

# Messenger Elijah Muhammad Speaks in Baltimore in 1960

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...Because the devil is the only man that hides truth, so when you say that you are afraid to tell the truth then you are on the side of the devil or a follower of the devil or a devil yourself. I hope you don't think hard of me.

Now, there is much that we have to get over in a short time. I don't want to worry your patience here on this afternoon. Of course, it's very warm and I am one that is suffering the same heat you are suffering. But it is your life at stake.



We have twenty million people in America, today, that if the truth is not told to them, every one will die like flies.

Suppose there's a war be declared tomorrow morning, where is it a shelter for you? Where is it a refuge for you? I say, my friend, coming up out of the truth, if a war would start tomorrow, a holy war, and you and I are wise enough to see the separation that is now being made. It is not made to fight a threatened area or government of people. It is not made to go against a certain country. It is to fight the whole entire human family of the planet earth. That's the kind of war that we are in today. It is a war that will effect every heart of every human being and child on our planet.

The Holy Qu'ran says that that day it will be such day of trouble. Such grief upon the people, that even it will cause even children to turn grey-headed.

Your Bible says, there would be such a time of trouble, never was the likes before nor will there be the like anymore after that time. You are entering in that time today. Who are going to aware you of these things? Who are you looking to aware you of the trouble that is now coming upon the world.

Are you waiting to have your slave-master to teach you this? Did he teach you anything about God and about the religion of Your Father for 300 years?

**He whipped you away from the Bible. He dared you to enter the Church. Right? You don't have to say , "right". I know I'm right.**

**You was not allowed in the whiteman's church for over 300 years. Now, today, he has opened his door to you. He has translated his Bible. He has revised it and revised it and revised it, in and out, and now .....the Bible's in your home. It's not to no chain. No chain and lock on it. It's open to you. Right? And you don't understand it. And he knows you don't understand it.**

**You are in his Church. He segregated your church for you. Right? He segregated your cemetery. Right? He segregated everything. He segregated his house for you. Didn't he? All right, what is all of this integration about now, today? Don't be a fool! Wake up and get wise! If I kick you out of my house all the week, and daring you to come in my house, and won't allow you to drink out of my dipper, I won't allow you to read my book. All right, all of a sudden, here's the book., here's the dipper, here's the door, come in, come in. If I am wise, I will get afraid. I think now you have a trick up your sleeve.**

**Millions of ignorant Black people, called Negroes... You are not Negroes. There is no such thing as a race of Negroes. And any one teach you that you should be called Negro, you are, then, a fool for saying that you're a Negro. You should oppose that name by anyone who calls you that. From this day on, tell the world that you are not a Negro, you are a member of the Asiatic Nation and from the Tribe of Shabazz.**

**Again, if you will have me to tell the truth to you, you are not Johnny Doe. You are not Sammy Brown. You are not James Culpeper. That's just not your name. That's the name of your slavemaster. And as long as you are called by their name, and you answer to it, you belong to them. By no means will they ever teach you to get out of their name. By no means. And that they know, I'm telling you the truth. Because that name of theirs will take you to hell with them.**

**Johnny Doe, Sammy Brown is not the names of Almighty God. You have to have a name of God to see the Hereafter. You say, "Do yours?" Yes, Muhammad, as you call it "Mohammed", that's a name of God. That's one of God's names. It means praised and one worthy of praise and one that is praised and praised much. That's what it means in English. Now, you say you don't want to be called "Mohammed" (chuckled). You are foolish. You would rather be called Mr. Woodstock or Mr. Woods, or Mr. Tree, Mr. Roundtree, or Mr. Holmes, Mr. Pigpen, or Mr. Fish, or Mr. Byrd. You're no bird. You're no fish. Why you want to be called by any such name? Mr. Sawyer. How did you become a Sawyer? Brother you never have sawed. Mr. Ax. Brother let me tell you one thing, Get out of such names!...**

**God, Almighty, have said to me that He have a name for everyone of you. These names will live forever. Your Bible teaches you that the Name of God will live forever. And the Bible teaches you that God will come, Right? and He will call you after His own name. All praises is due to Allah. But He can't call you by these names and say there His names. You say, "names mean nothing". Brother, stick around. Just stick around.**

**Your Bible is very true, if you understand it. It teaches you that all that have the name of the Beast went down with the beast. All that had the name of the Father or the Lamb was seen on another shore singing the song of victory. All praise is due to Allah!**

**You must be awakened. Someone must awaken you. It is not the fault of the whiteman that you are not waking up today. I'm not charging them with the fault of you not hearing the truth or believing the truth. Because the truth is now being sounded in your ears. They're not trying to prevent me from coming here to teach you the truth. That's goes well with them and God, but you don't know it. They are doing a favor for themselves to even allow the truth to come to you. You won't be able to tell them, when the final day comes, that "If it had not been for you, Mr. Whiteman, I would have heard the**

truth". He will tell you, "Nigger, you are lying".

You say, "I'm afraid to go out there and listen to that "Mohammed". Why should you be afraid? If I am here with the truth, why should you be afraid of the truth? Is it due to you just actually, by nature, don't like the truth? No! You are not like that! You are made like myself. You love the truth! But you are afraid of the whiteman. Scared that he don't like it. And if he don't like it, you will pretend like you don't like it and suffer the evil consequences.

He is not preventing you from taking it. The whiteman is doing a great favor for you, in a way speaking. I don't fault them for your ignoring the truth. I fault you! You say, "Well didn't they prosecute you?" Why, certainly they did. But they *had* it to do. They couldn't help it. And I told them they couldn't help it. As they could not help but prosecute me, I can not help but keep telling the truth.

You are a great people! You are not what you have been taught that you are. You are a great people. You are a member of a great Nation. A Nation having no birth record, and have no such thing as an ending.

There is no prophecy in no Bible, by no Prophet, nor in the Holy Qur'an, that there will come an end to the Black Nation. No prophecy! If you find it, bring it to me and prove it, and I'm ready to get down and stop teaching Islam.

There is no such thing as an end coming to the Blackman. He has been here ever since we had a universe and we have history, according to the word of God, dating back to seventy-two trillion years. Seventy-two trillions years that same sun that you see shining out there today, has been shining.

And we have also a history of the star which is placed in our flag of the universe, some sixty-six trillions years ago. And we also have a knowledge of the deportation of our planet and the moon which took place sixty-six trillion years ago by one of our own scientists, which taken high explosives...they are trying to find that same explosive today to destroy the planet...he'd taken high explosives drilled a tube into our moon, which it was called moon, and a lot of our ancient people today refer to the earth as moon, it is moon. And filled that tube full of high explosives, set it off and it split our planet in two.

That part that you see up there tonight, that we call moon, it was blasted away from the original bed or pocket that we were in some 12,000 miles and it turned over, dropped all the water of that part on this part. That's why this part, today, it's surface is 3/4 covered under water because we have that water that once was on the moon.

I don't think this is a good thing to be teaching to you, but I want to get to your history, gradually.

Now, a Black Scientist did that sixty-six trillion years ago. He was smart enough to try to destroy us by drilling a tube into our earth's, as we call it today, surface about 4,000 ...miles. He split the planet and this part dropped 36,000 miles from the original pocket and found a pocket and it started rotating. And we are the lucky people who were on this part that we didn't get destroyed with those who were once on the moon. The moon is part of our earth. The astronomers, today, they have learned that and they believe it. And God Almighty has revealed the secret to me and not only the secret of the moon and the earth to me, but has also given to me the secret knowledge of more planets, other than the earth, even to Mars, the civilization on it and they have the language of the people on Mars and they can speak to these people, they can question them. They can make them react to our wicked. But they can not make us react to their will.

They are a people that is not exactly like us, but they walk on two feet, like you and I. But they are taller than we are. And they are more skinnier than we are. And they live 1,200 of our earth years. The white race have been suspecting that there was life on Mars, not only on Mars but there is life on

**Venus.**

**There is life on many of the other planets. Seven planets of our Solar System have life on it. And it is known. But it is not known to the white world because they are a very young people, who were just brought about in the last 6,000 years and their science, their knowledge of astronomy just came about here less than 500 years ago. And the old original astronomy among our people who today, keeps his mouth shut, in order that he may not enrich the present world with such knowledge, they have kept it as a secret.**

**But today, as it is written, the secret of God and the universe must be made known because it is the last days of this world. And, my beloved Brothers and Sisters, you are the original people of the earth and you have no right to be longing for social equality or integration into the white race because you don't belong in their blood and they don't belong in your blood. I want you know that.**

**You'd be so foolish, today, that would like to destroy your blood and their blood by intermixing it. I don't think you have two cents worth of knowledge. Especially when you are the First and the Last. The First means that you were before this world and you will be after this world. The Last means after this world.**

**Why should you destroy yourself. Why should they offer you such opportunity today, when you were lynched yesterday for even looking towards them like you wanted to marry one of their daughters. Why do they want you to marry their daughters today? Why do they want your sons or your daughters to marry their sons.**

**There are not any intelligent white people that actually wants this thing to happen, though they are permitting it to happen. But the lower class of white and black love this kind of filth. It is nothing but filth. And you, since you were a slave here for 400 years now...300 years your parent's back was lashed by the white slavemaster and you worked for him for nothing and was not given any freedom whatsoever and when they said you were free about 98 years ago, they had not given you nothing to start with, therefore you were handicapped to leave them, because you had nothing to go upon, so you fell right back into their power as a free slave. Since you have become .....**

**....Please pardon me. They are having a little trouble with hearing on the outside so they want to rig me up here. I'm talking about the chains of slavery. Looks like the secretary here wants to chain me....**

**So you, who have suffered the lash... Your father, my father, for 300 years, has been subjected to lyncher's rope and the limb and his father that he cooked your flesh. He fried your flesh in the fire, for even looking at his girl. His girl didn't have to tell the truth. Just say that you were looking at her like you wanted to say something, that meant your life. Right?**

**What kind of fools are you now, today, wanting to marry a people who have enslaved you and have deprived you of Freedom, Justice and Equality, while lynching and killing your sons and daughters for even acting like you wanted to sweet-heart with them? What kind of people are you? Are you crazy?! You are crazy!**

**Will integration make you the equal with white people in America? No! That won't make you their equal! They are not going to give you the privilege of being the President of America. That's equality right there. If you have the equal chance of becoming the President of the country, that's different. But you are not going to get that.**

**Are they going to divide their fifty states, that they have, equally with you? No! Well why do you want to destroy yourself with them? Is it just only a good laugh from them and a pat on the shoulder? Is it only false promises that you want? When heaven's doors, now, is swung wide open for you to walk in,**

**your own heaven with your own people and with equal justice, equality with them, and you mean to tell me that you will take a false promise while here is a true promise made to you by Allah? That He will give to you wealth, and plenty wealth. He will give to you treasures of the earth. He will give to you Friendship of the people of the earth. He will prolong your life. What more do you want?**

**You have already been deceived by your slavemaster. Now, today, just because he says you can vote for him, that that means that you're in heaven? Does that mean that just because he says that you can marry his daughters and boys that he don't care that you marry that that means you that you have become his equal? I should say not. Because he has always taken your women. For 400 years, he has spotted you like a leopard. There was no equality in those days, was it?**

**What do you want to do today? Make a fool of yourself! Walking around, a Black man wanting a white woman. White woman wants a Black man. But I don't think the white woman's a fool. They're not foolish. They're wise! They see you have opportunity to see the Hereafter. They *know* they don't have one. They know they were created for hell. They know that you were not supposed to follow them to hell.**

**I say, my Beloved Brothers and Sisters, you are making a fool out of yourself. It is you, today, who are the loser, who will reject your own salvation. It is not that white man out there that is stopping you from going to your own. It is you, don't *want* to go to your own.**

**Take a peek at what the Ku Klux Klan are writing and saying about you. Running the country with such pamphlets and .....with the cross, your Christian cross, on it. They take your Christian cross, set it afire on your own yard, and then they want to beat you up. Right?**

**Where is the God and the Jesus that don't protect this cross. Where are they? He sets your church afire. Burn you and the church, both. Where is the help of Jesus and ...You have 38,303 churches in the country, according to the government statistics. All right what are these 38,000 churches here in America doing for your Freedom and your Justice.**

**For 98 or more years what have they did to stop the lynchers from lynching you. Thirty-eight thousand churches means 38,000 pastors. What have these pastors done in the way of Freedom, Justice and Equality for the Black man. What have they done? They couldn't do anything for us because the pastors have been also lynched, beaten down at the church. Where was their help. If they were sent from God, they must have hid Himself behind the tree somewhere. He didn't come to your help, when you were being beat out of the church, dragged around over the streets, beaten up in the jailhouse. When your license was revoked, where did your God go? Did He tell the white man to give them back to you? What happened?**

**I say, my friend, I'm just here with the truth. And don't care nothing about it hurting. The knife hurts you on the operation table, but it's trying to get rid of that which is hurting you. So if this truth is hurting you, while I'm operating on you, you will feel good afterwards. At least, I'm sure after a while you will be healed and you will walk upright.**

**The Ku Klux Klan says this is not a different race of people, this is the Southern white people and the Northern white people. What do they put out here before you and I? The Klan says ..."Fire your nigger" They want you to be fired off from their jobs so that you will become helpless, perish to death, be subject to them so that they can treat you as they want to.**

**I say, they are not they only ones. There're some Klansmen around here in Catholic churches, in Baptist churches, in Methodist churches, in Sanctified churches. There are Ku Klux Klans every where. I saw lots of them as I was coming to Baltimore today. They don't have to put on a hood! He says here, "some white men..." I want you to listen, because you are the type of people who are so**

foolish, you just love, love, love everybody but yourself. And you have that old foolish teaching among you, talking about, "We must love everybody. We must love our enemy." You are a bigger fool... "Do good by them". He appointed them to destroy them. Now, if you are going to do good by them, then you are one of them. You not with God. You are with the enemy of God.

He says, "We must defend ourselves. Now, *they* must defend *themselves*. Think over that, now. They must defend *themselves*. You're their slave, but *they* must defend *themselves*. They have you here, helpless, under their foot, in their power, don't have anything but employment of a job among them. Don't own one state in their union, Don't own one seat in the Supreme Court. You don't have a representative sitting there to represent your people here for Justice on the Supreme Court. Right? You don't have one there. You don't one in no other court, though you are there pretending that you are seeking Justice, but you are giving the justice according to the way that they want you to give it. And I always hate to go before a Black judge because I know he's going to throw The Book at me in order to get promoted by the white man.

Why are you like that? Because you are filled with fear. And this fear was put into you, when you were babies and you nursed it from your mother's breast. She also nursed it from *her* mother's breast. It's been uphold centuries. For centuries it has come down to you, put here in the Negro. What must we do today to get that fear out of you? Teach you the knowledge of yourself, and the knowledge of your God, and the knowledge of Islam, the true religion. And when you accept these three, you'll have no more fear.

The Alabama Klansman who nailed the sign on the tree... There's a sign on a tree there in Alabama, it reads: "White people fire your nigger workers." Down in Alabama, where you slaved for him those 300 years. in servitude slavery. Right. Now, he says, "Fire that nigger. Get him out of here." He don't need you no more. Right? He has invented machines; tractors, to plow his earth for him. He don't need you to plow no mules anymore. He has his own machinery to harvest his crops. He don't need you to harvest his crops. What does he need with you? "So, go fire the old nigger. Put him out. He's beginning to think, now, he wants to be one of us. Get rid of this nigger 'round here asking to be white folks."

You, here in Baltimore, in Washington, and in New York, and in Philadelphia, Chicago, Los Angeles, all throughout the Northern country and West and Eastern part of the country, in Boston, running around grabbing the arm of white people, "Oh yes, it's all right for us to mix here." I should take you and drop you in the Atlantic Ocean for being such fools!

You don't think over the brutality that is going on daily on the heads of your own Black men and women. Some of your women are beaten and trampled upon like beast. And yet, you stand with folded arms unable to do anything, but just say, "umph, umph, umph, that's a shame, that's a shame" It is a shame for you to stand up there, a big old Black strong man and say "umph, umph, umph"! If you'd get up and fight like hell, you would not need to say "umph, umph, umph".

"I'm scared. I'm scared. They may beat me. I'm scared". You should be beaten. If I had an old coward people like that, I would beat you myself. Unable to fight back, well, "I'd just beat you at will. Every time you'd make me angry, I'd beat you. I would do the same and you would do the same. Nobody respects a coward. But everybody respects a fighter. You have been made harmless. And a good name the Bible gives to you - Sheep. We are just like sheep. The wold helps himself to the sheep and the others parade right around there and say nothing. They don't try to put up no fight. No.

I say to you my friend. You couldn't live no where on this planet with such cowardice in you. This kind of coward is not absolutely welcomed by no nation. Even your Black African Brother will not welcome you with such cowardice. I know many of you have been to Africa and I was there the first of the year myself. Many of you. But they don't want no cowards. They want people that have some backbone. Not

**a boneless person who will fold up at anything. They want a backbone in you. And yet you say, "Let's go to Africa". Who wants you?! In your condition, they don't want you.**

**I travelled from Turkey, stopping in every capital, all the way down to Sudan and Ethiopia and back to Arabia and visited Jedda, Mecca and Medina and stopped in that other little place out there where the oil wells is going on. I forget the name of it.. and into Pakistan and left out at Pakistan. And I talked with everyone that was worthwhile. And I know that they are really happy that I am teaching you Islam, but they know that I am having a hard job doing it. So many of them with tears in their eyes, running down their cheeks, saying to me, hugging and kissing me, saying, "Brother, I pray Allah that you be successful in getting our people into Islam, that we may be united again. We will get out of our houses, here, for them." They're are offering you their homes. They're offer you absolute palaces to give you if you will come to them. They said to me, "if you would stay here with us, if you don't like this palace, we will build you one." I said, "No, no. I must go back to my people, because I have a job to do."**

**They are real happy that you are now, some few of you, are accepting Islam. Why? Because they know that Islam is the religion of the people of earth. And that if you don't accept it, today, you are the loser. They can't help you. They can't take you back in their home believing in Christianity. They are driving Christianity off their land, off their soil. Chasing it away, and throwing the Bible back to the missionary, telling him to get out with his book and don't come back. They are doing that. And no Jesus and no God is chasing them for doing such.**

**My friend, you could take and do away with all of the Christianity on the face of the earth. The kind that you have. And The God will smile to you and Bless you.**

**Jesus' religion was not Christianity. Christianity came after his death. I want you to know that. You know it yourself. Christianity is an idolized religion and it stays in the hands of those who organized it. They have the head of the Church, they call him Father. They recognize him as Father - The Pope of Rome. Right? That is the head of the Church and the Father of it. And you say, the head of my church is Jesus. When did Jesus head the church? Is there a prophecy in the Bible that he was even the judge of the church? No.**

**The Bible, the last book in the Bible, teaches you that when Elijah come. What Elijah says to you, after him, God will appear. And God will appear in His Holy Temple and not in a church. Holy Temple means the Mosque of Islam. Not these kinds of things, brother, that you have here. In this house God put his name. God never put his name in the Church. No. No. He put his name in the Mosque of Islam. Not in the Church.**

**I say to you, you are wrong for believing like that, but you are not absolutely responsible for it because you had no Teacher of your own for the last three or four hundred years. I'm your first direct Teacher from God, so I don't charge you for believing like you are, but I will charge you for remaining in such foolish things.**



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