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Seeing Jesus

BY MATTIE ANN CALLIER-SPEARS

Did you see Jesus as you walked along the street? Did you see Jesus in the dirty face squatting on the ground? Did you see Jesus as you opened the door to the sanctuary? Did you see Jesus in the song of a little canary? Did you see Jesus in your home? Did you see Jesus when you were left all alone?

As we live our lives from day to day, we take for granted how we came to be where we are; how old we are; how healthy we are. Yes! We take for granted our everyday staples. We take for granted the shelter covering us, the clothes on our backs, our vehicles, our jobs, the shoes on our feet and we even take our five senses for granted.

Nothing bound on earth is permanent. It is not supposed to last. Only what's stored in heaven.

As I was driving back from the

prison last week, I was so tired, because of the day's activities, but I couldn't help thinking about how much people take their everyday existence for granted. For some reason, we have conditioned ourselves to just look-over things and people who have been there before. We just assume that it will always be like that--again and again. This has become the overwhelming mentality of the occupants of our institutions and many people on the outside, as the residents of the institutions refer to it.

The institutionalized feel that things will never change, "...So I just as well get comfortable because it's not going to be any different. It's a waste of my time to think otherwise." People with no hope.

A long time ago, the old ones referred to this condition as, "They can't see past their own noses." The words of an old song, from that same time period, says it all, "I'm so glad

that trouble won't last always. O' lawd! What shall I do?"

Well--I know what I shall do. I will look to Jesus for He is my everything. Jesus is my water when I am thirsty. He is my bread when I am hungry. He is the Great Comforter when I am tired or hurt or lonely. He is my provider--not the grocery store. Jesus is the Great Healer--not the doctors, as many think. You see...it's God working through the physicians. It is God who gave the doctors the skills, in the first place. [Psalm 121]

We assume and we take so much for granted.

When we fall down, we assume that we should get comfortable in the depths of our situations. And we assume that there is no way out. But--did you consult Jesus? For He is the Great Emancipator. Jesus...can make a way out of--now way.

I have had times when I felt that I was turning around in circles trying

to find a way of escape; trying to find a door--BUT--it wasn't until I called on the name of Jesus was I able to see, with my spiritual eyes and then with my physical eyes, my way clear.

Jesus is like a mighty linebacker plowing through the lines of adversity and difficulty; through the lines of pain and shame; through the lies of illness and sorrow. Jesus will be there for us--if, we would just look for Him. Our vision has been clouded by the world. The world has placed dark lenses on our eyes which prevents us from seeing the light. That light is Jesus. Hallelujah!

We must learn to see Jesus in the faces around us; then, it will be easy for us to reach out and help others in need; help others where their need lies.

The majority of us have a bad habit of wanting everything placed at our feet or at our finger tips; but, it won't be that easy.

The young soldiers who lost their lives recently, in Somalia, didn't wait until the turmoil came to them: they arose and went to the turmoil. As Christian believers, we must rise and shine and give God the glory; because we are soldiers of the cross.

Yes! We should see Jesus in faces and in situations. But--we will never see HIS face if we don't know HIM.

Have you ever gone someplace to meet someone you have never seen before? It's hard! Isn't it? Unless you have specific directions on what to look for, you will never locate the one you're trying to find.

Is that right or what? So often, we are inclined to throw up our hands and give-up before we even try. Even a frail attempt is worth something.

Every time I go into the prisons or the marketplace or into the hospitals or other cities and states, I look for the face of Jesus.

Jesus is there to guide and protect and instruct. Without Him, nothing is possible. However, I am looking forward to the time when I leave this old sinful world and I will be able to see Jesus for myself. I'll see Him face to face. Hallelujah!

When we see Jesus face to face, we will see Him who saved us by grace. It will be glorious! We'll be victorious! When we see Him... When we see the Lord! We will be changed from mortality to immortality--from corruptible to incorruptible--

When we see Him face to face-- We shall be just like Him! PRAISE THE LORD!

Nation Of Islam

I bear witness that there is only one God, and I bear witness that God has raised up, in North America, "a warmer for the Nation".

As' Salaam-Alauikum (may peace be unto you)

This writing (article) is dedicated to those sincere critics of the teachings of the H.E.M. (Honorable Elijah Muhammad). The H.E.M. taught in a nut-shell, and we know that nut-shell teachings are deeply profound and subject to many different perceptions; So many of us have a misperception about many profound statements that he made. But, believe it or not, his teachings will prove/are proving to be absolutely necessary for self-improvement and community development. May this article, Allah willing, help those sincere critics and doubtful students of the H.E.M., through Min. Louis Farrakhan, understand better and increase in faith. Let us begin:

Striving To Understand

Question: Is there any truth in the assertion that the teachings of the H.E.M. are a mixture of the methods of former black leaders in America that appeared before him?

Answer: The longing of the people for change will produce leader(s) to bring a/the change necessary. So when Allah's wisdom came in 1930, in person of Master Fard Muhammad, his student (H.E.M.) took the minds or the body of knowledge of those born leaders in to himself mixing it with the teachings of God in person. The materialization of thoughts and ideas are under God's control. The impact of Marcus Garvey, Noble Drew Ali and Booker T. Washington etc...was all is his master plan.

When that prophesied man come he will be able to engulf the people's thinking. So naturally he would study the leaders that the longing of the masses produced.

The H.E.M. said in his book "Our Savior Has Arrived" that, "The atom of life was not only able to create flesh and have blood from the earth that he was created on. Allah (God) was created on the very earth that we are on today. But the Earth was not as it is

today. Page. 146.

Is the above teaching consistent with the Quranic verse which say's, "Surely your lord is Allah, who created the heavens and the Earth in six periods, and he is established on the throne of power."? -Chapter 7 verse 54-

The H.E.M. taught that the best life forms (most intelligent) is on the Earth (man and woman). And since the Earth glorifies the creator the Earth will, in time, become the full or complete expression of his being (existence). As man uses his inventions to make his existence more comfortable, so does God use his creation to demonstrate his presence. In the beginning he was not created on the Earth because there was no Earth just darkness. But in the evolution of himself and the manifestation of his existence the Earth is his throne and home. "He was created on the very Earth that we are on today." The word VERY, according to the Webster's Dictionary and Thesaurus New Revised Edition, means to a high or great degree. The question we should be asking is How does the Earth evolve the God?

Did Honorable Elijah Muhammad create false images and ideas of Islam?

This question is often asked by those who come in contact with "Orthodox Muslims" who don't believe that the Hon. Elijah Muhammad is a divine man.

The H.E.M. taught that "the black man is the original man". The Holy Quran say's, "And when thy lord said to the angels, I am going to create a mortal of sounding clay, of black mud fashioned into shape." Chapter 15 section 3 verse 28

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad said that a circle of 24 scientists, 23 actually do the writing and one acts as judge, write history to last for 25,000 years. It is written before the actual happening.

The Quran say's "No disaster befalls in the earth or in yourselves, but it is in a book before we bring it into existence." Chapter 52 section 3 verse 22.

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Martin Luther King, III will be among the speakers at the fifth annual Housing & Human Investment Conference, Rebuilding Hope: Developing Community Partnerships to End Poverty, to be held October 18-20, 1993 at the Lloyd Center Red Lion. Mr. King is the son of Martin Luther King, Jr., the father of the civil rights movement.

Other confirmed speakers for the event include Elizabeth Furse, U.S. representative for Oregon's First Congressional District; Beverly Stein, Multnomah County Chair; Vera Katz, Mayor, City of Portland; Gretchen Kafoury, Portland City Commis-

sioner; Rey Ramsey, Director, Oregon Housing & Community Services Department; Bill Conerly, Senior Vice President, First Interstate Bank; Christine Vladimiroff, President and Chief Executive Officer of Second Harvest; and Nancy Amidei, Associate Director, Center for Policy and Practice Research, University of Washington School of Social Work.

Workshops and trainings focusing on human investment issues will include a Homeless Study Tour to some of Multnomah County's shelters, transitional housing, and case-management programs on Monday morning. The tour will

provide participants with insight on the issues and challenges of working with homeless people in Portland.

The Honorable Henry Cisneros, Secretary, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, has been invited to serve as keynote speaker for lunch on Wednesday.

Copies of the Conference brochure are now available. The registration fee for all three days including meals is \$135.00; an early registration fee of \$121.50 is being offered to those whose registration forms are postmarked by October 8. A single day rate of \$65 is also available. For more information or to obtain a copy of the brochure, please contact Mid-Columbia Community Action Council in The Dalles at (503) 298-5131.

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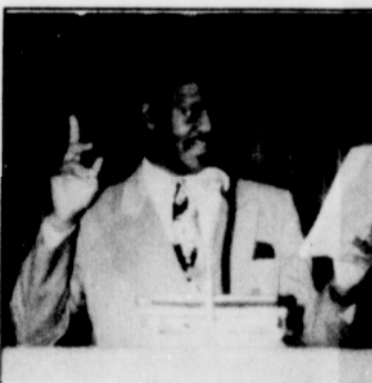
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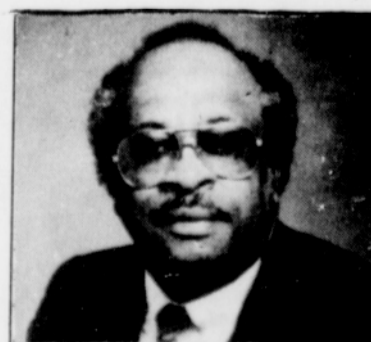
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