A Message Dedicated to the Resurrection of the
Black Man and Woman of America and the World.
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, its fall, and the tragedy that brought about its death and the Force that is bringing about its resurrection. We shall 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.

"...As shall be was revealed because of me this night; for it was written, I will smile the sheep, 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. Black people are not guaranteed 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, marshals its forces to eliminate our leaders, scatter their followers and destroy their organizations.

The recent unfortunate destruction 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 leadership.

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 the strongest Black leaders. And, it is not an accident today, now that those professional classes are walking 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 castigated 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 president and powers that be served, to see the parallel and make a comparison.

The greatest men of the Old and New Testaments were Moses and Jesus. Both men appeared among wicked rulers and people who held another people in bondage. In both nations, government 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 imbecile 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 pill and 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 if we are to be two centuries from the Food and Drug Administration would be able to tell whether or not the birth control pill was safe.

Remember, the birth control pill was especially designed for Blacks, Hispanics and Third World people. Black mothers 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.
Likewise, Hoover had for nearly fifty years watched the growing dissatisfaction of Black people. He saw a zealot movement arise among us calling for varying degrees of justice. The calls ranged from a cry for voting rights, an end to discrimination, lynching and brutality, to a demand for reparations and independence for a land of our own. 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 Chap- pell James, a super patriot, who died brokenhearted 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 Chap- pell James feared in government circles? Could it be that they fear our people are growing successful and gaining high positions? Is it because they believe that one day we might use that knowledge and these 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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Marcus Garvey

As Jesus became stronger among the people, and His fame began to spread, the authorities became more exasperated, and despaired that the pupils of Jesus would turn away from their masters to keep knowledgeable of Jesus' words and actions. Agents were placed among their listeners to raise questions that would cause Him to come into conflict with the law in an attempt to trap Him. The question was one of the questions designed to produce doubt in those who believed in Him.

They said to Jesus, "We have heard that you are 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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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 BEATRICE. 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. Given second and third line leadership had to be effectively neutralized or destroyed so that the scattering 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 MALCOLM X? Were not these same techniques used to destroy the Honorable MARCUS GARVEY and scaring the members of his movement? It is not true that these same techniques were used in the destruction of NOBLE DREW HINES and the scattering of the Moorish Science movement? Were not these same techniques used to buy about a crucifixion of PAUL ROBESON, ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, STOKELY CAR- MICHAEL, 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 lies 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 in- dignities 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, insects, or diseases. 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 insulate that they would not escape.

In its mild form, sedition means civil disobedience, non-compliance, and passive resistance. In its more extreme form, it means rebelliousness, riotousness, insubervivenses and extremism. All of these words were applied by the United States government to Black leaders and to all forms of Black protest throughout our sojourner in America, but especially during the sixties. These same words shall be used against us as we protest our deteriorating condition in the 1980s.

This form of punishment was used to make examples of the Jews and serve as a warning to potential offenders. Herein lies a public reminder of the Jews' servitude to an alien power and was followed absolutely in Palestinian 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 disciplines who abandoned Him. Is that 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 by neglecting 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 forms 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 arrest and accost the leaders and without that 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 them.

Silencing the crucified victim of all his clothing shows how the private and personal life of the leader must be destroyed. Our enemy knows that no one gets through this life without committing some sin. So, it is written in the scriptures that the enemy of the righteous, the enemy of the sacred, or the stranger that seeks justice for us, to use that which appears to be his own mission 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 movements, lost, or gamble, to gain the rob (the followers) of the leader. Binding the leader to the cross means 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 the 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 effec-
tively 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 offi-
cials. 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 1980's?

Impact of Elijah Muhammad's Leadership

As every storm has its eye, so every dynamic movement for social, political, economic and spiritual freedom is a central figure or force generating the spirit of that movement. For example, in 1934, es-
cially 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 bears the mark of the Black movement in America.

Many, if not most, of the accom-
mmodating 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 "radical" 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 its agencies to the legitimate cry of Black people for justice? What the President, the Congress and govern-
ment agencies are saying in response to our demands can be summed up in three words: "Go to Hell!"

It is not guns that the government of America fears, for they have the capacity to build equal or superior arms to any builder of arms in the world. It is truth that is feared. This world is built on a lie! It is built on the myth of white supremacy. And this poisonous doctrine has crept in to religion, education, politics, law and medicine. Therefore, to expose and destroy this myth underlines the very foundation of their world.

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 govern-
ment was determined to stop Eli-
jah Muhammad at all cost, to des-
roy his Movement, or to turn it around to complacently say 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 anointed teacher who would stand up and be willing to pass any price, bear any burden, suffer any hardship to deliver and establish that truth which would bring 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 Eli-
jah 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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willings to deal justly with Black people, that some of our strongest Black politicians are being effectively stripped of power and pushed out of office.

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 Na-
tion 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 such surveillance, inform-
ants, dirty tricks and discrediting tactics of the government toward the Nation of Islam and all the Black leaders and their organi-
izations, especially during the 1960's, 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 what they wanted to do in the "new" faith, Islam, and to follow the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. This was done to put fear into the new Muslims so that they might be continue following the Messenger. Neighbors and family members were warned and shown a photograph of the Muslim brother or sister. Naturally, this frightened the neighbors and families who would then call other neighbors, families and friends tell-
ing them of the FBI visit and ques-
tioning. 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 communi-
ty 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 community 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 was some who feared us, and some who hated us, there were many who admired the Muslims.

Why, you might ask, was it that the FBI had gained a victory in contain-
ting and isolating the Muslims from the Black community, Allah (God) and the FBI collaborated to defeat a 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 come 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 moth-
er, 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, borne visited by the FBI, was very strong, though few in number, we were mightier than all of the pres-
ence, evil from the white society and neighbors that was brought against us for our new faith. Again, this gave us a powerful thing that our unity and love for each other was and is the key to our survival.
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Mr. Muhammad's Illegal Imprisonment

When the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 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.

Mesenger Muhammad was thoroughly questioned by the FBI on what he was teaching to Black people in America. They could find no crime that related to the maligned Nation. Nevertheless, He was sentenced to five years in the federal penitentiary at Milan, Michigan, of which he served for 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, a 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 the President, that he must move 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, no white defender of white injustice, could handle Malcolm. He was in a class by himself. He was a leader of leaders. He had 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 was interviewed on the topics of the Nation and 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 areas. The teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad were assiduously attacked. Malcolm X was sifted thoroughly, his weaknesses found and exploited. Finally, the sought-after split became reality.

History will undoubtedly show that Malcolm could not have been assassinated without the aid of federal and local law enforcement agencies. Two innocent Muslims had to be framed in order to produce a direct link between Malcolm's assassination and the Nation of Islam so that their wicked propaganda campaign could turn the hearts of Black people against the Nation of Islam and promote bloodshed between the followers of Malcolm and the followers of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

Infiltration of the Nation of Islam

There is now ample proof that in the close circle of collaborators around the Honorable Elijah Muhammad were agents of the United States government who reported daily on the conversations held at His home, on His plans and projects for the Nation. Agents of the government were in the very highly critical area of the Nation of Islam. They were high in the government's security department. They were on the staff of the Muhammad Speaks newspaper. They were involved in 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 also fed to Huey Newton from Eldridge Cleaver to produce bloodshed between these two factions of the Panther Party. They even worked diligently to divide husband from wife and followers from leader. The FBI hoped to destroy the Nation and the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and the Nation of Islam.
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The Honorable Elijah Muhammad had so destroyed the veil of propaganda by his clear, direct and positive good works that no Black leader of note would speak against him; they had done away with 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 only to violence. So the rebellion of the sixties came to an end. 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 communications.

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 programs with the constant commentaries, 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 the homes began to see that eventually they felt they would become a part of the Nation of Islam. Elijah Muhammad was clearly growing in stature 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 early adherents of Islam were characterized by the propagandists as “Black Capitalists”. It was, or at least was signed to separate us from our brothers.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad, as Father and Son, never tried to defend His economic posture. Thus, many Black bourgeosie were attracted to the Nation of Islam. The young idealistic Black nationalists and socialists were either neutral or turned completely off track. 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 perverted 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.

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 something had to happen again. The inappropriate 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 from all parts 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 states either imprison, excised, destroyed or dead, the FBI could now turn its full attention to the last chinks 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 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. Therefore, looking at the age of the Honorable Eli- jah Muhammad and the fanatic zeal and loyalty of his followers, they knew that 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 its writings of 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? Who better to hide 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 crept 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 members of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad received a very vicious letter signed by the leader of the FBI 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 loss from the Legal Government. This infuriated the U.S. Government. Knowing the “job” the FBI was doing, all of the agencies were doing on the Black Muslims overseas, they wondered how this could have happened. Believe me, government operations might follow Libya’s lead, something had to be done. For the government felt that if Mr. Mus- sadeq 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 had been a small religious group primarily with unlearned and un- skilled help.

The news broke with sudden fury: "Hanafi Muslims" try to destroy the Nation of Islam. Crime was one of the most brutal, felonious 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 Eli- jah!” Was this the act of fanatic zealots, or was this act inspired by those whose desire it was to show the Black Muslims killing Orthodox Muslims? This would kill three birds with one stone:

1. discredit the Religion of Islam as 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;
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 covertly intelligent, the Honorable Muham- med’s followers were forged on counterfeit organizational stationery on letters designed to create hatred and bad will shed 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 days, the Muslims were in the headlines again: "Shoot- Out at a Brooklyn Sporting Goods Store". A black mail robber had broken into the store to steal weapons to avenge his slain brothers and sisters in Washington.

It is regrettable that some Muslims, who has always taken pride in being a God-fearing nation, has done in a sincere religious body of people whose only desire was to uplift ourselves and make a future.
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for our people. The FBI engaged in illegal, unwarranted, wicked and deceitful acts. It created 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 build a resistance in the students to what was in their eyes, a “disease.”

The message of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad was right. The book was designed to make our people love Malcolm and hate the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

However, just as the swine flu, on which the government spent millions of dollars, failed, so did its 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 Banquet in New York’s Randall’s Island sponsored by the New York Muslims. Phenomenal! Stupendous! Throngs of Black Muslims. New York’s black Muslims were not being bought off by financial incentives. The message of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad was right. Black leaders in the nation were not worthy of love. The only people who were loved were the leaders of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. Junkies, thieves, convicts, doctors, lawyers, teachers, gamblers, musicians, artists, distinguished New York state and statemen, no matter what the field of endeavor, few Black people had been loved by the government 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.

It is utterly disgraceful what America, which has always taken pride in being a God-fearing nation, has done to a sincere religious body of people whose only desire was to uplift ourselves and make a future for our people.

The Nation of Islam was now important enough to the government from Peru to feed the masses of our people in the major cities. The Nation of Islam brought an airport in Ghana, using jet planes and air transport service. The Nation of Islam was hoping to buy Tuskegee Institute and planning to retire it. It is 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 if they would like to send food to the Black Muslims in America. The government did not want to see us pull up and go for ourselves.

The False Flag Leading to Destruction

The propaganda being spread among our most 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 Muslims from 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 aristocrats of the Messenger on the front page of Muhammad Speaks. Elijah Muhammad was quiet. He said to me: "They are honoring my 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 many of our 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. To think that the Muslims did not vote, they were openly courted by Black politicians who knew that acceptance by the Muslims as a friend, would be the key to their heart and help their 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, and murder, the Muslims were being openly accepted.

I, personally, did not notice what I saw taking place within the Nation of Islam, for Muslims weren’t being accepted this praise as genuine and were being thrown off-guard. Some ministers and laborers of the Messenger began sending letters from various mayors and governors declaring Elijah Muhammad Day or Elijah Muhammad Week.

This grieved me. In a speech in Berkeley, California at an "Elijah Muhammad Day" celebration sponsored by the 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 introduce Him to His rightfulness. Soon the world will see His slanders 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 shown that the "Lord has need of the unlearned masses of our people who are tied and shackled to the false idols and religious delusions of the slavemaster’s children.

When Lazarus was found by Jesus, bound and shackled with a chain covering his body, Jesus told Him to Satan: "Loose him and let him go." These words are the same words spoken by Moses to wicked Pharaoh: "I am the Lord, and I will show 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 day which hold the Black masses in spiritual and mental bondage, to let God, as a Black man, free 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, so I rode the ass 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 stumped with a load of beauty in the midst of ugliness.

Kwame Nkrumah

As the praise of Jesus soon turned into cries for His crucifixion, soon the praise of Elijah Muhammad turned into 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 a problem 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 made 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, childlike Black people, whose hearts and minds are only for
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Allah (God) and righteousness, would look like this. It was a potentially 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 at 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 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 Messengers of Allah'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 could answer 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 the 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.

My countryman and fellow citizen, he is going to us to "bless" us. We Muslims can advance our cause toward as spiritual and possible victory as largely, if...

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If... is. the President...

in the world 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 Mosque."

Muslims Fish Program

A police intelligence officer recently told me that the two programs most feared by the government were the Muhammad Speaks newspaper and the feed rack fish Program. He admitted to me that the government was attempting to undermine the people's confidence in the accuracy of newspapers. The government's confidence in their product by "doctoring" the fish before it got to the market. And, we believed the fish would fall apart when it was cooked.

The first shipment of fish from Peru was of excellent quality, over one thousand metric tons. The fish 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 jumped ahead of the propaganda machine and was breaking its back.

Many of our poor Black people began to look for ways to do their own fish each week. Many welfare mothers greeted the brothers and clutched the fish to their breasts as though it was being represented 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 Muslim Fish Force was formed.

The government knew and well understood that feeding the stomach is the first 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 possession on the force 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 doing everything they could to get money from the fish program to fatten their personal pockets.

Muhammad Speaks Newspaper

The Muhammad Speaks newspaper was acclaimed as the finest 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 people, especially the Black man and woman of America, the Caribbean and Africa. The late Dan (Continued on p. 12)
The Honorable Elijah Muhammad  
Message 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 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 trick-nology 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 trick-nology (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 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 trick-nology.

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 running 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 in 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’ 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.
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 these 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:

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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.
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Burley and Charles Howard (our United Nations Correspondent), Joe Walker, John Woodruff, Askin Muhammad, along with many others, made valuable contributions to the growth of this newspaper. Nevertheless, in documents from the Senate Subcommittee on the Committee of Intelligence programs of the FBI, we found that agents of the FBI were planted on the staff of Muhammad Speaks. Agents 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.

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 continued to hold the true concern concerning the condition and plight of the oppressed Third World peoples, especially the Black man and women of America, the Caribbean and Africa.

The Fruit of Islam

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad knew us, His people. He knew us 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 hardworking. But, even then, they were agents of the government. Some officials, drunk with "power," actually drove men away. Nevertheless, the fact remains 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.

Message 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 want the losses and gains, the positives and negatives, of His overall program, we would have to be wiser. And in the end, creator Black people with hope through our discipline and hardwork. We, the hardworking, suffering, building and fighting Black people of Elijah Muhammad, laid the foundation by setting an example of an independent nation of Black people.

Just as we put 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, and 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 with 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. However, exhausted, instructed his people to leave that slander alone (Mansur), and to strengthen rather then 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 that 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 sided the disciples of Jesus, for the destruction of Jesus and His work could only be effective if it looked as though it were from without. Jesus knew of Herod's 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 Jesus was from the Lord 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 DIVIDE 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 history-creating 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 to one of them, "The next time I see YOU, I WILL NOT KNOW YOU." 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 ALSO BE THROWN INTO THE FIRE! We 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 sweeten their hearts with devil's. As it is written in the scriptures, "Behold the dog returneth to its vomit and the sow is clean returned 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 BROTHE, 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 day, I would have found 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 the Messenger as 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 deception. The men who wrote 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, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." (2 Timothy 3:1-5)

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)

SUPPORT THE NATION!
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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, quidling, 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 Nicole'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."

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.

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 and 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 Jesus with a very precious ointment) which, through all ages, whatsoever 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 an ungodly 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 herefore 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 oil sold for 30 pieces of silver 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. But 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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jealousy of his Teacher, Upon seeing Mary anoint the feet of Jesus and 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 evil overnight. How little we understood, Why didn’t He say we could turn evil 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.

Noble Draw All

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 the day when each one of us will have to bear the burden of our own sins. However, it is written of that one who bears 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.

As part 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 arrival of His Kingdom, Allah takes away America’s power and loosens the wicked grip of white people over us; the Great Charter movement 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 Muhammad’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 was to rise; 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 direction of the nation and its ascension to a glorious position with Allah (God).

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

“And He is He 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 viruses 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 see the answer to the 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 conclusion that I could not serve in the valley of decision. I chose to follow the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

The Nation began to be turned completely behind. 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 great- ly offended and the scriptures were fulfilled.

Once the Messenger was no long- er 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 trespass 6) to draw 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 mani- fested 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 Muham- mad, 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 scripture 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 weak. 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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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 to 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 and 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 its 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.

“"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 person who has 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, Maner Farid 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 words 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 forefront 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 sport and play of this world's life.

The Nation has been pierced in its side and it bleeds, life, or life of righteousness is slowly leaving the body. Fatigued, thristy, the muscles cramped, the excommunicating pain of seeing all saints and sacred scriptures made to build a Nation gone, many have lost the will to continue. And so the Nation cries out: "My God (EL), My God (EL) Why hast Thou forsaken Me? (Lama Sabachthani)

The scriptures read, "Behold, he calls for thee. No one see if Elijah will take him down."

"It is finished!" So many Muslims feel in 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.

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 bring about the fulfillment of the mission of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad; the resurrection of our morally dead people.

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

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"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 (Q: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 illuminates 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 maturi
ty, 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, some are those 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..."

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.

Was it you, the people, who questioned as the Muslims: What happened to you all? Why are you changing your actions? Where is your discipline? Where 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 parading 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 show you closer to the righting 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—glory Sown in corruption—incorruptible Sown in weakness—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?" (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." (John 11:25)

Paul Rosbenos

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 mistreating 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 stifle 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.

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What the Muslims Want

This is the question asked most frequently by both the whites and the Blacks. The answers to this question I shall state as simply as possible.

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 color or color.

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

4. We want a 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 naturally 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 have a 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 full equality under the laws of the United States, but equal employment opportunities—NOW!

We demand 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 law 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.

10. 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.

11. We believe that intermarriage or race mixing should be prohibited. We want the religion of Islam taught without hindrance 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-ān 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 interpreted so that(Modified will be not surprised 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 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 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 people 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 perfused friendship toward the so-called Negro, they can prove it by dividing up America with their slaves.

If 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 in 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.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad

HE IS RISEN