempt to isolate Him. He was always many steps ahead of His enemies' attempts to smear His character, slander and falsely accuse Him. And, He is still far ahead of His enemies today.

He had beaten back the propaganda technique of the government which had labeled Him a hate-teacher, anti-white, anti-Christian, anti-American, a segregationist, and a man of violence. Now the government had to think of new and more creative means of dealing with Him. In fact, one FBI report to J. Edgar Hoover declared that they had exhausted every means of creating confusion among the ranks of the Muslims. But, the report continued, if headquarters gave them a little more time, they would come up with some new innovative dirty tricks.

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The Honorable Elijah Muhammad had so destroyed the veil of propaganda by His clear program and positive good works that no Black leader of note would speak against Him as they had done in the late fifties and early sixties. Young Blacks were now in the streets calling for Black Power. They had abandoned non-violence as a method of action. They recognized that white people did not respond to love but only to violence. So the rebellions of the sixties began. No longer did white newsmen and women feel safe reporting the news taking place in Black communities. So for the first time, network television and large white daily newspapers and magazines began to hire Black reporters, newscasters and communicators.

The college students, hungry for self-knowledge, wanted more Black history courses. So Black Studies Programs were instituted in colleges and universities throughout America. For the first time in our history, the Muslims were invited on radio and television to explain Mr. Muhammad's teachings and program without the constant polemics, arguments and debates. The more Black people heard and became acquainted with the Message of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, the more they began to reason with His aims and objectives for Black people.

Although many Black intellectuals felt they would not join the Nation of Islam or change their way of belief, they were comforted by the fact that the Muslims were present. Many Black people in the streets and in high places began to say that eventually they felt they would become a part of the Nation of Islam. Elijah Muhammad was clearly growing in status and influence.

### The Myth of Black Capitalism

Although there were many attempts by the FBI to pit Muslims and Panthers against each other (which were successful on a few occasions), the Honorable Elijah Muhammad skillfully guided His followers away from that path of conflict. The FBI admittedly tried to alienate the Honorable Elijah Muhammad from other nationalists and militant Black groups. Since the new young Black thinkers were greatly influenced by African nationalists who believed in socialism, while other young Blacks were greatly influenced by Marx and Mao, the economic gains of the Nation of Islam were characterized by the propagandists as "Black Capitalism". This was, of course, designed to separate us from our brothers.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad, for His own wise purposes, never tried to defend His economic posture. Thus, many Black bourgeoisie were attracted to the Nation of Islam. The young idealistic Black nationalists and socialists were either neutral or turned completely off. Their love for Malcolm and their feeling that

Muslims killed their champion, blinded them, causing them not to carefully study and analyze Elijah Muhammad's program and accomplishments.

### Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., in a dramatic move, began to speak out against the war in Vietnam. Dr. King and his wife had dinner with the Honorable Elijah Muhammad at His home in Chicago and, in spite of the points of difference between the two men, they talked face to face, brotherly and lovingly. The forces of evil, injustice and perpetual servitude of Black people hated to see this development. It was not long after that meeting that Dr. King was assassinated. And, there is very little doubt in the minds of Black people, despite the "findings" of the House Committee on Assassinations, that the United States government, federal and local law enforcement officials, were in some way involved in the assassination of Dr. King.



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The United States government never expected Black people to rise up as they did when Dr. King was assassinated. Over thirty cities were set on fire. This frightened the government and they decided that this would never happen again. The appropriate pacification of Black people began immediately after the murder of Dr. King. Streets, boulevards and thoroughfares were named after him. His pictures were displayed in windows, and institutions named in his honor. And now, eleven years later, at a time when Black people are suffering from severe unemployment, President Carter pledged recently to fight for the declaration of a national holiday on Dr. King's birthday. This is fine. However, what is needed is a commitment on the part of the President and Congress to rectify the injustices of this society against the Black and the poor.

With Dr. King dead, the Civil Rights movement in America dying, the Panther Party nearly destroyed, our leaders of the sixties either imprisoned, exiled, destroyed or dead, the FBI could now turn its full attention to the last thorn in its side, the militant, well organized, well-disciplined Nation of Islam.

Though Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X looked like the Messiah that Hoover was expecting,

I have no doubt in my mind that the government realized just who the Messiah actually was and is.

The scriptures plainly teach us that Satan knew Jesus and the appointed time that He should appear. In fact, Satan knew Jesus better than all of Jesus' disciples. Likewise, Hoover, and the United States government knew the Honorable Elijah Muhammad better than his followers. They also knew the time and what should be taught to Black people in this time. However, looking at the age of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and the fanatic zeal and loyalty of His followers, they would have to be very skillful in destroying Him.

### FBI Sends Criminal Elements to Infiltrate The Nation of Islam

Serious and sincere Ministers and laborers of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad inside the Nation, had to be constantly vigilant of criminal elements sneaking in under the guise of being Muslims, creating mischief or doing things that would tarnish the growing respect for the Nation of Islam. For those who may be alarmed that criminal elements would sneak into the Nation to create mischief, the Christians should look at the New Testament in the writings of Paul. In the early church, various elements did creep in to create havoc and mischief among the true Christians. This device was used by those in power in their efforts to destroy the early Christians. HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF. Many of those who were in the nation of Islam to produce evil were sent by the government itself. The FBI planned to use these evil conditions as an excuse to come against the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and the Nation of Islam.

What better place for criminals to hide than in a house dedicated to the worship of God and the rise of Black people? What better hiding place for a criminal than in a house dedicated to righteous principles? Every Muslim minister, captain and secretary who truly believed in the Honorable Elijah Muhammad had to be vigilant to uproot this behavior if it reared its ugly head. Knowing that many of Mr. Muhammad's followers were from the prisons, government agents subtly suggested criminal activities to former inmates through their agents. However, they were only successful in a few Temples in the country.

### The Hanafi Muslims

To illustrate the above, in late 1972, all of the ministers of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad received a very vicious letter signed by the leader of the Hanafi Muslims in Washington, D.C. slandering the Messenger. When I received the letter, I shrugged my shoulders and threw it into the wastebasket. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad had

announced months earlier through *Muhammad Speaks* newspaper that we had received a three million dollar loan from the Libyan government. This infuriated the U.S. government. Knowing the "job" the United States information agencies were doing on the Black Muslims overseas, they wondered how this could have happened. Believing that other oil rich Arab nations might follow Libya's lead, something had to be done. For the government felt that if Mr. Muhammad could get solid financial backing, this would enable Him to attract and hire Black intellectuals to help Him implement His ideas. Then, He would be able to expand at a phenomenal pace and attract all of the Black people in America. The FBI knew that the Honorable Elijah Muhammad had accomplished a modern-day miracle by building what He had built up to 1972 primarily with unlearned and unskilled help.

The news broke with sudden fury: "Hanafi Muslims Murdered! This crime was one of the most brutal, fiendish and cowardly acts ever committed to my knowledge among Black people by Black people. According to the newspaper accounts, one of the men running away from the scene of the crime was overheard saying "That's for messing with Elijah!" Was this the act of fanatic zealots, or was this act inspired by those whose desire it was to show Black Muslims killing Orthodox Muslims? This would kill three birds with one stone:

1. discredit the Religion of Islam in America as a force capable of solving the problems of Black people;
2. cause other Muslim nations to censure Libya for helping this group that was portrayed as being against Orthodox Islam; and
3. cut off all Arab money from aiding the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and the Nation of Islam.

There is documented evidence in the FBI files that through their counter-intelligence program, signatures were forged on counterfeit organizational stationery on letters designed to create hatred and bloodshed between various Black organizations. Was this Hanafi Muslim letter to the followers of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad authentic, or was it more of the dirty tricks of the FBI?

Within a few days, the Muslims were in the headlines again: "Shoot-Out at a Brooklyn Sporting Goods Store!" Orthodox Muslims supposedly had broken into the store to steal weapons to avenge their slain brothers and sisters in Washington.

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for our people. The FBI engaged in illegal, unlawful, wicked and deceitful practices through the news media to make the sincere followers of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad look like thugs and criminals.

### More Plots Against Islam

The Autobiography of Malcolm X became required reading on all major campuses. No other great Black author or leader has acquired that distinction. Why? The government knew that Elijah Muhammad's teachings were soon going to overtake our people. In medicine, we give an inoculation against disease so that antibodies may be set up against that disease. The government decided to give the Black masses a dose, an inoculation of Islam, to set up or buildup a resistance in the students to what was, in their eyes, a "disease" . . . the Message of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. The last chapter of the book was designed to make our people love Malcolm and hate the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

However, just as the swine flu fiasco, on which the government spent millions of dollars, failed, so did their inoculation scheme against the teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. The Muslims were on the move! Seventy thousand people showed up at a Black Family Day Bazaar at New York's Randall's Island sponsored by the New York Muslims. Phenomenal! Stupendous! Think of it. The hated Black Muslims drew seventy thousand people in a stadium, not to hear Billy Graham or some faith healer, but to hear the Message of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. Junkies, thieves, convicts, doctors, lawyers, teachers, gamblers, musicians, students, artists and statesmen, no matter what the field of endeavor, few Black people had been left untouched by the Message of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. More and more people began to show respect for the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and the Nation of Islam. Inside the government, outside the government, and in international government circles, all showed respect for the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

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The Nation of Islam was now importing thousands of tons of fish from Peru to feed the masses of our people in the major cities. The Nation of Islam bought an airstrip in Gary, Indiana as a beginning of our air transport service. The Nation of Islam was hoping to buy Tuskegee Institute and planning to return it to the noble principles of its founder,

Booker T. Washington. The government was alarmed. Henry Kissinger, the former Secretary of State, sent a letter to the Peruvian government asking them why they were selling fish to the Black Muslims in America. The government did not want to see us pull up and go for ourselves.

### The Praise Which Leads to Destruction

The propaganda being spread among our more militant brothers and sisters was that the only reason the Nation of Islam wasn't being "vamped on" was because we were a part of the "Establishment". Officials of state and local governments began openly praising Mr. Muhammad and His mighty work of reform. Was this praise genuine, or was it another attempt to alienate and isolate the Muslims from the Black community? Mayor Daley of Chicago, a foe of Messenger Muhammad for twenty years, began to praise Him. Mayor Daley and Governor Dan Walker issued a proclamation declaring February 26, 1974 "Elijah Muhammad Day" and "Elijah Muhammad Week". Mr. Daley and Mr. Walker appeared on the front page of *Muhammad Speaks* and the Messenger was speaking kindly about them.

Was this a new "era of good feelings"? Were the Muslims changing? Many Black people in the streets and some of our intellectuals were very dissatisfied at this development, seeing two white archenemies of the Messenger on the front page of *Muhammad Speaks*. Elijah Muhammad was quiet. He said to me: "They are honoring me, brother. It would be uncivilized for me not to show them respect in return."

Messenger Elijah Muhammad knew His enemies one hundred percent. They could not deceive Him. But, He was also painfully aware of the fact that some of our own people would never accept a Black leader unless the white man put his stamp of approval on him. This being the case, many secret admirers of the Messenger and the Muslims could now come forward and confess their love and their commitment to the Nation of Islam.

So far reaching was the Messenger's influence that despite all He had been through, He was conquering His enemies majestically. In certain major cities, the influence of the Muslims was colossal. Though the Muslims did not vote, they were openly courted by Black politicians who knew that acceptance by the Muslims as a friend meant support for him or her at the grassroots level, and possibly a victory at the polls.

This ever-increasing praise for the Honorable Elijah Muhammad made many Muslims very happy. At last, after so many years of evil, vicious propaganda, police attacks, jailing, persecution, and even death, the Muslims were being openly accepted.

I, personally, did not like what I saw taking place within the Nation

of Islam, for Muslims seemed to be accepting this praise as genuine and were being thrown off-guard. Some ministers and laborers of the Messenger began seeking proclamations from various mayors and governors declaring Elijah Muhammad Day or Elijah Muhammad Week.

This grieved me. And in a speech in Berkeley, California at an "Elijah Muhammad Day" celebration sponsored by the Black mayor of that city, I warned the Muslims not to be carried away with this praise, especially by those who fought us every step of the way in an attempt to thwart every inch of progress we made. My warning to the Muslims was carried in *Muhammad Speaks* newspaper. But, unfortunately, the die was already set and that which is written in the scriptures had to be fulfilled: "This is a people who draw nigh unto me with their lips, but their hearts are far removed from me."

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad was never a Man who sought the praise of the world. He wanted us to carry into practice the principles that would lead to self-determination, self-independence and a nation of our own. He wanted us to practice the principles of righteousness and decency. This is the only honor that was and is befitting His forty-four years of labor among us.

### No Praise Necessary

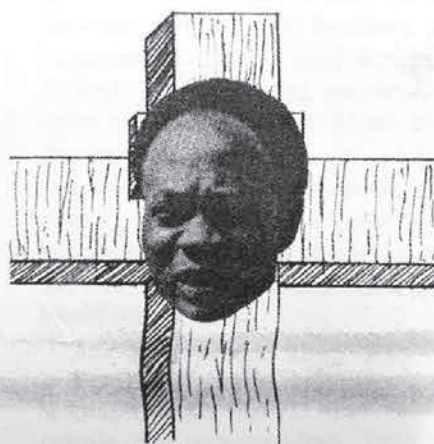
No words of praise need to be spoken in His behalf. What is needed is a commitment on our part to the principles for which He stood. Of course we know there are many who believe that the Honorable Elijah Muhammad was a wrongdoer, a sinful man. But, by the help of Allah, in the very near future, I will defend His righteousness. Soon the world will see His slanderers and detractors in utter disgrace and ruin under the Divine Chastisement of Allah.

Before Jesus was brought to trial and crucified, He also was widely praised for raising Lazarus from the dead. Jesus told His disciples to go into the village where they would find an ass and a colt tied. He instructed His disciples to untie them and if any man should say anything to them, they were to say: "The Lord hath need of them." The Honorable Elijah Muhammad has told us that the "ass" represents the unlearned masses of our people who are tied and shackled to the false ideas and religious philosophy of the slavemaster's children.

When Lazarus was found by Jesus, bound and shackled with a napkin covering his eyes, Jesus said to Satan: "Loose him and let him go." These words are the same words spoken by Moses to wicked Pharaoh: "Let my people go." The Honorable Elijah Muhammad, like Moses and Jesus, challenged the wicked government of America and the satanic powers of this world, which hold the Black masses in spiritual and mental bondage, to let the Black man go to do something for himself. The Honorable Elijah

Muhammad taught all of His ministers how to break the tie that binds us to our former slavemasters and their children.

The unlettered masses, the social misfits, came to Elijah Muhammad and He made them whole. He called us (Lazarus) from our grave of mental death and ignorance. We came forth! He pulled the napkin of falsehood from our eyes. We began to do what the learned of our people were afraid to attempt: we began to build schools, factories and buy farms. We began to call our people to the task of doing for self. As Jesus rode the ass into Jerusalem to the praise of the people who were saying "Hosanna, Hosanna", (for He had preserved and saved lives), so did Elijah Muhammad come to world reknown sitting on and riding the unlearned, unskilled masses of Black people of America with the wisdom of God preserving and saving our lives. We were stamped with a mark of beauty in the midst of ugliness.



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As the praise of Jesus soon turned into cries for His crucifixion, soon the praise of Elijah Muhammad turned to cries for his crucifixion, even from among those who were the beneficiaries of His suffering, sacrifices and labor.

### Muslim Potential Feared

For the entire 44 years that the Honorable Elijah Muhammad was among us, the Muslims and the police were at odds. Why? A careful examination of police records will show that the Muslims, under the leadership of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, were the most peaceful of all the citizens of America, white or Black.

Many police officials have admitted that they have never had any trouble or even a hint of trouble with the Muslims. Then, why were the Muslims so viciously attacked by police in scores of cities across the United States? The government feared the discipline and the militance of the Muslims. So, they sought to make us appear criminal by keeping us under constant police surveillance, harassment and attack, striking terror in the hearts of Black people, which they hoped would seriously affect and limit the growth of our membership.

Imagine what one million clean, disciplined, militant Black people, whose hearts and minds are only for



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Allah (God) and righteousness, would look like. This was a potential threat to every blood sucker of the poor . . . to the Mafia who control the drugs and crime in our Black communities . . . to corrupt police who benefit from the crime in our communities . . . to corrupt politicians and preachers who have no accountability to the masses of Black people . . . to exploitative businesses and blood-sucking utility companies operating in our neighborhoods. In general, all forces destructive to Black people, who could see the ACTUAL power of the Muslims, and, more importantly, the POTENTIAL power of the Muslims, had a vested interest, not only in the destruction of the Nation of Islam, but also in the destruction of the theology and philosophy that created this particular kind of Black man and woman.

The police are always used in a repressive, oppressive society to check and destroy any group, Black or white, that the government and the establishment perceive to be a threat. And, so it was with the Nation of Islam.

## Muslim Discipline

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad taught His followers to be law-abiding. Through His captains, ministers and lieutenants, both men and women, boys and girls, were taught and trained to respect authority, whether that authority was white or Black, Muslim or non-Muslim, and regardless of whether or not that respect was returned.

Our love for the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and, more importantly, our belief in Him as the Messenger of Allah, caused us to willingly obey His instructions, even though of-times obedience and respect for an authority that did not respect us caused us pain. We swallowed personal insult and abuse, out of our love for Him. This not only made us internally strong, it also taught us how to repress the expression of any emotion that might be injurious to the well-being, aims and aspirations of the group.

Our discipline helped us survive the onslaught of police attacks. We were attacked by the police from 1932 until 1974, and our history shows, to the best of my knowledge, less than 10 deaths attributed to police attacks on Muslims. Unarmed, we fought back in the Name of Allah and in practically all cases, we came out the winners.

We had many problems obeying Black authority because most of us who held authority, as Black people, had never before had the opportunity to hold such a position. Consequently, many officials became "drunk" with their newfound "power" and abused Messenger Muhammad's followers. Yet, our discipline never broke down. The Messenger's words are true. He said, "You are the best followers of any leader in the country." Some FBI and police agents, who appeared to be the best followers of the Messenger, rose through the ranks to become top officials. From these lofty positions they tried and did drive away some of the Messenger's strongest and most intelligent help. This is not to dismiss the fact that our own ignorance was also an internal enemy.

If Muslims would reflect on our history, we would certainly ask the question of the Christian gospel hymn, "How I Got Over?"

## Relationship With Black Police

In the major cities of America, the open hostility between Muslims and Black police was being eroded. The constant barrage of propaganda being fed to the police about Muslims by their top leaders, under orders from J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI, had created a veil of propaganda that was now being torn asunder. Black police were eating in Muslim restaurants and enjoying fellowship with us across the country. Black police were visiting the mosques, not as undercover agents, but as brothers seeking to learn, surrendering their guns and badges upon entering, submitting to the authority of Allah and His Messenger, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

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Soon, Black policemen and women began the process of becoming followers of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. Many arguments broke out in police stations among Black police and detectives over Muhammad and His teachings.

Elijah Muhammad was gaining ground and converts in the armies of the mayors of the United States of America! The Afro-American Patrolmen's League in New York, under the leadership of Leonard Weir (now known as Humza Al-Hafeez) shocked the police society and law enforcement agencies of America by presenting an award to the Honorable Elijah Muhammad for His outstanding work. As National Spokesman for the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, I was being invited to address police societies throughout America. My taped messages to the police were widely circulated. Messenger Muhammad devoted major articles in *Muhammad Speaks* newspaper to the Black policemen.

J. Edgar Hoover was totally upset. This brotherly relationship between the Black Muslims and the Black police had to come to an end. The FBI files will show that the attack on our mosque in Harlem in April 1972 was planned and engineered by the FBI and local police authorities to destroy the Muslim-Black police relationship. The police used in that attack were carefully selected. All were white. The very few Black officers who arrived after the initial attack already hated Muslims.

Again, our God Allah defended and protected us. The Muslims fought bravely to protect our sanctuary. In that attack, a white police officer lost his life and others were wounded. Relationships between Muslims and Black police plummeted to an all-time low. The mosque was under siege for nearly three hours. Though the Muslims were valiant, the real heroes of that police attack on our mosque were the people of the streets. The "junkies", the "social misfits", men, women and children, surrounded the mosque and the police who were in it, preventing police sharpshooters from taking up positions on rooftops, overturning and burning police vehicles and even setting fire to the policemen's bullet-proof vests. The police who had come to prey on unarmed Muslims were now the prey. And I, whom their files will show the police came to kill, had to lead the top police brass out of the mosque through the Black masses surrounding the mosque to safety.

Let the world know that the people in the streets and their fearlessness is the strongest sign of Messenger Elijah Muhammad's warning to His followers that "My best followers are yet in the streets and have never visited a Muhammad's Mosque."

## Muslim Fish Program

A police intelligence officer recently told me that the two pro-

grams most feared by the government were the *Muhammad Speaks* newspaper and the Muhammad Fish Program. He admitted to me that the government was attempting to undermine the people's confidence in the Muslims and the Muslims' confidence in their product by "doctoring" the fish before it got to the Muslims so that the fish would fall apart when it was cooked.

The first shipload of fish from Peru was of excellent quality, over one thousand metric tons. The Muslims in the major cities were organized to go from door to door to offer fresh frozen fish to our people. After we sold our first two million pounds so quickly, and Black people began talking openly to their friends and neighbors about the fish and the clean, courteous Muslims, the FBI began to move against us. For, once again, Messenger Muhammad had jumped ahead of the propaganda machine and was breaking its back.

Many of our poor Black people began to look forward to receiving their fish each week. Many welfare mothers greeted the brothers and clutched the fish to their breasts as though it represented salvation to them and their families. Many Muslim brothers left their jobs to help full-time with the fish program, supporting themselves and their families from the profits of the sale of the fish. A mighty Muhammad Fish Force was formed.

The government knew and well understood that feeding the stomach is the fastest way to win people over to your ideas. They are doing this successfully throughout the Third World. Seeing Messenger Muhammad winning the battle for the minds of Black people, they had to move quickly. So, on the third shipment of fish, we began to hear complaints that the fish was breaking apart. Then, the Muslims had a difficult struggle to maintain the confidence of the people in the quality of their product.

A few Muslims lost some of their valuable possessions in their service on the Fish Force. Some were attacked by police and one brother is permanently paralyzed. However, for the most part, the sincere, hardworking, dedicated Muslims, have never realized the extent to which the FBI went to destroy the confidence of the Muslims in their product and in their leadership. Vicious rumors were spread that the leadership was syphoning money from the fish program to fatten their personal pockets.

## Muhammad Speaks Newspaper

The *Muhammad Speaks* newspaper was acclaimed as the number one Black newspaper in America and in the world. Under the leadership of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, the paper constantly told the truth concerning the condition and plight of the oppressed Third World peoples, especially the Black man and woman of America, the Caribbean and Africa. The late Dan

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The Honorable Elijah Muhammad  
Messenger of Allah.

*This timely article was written by The Honorable Elijah Muhammad on November 5, 1971 but it is still relevant to today and tomorrow. We feel that the impact of His words support the vital need for the unification and survival of the Black Nation.*

*The Final Call reprints these words of the Messenger in hopes that all brothers and sisters in America and around the world will heed His Message and recognize the absolute necessity to Resurrect the Nation.*

**THIS IS THE TIME OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE BLACK MAN**, but there are a very few Black People who really understand the TIME. The Black Man does not yet know that this is the Time of his RESURRECTION, and that is why there must be a General Call to life and spirit of the Black Man.

**RESURRECTION means to RISE UP.** This time is the very greatest time of our so-called freedom from the white slave master's subjection of us to servitude slavery, 400 years.

WE have a little release from the white slave master's sitting around on his plantation, night and day, watching to see that his Black slave did not escape in a run-away.

THE white once—slave-master is now sitting around the grave (mental) to see that his Black once—slave does not escape. The white man is 100% like Pharaoh was, by Israel, which was a sign in every respect of us, the Black man in America.

THE white man is so clever in his tricknology that he deceives his Black once—slave by pretending friendship with him . . . social—equality, which the Holy Quran

warns us of in these words, "Do not let the arch—deceiver deceive you." HQ. Ch. 7:27.

THE white man is the arch-deceiver and he is bent upon deceiving us all. The Bible (Mk. 13:22) teaches us that he will deceive the very elect of Allah (God), if they do not keep wide awake and up-to-date, mentally, with his tricknology (deceiving).

TODAY, the white man knows full well that this is the day of our salvation and he wants to make us to suffer hell, for this is the day of his doom, destruction. We see his doom and destruction going on hourly, now, so much so that he is so confused that he does not know which way to go.

WHITE AMERICA is knocking on the door of every nation to try and to make them his friends. He offers them friendship so that they will have mercy on his condition.

BUT, yet the white man is more hurt over the loss of his Black slave, it was in his mind to trick the Black slave to go to hell with him when he deceived him and kidnapped him from his native land and people (Africa). You will be surprised to know the depth of the white man's tricknology.

I TRY to tell you but you do not care. You are so in love with the white man that you will do anything that he tells you to do, but you will do nothing of what Allah (God) and His Messenger tell you to do.

BUT, how soon, how soon, you shall come to know who is your friend. The white man is not your friend, Black Brother, for they are not friends of each other.

BUT, yet you are like a flea that has been sucking blood from the dog. When the dog dies the flea still thinks that the carcass has a little more blood in it. You find the flea run-

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ning around under the hair trying to find a place to puncture from which to suck blood. But, finally the flea has to jump off.

IT IS a shame to see how plain the truth is, and how your salvation is open before your eyes, as I am your example, and yet you let the arch—deceiver deceive you in this wide-awake life.

EVERYBODY the world over sees that you, the mentally dead, Black People in America are RISING UP, but it is as Daniel prophesied (Bible) that, 'some rise up to joy and some rise up to shame and disgrace.' (Dn. 12:2)

MY BLACK BROTHER, I say that you do not have much time to decide for the Day has arrived and the Hour is now, that you must arise or be destroyed with those who are being destroyed . . . the great arch deceiver, the devil, the caucasian race . . . all of this is made clear to you.

YOU, are my Black Brother and I want to see you accept being set in heaven at once, as this is what our God Has Said to you and me in Person. He said He Would Sit us in Heaven at Once. He Did Not Whisper this behind the door, He Told us in the open.

ARISE, as Isaiah, the Prophet of the Bible, makes it so beautiful, in these words, (Is. 21:60) "Arise, shine, for thy light is come . . ." and in another place it says, "Put on thy beautiful garment."

THE LIGHT is to show you the way out of your ignorancy of mental death. The light is the truth and the spirit of truth is salvation. Jesus prophesied that this is all that was necessary for us . . . the truth (Bible, Jn. 8:32), "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

BUT, you are turning down the truth of our great and beautiful salvation. "Put on your beautiful garments" . . . this means morals. You can no longer go around and disgrace yourselves and still be accepted in a refined society.

I CALL your attention, almost daily, to UNITE WITH ME and let us do something for self. It is said in the parable concerning Lazarus being RESURRECTED by Jesus, that the few words Jesus had to say when Lazarus came forth was for them to take the napkin off of his head. "Loose him, and let him go." (Bible, Jn. 11:44)

THE napkin means falsehood. Lazarus's head was wrapped in falsehood . . . his faith and belief of falsehood. It was necessary to free his brain of falsehood and to put the truth in his head.



# RESURRECTION

## RISE

By Elijah Muhammad



I HAVE taught you and I have proven to you and will prove to you, in no limit of time, that the truth that our God, MASTER FARD MUHAMMAD, Has Made it Known, that we, the Black People in America, have lived under falsehood and we have been deprived of the knowledge of the devil for the 400 years that we have lived here in America, and for the past 4,000 years since Moses.

ARISE, shake off the falsehood out of your head and put on the beautiful truth (in your head) and COME, FOLLOW ME, as I know from Allah (God) what you do not know.

LET US build a nation of Righteousness, Freedom, Justice and Equality. We have tried wrong—doing and false worshipping and

seeking for a God that does not exist in the skies.

THERE are some forms of life on some of those planets or worlds of yours and mine, but they do not have the knowledge of us. They are not as smart as we are in wisdom.

WHY ARE they less wise than we? It is because we made them, so Allah (God) Who Came in the Person of MASTER FARD MUHAMMAD, to Whom Praises are due forever, Taught me.

MY BLACK BROTHER, COME OUT of the mental death that the arch-deceiver put you in. The white man, the arch-deceiver, is not going to RESURRECT you himself, for he knows that you will realize that he has been your arch-deceiver ever since, and

before he brought you into this part of the world.

WE WANT to unite together. I cannot get you to be my Brother to do so, until you have been punished, chastised by Allah (God). I will warn you that His Chastisement is like no other, says the Holy Quran.

I, myself, have seen people under chastisement. They were unable to blink their eyes. They could not move their hands or feet, nor could they speak. In every respect they were the same as a physically dead person. I have picked them up, they were rigid as though frozen stiff, from head to toe.

THE HOLY QURAN says, "He will prostrate you."

BE WISE, shun this chastisement . . . COME FOLLOW ME.

## Teachings of The Holy Quran:

### SECTION 10 CHAPTER 9, VERSES 73-80

#### THE HYPOCRITES

73. O Prophet, strive hard against the disbelievers and the hypocrites and be firm against them. And their abode is hell, and evil is the destination.

74. They swear by Allah that they said nothing. And certainly they did speak the word of disbelief, and disbelieved after their Islam, and they purposed that which they could not attain. And they sought revenge only because Allah—as well as His Messenger—had enriched them out of His grace. So if they repent, it will be good for them; and if they

turn away, Allah will chastise them with a painful chastisement in this world and the Hereafter; and they shall have in the earth neither a friend nor a helper.

75. And of them are those who made a covenant with Allah: If He gives us out of His grace, we will certainly give alms and be of the righteous.

76. But when He gave them out of His grace, they became niggardly of it and they turned away and they are averse.

77. So He requited them with hypocrisy in their hearts till the day when they meet Him, because they broke their promise with Allah and because they lied.

78. Know they not that Allah knows their hidden thoughts and their secret counsels, and that Allah is the great Knower of the unseen things?

79. Those who taunt the free givers of alms among the believers as well as those who cannot find anything (to give) but with their hard labour—they scoff at them. Allah will pay them back their mockery; and for them is a painful chastisement.

80. Ask forgiveness for them or ask not forgiveness for them. Even if thou ask forgiveness for them seventy times, Allah will not forgive them. This is because they disbelieve in Allah and his Messenger. And Allah guides not the transgressing people.



## THE FINAL CALL

## THE CRUCIFIXION

Burley and Charles Howard (our United Nations Correspondent), Joe Walker, John Woodruff, Askia Muhammad, along with many others, made valuable contributions to the growth of this newspaper. Nevertheless, in documents from the Senate Subcommittee on the counter-intelligence program of the FBI, we found that agents of the FBI were planted on the staff of *Muhammad Speaks*. Agent-provocateurs desperately tried to kill the sale of the newspaper by creating incidents around the newspaper, using some of our people to bring the brothers into conflict with the police.

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## The Fruit of Islam

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad knew us, His people, better than any one else. He also knew that His time among us was limited. Therefore, He had to lay the foundation and set the example for our rise as a Nation.

The captains and lieutenants who taught and trained the men (Fruit of Islam) were, for the most part, sincere, dedicated and hard-working. But, even among them were agents of the government. Some officials, drunk with "power", actually drove men away. Nevertheless, the overall effect was that, through the *Muhammad Speaks* newspaper, the Fruit of Islam (FOI) helped the Honorable Elijah Muhammad lift up a great light and set a great example for our people, in order to awaken a whole nation of thirty million Black people to start doing for self and get up from the feet of white people.

Messenger Muhammad knew that we, as a people, have a slave mentality. He knew that we are too lazy to do for self. So, we had to be driven to great things in spite of ourselves. If we count the losses and gains, the positives and negatives, of His overall program, we would have to bear witness to the truth: we provided Black people with hope through our discipline and hard-work. We, the hard-working, suffering followers of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, laid the foundation by setting an example of an independent nation of Black people.

Just as we push a stalled car with the hope that it will eventually start, the hope in pushing and driving us to do for ourselves was that possibly one day we would eventually be

motivated from within to become self-starters, self-drivers, self-pushers, on the road to self-independence.



Patrice Lumumba

When Malcolm X and Wallace D. Muhammad left the Nation in 1964 and both began slandering the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, the FBI instructed their agents within the Nation to "lay low" and watch the effects of this slander of the Messenger and the Nation. The FBI soon discovered that, as long as we believed that the Honorable Elijah Muhammad was the Messenger of Allah, none of this propaganda seemed to have any internal effect on the Nation of Islam. Hoover, exhausted, instructed his people to leave that slander alone. It seemed to strengthen rather than weaken the Nation.

As a result of sending anonymous letters to the Chicago headquarters and instructing agents on the staff of Muhammad's Temple No. 2 to press to have certain ministers investigated and removed, the FBI learned that whenever a strong minister was removed, a loss in membership occurred. They also found that by attacking the credibility of second-line leadership, accusing ministers, captains and secretaries of stealing, adultery, etc., confidence in the leadership weakened and the process of scattering the followers began.

## Plan A and Plan B

In January 1969, Hoover sent a memo to his Chicago office which stated that Elijah Muhammad's health was failing and, upon His death, they (the FBI) wanted to be in the position, through their Chicago agents within the Nation, to either turn the Nation around completely or destroy it. He instructed that upon the death of the Messenger, the philosophy and direction of the Nation of Islam had to become one of STRICT RELIGIOUS ORIENTATION with a FOCUS on SELF-IMPROVEMENT. All reference to race and the BUILDING OF A SEPARATE NATION was to be dropped. If this could not be accomplished, Plan B was to destroy the Nation completely through the promotion of factional disputes.

His agents were ordered to sift through all of the top ministers of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad for their weaknesses. He wanted to

know all those who wanted Messenger Elijah Muhammad's place.

## A Way is Found to Destroy the Nation

It became clear to me, after I read certain FBI files obtained through the Freedom of Information Act, that the FBI had discovered a way to destroy the Nation of Islam. They knew they could not be successful as long as Messenger Elijah Muhammad was among us. Their files show that they wrote anonymous letters to the Honorable Elijah Muhammad's wife, Sister Clara Muhammad, and to His daughters, accusing Him of adultery. Then, their reports show they listened to telephone conversations between Sister Muhammad and her daughters to ascertain whether or not their dirty tricks were succeeding in bringing about internal friction in the Muhammad home and family. Although this slander did heighten some frictions, their wicked efforts never got the desired results.

## Fulfillment of Scripture

Let us return to Herod in the scriptures for a moment. We find that Herod also sifted the disciples of Jesus, for the destruction of Jesus and His work could only be effective if it looked as though it came from within. Jesus knew Judas and his treachery, but never exposed Judas to the other disciples. This was to prevent them from interfering with what was divinely ordained to happen: Jesus' CRUCIFIXION, DEATH and RESURRECTION as a testimony of the power of Allah (God) and also a verification of the truth that He was from the Father of Creation, the Lord of the Worlds.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad likewise knew what was going to happen to the Nation of Islam. In 1973 He told me, "Brother, I DON'T LIKE TO THINK OR EVEN TALK ABOUT IT. BUT THE NATION IS GOING TO TAKE A DIVE FOR THE SECOND TIME: IT WILL GO DOWN TO ALMOST NOTHING." Seeing the strain in my face, He quickly said, "BUT DON'T WORRY BROTHER, IT WILL BE REBUILT AND IT WILL NEVER FALL AGAIN."

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad whispered in certain circles that a hypocrite would rise that would make Malcolm's work in opposition to him look like child's play. The word began to spread in high official circles. In 1974 many articles were written in *Muhammad Speaks* newspaper hinting that Korah, the great rebel of the modern Moses, had not yet been revealed. All of this was done so that the followers of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad might be warned of what was to come.

Jesus also hinted constantly to His disciples of their lack of faith and of His agony and crucifixion. However, when the crucifixion finally took place, instead of standing up in that dark hour of trial, the

disciples of Jesus fell apart.

Likewise, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad told us that we, His followers, would leave Him. At the dining room table, in the presence of all of His major ministers, He said "ALL OF YOU WILL LEAVE ME." I thought in my mind, "Me too?" But I was not bold enough to speak my mind. One brother, however, asked, "All of us Dear Apostle?" He said "WELL, NOT ALL, BUT THE FEW THAT REMAIN WITH ME WILL BE SO WEAK IT WILL LOOK AS THOUGH ALL OF MY FOLLOWERS HAD LEFT ME." He said that the brothers and sisters would go back to the world, the sisters taking off their long garments, smoking, drinking, and some of the Muslims would even sweetheart with devils. As it is written in the scriptures, "Behold the dog returneth to its vomit and the sow once clean returneth to the mud." (2 Peter 2:22)

After 70,000 people came to Randall's Island in May 1974 and 40,000 came again in September 1974 to hear Muhammad's minister, I sat with the Messenger, overjoyed that so many had heard His teachings. He looked at me sadly and said, "OH BROTHER, THE TIME WILL COME SOON THAT YOU MAY GO TO THE TEMPLE AND YOU MAY NOT FIND A BELIEVER IN THE TEMPLE BUT YOURSELF." And now, if I went to the Temple (Masjid) that the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and those of us who believed in Him built to the glory of His God, I would not find in it a believer in Him as the Messenger of Allah. He saw, He knew, and He prepared.

## The Betrayer

We live in a time of betrayal. We live in a time of treachery and great deceit. It is written in the scriptures:

"Know that also in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."

(II Timothy 3:15)

And in St. Matthew, after Jesus outlines the time of tribulations, He says,

"And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold."

(Matthew 24:10-12)

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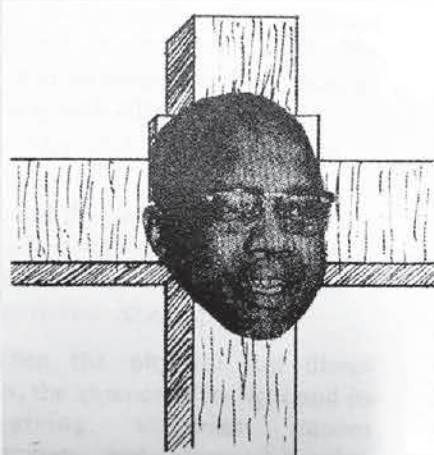
It is instructive to all of us to make a psychological study of Judas, the betrayer of Jesus, his Master and Teacher, that we might learn what Herod and the chief priests learned, and what J. Edgar Hoover learned, of the one who would ultimately betray the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and bring about the crucifixion and death of the Nation of Islam.

Judas is called the betrayer. A betrayer is a traitor, double-dealer, quisling, deceiver, deserter, informer, seducer and apostate. The word *apostasy* in religion deals with change, alteration, modification, variation, deviation, turn-about, about-face and reversal. No one can deny that the Nation of Islam has undergone tremendous change, alteration, modification, variation, deviation, turn-about, about-face, and reversal from what was taught to us by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. Is this Apostasy? Is this the act of a deceiver, a seducer, a traitor, a modern Judas?

The name of Judas with its stigma has become the symbol of treachery and perfidy. However, we generally read what the gospel tells us about this melancholy individual without being sufficiently warned by his example.

In Albert Nichole's book, *Judas the Betrayer*, he writes: "It is clear that Satan took possession of Judas during his lifetime. But, the average Christian and reader of scripture has not taken the time to analyze the character and psychological make-

up of Judas. So, most people are neutralized because they have not acquainted themselves with the lesson of his life and the circumstances surrounding his death. Certainly, Judas alone, through the force of circumstances, was the one to betray the son of Man to His enemies. But this treachery does not remain an isolated incident. It has been and is being repeated through all the ages. Only the outward manifestation is different.



Amílcar Cabral

There is a great need to carefully study the downward path which Judas took. Such an analysis will cause us to examine our hearts and serve to put us on guard against the germs of evil which are so imperceptible at first, but, once having taken root, become so powerful."

If we study Judas closely, we see many sides to this one character which show us that there may be many men with differing functions under this name Judas who also were a part of the conspiracy against

Jesus.

When we look at the words of Jesus in the Gospel of John 6:70, we find Jesus saying, "Have not I chosen you Twelve and one of you is a Devil?" These words raise questions of vital importance.

"We have often wondered why Jesus, who knew the inner thinking of those around Him, whose vision penetrated the depths of the most secret places of the heart, should choose for one of His disciples a man so unnatural as to betray Him and one day be disgraced before all by having to bear the terrible name of Devil. Are we to believe that Jesus was mistaken at the time He made His choice? Did He intentionally choose a traitor so that the scriptures might be fulfilled and the mission Judas was to perform accomplished?" (Nichole, *Judas the Betrayer*).

We must remember that Jesus knew His betrayer both during the time of his sincerity and when he began to fall. The reference to one of the disciples as a devil shows us that 1) one could be a chosen disciple of the Master, 2) spend months, even years in His most intimate company, 3) be a witness of His miracles, 4) listen to all His Teachings, 5) even be sent to announce the Kingdom of Heaven, 6) drive out devils and heal the sick, 7) be used in the conversion of souls, and YET become a devil!!

Judas was not a devil when he was chosen, but he became one. What were the circumstances that turned a zealous disciple into a devil and betrayer of his Master?

As we read the gospels of the New Testament, it is only in the Book of John that Judas actually speaks. Judas is only prominently mentioned at the Betrayal and the Last Supper. Could the reason behind this be that, although Judas was one of the Twelve, he was never really present among the others?

The words of Judas, as spoken in the Book of John, allows us to penetrate the tragedy which was enacted in the dark and troubled soul of this wicked disciple of the Master Teacher. We are given a picture of Judas protesting against the "wastefulness" of Mary, the sister of Lazarus, who had anointed the feet of Jesus with costly ointment. All of the other gospels mention this event, but never are words put directly in the mouth of Judas. Nor do the other gospels mention the name of the woman who did the anointing. This is very significant to those who would reflect. All the disciples murmured against Jesus at that point. But, it was Judas who created the murmuring against Jesus among His own disciples.

Let us look closely at this event. On one side we see love, unable to express itself in words, inspiring the symbolic act (anointing the feet of the Master by a woman with precious ointment) which, through all ages, wheresoever the gospel be preached, shall serve as an example for the faithful followers of Christ. On the other side, however, we see long-suppressed hatred breaking out in violent protest which serves indirectly to show us what a disciple may become if that disciple lets himself or herself be governed by an evil passion instead of conquering it. The love of Mary, contrasted to the hatred and jealousy of Judas, enables us to understand what was heretofore a mystery.

The enthusiasm that Judas displayed at the beginning of his discipleship had now turned into real hatred for his Master and Teacher. He did not want to make a complete sacrifice of himself to Jesus. Being wrong, but unable to admit it, Judas now adopts the attitude that is taken in similar circumstances: hating the person who wishes to save him from his sad fate. The more tender the efforts of Christ to save him, the more acute the resistance becomes. Judas even reaches the point where he can not even bear to see others show their affection to the One who had become an object of hatred to him.

Remember Judas' words, recorded in the Gospel of John: "To what purpose is this waste? Why was not this ointment sold for 300 pence and given to the poor?" These words are very revealing. We see clearly that the diabolical cunning that Judas used to hide his true feelings under a religious varnish gave his selfish interest the appearance of virtue.

Judas did not love the poor, but he wanted to make it appear as though he cared for the welfare of the poor more than the man whom God had raised up as the servant of the poor. Hidden deep within the soul of Judas was a venomous

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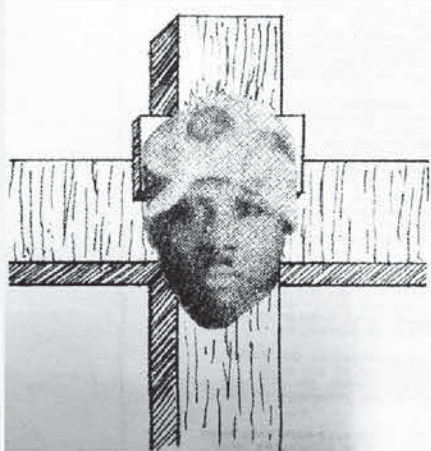
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jealousy of his Teacher. Upon seeing Mary anoint the feet of Jesus and use her hair to wipe the ointment on His feet, he became inflamed. He would not attack the Teacher directly in His presence, so he attacked the woman.

### The Manifestation of Defects

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad constantly warned His ministers and followers that we could turn devil overnight. How little we understood. Why didn't He say we could turn devil in the day?

We live in a time referred to in the Holy Quran as *"The Manifestation of Defects."* The Honorable Elijah Muhammad wrote many years ago, "ISLAM WILL BRING OUT OF US EVERYTHING OF BOTH GOOD AND EVIL." Islam is truth, and truth is light, and light is that which makes manifest what is hidden under darkness.



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Both the Bible and the Holy Quran warn us of the day when that which is done in the darkness will be brought forth into the light. This is that day when each one of us will have to bear the burden of our own sins. However, it is written of that one who betrays the Son of Man that it would be better that he had never been born. Do not you see today the manifestation of the wickedness of governments, rulers and nations? All of this is a sign of our own manifestation.

The departure of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad from us has brought out much that was hidden in the people, both good and evil. His departure and the fall and death of the Nation of Islam, has done more to prove the truth of His claim that He is the Messenger of Allah (God), that He did meet with Allah (God) in Person, and that Master Fard Muhammad was and is God, than His 44 years of work among us.

As we now enter the Final Phase of the closing down of a world; as Allah takes away America's power and loosens the wicked grip of white people over us; as Divine Chastisement whips America, the Arabs and the hypocrites of Messenger Elijah Muhammad for their part in the conspiracy to destroy the Nation of Islam, every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Elijah Muhammad is He of whom all the Prophets spoke. He is the Jesus we have been seeking all our lives.

In the Honorable Elijah Muham-

mad's Last Sermon to us in 1974, He said, "The sun is setting, but it will rise again." He was telling us that He was leaving us and the light (Truth) which He gave us would set; a false light would rise up in the night. But, as the moon helps to ripen the fruit, so would this false light help to ripen us into the understanding of those things which He taught us that we did not fully understand.

Then, as night eventually passes away, a star would rise heralding the dawn of the return of the Divine Light and the resurrection of the Nation and its ascension to a glorious position with Allah (God).

In the Holy Quran (25:47), it reads:

*"And He it is Who made the night a covering for you, and sleep a rest, and He made the day to rise up again."*

When the physical sun disappears, the absence of its light and its life-giving vitamins causes drowsiness and sleep. Likewise, when the life-giving sun (Messenger of Allah and His Truth) leave, the result is spiritual drowsiness and spiritual sleep—or death.

No one can deny that in the absence of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, the Nation of Islam has experienced spiritual sleep or death; it is no longer recognizable as it once was and darkness has come over all of Black America.

### "All Ye Shall Be Offended"

Jesus knew that all of His disciples would be affected by His betrayal and crucifixion. Likewise, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad knew that all of His followers would be adversely affected by His absence.

During his last year among us, He did very little teaching. He would raise questions and test us to see how we would answer. He would say, "Go and find the answer to this problem for this is what you will have to do after me." Then, He would sit at the table among His family and weep. And, as He wept, He would be asked, "Why are you crying, Dear Apostle?" And He would answer, "I am crying for you and what I see coming to you after I am gone."

When His son, Wallace D. Muhammad, came into the leadership, we hoped for the continuance of his father's work. However, many became offended and left quietly, fading into the night. I held on, trying vainly to build a bridge between the Father and the son, until it became clear that I could not because the son was and still is opposed to the Father. Since no man can serve two masters, I eventually came to the crossroads in the valley of decision. I chose to follow the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

The Nation began to be turned completely around. Most of the Messenger's strong ministers and helpers were moved to different cities which had a debilitating effect on the poor followers. The Messenger was scandalized. Since I was His National Spokesman, I had to

"die" with Him. Therefore, I was also scandalized. Muslims who gave their all to the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, and many who gave their all to Him through my representation of Him in New York and throughout America were greatly offended and the scriptures were fulfilled.

Once the Messenger was no longer looked upon as the Messenger of Allah, it was easy for the scandal to take effect. His body of knowledge then began to die in the people.

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To offend means 1) to attack; to assail 2) to hurt the feelings of; to insult; to displease; to make angry; to affront; to mortify 3) to be displeasing to the taste, sense 4) to injure; to harm; to hurt 5) to sin against; to transgress 6) to draw to evil or hinder in obedience; to cause to sin or neglect duty. To offend also means 1) to transgress the moral or Divine law; to sin; to commit a crime or fault 2) to cause dislike, resentment, or anger; to give offense 3) to take offense; to be scandalized.

As the Honorable Elijah Muhammad was made to appear a weak,

immoral man, a trickster, guilty of misrepresenting Himself, God and the Truth, and even a Devil, soon many became offended. This manifested itself in many ways. Some brothers and sisters, hurt, angry, disillusioned, went back to the "grave," picking up all the old habits of yesterday, and, even worse, throwing away their holy garments, taking down the picture of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, throwing away His books and writings. Some went back to drugs, prostitution and gambling. Many lost their lives. Some went to prison. Many were unable to mentally handle the scandalization of the Messenger and are now in insane asylums.

Many who stayed in the Mosque because they had no place to go or because they believed in the "new direction" began to manifest in their appearance, actions, and words, a loss of self-respect.

The scriptures of the Bible teach, *"And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall grow cold."* (Matthew 24:12) Lawlessness and wrongdoing began to grow in the Nation and the love of many for the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and His Truth grew cold. The Messiah was cut off and was and is without honor in His own house. Although everything the son has, came to him through his Father, yet there is no honor for the Father in His own house.

### A Wicked Government

When the advisors, who were placed around the new leadership to advise it contrary to its own good, allowed the financial records to be opened to the government, the Tem-

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
BLACK NATIONALIST - NATI. GROUPS  
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE  
(NATION OF ISLAM)

Although the Nation of Islam (NOI) does not presently advocate violence by its members, the group does preach hatred of the white race and racial separation. The membership of the NOI is organized and poses a real racial threat. The NOI is responsible for the largest black nationalist newspaper, which has been used by other black extremists.

The NOI appears to be the personal fiefdom of Elijah Muhammad. When he dies a power struggle can be expected and the NOI could change direction. We should plan how to change the philosophy of the NOI to one of strictly religious and self-improvement orientation, deleting the race hatred and separate nationalism aspects.

In this connection Chicago should consider that counterintelligence action might be needed now or at the time of Elijah Muhammad's death to bring about such a change in NOI philosophy. Important considerations should include the identity, strengths, and weaknesses, of any contenders for NOI leadership. What are the positions of our informants regarding leadership? How could potential leaders be trained or neutralized?

The alternative to changing the philosophy of the NOI is the destruction of the organization. This might be accomplished through generating factionalism among the contenders for Elijah Muhammad's leadership or through legal action in probate court on his death. Chicago should consider the question of how to generate the factionalism necessary to destroy the NOI by splitting into several groups.

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As the Bureau is aware the NOI several years ago organized Progressive Land Developers, Inc., and more recently United Dynamics Corporation, both incorporated in the State of Illinois. Both have well known NOI officials as officers - ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is not shown as involved in either. The professed purpose of these groups is economic in nature and gives no appearance of being religious in nature.

Activity by these groups was most limited until the past year to year and one half ago. Since that time the NOI has invested heavily in business properties in the Chicago area and in land in Michigan and Georgia. It was noted publicly regarding formation of these two corporations by the NOI were limited throughout the United States - only two articles have appeared and both dealt briefly with Progressive Land Developers, Inc. buying land in Michigan. Both articles were published in cities other than Chicago.

WALLACE MUHAMMAD contacted this office and volunteered data to the effect he had been surveying NOI business ventures and wanted to write an article about same but needed assistance. Hearing the above facts in mind re the two corporations, the Bureau was requested to give permission to furnish WALLACE with pertinent public record material relating to ownership of these non-religious ventures with emphasis on the fact it appeared membership would be possibly being abused. The Bureau granted permission and WALLACE has given all possible assistance. At this time he is working on his article and requests this office he will advise us of the article and its publication. He Chicago letters set forth full details. It is hoped that publicly emphasizing NOI non-religious ventures will cause factionalism among the leaders and discredit them as the black community and the organization's membership.

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is sole leader of the NOI claiming to have been so appointed by ALLAH. He further claims to be the only divinely appointed leader of all black people in America. His "glimpse" in creating a sure of mysticism

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has been proclaiming the black man to be God and the future ruler of Earth; branding the white man as the devil whose future lies in his destruction by ALLAH through the forces of nature; and a call for a separate state or territory of the United States if they cannot have separate territory. These "glimpses" could be most attractive to many black people in the lower economic strata who would want to hear the white man condemned and castigated because of their own plight. Of course, the development of a seemingly large following would also attract the opportunist - a black man who would profess to believe MUHAMMAD's teachings but is really out solely for personal gain. As is apparent, MUHAMMAD has created through the above an almost fanatical devotion to him on the part of his following; however, this devotion and subservience is purely voluntary as members are specifically instructed to leave if they cannot follow all of the "laws of Islam". The turnover is constant and while many have left because of the NOI's demands they still believe in his teachings.

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, as far as is known, has not designated, or even shown a preference for, an heir apparent. With few exceptions the national leadership is composed of members of his family. All are dependent on MUHAMMAD and the group for their livelihood. Over the years various members of the "Royal Family" have been in the favor of MUHAMMAD only to fall by the wayside because they dared question MUHAMMAD's edicts. A prime example of this would be WALLACE MUHAMMAD who was until about 1966 considered most likely to be the heir apparent and MUHAMMAD himself indicated ALLAH might be communicating with WALLACE. Of course, WALLACE subsequently was suspended by his father because he refused to believe in D. FARD as ALLAH. It is still believed WALLACE MUHAMMAD is the only member of the "Royal Family" who could give proper spiritual guidance to the organization. No one has emerged as a successor to WALLACE insofar as this sphere of activity is concerned.

Recent indications are that HERBERT MUHAMMAD is closest to MUHAMMAD. He is self-styled to be MUHAMMAD's personal aide. He has illusions of running the NOI from behind the scenes when MUHAMMAD passes on.

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There is no indication HERBERT himself will be able to guide the flock spiritually nor is there any indication as to how he plans to accomplish same. He is interested only in such financial gain as the membership will make available to him.

In our opinion there is no one presently in the NOI who will be able to replace MUHAMMAD and the spiritual split he is able to cast on some members of the black race. This must be done to insure survival of the group.

Further, there is no means at present to determine who will succeed MUHAMMAD. Past experience has shown he does not particularly trust any of his sons or daughters and they could be in favor one day but completely in disfavor the next. HERBERT MUHAMMAD is as susceptible to this as any.

It appears the NOI is headed on a collision course for a factional split after the death of MUHAMMAD. The power struggle could well develop among members of the "Royal Family" and could well involve some of the more prominent NOI ministers who could well align themselves with a certain member of the "Royal Family" or could entertain illusions of "rising" a segment of the NOI. Beyond the realm of possibility that anyone of MUHAMMAD's more prominent ministers could make a power play on MUHAMMAD's death. At present, however, MUHAMMAD seemingly has all of these totally subservient to him.

As mentioned earlier, the spiritual aspects of the NOI must be maintained to keep the group going. It is recalled that when MALCOLM X LITTLE defected and later was murdered, many dissenting NOI members sought out WALLACE MUHAMMAD for spiritual leadership. Then WALLACE MUHAMMAD returned to his father on another occasion and was presented to NOI members gathered at an Annual Muslim Convention in Chicago by was widely acclaimed. It is felt WALLACE MUHAMMAD is still largely thought of by his father as he is the only son or daughter who is not completely motivated. It is known MUHAMMAD still asks about WALLACE.

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It is further known WALLACE is adamant in his belief D. FARD is not ALLAH. WALLACE is acknowledged clandestinely by members of the "Royal Family" and is friendly with many of them. He is thought to be held in esteem by NOI leaders despite his suspension. It is not beyond expectations that he could be sought out for support in a power play by a member or members of the "Royal Family" or by various NOI ministers to be a figurehead or the leader. His beliefs are the brotherhood of mankind and self improvement with no hate for other men.

WALLACE MUHAMMAD is well aware of this and maintains his contacts.

The above is pure speculation but factual data can only be obtained as time passes and events occur. At this time proper courses of action can be planned and implemented.

Rebutel refers to legal action against the NOI on the death of its leader and asks such questions as 1) Does MUHAMMAD have a will? 2) Is the NOI incorporated? 3) Is it in the name and where are NOI bank accounts? 4) In whose name are NOI assets such as mosque buildings, MUHAMMAD's home, etc.?

There is no information available as to whether or not ELIJAH MUHAMMAD has a will. This would be information available only to MUHAMMAD and, possibly, an attorney.

MUHAMMAD's Temple No. 2 of the Holy Temples of Islam is shown as being an Illinois corporation at the Cook County Recorder's Office, Chicago; however, there is no evidence of same on file with the Secretary of State, Corporate Section, Springfield, Illinois.

Bank accounts maintained by MUHAMMAD's Temple No. 2 in Chicago are in a state of complete flux at present. Accounts both savings and checking have been maintained for several years in the name of MUHAMMAD's Temple No. 2 at the South East National Bank (all having balances of under \$1,000.00); at Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company (all now closed); at the American National Bank and Trust Company of Chicago (inoperative due to bank policy). ELIJAH MUHAMMAD was not shown as being authorized to draw on any of the above accounts. Rather those

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authorized to draw included officers of the Temple - any 2 of 3. Only one bank account was located for ELIJAH MUHAMMAD. It was a savings account containing less than \$5,000.00 and was in the name of ELIJAH and CLARA (his wife) MUHAMMAD.

NOI properties have been closely followed by this office insofar as title holder, evaluation, etc., are concerned. MUHAMMAD's Temple No. 2, including the University of Islam No. 2; is in the name of MUHAMMAD's Temple No. 2; various business ventures purchased by the NOI are in the name of Progressive Land Developers, Inc., or United Dynamics Corporation (both described above) as are land purchases in Michigan and Georgia. So far as can be determined NOI properties are in one of the above names. The exception to this are: MUHAMMAD's residence at 4847 South Woodlawn; his residence at 2118 West Violet Drive, Phoenix, Arizona; and a residence at 1122 Duplex Street, N.E., Washington, D.C., which are in the name of ELIJAH and/or CLARA MUHAMMAD at present.

Chicago's experience insofar as MUHAMMAD's legal advice is concerned dates back to 1959 at which time ELIJAH MUHAMMAD on legal advice tempered his teachings against the white man and the government, both anonymous in NOI teachings, to avoid prosecution. At that time he deplatformed religious aspects in the NOI and commenced emphasizing economic benefits to be derived by the black man who joined the organization. It appears, based on NOI land and business ventures in the past ten years, MUHAMMAD is implementing verities accrued over the years from the membership and from appreciation from properties sold. His success or failure in these business and farming ventures remains to be determined as they have only been in effect for a year or so.

Over the years MUHAMMAD's legal involvements have been closely followed. He has been represented by numerous attorneys and evidently seeks out advice on new endeavors. IRS has reviewed the NOI and some of its officials but results were negative. Income Tax Returns filed by such NOI leaders as HERBERT MUHAMMAD, who were substantial money managers of CASSIUS CLAY, were reviewed and no discrepancies were noted. It was noted attorneys executed these returns. Perhaps the most significant factor is recognition of the NOI as a religion by USPC and subsequent court, both Federal and State, approval for NOI services in Federal and State prisons.

Chicago has no source in Probate Court, Cook County, Chicago, and has not considered the development of same due

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ple and the Nation's businesses in Chicago were threatened with padlocking if the government did not get what Elijah Muhammad "owed". No other religious group in America has to pay income taxes. All religions in America have always been tax exempt except the Lost-Found Nation of Islam. Yet, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad did more to help the government by cleaning up the mess that white America had created. Despite all the good He did to clean up our people, make them productive, and take them off the welfare rolls, the Nation of Islam was never allowed tax exempt status.

What a wicked government!

Now, the government is happy over the demise of the Nation. Thus, they are full of rewards for the new leadership.

Therefore, it is fulfilled what is written in the Book of Jude:

*"Woe unto them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Baalam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Korah."* (Jude 1:11)

The United States government, for her part in the wicked conspiracy, shall be utterly destroyed by the Will and Power of Allah. The Arabs shall be chastised and they shall lose the right to be the keepers of the Holy City. The hypocrites among the followers of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad shall be grieved night and day, seeking death as a relief, but death shall flee from them. As it is written, *"And on the day when the wrongdoer will bite his hands, saying: Would that I had taken a way with the Messenger! O Woe is me! Would that I had not taken such one as a friend! Certainly he led me astray from the reminder after it had come to me. And the devil ever deserts man."* (Holy Quran 25:27, 28, 29)

### The Hope For a Messiah

Although I have heard many scholarly Black people say recently that we have no need for a Messiah, yet, a careful study of our actions indicate a subconscious hope for and an expectancy of a Messiah, that one Person, backed by The Divine Supreme Being, capable of guiding us to deliverance from our wicked oppressors and their oppression.

All of the scriptures of the Old Testament Prophets point to a coming Messiah. The New Testament gives us the fulfillment of the hope of the expected Messiah in Jesus. However, the wise interpreters and interpolators of scripture have put many present events in the past tense so that we would actually be fulfilling prophecy but yet be unaware of the persons, times and events taking place around us. We would therefore be watching events happen and even be a part of their fruition, yet unable to analyze these events from the viewpoint of Allah (God).

### Reverend Jim Jones and President Jimmy Carter

The phenomenon of Reverend Jim Jones and many other spiritual leaders who have a large following among Black people is a witness of our hope for that Messiah. Those who feel "free" from the religious viewpoint subconsciously manifest their hope for a Messiah (politically) in the fact that over 90 percent of the Black vote went to Jimmy Carter in the last presidential election. Our people hoped for relief and solutions to many of our problems from him. Now, like Jim Jones, President Carter has dashed our people's hopes . . . and despair, frustration and bitterness are setting in.

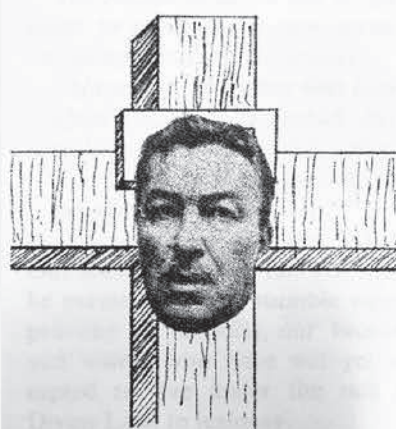
It is written that at the time of the Messiah's advent, the wickedness of the world will have reached its peak. Could this have been 2,000 years ago? Remember, J. Edgar Hoover was expecting this One and he was expecting this One to come from among US (the Black man and woman of America).

*"For unto US (Black man of America and the world) a child is born; and unto US a son is given and a government shall be upon His shoulders; and He shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Prince of Peace, The Everlasting Father. And of the increase of His Government of Peace there shall be no end."*

(Isaiah 9:6)

Our common sense teaches us that the United States government

would not take kindly to another government in her midst. Therefore, the government upon the shoulders of the Messiah would be persecuted. In fact, any sincere religious group that seeks to obey God before obeying the desires of worldly governments will be persecuted.



Adam Clayton Powell

*"Arise and shine! Thy light is come."* (Isaiah 60:1)

Arise Black Man! Shake yourself from the dust, the filth and nothingness of this weak and wicked civilization, for the knowledge or Truth you have needed and sought to free yourself is present among you.

Why have we not recognized this Truth and This One? It is written that He would suffer among us to establish a Kingdom (righteous nation). It is also written that before He is fully revealed and publicly recognized for who He really is, He must lead a hidden and despised existence:

*"The light shined in the darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not; He came unto His own, but His own received Him not."* (John 1:5)

The Truth and the Man of Truth would be in our midst, but our love of darkness (falsehood) and our love of the world would blind us to the presence of the Divine Light of God in a man from among us. Although we were His own people and He would come to us with our own light with a Truth that would make us free, yet, we would not receive Him.

### A Virgin Shall Conceive

As a woman that has not known a man is referred to as a virgin because she has not conceived new life, likewise a people who have not had a relationship with God cannot conceive Divine Life.

The Black man and woman of America are styled scripturally as a "virgin" people because we have not had a Divine Relationship with God to conceive His Divine Life.

The word "virgin," when referring to land, is that which is considered backwoods, wasteland—uncultivated, wild and wilderness. Who can deny that we, the Black people of America, are considered backward, uncultivated, wild, untamed, uncivilized, savage—a people laid waste . . . a virgin?

Yet, it is written, a "virgin" shall conceive. This virgin, the Black people of America, conceived and brought forth new life, Divine Life, in the personage of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, the Messenger

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of Allah.

Allah's (God's) visit among us under the cover of darkness produced a mighty miracle in our midst: The Messiah—Immanuel—the demonstration that God is *now* with us (Black man and woman of America). This man, Elijah Muhammad, though beset on all sides, opposed by the world, opposed by the religious worlds . . . Christians, Muslims, Jews and Hindus . . . opposed by His own people; opposed by the most powerful government in the history of this world, the United States government, could not be taken from his course nor thwarted from making progress. He prospered in the midst of His enemies. He grew and waxed strong . . . in the midst of His enemies. He spread forth a table for us . . . in the midst of His enemies. He cleansed His people from their sins . . . in the midst of His enemies.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad was backed only by the power of His God, Master Fard Muhammad, to Whom praise is due forever, and the few of us who had the courage to follow Him. Yet, despite his clear testimony and indictment against this world (white world), He never bowed or bent His will to theirs. They, at the end of His forty years among us, began to recognize the magnificence of His work.

But His work had to be destroyed and His followers scattered in order that the scriptures might be fulfilled.

## They Bought Error For Guidance

In the four years since the departure of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, the Nation of Islam has been sorely tried. We have witnessed a group of persons that gave life and energy to an entire people succumb to the forces of the world. The Nation of Islam wears a crown of thorns. That once alive quickened mind, that inspired a whole people with its discipline, hard work, cleanliness, courtesy, righteousness and fearlessness, is now **CONFUSED**.

The great question . . . **WHY** . . . is in the foreheads of the Muslims and of our people.

The hands that were busy building a nation for Black people are **NAILED**. All work in the way of self-independence has ceased.

The feet of the Nation that were moving toward freedom in a land of our own are **IMMOBILE**, **NAILED** to the acceptance of America and the status quo. The feet that walked after righteousness and after the Law of God are **NAILED** to the acceptance of the sport and play of this world's life.

The Nation has been pierced in its side and the blood, or life, of righteousness is slowly leaving the body. Fatigued, thirsty, the muscles cramping, the excruciating pain of seeing all their sacrifices made to build a Nation gone, many have lost the will to continue. And so the Nation cries out "My God (Eli), My God (Eli) Why Hast Thou Forsaken

Me? (Lama Sabachthani)

The scriptures read, "Behold, he calls for Elijah, let us see if Elijah will take him down."

"It is finished!" So many Muslims feel its all over, so they have gone back to thinking totally of themselves, never to again be a follower of anyone or anything. They are lost, confused, ashamed, broken — offended — transgressing the Divine Law.



W.E.B. DuBois

"He gave up the Ghost!" The very essence of the spirit of Truth and inspiration has been coughed up. And, as from a state of nothingness we came, we have now returned to nothingness, doing nothing in the way of self. Dust to dust. Ashes to ashes.

It is written in the Holy Quran (2:16, 17):

"These are they who buy error for guidance, so their bargain brings them no gain, nor are they guided. Their parable is as the parable of one who kindles a fire, but when it illumines all around him, Allah takes away their light, and leaves them in darkness—they cannot see."

## There is Hope of Life After Death

It is written in the Holy Quran, "When we have become as dust, can we be raised again to life? That is easy for Allah."

"Allah is He who brings you forth from your mother's womb, some of you He causes to die, others to attain maturity, and some of you He returns to the worst part of life that after knowing you know nothing."

Allah brought us forth from the womb of ignorance and the grip of slavery. He caused some of us to die or return to darkness. Others, He caused to grow in maturity and knowledge. And, there are some whom He returned to the worst part of life. After knowing, they now know nothing. They are spiritually senile, acting as we acted in our first stage of development . . . like dependent children.

My beloved brothers and sisters who do not consider yourselves Muslims, you too have in some way or another felt the pain of the death of the Nation of Islam. But, for a Divine reason. It is written,

"Except a kernel of corn fall to the earth and die, it cannot bring up a new stalk."

Just as no farmer feels badly about sowing a kernel of corn into the earth to bring up a new stalk; likewise, no Muslim will feel badly about the sacrifice of all we built. We will understand that it was to bring about the fulfillment of the mission of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad: the resurrection of our mentally dead people.

The Nation of Islam had to die in order to produce the movement in our people toward life (Truth).

"Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid; but rather through their fall, salvation is come to the Gentiles, to provoke them to jealousy."

(Romans 11:11)

Our stumble and our fall was not to be permanent. Our stumble was to provoke the Gentiles, our brothers and sisters who have not yet accepted to live under the rule of Divine Law, to jealousy.

**The death of the Nation is not permanent. As after the third day Jesus rose from the dead, likewise, after the third year of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad's departure from us, His followers began to rise again into the spirit of His mission.**

It was you, the public, who screamed at the Muslims:

What happened to you all?

Why are you changing your dress?

Where is your discipline?

Why are the schools closing?

Where is the farmland?

Where is the fish program?

Why aren't you out there selling the paper?

Why are you all carrying the flag?

My God! I don't like the way you all look and act, dancing and partying and living riotously!

## Our Loss Has Been Your Gain!

If you have gained from our stumble and fall, how much more will you profit from our rise again? As it is written:

"Now, if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles, how much more their fullness?"

(Romans 11:12)

Oh brothers and sisters, when you see the members of your family who were Muslims doing all the things they once preached to you against, don't be quick to judge or condemn. Understand that they paid a price to bring you closer to the understanding of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and His mission among us.

The death of the Nation is not permanent. As after the third day Jesus rose from the dead, likewise, after the third year of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad's departure from us, His followers began to rise again into the spirit of His mission.

Now, many Muslims throughout the country are purifying ourselves

from our fall. And, after our three-day descent into hell under the power of Satan, we are rising and ascending toward Our Father, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

Soon, you shall see the Nation up again, clean and spotless, with no sign of the "grave" or the "sting of death":

"Sown in weakness—raised in power

Sown in dishonor—raised in glory

Sown in corruption—raised incorruptible

Sown a natural body—raised a spiritual body

"So, when the corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O Death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"

(I Corinthians 15:42-44-65)

The "second group" or a new generation is now being raised that will be greater than the first group just as Messenger Muhammad said and the scriptures bear witness: Many that are first shall be last and the last shall be first.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life. If you believe in me though you are dead, yet shall you live again."

Allah (God), in His abundant mercy, has caused me by my return to belief in the Honorable Elijah Muhammad as the Messenger of Allah to begin the process of my resurrection and ascension. He has set me before you to make a **FINAL CALL** that you may return from your temporary grave to resume your Divine Work of rebuilding a great Nation for self under the law of righteousness, and that the entire Black nation especially in the United States may come forth from the grave of spiritual, mental, moral, political, social and economic death to establish freedom, justice and equality for ourselves and others.



Paul Robeson

Think! Reflect! Then Get Up and Do! **THIS IS THE FINAL CALL!**



# TEN BLACK COMMANDMENTS

## Principles for Survival

1. We **MUST** seek unity with our Creator, recognizing the reality of God, as we search for the Truth which will set us free.
2. Brothers **MUST** commence being *real* men and stop exploiting the weaknesses of Black women by disrespecting and misusing the bearers and nourishers of our future.
3. Sisters **MUST** dress and have a decorum that commands respect, then demand that Black men cease abusing you for present, short-term gratification at the expense of future, long-range objectives.
4. We **MUST** strive for academic excellence, not for the purpose of selfish material gain, but to prepare ourselves for a lifetime of productive service for the elevation and advancement of our people.
5. We **MUST** by our everyday examples challenge our friends, relatives, and associates to cultivate a wholesome race pride which will generate warmth, love, and a spirit of community among us as a people.
6. Our bodies **MUST** be treated as temples of the Holy, therefore we must safeguard our health by consuming good, life-giving foods and drink and not consume harmful, death-dealing drugs and alcoholic beverages.
7. We **MUST** stop imitating the degenerate actions of white people, whose world order is diametrically opposed to the legitimate aspirations of Black and other oppressed peoples.
8. We **MUST** stop lying and gossiping on each other, as well as check our roguish activities, for these actions stunt the growth and development of both perpetrator and victim, thus undermining the faith and trust so desperately needed among us.
9. We **MUST** actively engage in destroying the artificial barriers of political, sectional, fraternal and religious differences which so foolishly divide and fragment our race.
10. We **MUST**, today, work as hard to integrate and be non-violent with *ourselves* as we were, yesterday, to integrate and be non-violent with others.

*NOTE: The Ten BLACK Commandments were written by Godfrey Patterson, a graduate student of theology at Howard University. These "principles for survival" are based on his perception of Minister Farrakhan's first national address on the survival of the Black community.*

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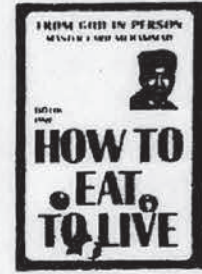


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### What the Muslims Want

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1. We want freedom. We want a full and complete freedom.

2. We want justice, Equal justice under the law. We want justice applied equally to all, regardless of creed or class or color.

3. We want equality of opportunity. We want equal membership in society with the best in civilized society.

4. We want our people in America whose parents or grandparents were descendants from slaves, to be allowed to establish a separate state or territory of their own—either on this continent or elsewhere. We believe that our former slave masters are obligated to provide such land and that the area must be fertile and mineral rich. We believe that our former slave masters are obligated to maintain and supply our needs in this separate territory for the next 20 to 25 years—until we are able to produce and supply our own needs.

Since we cannot get along with them in peace and equality, after giving them 400 years of our sweat and blood and receiving in return some of the worst treatment human beings have ever experienced, we believe our contributions to this land and the suffering forced upon us by white America, justifies our demand for complete separation in a state or territory of our own.

5. We want freedom for all Believers of Islam now held in federal prisons. We want freedom for all Black men and women now under death sentence in innumerable prisons in the North as well as the South.

We want every Black man and woman to have the freedom to accept or reject being separated from the slave master's children and establish a land of their own.

We know that the above plan for the solution of the Black and white conflict is the best and only answer to the problem between two people.

6. We want an immediate end to the police brutality and mob attacks against the so-called Negro throughout the United States.

We believe that the Federal government should intercede to see that Black men and women tried in white courts receive justice in accordance with the laws of the land—or allow us to build a new nation for ourselves, dedicated to justice, freedom and liberty.

7. As long as we are not allowed to establish a state or territory of our own, we demand not only equal justice under the laws of the United States, but equal employment opportunities—NOW!

We do not believe that after 400 years of free or nearly free labor, sweat and blood,

which has helped America become rich and powerful, that so many thousands of Black people should have to subsist on relief, charity or live in poor houses.

8. We want the government of the United States to exempt our people from ALL taxation as long as we are deprived of equal justice under the laws of the land.

9. We want equal education—but separate schools up to 16 for boys and 18 for girls on the condition that the girls be sent to women's colleges and universities. We want all Black children educated, taught and trained by their own teachers.

Under such schooling system we believe we will make a better nation of people. The United States government should provide, free, all necessary text books and equipment, schools and college buildings. The Muslim teachers shall be left free to teach and train their people in the way of righteousness, decency and self respect.

10. We believe that intermarriage or race mixing should be prohibited. We want the religion of Islam taught without hinderance or suppression.

These are some of the things that we, the Muslims, want for our people in North America.

### What the Muslims Believe

1. WE BELIEVE in the One God Whose proper Name is Allah.

2. WE BELIEVE in the Holy Qur-an and in the Scriptures of all the Prophets of God.

3. WE BELIEVE in the truth of the Bible, but we believe that it has been tampered with and must be reinterpreted so that mankind will not be snared by the falsehoods that have been added to it.

4. WE BELIEVE in Allah's Prophets and the Scriptures they brought to the people.

5. WE BELIEVE in the resurrection of the dead—not in physical resurrection—but in mental resurrection. We believe that the so-called Negroes are most in need of mental resurrection therefore, they will be resurrected first.

Furthermore, we believe we are the people of God's choice, as it has been written, that God would choose the rejected and the despised. We can find no other persons fitting this description in these last days more than the so-called Negroes in America. We believe in the resurrection of the righteous.

6. WE BELIEVE in the judgment; we believe the first judgment will take place as God revealed, in America . . .

7. WE BELIEVE this is the time in history for the separation of the so-called Negroes and the so-called white Americans. We believe the Black man should be freed in name as well as in fact. By this we mean that he should be freed from the names imposed



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upon him by his former slave masters. Names which identified him as being the slave master's slave. We believe that if we are free indeed, we should go in our own people's names—the Black peoples of the earth.

8. WE BELIEVE in justice for all, whether in God or not; we believe as others, that we are due equal justice as human beings. We believe in equality — as a nation — of equals . . . We do not believe that we are equal with our slave masters in the status of "freed slaves".

We recognize and respect American citizens as independent peoples and we respect their laws which govern this nation.

9. WE BELIEVE that the offer of integration is hypocritical and is made by those who are trying to deceive the Black peoples into believing that their 400-year-old open enemies of freedom, justice and equality are, all of a sudden, their "friends". Furthermore, we believe that such deception is intended to prevent Black people from realizing that the time in history has arrived for the separation from the whites of this nation.

If the white people are truthful about their professed friendship toward the so-called Negro, they can prove it by dividing up America with their slaves.

We do not believe that America will ever be able to furnish enough jobs for her own millions of unemployed, in addition to jobs for the 20,000,000 Black people as well.

10. WE BELIEVE that we who declared ourselves to be righteous Muslims, should not participate in wars which take the lives of humans. We do not believe this nation should force us to take part in such wars, for we have nothing to gain from it unless America agrees to give us the necessary territory wherein we may have something to fight for.

11. WE BELIEVE our women should be respected and protected as the women of other nationalities are respected and protected.

12. WE BELIEVE that Allah (God) appeared in the Person of Master W. Fard Muhammad, July, 1930; the long-awaited "Messiah" of the Christians and the "Mahdi" of the Muslims.

We believe further and lastly that Allah is God and besides HIM there is no God and He will bring about a universal government of peace wherein we all can live in peace together.

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