

# RELIGION

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## REFLECTIONS

Scripture: When a man's ways please the Lord, He maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

### He Who Tries To Please All Pleases None

A father and his son set out to market to sell their only saleable item to try to make ends meet. It was early in the morning, but it was still hot and humid. There were other farmers and neighbors on their way to market also with their various wares.

As the father and son passed the first group they were laughing because they thought it foolish that both the father and son were walking when they had a donkey that could be ridden. The next group were quite unhappy because the son was riding the donkey and the poor father had to walk. The comments from the sidelines as they approached the next group were not too nice when the father was riding and the son was walking. The next cluster of people could not believe that the father and son would be riding the donkey both at the same time because the poor donkey was not really in the best of shape as it was.

When they finally reached the market place, you can only imagine what the crowds were saying. Some were laughing so hard they had tears, some were holding their stomachs, some were leaning against the

market poles and walls and some were literally rolling on the ground. Some of us would probably be in one of those groups too. After all the father and son had a pole on their shoulders and were carrying the donkey between them.

How many times have we tried to please everyone and end up looking and feeling as though we had completely lost it? Sometimes we fail to realize that pleasing everyone simply can not be accomplished. We don't even please ourselves. This leaves us in the most confusing predicament of all. We don't travel the paths that have already been cut for us. We find ourselves cutting across into untamed areas, and trying to climb unattainable mountains and gullies that leave us stranded. We are not listening to that inner whisper of the Almighty, who gives us direction, yet we still go our own way. After He finally gets our attention, and we decide to straighten—our act and play the role we should, we find an ease that let's us know if we are pleasing Him, then pleasing others comes naturally. What a relief!

### Katz Statement At Funeral For Reverend O.B. Williams

"I'm here this morning representing the citizens of this city in the celebration of a beloved religious and civic leader in our community.

"Reverend Williams was a gentle, compassionate man, who understood that the responsibilities of a religious leader are not only to minister to their parish or parishioners, but to take on the struggle for justice and equality.

"As Mayor, I was looking forward to my continued work with Reverend Williams—to seek his counsel, his wisdom and his strength to find solutions to the many problems that often refuse to go away.

"I know his spirit and his love for our community will be everlasting and that his spirit and love will bless us all as we champion his fight against hatred, intolerance, bigotry and injustice. We will miss you, Reverend Williams."

### Salem Youth Will Travel To Guatemala As Part Of An Ecumenical Relief Expedition

Nathan Hickman, 15, of Salem will travel to Guatemala in July, as a volunteer to bring relief from poverty sickness and hopelessness to the small town of Xela.

Hickman is the son of Mary Barr of Salem and Peter Hickman of Lake Elsinore, Calif.

The joint humanitarian team of 42 people primarily from Southern California will join with the educational cooperative Escuela Juan Sisay in Xela to bring medical aid and construction expertise to the economically depressed community.

"I think it would be an awesome cultural experience," Hickman said. "I am looking forward to helping any way I can."

### Nation Of Islam: By The Time Surely Man Is In Loss

By the time surely man is in loss because man has let the weaker part of himself rule. (The devil, in reality, is the weakness of yourself that allows you to bow or succumb to low desires.) And only when this weakness is destroyed will the kingdom of God be established. God's kingdom is at hand. "At Hand" means that it is in the workings; By God letting the weaker side of man to rule he is in the same act purifying us. --read the story of the prodigal son in the Bible-- just like a parent will let a self-willed child experience hardship. On a much higher, elevated level God will let us wonder, and in time, have mercy on us. Experience is the best teacher. The more one knows the more power a person can extract from self to overcome barriers in front of development. --The more one knows the more power a person can extract from self to overcome barriers in front of development.

Through the study of creation we discover that the best life form is the human being. We find that our superiority above other life forms is our reasoning powers and our ability to will and act consciously on our will (desire). We also have the distinction of being able to experiment on the highest level. But how many of us are mindful of our superiority, and how many of us are striving to act according to our superiority? Very few of us for we did not know our superiority (potential). Thus, our potential stayed buried in our sub-consciousness; Yes--many of us have life styles that are on a low level not reflecting our true potential. Even though the Bible teaches that God created the human to

be his reflection (in his image and likeness). What a terrible time we live in that the human family is not a reflection of God. But, it seems, a reflection of the devil. By the time surely man is in loss. The teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad puts human beings back on track because these teachings is and was fit for the dark state of our minds (mental medicine). Once one begins to study his teachings you will see that this is what you have been waiting to learn all of your life. I bear witness that we cannot enjoy the benefits of being human without submitting to God. But I also realize that the thinkers, teachers and leaders of society have lied and corrupted truth to such an extent that the teachings of god and righteousness seems foolish to people who are feed up with mystery teachings. And I am certainly one who does not care for mystery teachings.

Time has brought us to the point where we have out-grown "religion" or mystery beliefs that are not testable. For example: We are taught that Jesus went up to heaven (body and soul) in a cloud LUKE 24:51. Then we are taught that flesh and blood cannot enter heaven ICOR 15:50. We can make sense from the above Bible quotations but the above, I believe, is not what God said but what the scholars have done in their tampering with God's word that is found in the Bible. The present Bible is not as pure as we think it is but there is truth, if rightly understood, in the Bible. I get some people angry over the things I write. But I am a questioner. Question askers are notorious for getting themselves in trouble. But so-called learned people

have to expect questions because the evolutionary process of man (and woman) is infinite (endless). The path in life that we should travel is the path of gaining more and more knowledge. Because knowledge and obedience to Allah (God) will destroy the negative of self.

The Hon. Elijah Muhammad started man's life back on the path of a unquenchable thirst for knowledge. --When I use the word man that's not limited to the male. The Hon. Elijah Muhammad said that three(3) quarters of this mission was to or for the woman and only one(1) quarter for the male. --The time era that we live in demands that we obtain the knowledge of God, self and devil. This knowledge of God, self and devil gives you a deeper understanding of your existence and better enables you to control your negative side. so it is not better to disregard needed truth because of an already fixed belief system, but it is better to reveal and take heed of needed truth because mystery and spooky teachings will not change our condition in life. We must blot out and destroy mystery teachings? In conclusion, I hope this short writing helps you to take up the responsibility of your life so that you might have heaven (peace of mind and contentment) on earth.

What I would like to say here is that the so-called Negro or blackman in America, up from slavery has, as Isaiah prophesied "seen a great light." Our Saviour Has Arrived page 117

Those interested in the teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad can contact Elijah X Jefferson at 335-0408.

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Theme: Whatever your going to do for the Lore, **do it now.**

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