

## *From the desk of our Founder*

"Oh you who believe, keep your duty to Allah and believe in His Messenger—He will give you two portions of His mercy, and give you a light in which you shall walk and forgive you. And Allah is Forgiving, Merciful" — *Holy Qur-an 57:28* .



THE HONORABLE ELIJAH MUHAMMAD  
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### **A RULE WE MUST LIVE BY**

Almighty God, Allah, who appeared in the person of Master Fard Muhammad, has given us the knowledge of self and others, and we are now spreading it. Allah chose me to teach you this particular subject: "Accept your Own and be Yourself." This was His first and foremost teaching for us. This is the teaching; and, these are the words of Almighty God, Allah, to us in the Person of Master Fard Muhammad, to whom praises are due forever and ever.

Is it true that you have rejected your own? Is it true that you do not want your own and reject the truth that the Almighty God of Truth has brought to you? Is it true that you would rather be other than yourself?

Let us examine our thoughts to see what we are actually thinking about and just what we would like to be. Let us present ourselves to the world as we really are. I do not think that God could have taken a better subject to teach us than the one He has: "Accept Your Own and Be Yourself."

The so-called Negroes, of which I am a member, are the lost and found members of the tribe of Shabazz, from that great aboriginal people of the earth — the Black Nation. Remember this, we are the aboriginals of the earth and are called the Black people, and we are the Black Nation.

Living under the rule of other than our own kind and self for the past 6,000 years has brought much misunderstanding, much not knowing, and many theories that have been used in many places and the people have taken theories that have been used in many places. A theory is not true until it has been proved to be true.

We today, 6,000 years from the beginning of this world, are disputing with one another on who is who and what is what. But, the wisest step taken to put an end to this disputing was taken by God, Himself, in these same words: "Accept Your Own and Be Yourself."