'Blue Represents untrue...'

By Messenger Elijah Muhammad

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"You see stripes of red, stripes of white and then you see a blue square here full of stars. 'What does that mean Elijah?' It means truth in the American people, this is their flag, the root meaning of themselves. It means that this white represents themselves - their color. That red represents the Sun and the red representing the Sun besides and equal stripe of white represents the truth and the white represents the white people and that blue represents untrue like the sky.

We say there's a blue sky, but you can go up there a billion miles and you will never find no blue. So today, God has given me the secret of all these things and I'm here to teach you the secret. That blue represents untrue, just as the sky looks blue, but there's no blue sky so you may chase it all day and night long in your planes and you won't find no blue sky up there.

You may say, 'Well, Mr. Muhammad, I see you have on a blue suit, does that mean you're untrue?' No, this blue I'm wearing is so, because I live among untrue people and to get among them to get their attention, you look like them and you can creep up to them; he thinks that's himself..."