

Messenger Talks With Black Attorneys

Messenger Elijah Muhammad met with Black Attorneys in his home in the early 1960's. The following words are transcribed from an audio tape of one such meeting.



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--Words of Messenger Elijah Muhammad

MESSENGER: He says to me, He says, "suppose, Mr. Muhammad, that the government agrees with you to give you a territory, as you're asking for for your people, he says, What will you do with these that don't want to go with you in the territory to themselves. I said, "That's yours." He bust out laughing. Then he said, "I don't see nothing wrong with your teaching. He said, "But getting people to agree with you." Now the government is willing, I have learned this from higher sources, but we always have an enemy as they have an enemy among us. We are not doing something, Brother, foolishly. We are after separating a Nation. And setting the slave up independent of his master. And then let God and the Nation kill the master, but let us get out first. If they want to kill him, kill him. Well then, we'll have the whole Western Hemisphere here to ourselves. And that is what it belongs to. It belongs to Original People, before ever Columbus landed here. It was still under Originals rule. He say, "Well, they weren't doing so much..." Well, no they ??? and conquered us here. They weren't doing so much in Europe. And if I had you. You, meaning just the intellectual people to agree with me, the whole entire government would be threatened tomorrow night and pulling the hairs in their head out. They'd say, "These niggers need for us to do something for them worthwhile." What can we do with all of these millions of niggers who now has got friendship with their own kind across the water. What can we do? We'll bring all of these Negroes or all of the Black people across the earth against us. It's better to give them just a little ground in our territory here, like they want it. As we brought them in here like we wanted. And we give them what we wanted. Now, he's free. He asks us, now, for his own room to be Brother, this is the real trouble in us leaving happy like we should. This is the fear the leadership-intellectual Black man in America - The political man of America. He's keeping his hopes on the favor in his boss, in his slave-master's children. He must act according to what they tell him to do in order to get this favor. This is because that this old slavery idea of fear makes you to react like that. But when you take this, what I am preaching to you to accept, Islam, the fear moves from you. You opens your mouth, then, and speaks like a man! And you have power behind you. You have God and the Nations behind you. I have God to defend me against America - white devils. Not Algeria. Not Egypt. Not Arabia. Not the Muslims over there. I'm not depending on their help. But I have one that have the power over all of them-all the earth. And the power that exists in the earth, the power that surrounds the earth, the power that is above the earth. This is Who I'm working under the guidance of. Don't be deceived. Don't be fooled. Elijah's not out here trying to do something of Elijah, alone. But I am doing the thing that you have written in the Bible of Prophets. Whether you believe it or not, you can't make Truth a lie to save your life. Because truth is like sunshine. When the sun rises tomorrow morning, you can't force the night to stay there, the dark of the night.

It will just disappear. That is the way truth disappears false. The white man knows that your time is now come. Free to go for yourself. He knows that. But if you're so foolish to think that you can't go for yourself, without him helping you right here. ??? You are charmed of his civilization, like the Jesus made a parable out of. Lazarus couldn't leave the rich man's gate because he just didn't trust himself going getting him spirit and meat. He just begged the rich man. "Give me some of what you have". "I want some of this" "I helped you work for this". And there lies barrels of wheat out there for him. If he goes out there and make it for himself. There's millions of cattle out there, he could graze for himself. But he don't to do that. He don't want the responsibility of doing something for himself. "I want the rich man's." "I want his luxury". The Book gives a beautiful description of it. How it happened and how it ends. This is referring to, none-other-than the Black man of America, The slave of the whiteman. And the whiteman is the rich man. That's all the Jesus made the parable for. For us. Now this is fulfilled! You lay at the rich man's gate. Martin Luther King, poor brother, with his army of marches all over the country near, laying at the rich man's gate."I just want to come in to eat with you. Let me eat beside you. I just want to be your brother, and not a brother-in-law, I wants to be your real brother". When nature didn't make him that. Okay, this is foolish and ignorant. "I want to live where you live". "Yeah! You supposed to let me have a house right there beside your house". "Don't look upon me as something inferior to you, I'm just as great as you." Your greater, alright enough, if he understands it. And works to the ???. Here's a man, Elijah Muhammad, telling you that you are greater than he, you are the Original man. He's a man that we grafted from ourselves. He's inferior to us by nature. "No, but I can't take that. I want some of this luxury of the whiteman". "What I'm gonna do over there?" "I don't have no factory." "What I'm gone do?" "I can't do nothing else but stay here." Well stay here 'til we rob him then. Stay here until we break his power, and then what you gonna do? You have turn to your own people. Abraham represents your own Nation. And this going on and fulfilled. And he put his dogs on Lazarus. That didn't stop Lazarus. The dog bites did not run Lazarus from the gate. No sir. Licking his sores, did not make Lazarus go. As long as he seen luxury (wealth) in the rich man's house, "I'm not going no where. I want you to divide this with me. Give me some. I'm just like you. We are all brothers. We are all come from the same father, Adam." And he don't know what he's talking about, there. That is not his father. That's the white man's father. Okay, "I'm not going away. You got me to fight. I'm not going to fight you. I'll let you fight me, but I'm not going to fight you." Okay, Martin Luther, was just about through with that 'non-violent' teaching. He found out that that don't work. And his people would leave him and probably turn violent on him. Well you're causing them to suffer. A few student from Tuskegee, Alabama, just left here this morning. Spent the night with us. ??? The student was telling me how that they had been ruffed and beaten by the police in this March down there. They were in it. They told me all what went on. Now, they don't want any more of the 'Civil Rights Movement' stuff. They want the Right Movement. But let it be Right. Civil or not Civil. Be right. So that I can get some benefit from this thing. They left here happy. Because they said that they had never heard of me, before just a few weeks ago. And when I taught, and they had mentioned it, once or twice, among their teachers and, some of them, just become an enemy, to even mention what Elijah teaches. Show me anything that I am teaching that will cause my people to suffer if they will accept it. Show me anything. We have proof. We are spread out over the country from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from Canada down through Central American Government. We are all the way down to Argentina. We ????. We're over in Africa. We're in Mexico. I'm represented in Mexico. We have a Temple over there too. We are going so fast that actually the blind actually don't see us, until actually we point out, "Brother, that's my ???? What is the government doing to me to try to hinder the progress of putting the Negro into a state of independence of him? He comes to you. They'll use that tomorrow on you. "You visited Elijah? Oh, I'm surprised! Oh! What are you going to learn from these dumb people. Where did you get your degree from?" "Such and such college" "Oh! You're my comrade. I went to that college. And you mean to say that you're going to...Elijah's never been to no college. How can he lead you?" You get them. "He goes to school as God's Messenger!" You got something there! But tell him this. He know you don't have the right answer. You tell him, "What University did Noah go to?" "What University did Abraham go to? And you recognize him as highest in civilization. "What University did Jesus go to? You don't care whether that he was graduated in no University of the Jews? What says The Book? That God will raise up one, uneducated, one that is Blind, deaf and dumb, plainly teaches like that. And in the Last Book of Bible, you call it the Revelation of John, He prophesied of a Lamb, mentioning that this man is dumber than all of the other Prophets. He's a lamb. Lamb means a little small sheep without the proper training of the shepherd, no knowledge of himself.

Questioner: May I ask something?

Messenger: I hope...wait just a minute. I hope that we go along like this. What I say in answer to you. I want you, then, to tell me whether you understand or whether it made any sense to you. And if it didn't, then you tell me what you think of it.

Questioner: I certainly understand what you're saying. I had a question that was in my mind and as a pre-law student I was concerned about why Muhammad Ali is making use of white attorneys rather than Black attorneys.

Messenger: Do what?

Questioner: Why is Muhammad Ali, in his current skirmish with the local board people and federal court. why is he making use of white attorneys.

Messenger: Because the white man can fight the white man more effectively than you.

Questioner: Now, when we make that statement, don't we deny that we can become effective in the white man's society?

Messenger: Yes, if you do so. If you believe like Muhammad Ali believe, you would be. But you don't. And when you get in court and the judge takes you back there in the Chambers and tell you, "Well you trying to defend these Negroes, who are trying to overthrow our government...?" Then you get scared. Then you come out, then yielding to his point.

Questioner: Isn't that kind of a separation really? Don't you think Thurgood Marshall confronted with the same people and same thing during his court battle.

Messenger: In what court battle?

Questioner: The segregation battles that he had in the federal court.

Messenger: Listen, Thurgood Marshall was not hindered or opposed too much by the government, it was just the Southern devils, you know, cracked down on him a little bit. To show whether or not he is qualified to set up here and judge. And where did he get his qualifications from. How can he judge us and we still is balk of this nation. You see? This they had something. But the government, let me tell you this, the government maybe he was not say trying condemn me but would like to know my answer, but the government actually wanted to put a decoy on the water that you've been trying to shoot ducks on. In order to fool you to come up. You start firing up, but the duck is actually not a duck. He don't have life in him. He's a decoy. Thurgood Marshall is in Washington just for that purpose. To act as a front that the government will give you high places in the government if you're qualified. This is to deceive the vast of the population of the Negro that makes him think "I will sit on the supreme court bench. I have a brother up there." How much good is he doing? "I will be vice president!" Yeah. He may. But what law will you put into play over his desires. You're going to follow what he says. Thurgood Marshall can not defend in a case that the government considers it against him. And whatever Thurgood Marshall says, it would not help. They are going to enforce that which they think is best for their country. They'll tell Thurgood Marshall that if they get in a hot conversation with him. But Elijah is here teaching Thurgood Marshall and the all of them that they are the Original People of the earth and that the Executors is after us and if they're after us, let's take one of them and deceive the other through this one and make them all catch hell with us. And I tell them boldly that. I say, "You are only trying to get them to go to hell with you or in your doom." And they don't deny it. It's you denies it, that's here trying to force me to believe this is a good thing they are doing for us. You've got no

future in a made ruler. No white man will ever put a Negro in power to do the Negro good, without his ordering and without his absolutely guide. You are going by his law. Then he will call you back and say. "Listen, you are going a little too far on this, Marshall. You know the law. This is our law. Here, read here." You took an oath to enforce their law and not your law. You don't have one. You go and declare that you will enforce the law that's already in practice by the white man. You only are thinking that you are being honored to hold this place. But how much good you going to do for your people. How many cases are you going to jump up here and declare that the white man have not given justice. A man shot a police down here on a street car in self defense. And that goes from the lower court to the higher court in Arizona. And from there the attorneys or the victim or the client of the attorney is able to pay his way all the way to Washington and let the Supreme Court to decide this. Well, then, his attorney goes then and tries and get the Supreme Court to listen to this case. They don't have to. If they think that they will break the friendship of the judge here in Phoenix, I mean the other courts, before is has gotten there and this Negro is seeking to give justice to him, we'll have a lot of Negroes that we'll have to do the same for. They turned it down. Wouldn't even listen to it. Thurgood Marshall, "What about this case?" Suppose he speaks, "What about this case, looks like it ought to be looked at?" "No, judge, we won't. That will get us in trouble with the Negroes." "Well, that's what I'm up here for to defend my people." Suppose he would, you know, talk and answer back like that. "Yeah, but you see, Mr. Marshall, we have keep and maintain our law and control the people.." He won't say the Negro, maybe outright, right then, he's not angry enough, but he if keeps on arguing with him, then he'll tell him. "This law here, it's got to be enforced. We can't give the Negro a stick to crack our own head, Mr. Marshall." That's what he'll tell him. You don't hear his words. But Marshall hears them. Well who is Marshall up there working for? He's working for the people who put him there. You didn't give no vote for Marshall to take on seat up there. If he puts you on the judge bench here, you don't, this court don't ask you to vote for a lawyer so-and-so to become a judge. They just say. "Oh! We think that's pretty well. How about you taking over this bench here, as judge. Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha!" Alright, you better be just like me, now. When a nigger comes up here before you, give him hell like I do." This is right. And they do it. Why, you've got a worse Black judge than you had when he was a lawyer. He was bad enough as a lawyer, because when the judge scolds him on a point, he cowards down. Just tell him, "Shut up!" That's right. I've been in the courts too many times. "Shut up! Aw, hush! Hush! Hush! Hush!". Telling the lawyer, now, that. "I said, hush! Sit down!" Because he knows the judge can easily tell him that he's in contempt of court. Now he's right on his point but the judge can control him, "I don't want to pass that and don't argue with me, you just shut up. I know you know that. And I know that is right." This is what goes on, Brother, between you and this devil here. Well I have the name. I'm a judge. You have the name, now, that you are the number one enemy to your people. I go there looking for you to give me justice and the devil that put you up there he will see that you obey him and not me, in the law of justice. Here's some examples: In the time when the devil police raided our Temple and killed one of our Brothers.??? We hired two of the best lawyers. The ones in L.A. of our people. One of them had gotten a very expensive Police Brutality because he used to be on the force. Both came here and sat down in my house and we talked over the case a couple of times....Okay, they said, "We'll take the case for \$60,000.00, which would give them \$20,000.00 apiece if they wanted to divided. I told them, "Listen, I will agree if my followers give you \$60,000.00, but I want you to remember this, that we are paying you to give us justice according to the law of that case." He said, "Aw, the case is just a clear as sunshine." They said, "We know that you can win." Now, when the devil saw that they could win. And they had formed a case. They sent me the court script, the transcript. They kept me up-to-date. But when they got to the point where the court had to yield that actually the police department was guilty. "Oh! Oh! That can't happen. Do? All the Muslims will be getting more converts. No. We don't want that. So what we're gonna do, bribe these two lawyers. It is known that these people is violent. But let's bribe them. These niggers is not listening to what Elijah's preaching to them. They don't understand. We can't argue with Elijah, but we can get one of these misunderstanding Negroes, regardless to their being lawyers, before they go wake up to Elijah. They 'll soon wake up to him, they will fight for justice for him regardless to our offer to promote them to higher office. Let's go now, right in the midst... You know, Lawyer so and so and so, I think I'll make you Prosecuting Attorney. I see lot's of potential in you. That you can even do good for the whole State. You're too good for a common lawyer, a criminal lawyer. You should be a judge." Okay, he ???? "Yes, sir." "Now, I'm going to see that you get this place." And when he yields to it he says, "Now, listen, now you know that if you're going to put these people out here in the public that they are innocent and we are wrong for mistreating them,

do you know what's going to happen? You going to have all of the Negroes believing in that stuff that Elijah's teaching and that race-hatred."

Much, Much more to come!



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