

# What Islam Has Done For Me

## Duty of the Civilized Man

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(This is the second of a series of articles on this most important subject)

Before we discuss the DUTY OF THE CIVILIZED MAN, The Honorable Elijah Muhammad teaches us that we must first understand the word 'civilized' by going to the root of the word, i.e. We must have a clear definition of the word 'civil'. Where was this word first used, and at what time, and by whom, over whom. What was the meaning of this word in its root language.

IN LOOKING in the Webster's Collegiate dictionary, we see that 'civil' is derived from the Latin word, 'civilis' which pertains to citizen. We know that Latin was the language of the Romans and that much of their civilization and language was taken from the Greeks. And in searching the Greek - Roman history we find that 'citizens' was the word applied to members of 'city - states' showing identity of and allegiance with. And that 'civil' pertained to the rules and doctrines of the conduct and rights of the members of a particular city - state. By the same deduction we can locate the time of the origin of the use of the word to about 2000 B.C. (that time at which Moses started civilizing the white man, according to the teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad). We also know from the white man's own study of himself that the barbarians and wild family hordes were living in Europe at that time, and that the 'citizens' (members of the city - states) had to continuously fight to protect their lives and property from the thieving and savage barbarians.

Now being somewhat familiar with the root word 'civil', The Honorable Elijah Muhammad teaches us that we can better understand the use of the word 'civilize' in the present day English.

Civilize, according to the American Collegiate Dictionary is to make civil; to bring out of a savage state; elevate in social and individual life, enlighten, refine. And civilized: having an advanced culture, society, refined.

The civilized person must be civilized, i.e. have the knowledge of himself, and of his surroundings. He must understand the workings of his surroundings. He must have wisdom, culture, and be

refined, i.e. habitually courteous. He must always avoid rudeness, inconsideration towards others. He reasons with the high knowledge and understanding that he has and the wisdom that results cannot be labeled unsound. He pursues love, peace and happiness. The DUTY therefore of a civilized man is to bring out of a savage state, elevate in social and individual life, to enlighten and refine, to teach the uncivilized man to set at liberty his ignorance. Such a man qualifies to be a leader.

When the city - states were in the making, Europe was in a savage, barbaric state of condition, according to their own recordings of history. In 1966, after leaving Egypt (Alexandria) I crossed the Mediterranean Sea by ship. I visited both Athens, Greece, and Rome, Italy, spending 3 weeks in both places. Being a student of Archaeology at that time, I visited their museums, and saw with my own eyes the traces that the Greeks and Romans got their basic rudiments of civilization from the Black man of Asia, where the acts and customs labeled 'civil' by the Greeks and Romans were the everyday characteristics of the Black man. I learned that the glory that had been given to Greece and Rome was in Truth to be given to the Black man of Asia. And the reality that we spent many years studying untruth. The Greeks and the Italians themselves recognize the Black man as being the originator. I experienced much recognition and respect from the average man while I was there, but did not know why until I heard the teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

Last week you read of the uncivilized people. We as a people with all of the characteristics of an uncivilized people need a leader who fulfills all of the qualities of a civilized man to direct us and teach us civilization: The proper knowledge of ourselves and those other than ourselves.

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## STUDENT OF MUHAMMAD MEETS THE DEVIL

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Once The Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad has lifted the veil of ignorance from our once-blinded eyes, we are able to perceive of the depths of the meanings of things that we observe in a manner heretofore unknown. It has been our group practice as Negroes to kill one another without purpose or reason, or for light transient or petty and trivial reasons, for example, arguments over gambling losses, loss of a woman's affection, as the result of intoxicants, etc.

I am reminded of a case where an original Black man reputedly killed his brother because they were gambling and he said the victim stole a quarter in the game, so he shot him to death. The devil's court, as usual, winked their eye at this murder, looked the other way, and after conviction placed the murderer on probation.

His probation officer was a Black man like himself. The brother was a veteran of the devil's wars where he had killed at the whim and caprice of his slavemaster. He hired a devil lawyer to assist in recovering a claim against the government, which claim grew out of his service to the devil. He received a rather sizeable financial award, the majority of which was stolen by the devil lawyer.

One day he came in and sobbed on his probation officer's desk that he had been the victim of highway robbery without a gun, for the devil lawyer had tricked him out of virtually all of his award. The probation officer very knowingly remarked, "Well, I am certain that since you killed a Black man for a quarter, that you have killed a whole lot of white people for those thousands of dollars that this man has stolen from you." But as was to be expected, our brother had killed no one - he only cried.

If it were not for Islam in North America, many of us would now be on foreign battlefields fighting the devil's wars while he and his imps' devoted Black slaves were left free to kill and murder us at will back home. Since we would have readily put our lives on the line for the devil but for the wisdom we have garnered from the teachings of Islam as taught by The Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad,

then we should not be so squeamish about putting our lives on the line for a holy and righteous cause such as the vengeance of the unjust and merciless assault on our brother's life as was the case June 20, 1971 in Tyler, Texas.

As the Holy Quran and the teachings of Islam make our duty clear, let us not be bound by petty geographical limitations, but as we are

bound to our brother, let us work in the name of Allah and his Holy Apostle to make word bond in this matter. Let the student of Muhammad in truth meet the devil that is so prevalent in the mind and body of the perpetrator of this crime against the brotherhood.

All praise is due to Allah for his Messenger, The Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

## The Woman in Islam

By Margary Hassain

IN THE NAME OF ALLAH (God) MASTER FARD MUHAMMAD, to Whom Praises are due forever. The Woman in Islam, daily and forever, gives all Holy Thanksgiving to Allah (God) for Giving us His Divine Leader, Teacher and Guide, The Honorable ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, MESSENGER OF ALLAH, TO US ALL.

MESSENGER OF ALLAH, TO YOU ALL, are familiar words to the hundreds of thousands of readers of MUHAMMAD SPEAKS Newspaper. MESSENGER MUHAMMAD is teaching us to THINK, and he is giving to us other things that are too numerous to mention. But, let us again THINK on these words, MESSENGER OF ALLAH, TO YOU ALL.

The word ALL has great and far reaching meaning. The first definition WEBSTER'S DICTIONARY gives is that the word ALL means: the whole of. And, The Woman in Islam bears witness that The Honorable ELIJAH MUHAMMAD IS THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH, to the whole world.

If you study and follow closely, the Divine Message that he brings Directly from Allah (God) MASTER FARD MUHAMMAD, to Whom Praises are due forever, you too, can bear witness that MESSENGER MUHAMMAD speaks to the whole world.

MESSENGER MUHAMMAD continually tells the world what is going to happen to each nation ... each race of people. And, we daily, are seeing his teachings come to pass in our every day life, and in world events.

The Woman in Islam and her off - spring bear witness that ALL that MESSENGER MUHAMMAD teaches us, is the Truth, Allah (God) Himself, verifies the Word of MESSENGER MUHAMMAD by bringing it quickly to pass, to Show the whole world, that MESSENGER MUHAMMAD is Speaking the Truth and is truly, the Servant of Allah (God).

THE mind of The Woman in Islam, is ever stayed on the Divine Teachings of MESSENGER MUHAMMAD. She is ever reciting the Divine Wisdom that he gives us. Truly, it is our life. He teaches us our past, present, and our future. KNOWLEDGE of self is vital to us. He teaches The Woman in Islam, and she teaches her off - spring. The knowledge of self and other than self.

WITH the knowledge of self and the knowledge of other than self, we have a base of comparison, and we find that no people, no teacher, and no leader, can compare with what we have.

We, the Black People, have the greatest past, for we have the greatest, most far - reaching past which MESSENGER MUHAMMAD teaches us extends back before TIME BEGAN. We have the greatest present, for we have the Greatest God Present with us, today. And His Aims and Purposes, for us, the Black People in America, are the Greatest. We have the greatest of ALL Leaders ... the greatest Leader of ALL time, MESSENGER MUHAMMAD, for he has the greatest and most complete wisdom ... of all of the prophets and world leaders' wisdom which covers ALL of this world, up to the door of the judgment.

ALLAH (God) IS HERE to UNITE US, and so The Woman in Islam and her off - spring join in bearing witness to the Truth, Islam, as taught by MESSENGER MUHAMMAD and we forever Thank Allah (God) MASTER FARD MUHAMMAD, to Whom Praises are due forever, for His Divine MESSENGER MUHAMMAD and His Divine Message. ALLAH IS THE GREATEST!