Messenger condemns False Teachings

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We are here to correct you of some of your mistakes, and to declare your innocence of those mistakes. Some of those mistakes you are guilty of.

We want to correct you in the public so the public won't think that we are going along with these mistakes, of backing you up in them. I don't back you up in that which is other than the truth. I don't care what you say, because it could be on me. "Mr. Muhammad, you are God, you are Master Fard Muhammad." Don't tell me that. Master Fard Muhammad is the One that I'm representing. I am the man who just wants to take my own place, and then leave the place that I don't belong in to the man who belongs there.

I have heard some of you so-called believers putting your place in somebody else's place and making yourselves somebody else. What you are making is other than the truth.

We want our people to be converted out of un-truth into truth. We don't want to add nothing to the truth, because that will make it other than the truth.

We're going to make it a habit of exposing you before those whom you lied to, letting them know that you were not telling them the truth.

I don't back you up in telling other than the truth. I am going to force those who are seeking truth to not to back you up in it, and to walk out on you, because I'm going to tell them the truth. If you tell them other than the truth, I'm going to tell them that you told other than the truth right before their face, like you told them other than the truth to their face. I'm going to tell them the truth to their face.

I'm not here to preach lies, I'm here to preach the truth. You have lived under falsehood all your lives. The truth has come and falsehood must vanish.

We were born under falsehood; consequently, we love falsehood rather than truth. As the Bible puts it, "They're born under darkness, we love darkness rather than light; so, when light comes we flee back looking for the darkness."

You have many things being taught and put out to the people as though I teach you that, so you will get your lies accepted.

Brothers and sisters, I do not teach the people other than the truth. What I teach is truth. I'm not here to add anything to the truth. I'm not here trying to make you think I'm something that I'm not.

If you think that I'm trying to make you see me in the light of something I'm not, get your book and come on and I will get my book and will prove to you that I don't go beyond the scope of my mission which Allah has given to me.
If I say anything beyond what I've been missioned to do, which you can't find me backed up in the scripture of truth, come to me and I'll pay you a hundred dollars for every word - oh no, that's not enough, ten thousand dollars then for every story that I tell you which is other than the truth.

If you find anything I'm doing that you can prove is other than righteous, I will give you ten thousand dollars if the answer cannot be located in the scripture of truth.

There never was a false prophet sent to the people in the past, and this is not one standing before you. Some of the things that I do, you may label as being other than right, but that's just because you have not read the scriptures. You haven't learned what the Last Man should look like, what he should do or how that the book teaches you that he is a Fulfiller. You don't take the time to read what a Fulfiller is.

When a man comes to you and is sent by another one, and tells you that he fulfills Jonah's scriptures, well then, you should go and read Jonah and learn what Jonah did, to see if whether or not this man fulfills his work. **Fulfill means to do the same work which that man did.** If the man you're talking to corresponds, then he's fulfilling; however if you don't see Jonah's work, in this man's work, then he doesn't fulfill Jonah's work. Fulfill means to do what another one does. So be careful about how you label people to be something that they are not.

I want you to know that I don't condone falsehood, and if you want to do so, you are not following me, you're following yourself.

I have some brothers who are just going out making up text of their own and delivering it to you to believe.

I'm going to teach you the history of Jesus as Allah gave it to me, but please don't you try teaching it unless you're going to teach the truth.

Some of you are going wild, telling everything you think. We don't want what you think, we want what God has taught us. We want His thinking and not yours.

This is what gives the people a wrong understanding of us. Here stands a liar on this corner and there stands a truth bearer on that corner. The people don't know which one to believe. The liar just says whatever comes up. All you know is how to tell something different from what you've learned. I don't want that kind of man or woman following me.

Don't add to what you hear me saying, nor take from what you hear me saying. It is the truth that I have received. When you go adding and taking from it, you make it other than the truth.

I want to tell new people to stop listening to any such talk or teaching that is not the same words that I am teaching. I would rather for all of them to come hear what I am saying directly, and if they find me telling other than the truth, then the whole teaching is other than the truth.

You won't find me telling you other than the truth. Not nothing I say. If you think I'm telling other than the truth, come and explain to me what you think is other than the truth and I will give you a check for ten thousand dollars before you leave here. If that's not enough, I will make it ten thousand times ten thousand.

My goal to God is to tell you the truth, because a liar reared us and we can't leave that liar with his lie. We have to have the truth to **GO FROM HIM.**

Anything that I say, you're always welcomed to question me on it. I don't run from you just because you want to ask questions. I should say not; I'm here for you to question me on the knowledge of the truth, which
I'm teaching.

You are offered that freedom by God Himself, Who taught me to ask Him questions and learn all about myself. I'm equipped with the truth from Almighty God Allah. Some of it you may not understand, but don't try condemning that which you don't understand yourself. Don't fancy out nothing. Just tell the plain old truth.

**I want to straighten out these false teachings, so that you may know the truth from myself who received it directly from the mouth of God.**

As I said, I'm willing to pay with my life for lying to you, if you find me lying. No, I'm not going to lie; no sir, I'm going to tell you the truth even if only one of you listens to it. I won't add a lie to it to make a house full of people listen to it. I'm going to teach you the truth.

A person could say, "I come to a place like this and you mislead me, telling other than the truth of what the Messenger has taught? Well brother, I don't care to walk with you in the Gate."

What do you think I am, a liar? Try and prove it. I'm here directly from the face of God, as it's written. I didn't come of my own; I was raised up in your midst and sent to teach you the truth. No man on Earth could teach you what I'm teaching you.

**Why do you add to it? Why do you throw lies into it? As people listen to you, they will tell it, then you will be brought before me one day and I have the power with God to put a finishing touch on you.**

I'm certainly very dissatisfied with you rising up and taking hold of the truth, then putting it back before the people as lies from yourself. We may not like you after a while and I'm asking you to stop before we dislike you. When saying, "We," I mean God Himself and I.

**You are doing wrong things. We are here to kill the liar and destroy him who has destroyed the people of righteousness, by misleading them in the way of other than the truth.**

This is a good way to learn who your brother is. **Just make up lies and go tell it to the people, making them think I'm teaching you that.** It means you are coming to me. I'm not teaching the people other than the truth. **It is you who are taking and ripping the truth apart by adding parts of your own lies to it. You won't get away with it.** I'm most certainly that little fellow who's called a Lamb in the Bible, bound to get you for it.

Why would you come here to get truth to go and tell other than the truth with it? Get truth now, then add other than the truth to it. You shouldn't come here; this is the wrong place. This is where you come to learn the truth.

**I defy you to prove what I teach here is other than the truth. I do that every time I get on the stand.**

I want people who love the truth. I want people who love the results of truth and the result of the lies and the liar. I can prove everything I preach to you, everything. I prove to you that it is the truth, not only that, everything I do can prove that it's the truth.

We believe that we have very intelligent people. We want them to listen to the truth, even to something of business which we should be doing and not to a lot of little brothers who don't know what they're talking about, just opening up their mouths saying what they think.

**I want you to know that I'm not participating in such foolishness and I don't teach any. They're the foolish...**
brother or sister who take the teaching and try making themselves look wise, but are actually making themselves look like a fool. I don't condone nothing of the kind. The truth alone is sufficient to make you admire it or you can disbelieve and leave it alone.

We are trying to make you see the importance of us doing something for self. I have, with the help of Allah, believers who follow me to bring to you an example of people who want to do something for self and if you are qualified to help us, come in and help. We will greatly appreciate your help and pray to Allah to give you the quality if you don't have what's needed to join up with us.

We learned of some of our people who are qualified to help build. We're coming after you. You're not rejected nor anyone else. We just want the people who can build according to the blueprints we give them. If you cannot build according to the blueprint, don't accept the job, because you hurt your reputation with your own people.

We don't want you cast out of the job that we could have the money borrowed to have done. Confess what you can do. Don't tell us what you cannot do. We're real glad if you can do it, but don't accept a job if you know you can't do it, just because you are our brother. Just say, "Brother, I'm your brother, but I can't do this job." Then we will know what to do, but don't take a job from us knowing you're not qualified to do it; no, that hurts you and us. We want to admire your ability to do the job.

I'm so happy to learn that we have people among us who can do anything. We have some wise and well trained people, but they never were able to get together and do something for self. I want them to get with me and I'll show them some places where they can go to work and do something for self. Yes. To leave such great people sitting idly by, just listening to thoughts and never materializing the thought it's not good.

Get these people, that have the know-how, to work. Let them do the work. Who would be any happier than I, to know that I have MY OWN PEOPLE here who have the knowledge of that which we want to do? There is no man among you who is happier than I am to know that you can do these things for yourself. Some people think that none of us know anything, but we do have people who know something. They have not proved their knowledge so that others will know that they know.

WE WANT TO FEED OURSELVES. My beloved listeners, if you want to feed yourselves, you should be compelled to go to the farm; that is where people find food. Don't be ashamed to go and do for yourselves, raising food in the country.

Originally that is where our fathers came from and I want you to know that if we are to be a nation and a strong nation, we must go to the farm to feed our stomachs. Also, there we can feed every our backs with good clothes.

Put good clothes on our backs from the farm. These things we have to do if we expect to live on this earth and get its yield out of it.

We have to and dig into it like the devil has done. He dug into it and made himself rich with a stomach full of good food from our labor. Think over that.

He looked at us and made us pull the earth's wealth out for himself and left us poor. Now, he says we're free.

Let's make good of this freedom, then if he tries to hinder you from making good of that which he claims he has given to you, then make good in both ways. Make good at stopping him from getting what he has given you.
There is one thing I would like to warn you of. Get you a name. I will show you how to get it: a name that will live. You can't see the Hereafter with the white man's name. Every Black man on the earth knows the white man's name from your name. Don't wear that name. Don't be called by his name. If you don't do anything but tell the world, "I'm the Lords servant, but He has not given me His name yet," that's better than wearing a white man's name.

Just tell them that, "Yes, I have a name; it's in my God's profession." Well what is that?" Well, you can call me God. Call me Allah; call me Gabriel, or call me anything, but a white man's name." We don't want the name of the devil.

The Bible teaches you and me that, "All that had the name of the beast (call him a beast) they went down with the beast." I'm not to tell you other than the truth. I am the next closet one to Allah. I don't think Allah will take a liar for His Right Hand - or His Right Hand would be a liar. No. I tell you what He taught me and it's up to you to believe it or let it alone.

Don't be like those of whom the Holy Qur'an speaks of as saying, "Oh, would that I had followed the Messenger. Oh, would that I had taken away with the Apostle after the truth had come to me."

The world is in an awful condition. They want to shoot these people so bad. They're out telling them now. Since Japan has joined up with Korea and China, they are not afraid to tell you that they're ready wild John. That's what they call the devil. I'm saying GET OUT OF THE WAY OF THE SHOOTING OF WILD JOHN.

Are there any questions? You may ask anything you want to. I'm very happy to answer them if I know the answer. I don't say to you that I know all the answers, unless He reveals them to me. Sometimes He reveals them by the time you get the question out of your mouth. I don't previously have the knowledge, but while you are asking the question, He tells me the answer...

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