

What Islam Has Done For Me

IN MEMORY OF

SISTER MUHAMMAD

By Shirley Hazziez

HISTORY was made last Tuesday, on August 15, 1972, at the funeral and burial of our beloved Sister Clara Muhammad, wife of our leader and teacher, The Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad. I want the world to know of the great love and respect that was paid to Sister Muhammad on this day:

It was sad and yet beautiful at the same time, to see a stream

**Worthy Is,
Messenger
Muhammad**

Dear Holy Apostle:

I hope you can understand how good we feel here in Phoenix to know you are happy. All Praise is due to Allah for your happiness over the uplifting of our Black people here in the helms of North America.

I'm just so glad Allah was merciful to me to let me come into the knowledge of myself under your guidance before it Original Black man and woman has an aim and purpose. All praise is due to Allah for the most Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

Wake up original Black man and woman and follow the greatest leader of the Black man to ever live.

As Salaam Alaikum
Sister Mattie X
Temple No. 32

Messenger Muhammad's Family

**Min. Yusuf Shah
Temple No. 2**

On behalf of the family of The Honorable Elijah Muhammad, we thank each and every one of you for your condolences on the passing of Messenger Muhammad's wife, Sister Clara Muhammad, also his first convert to Islam. Those of you who traveled far and near to see her last remains. And may Almighty God Allah forever bless each and every one of you who sent telegrams, cards and letters to Messenger Elijah Muhammad.

We thank you.

Nation of Islam: progress certain

By Abdul Salaam
Part II

Progress:
2a. Advance or movement to an objective or towards a goal: purposeful getting or going ahead. (Websters' 3rd New International Dictionary; un-abridged)

In part I of this study an understanding of progress was decided upon as a useful parameter by which we might be able to judge the qualities of any people, leader or Nation.

Against this background we have broken down the definition of progress, as defined above, into four categories; social, political, economic and religious. Part I discussed Social and Political Progress. Let's go on with the last two categories.

One has to really search hard to find any real evidence of economic progress amongst Black people other than the Muslims, because it is only amongst the Muslims as a whole that it exists. Certainly there are some very well - to - do Black people in America but I don't think you are going to find any amongst the super rich.

No argument that a handful of Black businesses are starting to establish a solid foundation, but brother, we're 30 million strong and spend 30 billion dollars a year!

The gaping holes in the government's so - called Black Capitalism are there for all to see, and no one seems ready to argue against the obvious fact that such a program has been a failure and the overall economic progress of the Blackman here in America has not appreciably changed in many a moon.

We have been out of physical slavery for over 100 years, yet who is still the last hired and the first fired? A recession for the whiteman is a whopping depression for the Black.

Yet under the umbrella of Islam and the guidance of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, the Muslims can boost of the most forceful economic progress imaginable.

I'm not talking about barbershops, beauty parlors and greasy spoon restaurants, I'm talking about the basics so vitally necessary for the growth, PROGRESS and development of any nation of civilized people — food, shelter and clothing.

I won't go any further here

since in every issue of this dynamic newspaper as well as the fact of the newspaper itself, the reality of the ECONOMIC PROGRESS of the Nation of Islam is abundantly illustrated, in black and white.

Even outside sources in a recent study evaluated the economic worth of the Nation of Islam at approximately \$75 million and that did not account for those things the Honorable Elijah Muhammad already has on the drawing board.

Now, how about RELIGIOUS PROGRESS? Pardon me while I laugh. Is there anyone of you, after really taking a close look at the Christian religion, that has been given to us by the slavemaster, that can really talk about religious progress?

The only progress we have made religiously under the whiteman is a backward one, if I may use such a contradiction of terms. To give up one's own God for that of the enemy and slavemasters' certainly must be classified as ludicrous.

To roll up and down the aisle as a Holy Roller "In" or "Out" of Christ calling upon a Mystery God that doesn't even exist certainly borders on the psychotic.

Please understand, I am not making mockery of anyone, for the Honorable Elijah Muhammad has shown us that we all have come from that kind of life, but once we have learned to step back and see the situation clearly it appears truly ridiculous.

However, when we realize that we have been robbed of a knowledge of ourselves and God, the situation becomes more understandable, but certainly not more acceptable.

Now, however, when a clear argument comes, when a bright light shines forth to dispell darkness and we clearly find that which has been spawned by darkness has no foothold or place in the universal order of things, it is nothing but foolhardy to run back into the darkness.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad has come from the very mouth of God and has given to us another religion, for one of his most lucid articles irrevocably dispelled the notion that Islam is a religion, but is instead the more certain, more satisfying, more understandable nature in which the Blackman was created and is his natural way of life.

Thus when we accept Islam as taught by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad religious progress is assured.

This entire subject of "progress" under the leadership of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad is an exciting one indeed. No doubt books could be written about it, as this newspaper certainly attests to.

But it's time to conclude so let me do so on a personal note. I know quite a few professional men with homes much finer than my own, cars newer, and certainly with longer bank accounts; but I know none, unless he is a follower of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad who can bear witness to what becomes the final measure of the man — a knowledge of himself.

This in essence, is my greatest gift from Allah, whom I thank for raising up a Messenger to deliver it to me, for it enables me to pursue whatever course of good and right I choose for myself with a freedom of mind, with a vigor for life, an enthusiasm to accomplish and a rapport with my own kind that only comes from a knowledge of one's self and one's God.

It prepares me for a judgment day that is surely upon us. This I say to all, and to any willing to listen, that the Honorable Elijah Muhammad never takes without giving something greater in return.

If you think you're good now, behind Muhammad you become better. If you're convinced you're great, behind Muhammad you become the greatest, for he takes that which is you and focuses it; he sharpens your wits and gives your mind a fine - tuning that only a man of, and with God could do.

Yes sir-e-e-e. behind Muhammad PROGRESS IS INDEED ASSURED.

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