

# What Manner of Man Is Mr. Muhammad?

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Rising in the morning after a couple of hours sleep, he is at his desk when the secretaries and laborers report in. He is there already working on the problems of the 30 million Black People.

The phone rings-and it continues at the rate from 30 calls a day. Perhaps it is a business executive requesting an appointment with Messenger Muhammad; the secretary's voice answers, "One moment., sir, perhaps tomorrow we can schedule your appointment with Mr. Muhammad, but I am not sure as we are already over-taxed with appointments."

The doorbell rings, perhaps it is a banker, or lawyer, or Laborer, or perhaps it is a follower with some personal problem-big or small, in the Messenger's tremendously busy schedule, he has to solve them all. The appointments continue throughout the day, at the rate of approximately ten cleared by noon.

By now it is mid-day and the secretaries look at the Messenger, so busy, so thoroughly involved in putting us on top overnight, and we all marvel and say, what manner a man is Muhammad; surely one from God. All praises due to Allah for the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

Through all of Messenger Muhammad's busy schedule, he never forgets his prayers. And, he will excuse himself to say his prayers. And, we do likewise, praying that Almighty Allah (God) blesses us to please the Messenger in

our work; knowing that if we please His last and Greatest Messenger, we do please Him.

The mailman has now delivered the mail, at the rate of 800 pieces a week. All of which Messenger Muhammad looks into daily and gives answers to as many as he possibly can before the next appointment or call interrupts him.

By this time, Messenger Muhammad has signed several salary contracts, ordered several hundred head of cattle to be fattened for the market, instructed 10 varieties of pies to be baked by our bakeries, advertised for several sales at YOUR SUPERMARKET and special dinners at SALAAM RESTAURANT, made both spiritual and business National broadcasts, dictated both spiritual and business articles, answered all mail possible, cleared ten business appointments, answered at least thirty business calls, ranging from truck drivers and editors to cattle raisers and architects. Besides this, he has dispatched work to his more than fifteen secretaries, not to mention guiding and instructing countless Laborers.

You could not imagine any man doing all that Messenger Muhammad is doing unless God was with him. And, I bear witness that he is definitely a man from God. This happens everyday: Sunday or Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, or Saturday.

Messenger Muhammad is putting us on top overnight. And, he has said, "You are on top. So stay up there. If I see you come slipping down, I will push you back up, and kick the ladder away so that you stay

up there." Surely we should all follow Muhammad.

You would think by now, Messenger Muhammad's work day is over, but there he stands, just as eager, quick moving, sharp and ever-quick thinking as when we greeted him this morning at the beginning of our day's work.

Messenger Muhammad is indeed an excellent example for us, and continuously teaches us that "Nothing is more important than the labor of Islam." And he has, through his shrewd business leadership, lead the Muslims into million dollar enterprises. All of which are first-class, ultra-modern places, providing hundreds of jobs for our people. We have only to qualify for any number of jobs the Messenger has provided for us in bakeries, supermarkets, restaurants, farms, cattle raising, printing press, and clothing factories; and soon, department stores, shoe stores, banks, and hospitals.

Every Black man, woman and child should help Messenger Muhammad acquire these things. He only asks that you help us to help you to help yourselves. And, he often says, "You can do whatever you want if you just put your heart in it, Allah will show you that there is a God in you."

What manner of man is Muhammad? We all know. Let us not forget. All praises due to Allah for you Messenger Muhammad. "O Allah, bestow upon Muhammad the means, the greatness, and high dignity, and elevate him in the most exalted places which Thou has promised him. Verily Thou never breakest Thou promise."

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