

Messenger Muhammad's health

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In Mr. Delaney's article that he wrote in the *New York Times*, Thursday Dec. 6, 1973 concerning the Messenger's health—that he is 75 years-old and ailing and that his death is expected to set off a violent struggle for power.

First of all, Mr. Delaney, I can see through reading your article that you do not have the knowledge of the prophets of the past or of Messenger Muhammad and his Divine Mission.

Let us look at the age of the prophets before Messenger Muhammad: Enoch the father of Methuselah, who walked with God, lived to become 360 years old, Genesis 5:23. His son Methuselah lived to be 969 years old, Genesis 5:27.

Prophet Noah was 600 years old when the flood of water was upon the earth, Genesis 7:6. He lived after the flood 350 years and all the days of Noah was 950 years. That was a long time Mr. Delaney.

Now, let us go a little further. Mr. Yakub, the father of the white man, lived to be 150 years old, so Messenger Muhammad teaches us that Almighty God Allah taught him, "Pittsburgh Courier, Dec. 1958.

Abraham lived 175 years before he died Genesis 25:7. Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was not dim nor his natural force abated, Deuteronomy 34:7. This means at the age of 120 years old he was a young man in his old age notwithstanding the unparalleled hardships he had gone through.

Now, Mr. Delaney, if all of these righteous men of God lived to see many years and they received their mission through dreams and visions, what do you think of one whom God taught face to face for nearly three-and-a-half years and if he is just 75 years old, this man is still a baby.

Mr. Delaney, I want to teach you these things about the Messenger where you will have a thorough knowledge of the man whom you are trying to condemn.

But Almighty God Allah teaches the messenger in the Holy Qur'an that "The messengers before thee were certainly mocked at I gave respite to those who disbelieved, then seized them; how awful was then my equal!"

Mr. Delaney, you are not the only Black man who has made mockery of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and the Nation of Islam. Some of you unbelievers and hypocrites, whenever you want to slander us you claim that you could not get in touch with the Officials of Temple No. 2 and I am there every day—twice on Wednesday and Friday.

Mr. Delaney—I am with the Messenger every day of the week, 365 days of the year, and if anyone should know how the Messenger's health is, I should.

Mr. Delaney, the Messenger is a healthy man—he looks good, he eats good; every day I see him, he has on a different suit and fez, shoes shining like polished glass and I haven't seen a doctor there since I have been with the messenger.

Every night he teaches four and five hours at his dinner table. His dining room is full every night—between 20 or 30 guests. His untiring energy in teaching Islam and looking after the welfare of his Followers is beyond compare. He is never careless or negligent.

His courage in upholding the truth under all circumstances is just beautiful. I have never known the Messenger to break a promise.

He is a merciful man. He is the best friend the Black man in America ever had. He never gets upset by any lies told on him or obstacles in his path. He is the most patient and persevering man that I have ever met.

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When will He die?

By Brother-Sultan Muhammad
The Messenger's Grandson

"When will he die?"—these are the words of some of our foolish people who do not have the knowledge of self or the scriptures (Bible and Holy Qur'an). The Honorable Elijah Muhammad is to fulfill the histories of all the prophets before him, and many of them lived to be a good old age.

Moses lived to be 120 years old and the Book must be fulfilled teaches the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. The Book bears him witness—in the Bible: Psalms, Chapter 41, Verse 5— "Mine enemies speak evil of me. When shall he die and his name perish?" Everything bears him witness—why? Because he is from the God of righteousness.

Almighty God Allah, Who Came in the person of Master Fard Muhammad to Whom Praise is forever due. He is the God over all of these things. All was created out of righteousness and all must bear witness to the Creator or be destroyed.

Here is a man giving life to the mentally deaf, dumb, and blind; a man who works night and day for the Black man and woman putting us all on the path of righteousness.

We cannot thank Allah enough for keeping our Leader and Teacher in good health. The only doctor he needs is Almighty God, Allah.

So don't be so foolish as to want to see the death of the only man whom God put here for your and my salvation. When will he die?—when his sender (Allah, God) pleases. With such evil thoughts you had better hope that you don't die in your ignorance before Allah opens your eyes through his Messenger, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

Culture: foundation of a nation

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Culture defined in its broadest sense refers to all distinctively human activities which includes achievements in every field, which man passes on from one generation to the next. Culture is inherited.

Culture is the basic foundation of a Nation. The growth, knowledge, wisdom and arts of a nation come by way of culture. We as modern day so-called Negroes had no culture to inherit, for our parents had no knowledge of our true culture to pass on. Culture is passed on by means of speech and writing. Animals do not have a culture because they cannot pass on their knowledge. They react the way they do by instinct.

Lack of culture is one of the main reasons why other nations laugh and ridicule us as a people. Other nations know the importance of a people's culture.

We had to make up a makeshift culture that was borrowed and influenced by the so-called white man, the devil; his culture is what we call our culture, his way of life is what we call our way of life, his name and language our names and language.

Yes, looking back at this, we are a people to be made fun of.

All Praises due to Allah, in the person of Master Fard Muhammad, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad is giving us back our own true culture and with this our own heritage and righteous place in the world of the Black man.

The devil being a wise and evil scientist had knowledge of the importance of our culture, and knowing this—to kill a

Nation of people mentally and make mental and physical slaves out of them, all he would have to do would be to destroy the very foundation of their Nation; and to do this all he had to do, and did, was to strip our foreparents of all knowledge of their culture. And this was done scientifically by the most evil and inhuman plan ever known to man.

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Testimonial to Muhammad set

CHICAGO—Spokesmen for Guaranty Bank and Trust Co. announced plans to sponsor a Testimonial to the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, Feb. 25, 1974 at the Conrad Hilton Hotel.

PROCEEDS FROM the \$50-per-plate dinner will go to the Honorable Elijah Muhammad Hospital Fund, for building the first privately financed hospital built by Blacks in the country.

Mr. Muhammad, the leader of the Chicago-based Nation of Islam, is being cited for his 43 years of constructive leadership in the Black community, and for the profound effect his work has had on the Black masses.

Initial response to the testimonial to Mr. Muhammad has been encouraging, dinner organizers report, citing several community leadership awards already presented to Mr. Muhammad by churches, college groups—including Olive-Harvey College—also the National Association of Black Police Officers, and the Howard University Dental School.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad Messenger of Allah

By Anna Karriem
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When the Messenger spoke of turning our mentally dead brothers and sisters away from the filth and indecency of the white man's world, he said, "If you cannot put shame in a person, you cannot convert him to a better life."

When instructing laborers on the Divine Posts they hold: "If you are not justified by justice then you can't receive justice. You are justified on your posts by the work you do which will bring you justice."

As an example of humility and a Teacher of humility, the Messenger said, "The reason why we are taught to be humble and submissive is because that is the very nature of the life germ in which we are made. So if we do not humble ourselves, we cannot be the friend of Allah or see the Hereafter."

I bear witness that Allah has bestowed upon the beloved Black man and woman in America, the wisest and most humble Leader, Teacher, and Guide the world of the Black man has ever seen.

The Messenger is so merciful and wonderful that I frankly lack the ability to fully write words that are comparable to the greatest Black man I have ever met.

I love to see the Messenger smile and hear him laugh. The spiritual Light of Allah is always on his dear face. Whenever he laughs, he awakens the spirit of laughter in you because his laughter is so melodious to your ears. His happiness makes you happy.

The Messenger has a gentleness about him that is spellbinding to observe. With such grace and gentility, he handles his eating utensils at the dinner table.

There is gentleness in the motion of his hands when he is explaining a beautiful point of Wisdom. His voice is firm but courteous and warm as he speaks to different laborers.

When I see him walk through his home, he has the gait of an humble man—with one hand sometimes clasped in the other. His rounded shoulders sometimes remind me of the tremendous weight of an entire Black Nation upon his shoulders to teach and guide.

How can we ever Praise the Holy Name of our Saviour Allah enough for a man He has so abundantly endowed with His Holy Spirit?

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