

On My Life in the Sudan

How Islamic Brotherhood Flourishes Beside the Banks of the River Nile

By Bayyinah Sharrieff

At the junction of the beautiful Blue and White Nile rivers one finds Khartoum, the three city capital of the Sudan. Although these two rivers join, their currents never blend until well out of the Sudan. One can see these two rivers moving side by side, with their colors never mixing.

THERE ARE findings which prove that man's existence and dependence upon the waters of the Nile goes back far beyond records. And, when one views these seemingly virgin rivers, one cannot help but reflect upon the times when mighty nations flourished along their banks.

The University of Khartoum is located on the bank of the Blue Nile, and many are the times that I have walked thru the main library arch to stroll along the banks of the Nile.

Khartoum is sunny all year. Although the temperatures are high, the humidity is very low, and this condition makes living conditions easier.

a generosity so beautiful and pure flowing from each Sudanese to their brothers and sisters that one will hardly be able to believe one's eyes. Such a clean love of brotherhood I had never seen before. I am very proud to note here that I see the Honorable Elijah Muhammad teaching brotherly love in a pattern similar to that practiced in the Sudan, and I am so very much pleased.

The Sudanese give of themselves to please others. They do not give in order to receive something in return. They give with a pureness of the mind. To bring happiness to another being is one of the most treasured desires of a Sudanese. A Sudanese goes about his daily routine with the idea to do good: To please in the sight of Almighty God. Whose proper name is Allah. This is the beauty of an Islamic society. Islam being a foundation of this society has made it very difficult for the capitalistic powers to completely destroy this nation.

During the 54 years of direct Anglo-Egyptian rule of the Sudan, Christians were employed for clerical work and as mediators between the ruling powers and the Sudanese. As is always the case with the European powers, here notably England, divide and rule was the policy employed. Divide the Sudan and rule the Sudan. Christians vs. Muslims. This is the way England has wished to keep the Sudan in shreds. She did not permit a northern Sudanese south, nor a southern Sudanese north, during her period of rule (unless they had a pass).

Only Christian missionaries were allowed to set up schools in

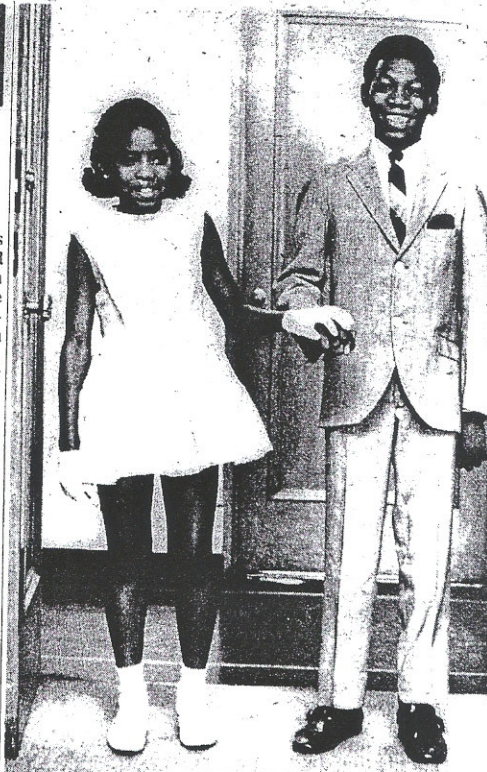
the south. We can see from this that Christianity has been used to suppress Islam. One can even view the civil war existing in the southern Sudan as a direct precipitation of the Anglo-Egyptian rule of the Sudan from 1901-1955, which was in reality a purely Anglican rule.

THE SUDANESE wish to accept us just by looking at our color. They feel a kinship with us and rightly they should for many of us have sprung from the same seeds which have been planted in them. However, there have been so many so-called Negroes who have gone over to the Sudan, Africa and the East posing as friends to the indigenous populations and proving later to be spies, agents for the American or British governments seeking information in order to exploit these peoples and their countries, that our Black Brothers in the East and Africa cannot trust a Black non-Muslim.

The only way one can fully be accepted and trusted in Africa and Asia is to be a Muslim. And, believe me, those who follow the Honorable Elijah Muhammad will find open arms extended to them wherever they go in the Muslim world. Many followers of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, who have gone to Africa and Asia can verify that which I have written.

In Islam all who submit to the will of Allah are looked upon and regarded as brothers. We in Islam therefore have a brotherhood bounded by the laws of Islam which establish and uphold a mighty trust of brother in brother.

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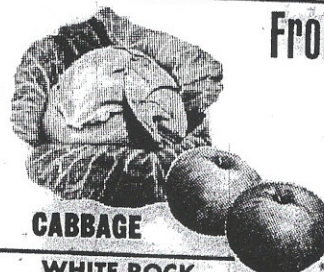
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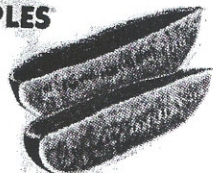
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