

# Messenger Elijah Muhammad Speaks

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**G**reetings to you I am Elijah Muhammad, The Preacher of Freedom, Justice and Equality to the American so-called Negroes. They are called Negroes, but they are not Negroes. They are members of the Asiatic Nation of the Tribe of Shabazz, so said God, Almighty, to me.

The American so-called Negro are the Lost and Found Members of the Black Nation of the Earth, who were brought here some 400 years ago by one slave trader, by the name of John Hawkins of England, who brought our first fathers into the Western Hemisphere as merchandise to be sold to the white man of America. And they were sold between each plantation owner for 300 years. And every one that they became the slave of or piece of property of, they went in the name of that slave-master. And this went on for 300 years. And the last master that they were found with on the declaration of their emancipation from slavery, they are still in that slave-master's name, today. The most education so-called Negro teacher or philosopher has not, yet, been wise enough to see himself that he is yet a slave (free slave) or a piece of property that is owned by the children of his slave-masters, as long as he is called by his slave-master's children's name. This has never been taught the Negroes by the white man, that they are actually his property, as long as they are called by his name or represent themselves in his name. And this shows the blindness of the leadership of the American so-called Negroes. The leadership I refer to in this broadcast of the so-called American Negro, their blindness, their un-cooperating, their division and their dissatisfaction with the spread of the truth in their midst, their opposition against the truth, their opposing the truth of Islam and the

Teachers of the truth of Islam. These are the particular people that this broadcast is referring to. And I will be speaking about their opposition for quite a while.

The leadership of America is similar to, or rather I should refer to them according to the way that Jesus referred to his opponents in his day and time, the religious class of the Jews, in his day and time was his worse enemies. They was the one that taken him and delivered him up to the government to be crucified.

It was the religious leaders of that day, according to the Bible and especially Matthew, the 23rd chapter and the 24th chapter, that actually condemned Jesus to death because that they were not able to compete with Jesus in truth, that he was teaching, and again, because of their jealousy of Jesus' wisdom and knowledge of the truth. That they were afraid that he would become the head of the religious system of that day. And that the people would all be converted unto Jesus, instead of a blind hypocritical religious sect or leader sect that was then in power. They were the real right-hand friends of the government that was against the Jesus teaching and who feared Jesus as probably being the prophesied King that would come and overthrow Israel and destroy her government and set up a government altogether different from the Israelites government. They had they prophecy of such. But nevertheless the governor declared himself more in favor of Jesus than, even, the religious heads.

The religious heads who had studied the Torah and should have known the Torah - The Scripture - was the one that was against of the truth of the prophecy of that Torah concerning the man that they were about to put to death. They were blind. They didn't know. They were Divinely-sent Teachers. They were self-made teachers. They were according to the government of Caesar. They boasted in their friendship to Caesar. So it is today. We have the same thing before us today.

The Jesus referred to them as blind guides, in the 23rd chapter of Matthew.

"Ye fools and blind: for whether is the greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifies the gold?" He goes so far as to say in the 19th verse of this chapter: "Ye fools and blind: for whether is the greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifies the gift?" Here, he's arguing with the religious teachers over their conception of what is holy and what is not holy.

He goes to say, or rather, refers to them, in the 23rd verse in these words, "Woe unto you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!.. "Here , he calls them hypocrites. "...for ye pay tithes of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters..." Here, he absolutely condemns them for not looking at the point of Justice in their teachings of the law of Justice. They, yet, was not considering the real point of Justice in the law. "...Judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other un-done." Now, they were against the real justice. So it is today, with the religious heads of the church. When it comes to real justice for the so-called American Negroes, they are not for a real Justice for the so-called American Negroes. They are ready, on the instant, to sell the poor slave right back into slavery for absolutely nothing.

Blind Pharisees! Blind Leadership! Blind Guides! Ignorant Guides, who cares not for his own future not any other one's future. Take for an instance, today, the so-called American Negroes, especially the leadership, the religious leadership, are absolutely blind to the knowledge of true religion. They are blind to Islam. They don't know Islam. They don't try to study Islam. They hear and they see, today. They visit Africa and see their Black Brothers, where they came from going over to Islam by the thousands. Rejecting Christianity.

The American so-called Negro Preachers would like to go and convert Africa to the Christian religion that enslaved both. It was the Christian religion that enslaved the so-called American Negro, here in America. And it was the religion of Christianity that enslaved the Black man of Africa and all the darker people of earth.

It is this religion that has been the instrument of enslaving and blinding Black man all over the earth, the religion called Christianity. Putting him

into a heaven after he's dead. Preaching to him that salvation cometh to him only after the grave, if he was good in life on this side of the grave, which is the kind of a teaching that no man is able to prove these things.

There is no preacher that could ever prove that a man receives salvation after the grave. No man can prove that. Because there is no return from the dead. There is no communication with the dead.

Let us take a look again. They hear that Islam is in America. They hear that Elijah Muhammad is teaching the religion of Islam to his people. Are they with Elijah? No! They will not even talk with Elijah. They don't want no conference with Elijah. They don't want to be seen talking with Elijah, for fear they might lose friendship with the enemies of truth. Therefore, they are opposed to everything pertaining to the salvation of themselves and to their own people.

Almighty God, Allah, has brought Islam in America to deliver the so-called American Negro out of the shackles of slavery and ignorancy, and to give him a chance to enjoy heaven while they live. But the American so-called Negro's greatest enemy is, as the Jesus says, of his own house. His greatest enemy is his own leadership, who preaches, not the so-called Negro's salvation, but preaches the salvation of the slave-master. Binding the so-called American Negro to his slave-master firmly and permanently, without a chance even to ever enjoy Freedom, Justice and Equality among themselves.

They preach the religion of Christianity, they call it. They preach for you to come follow Jesus, saying that Jesus brought peace to the world and saying that Jesus has brought peace to thier own hearts and minds, while suffering the worse injustice of any people on the face of the earth.

Every since that they have been, and for 100 years, trying to seek a God and Jesus in the Christian religion, has not availed them a naught against the brutality and murder of the slave-master, nor has it delivered them from prosecution, nor have that religion, for a hundred years, ever have made them the equal of their white Christians, who gave it to them. And today, white Christianity is fighting each other to prevent the so-called

Negro from enjoying equal freedom, equal justice with them. This is a known truth.

Today, I say again, the so-called American Negro Leadership is the Negro's greatest enemy. He is the one that the Bible says here, said by the same Jesus that they claim they represent....But this is a prophecy directly to the leadership of America's so-called religious leaders of the Negroes...It says, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in." That's the 13th verse of the 23rd chapter of Matthew.

This is preacher of today in America. The so-called Negro. The kingdom of heaven has come to the so-called American Negroes under the name of Islam. And the so-called American religious leaders, who are supposed to know the religion of God is trying their utmost to keep the Negro from entering in to this religion, which is the religion of most Asia and Africa today. And they read that Asia and Africa, all, are now going over to Islam. The Black man, the Brown man, the Yellow man, the Red man, all ,are looking towards Islam. And any so-called Negro that professes Islam, go into country of any of these that I mentioned; Black, Brown, Yellow or Red, he will find a home among those people if he represents himself as a Muslim. He will not be prosecuted, but he will be received. Even by those who does not even profess Islam.

But here the blind, so-called American Negro leaders, they are the one that is depriving the so-called American Negro from the brotherhood of their own people and from becoming the servants of Almighty God, in the True Religion, Islam.

The world knows that Islam is the true religion of God. The white man of America knows these things. But he is not a Muslim. And he has never taught Islam to the Negroes. Therefore he cannot be a preacher of Islam to the Negroes, but he knows that Islam is the true religion. That is a fact. And that I will prove by any white philosopher, or by any white man. He already knows Islam is the true religion. But it is not his

religion. He has his own religion, Christianity, which came since the birth and the death of Jesus, and it's capital is in Rome. Not in Jerusalem, nor is it in Palestine, where the Jesus did all of his work. But the capital of the Church, the Christian Religion, is in Rome, Italy. And it is a Italian that heads the church, and not a Jew.

I say, my beloved listeners, of the so-called American Negroes, the leadership is Blind. The so-called Negro leadership and especially the religious leadership. They are blind and frightened like a rabbit under a hawk. They are afraid of the truth. They are not afraid to disbelieve in the truth, nor are they afraid of God. But they are afraid of the enemies of truth and wishes the friendship of those who are bent upon keeping Freedom, Justice and Equality from coming to there own people and they wish to show that they are their friends by doing everything that they possibly can against the teachings of Islam. The salvation of the so-called American Negro, which will get him respect among all of the Nations of earth, which will get the so-called American Negro friendship with Almighty God, Allah; which will get the so-called American Negro universal brotherhood.

Many of the so-called American Negro preachers knows this. But they are afraid to say so. They are afraid to act like it. Why? Because they are afraid of the white slave-master's children, who has not taught them religion, who has not taken it upon themselves to open up the true religion of Islam to them, and nor even to represent even the science of their own religion, Christianity, to them - nor teach them the science of The Book, The Bible.

But, nevertheless, the Negro Preachers, some of them, have knowledge of these things and will agree with you in secret. But he's afraid to come out in the open.

Take the Blind, deaf and dumb preacher in Monroe, here, last month. After the police went and broke down the door where the Islamic believers was having a peaceful assembly and was teaching their religion to others of their own race. The white man of Monroe, the police, so

angry, so against the Negroes becoming Muslims or entering the religion of Allah. They go and break the doors down to get in there to beat the so-called Negro out of this house, that he had chosen to worship. Goes and then puts them in jail and charges them with attacking them. One of the most open falses that was ever written or spoken under the sun.

Here, they were sent and locked up in the prison. Because of what? They didn't want them to believe in Islam.

And it has been over-heard coming from the mouth of certain police there that he wants to break the morale of the Muslims.

And one Black preacher was also heard to say that he wish that the Police Department, said it in these words, that "they should have killed the Muslims", when they entered upon them in their meeting. A Black Preacher! A Black Man!...saying to the murderers of his people, who has murdered his people for 400 year. Goes now to show them his loyalty and friendship to the murderer. Says to them, "you should have killed them". For what? Because that "I want to show you that I am not with them, and I'm your friend. I don't like them either".

It is a rotten leadership. It is one of the most cowardice leaderships. It is one of the worst leadership. And the dumbest, And the blindest leaderships that the Negro has, and the is the so-called American Negro Religious Preachers. They are the enslavers and absolute murderers of their own people in a way of speaking. This Black preacher proves that he is also a murderer of his people, who goes and says to the police that "you should have killed them".

I thank you.



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