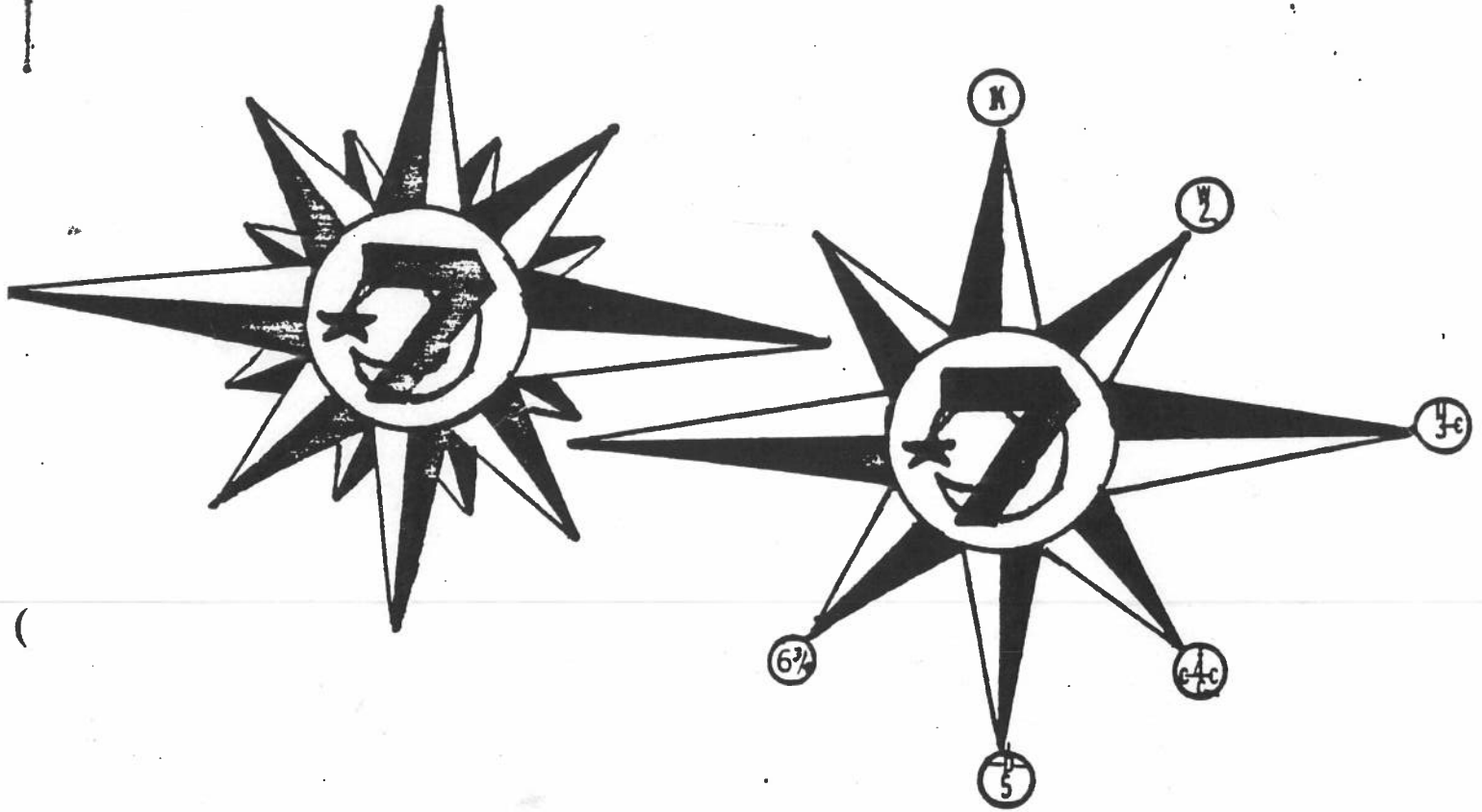


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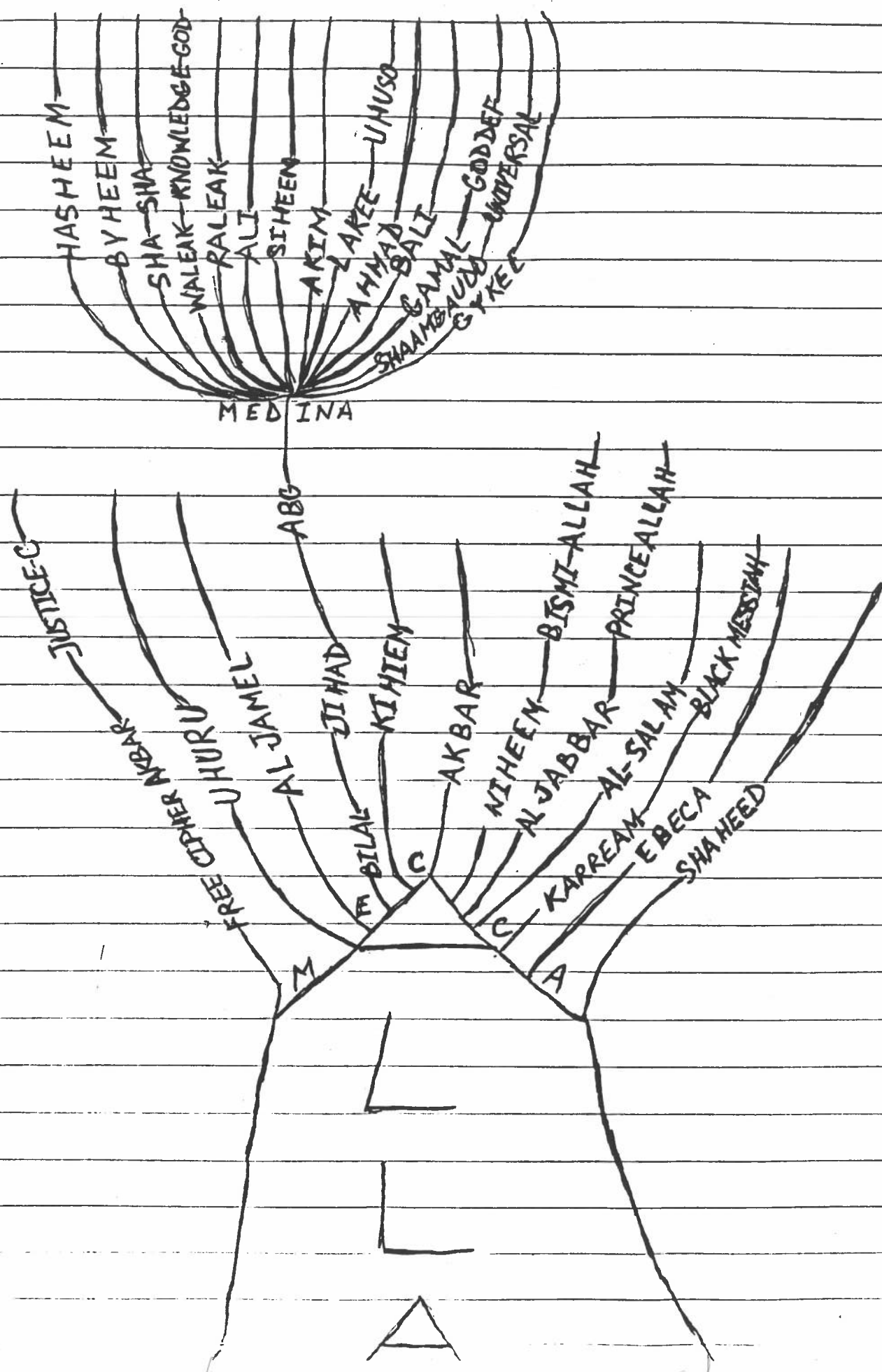
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THERE IS A BOOK !!

LIGHT-Traveling at the speed of-THOUGHT

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This is the original and proper order of the first born.
Anything or anyone else is totally contrae or a down-out lie and
I accept any and all challenges from anyone to prove me different.
For I am dealing in the supreme mathematical order of the teachings
of almighty God Allah, which are right and exact and can be proven
beyond a shadow of a doubt within no limit of time.

Now for those of you that have been running around saying
so many things different, I say correct and amend your ways, and
as we use to say, stop claim-jumping, find yourself back to the
original teacher and trace your rightful heritage to the proper order
of your teachings. (Meaning if you can not bring it back from
which it all came then there are errors in your ways of teaching.
Meaning maybe, and with no doubt in my mind you are not a five
percent never was and perhaps will never be, simply cause you can
not come and tell me that nobody taught you anything, for that's a
lie!! A lie that you do not believe yourself. The only man that
I know that was self-taught was almighty God Allah, himself; anyone
else is lying to themselves. (Thank you very much.) So get your
act together, if you have an act, or just get for real the time has
come for the structuring of the nation. No more, I am God and I do
as I please-bull shnitz. There will be no more of that in the name
of the five percent nation. For all that is just plain savagery in
itself. Don't bring the bull shnitz difficulty around the nation,
we can do without it. Please, need I say more? I think not, I was
taught whosoever that do not heed will definitely feel for chastise-
ment is swift and changeable as in the beginning shall be the end,
listen carefully. That has been taught to us as a people.



This is a composite of our supreme scientists as they gave their lessons on to us as a nation of people. A supreme ultimate lesson their lives. From the year two (65).

The ones that I was fortunate to know per se. I am sure that after disclosure of these names. You all can reveal more. Some that I may forgotten or did not have the pleasure of knowing.

These were qualified ordained doctors and ministers of our nation. They gave the ultimate. They sacrificed their lives for the benefit of us as a nation. No one did anything to these scientists. With the exception of a few. They administered or doctored theirselves.

Certainly we have to take a very long and hard look at this. For each and everyone of these great scientists were directly or indirectly succumbed by drugs or alcohol.

It has got to tell us something. We are not a stupid people. Are we? I think not. We know that they will never return to tell us no different.

So we must conclude that within their teaching it was a supreme lesson. The dates of some of the years escape me. Perhaps many of you will recall. You can fill in the blank years yourselves. Taking time out to take a historical review. Not to dwell in the past however to always remember from whence we came and possibly avoid some of the pitfalls in the future.

I thank you for your indulgence with me in this painful recollection into our history's past.

Universally yours in total service to all mankind PEACE!

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THE SCIENTISTS

ALAHAMBRA-----MECCA 65
A-ISLAM---MEDINA 66
RAHEEM---MEDINA 66
JABBAR-----MECCA 66
KUSAR-----MEDINA 68
ALLAH-----MECCA 69
ALLAH-LOVE---MEDINA 70
ABECIT-----MECCA
ALI-----MECCA
BAHAR-----MEDINA
HASHEEM---MEDINA 77
LABAR-----MEDINA
A-ALLAH---MECCA 87
AL-SALAM--MECCA

JUSTICE-CEE--MECCA
OMAR-----MECCA
AMIN-----MECCA
AKBAR---MECCA 86
UHURU---MECCA 86
ALLAH- MATHEMATICS--DESERT 87
BLACK-MESSIAH--MECCA 87
UNIVERSAL-SHAAMGAUDD--MEDINA 87
B-UNIVERSAL--MEDINA 88
RAHEEM-----MECCA 89
KASAR-----MECCA 89
BARKA-ALLAH---MEDINA 90
DIHOO-JAMEL---MECCA 91
ARKILL-----MECCA 91

I dont think that these brothers our beloved loved ones gave their
lives in vain. Do you? PEACE.

In the name of the true and living god to whom all praises are due to now and in the hereafter whose proper name is ALLAH. I greet you in the power that is the universe. PEACE! I know by now many of you are saying what is this guy talking about? Or what is he attempting to say? To all I say so that you can get the picture of whats happening. The nation is on, taking its original course the way it started and was intended, some years ago. Before we were detoured and sidetracked. For those of you that feel that you are too far gone to get back on track, thats entirely up to you

We the few that know the proper decree, mandate and direction that we as a people are to take will show you the way in order for you to avoid the many pitfalls that await you along your travels and journey through lifes realities and verities of existence. It is for the benefit of you per se and us as a whole. The time has come for us to grow up and be the men and women that we were intended to be. Tricks are for kids. We are men and women Will the real five percent please stand up! I do not mean to sound cynical or sarcastic. I am being for real, think for a minute. Ask yourself are you truly satisfied with our current status as a nation?

After twenty five years we are still in the same location and not doing too good of a job at that, with the exceptions of the few that hold fast to what they know to be right. We as a nation do not even partake in the annual black parade. Are we not black people?

The school that we hold the rallies in. We are there nine months per year at approximately four hundred dollars per month. Granted thirty six men and women should stand up and put up one hundred dollars a piece. I SHALL BE ONE OF THEM, draw up a contract with the board of education and pay the rental of the school for the entire year. With a custodian on call for the last sunday of each month. Not changing to benefit himself when he wants, with inconvenience to us. I was told that they wont do it.

No they wont as long as we present ourselves as kids. ALLAH showed us when he arranged the initial negotiations and set up the start of having the rallies, there in the first place. So dont tell me that it cant be done espically at these times of economical crisis. They are a business

And we are to conduct and carry ourselves as such, business men and women. Those of you that are for real and serious ask your treasure. At least until we can acquire our own. I am not saying that you should not have the collection bottle at the table of the rallies. That should not be the sole support of us being able to have our rallies. Talk to UM-ALLAH.

Yes we know that per se we can reach high planes and achieve goals. However collectively we have not achieved or accomplished anything but bad names and infamous reputations. This has got to be reverted. We must not continue to carry all this garbage around with us and expect peoples here or any where else to take us seriously. Frankly, I hear people say when, I tell them, I am a five percent "they thought they had died" Only negative and derogatory things and statements are ever made about us. Are you pleased with such? I hope not. I know that I am not pleased with it.

We must take what we are doing seriously even if we expect anyone else too. What I am saying is that we are a people to be reckoned with. We have vast numbers that should be put to use and utilized correctly.

There has been a repeat of history again, as when ALLAH left for the first time in the year 65. All types of lessons began to spring up all over the place from all types of sources with no validity. Until when he came home he set us all straight and told us to stay within the context of what he had given us. After his final departure once again these lessons begin to show up until now everyone is writing these so called plus lessons and circulating them at will. Which is only a meager vain attempt to distort the original teachings. The one hundred and twenty degrees has to be rewritten in accordance with the culture of ALLAH.

For the valued lessons that he left us with in his last and final days on the sermons on the mount were valid then and are still valid values to this day. I need not look for no new values like, I see many of you are doing. Because ALLAH'S values are still very much valid. ALLAH himself had took us completely away from the lessons. He left us entirely grounded or rooted in his culture if you will. I see the majority of you don't have it.

ALLAH knew all about everyone and they knew nothing of him and still don't, unless we demonstrate and exhibit his culture. Many of us have completely forgotten or have been lulled to sleep. That is why there is no close conscious contact with him ALLAH in our endeavours and adversities causing all the unnecessary difficulties. I listen to many of our people. I can see the unsurmountable odds ALLAH faced.

He bestowed upon us supreme understanding of everything in life, love peace and donned us in a suit of universal happiness. However many have chosen death, hate, disharmony, war with one another and sadness. Why? Because they fail to grasp the supreme understanding. I can recollect being taught to know whom, I am and what and how everything and everyone was made. ALLAH dealt in the science of reality. He did not deal in signs and symbols. As he was at it he seen it. making him the original asiatic black man. He did not have to be at it to see it. He was showing us what we would have to do.

When ABG and PRINCE ALLAH visited ALLAH in HARLEM HOSPITAL back in 64. They were given the thirty fourth degree and was told to make sure the remaining seven brothers receive it, sharing the understanding of culture.

Today however we no longer do that, share or deal equal if you will. Everyone seems to try to horde everything for thier selfs. I am trying to share my experiences, strenghts and hopes for us as a nation of people. There is no wonder those brothers look at you all in awe, amazement and speak very little to you at all. Because they know that the sense of socialist equality is no longer advocated. And with out it, which is one of the many qualities ALLAH left with us, many of you will never swim nine thousand miles. In order to see the father you must bear witness to the sun, nothing has changed. It is you that have made changes. We have to return to the proper accordance of ALLAHS culture if we are to succeed.

We are to be supportive of each other. Not envious, iealous and undermining one another. For that is not in accord with our nature. When you teach righteousness exactly as ALLAH taught us, you will shake up hell and when hell shakes heaven shakes to. they are conditioned frame sets of mind

Picture if you will. A nation of people doing right and exact. Completely drug and alcohol free. In sound sober states of mind body and soul. We could not be deceived or tricked, manipulated or used in any way. The fact of the matter that we all have walked along them paths one time or another and did not fair well. So being entirely honest with ourselves and all we deal and interact with, we progress along the straight and narrow and rise into the ultimate righteousness. Our most treasured possessions are the values that ALLAH instilled in us over twenty five years ago, for they are still valid to this day. I reiterate as things begin to come full circle and again repeat itself, this is an attempt to innovate, motivate, stimulate and possibly reactivate those thoughts and cells embedded in our brains. I feel that many of us have lost the focus of what we a people are about. Some never even knowing the mission of the five percent is to civilize the world.

We are to venture in all walks of life. Going through the different atmospheric changes yet remaining the same being swift and very changeable. In any and all situations continually staying grounded in ALLAH'S culture demonstrating and exercising his power. This is no joke, if you think it is make sure you have the right and exact understanding for it will come to light and manifest it self in the joke. Dont be the joker or the joke will be on you. You have not been laughed at till the SUNS of ALLAH laugh at you. It is entirely up to us to stop the repetition and renewal of the negative history. Time has come for the rewriting of our history in the positive sense of the word.

As for this shaking down of the brothers it has got to cease. I will not pay no poor rate to anyone for that ended in the mid sixties. ALLAH himself stopped it. I dont owe you big grown rusty men anything. I can and will share my experiences be supportive of you in your efforts. You also should do the same. As for paying someone to be in their presence is bull. Dont come around me if that is your thoughts. Also dont bother to come around me all drunk and drugged up. Talking about you are building bull.

In order to build anything something has to be destroyed. That first being your drunk and drug attitude. Because it is the drugs and alcohol influence that you are under that is actually talking, not you yourself.

I think anyone addressing the rally, should first be screened. No one drunk or drugged should have anything to say at the rallies. Because they dont believe half the bull theirselves. The majority of us are living an illusion. There are no real life experiences in what you say. You are talking expired history. Get real everything else is. The time has come
* for us to take upward mobility.

The only time ALLAH is mentioned in conversation is when one brother is attempting to dominate another. This should not be. ALLAH taught us to draw the people and each other up to a level of understanding. Then do the righteous thing of sharing or dealing equal that is how it is suppose to be. Just You And Equal. That is a natural law of supreme mathematical supreme alphabetical order. Can you not see that when you try to dominate your brother or anyone for that matter. You have internalized the very same oppressor that have kept you oppressed. You are to love your brother. Be supportive of him. Know your brother, have compassion and humility towards him and the people. Qualities that are rarely used. What if ALLAH did not exercise them. Where would we be? Think about it.

All that sibling rivalry is childish. When a brother is taken on a task, we should be supportive. If you cant help dont hinder. That should be with any and everything. This is our people, our family, our nation.

We are to interact with each other positively in all aspects. Coexist with all peoples and always place our principles before our personalities.. These things are applicable in all our affairs and matters. Enabling us to rise above all situations, staying grounded completely in the culture. In doing this we will be able to enrich and enhance our lives. Through maximum efforts of our endeavors. We should be very successful.

I am conducting a survey at the rallies asking for the skills and expertise of the nation. So that they can best be utilized for the benefit

The Mothers of Civilization gave another gala affair in memory of the father ALLAH. Fantastic! They just keep getting better. I think they have the right idea of coming together collectively. This one was slamming. The affair was delightful. They just keep out doing themselves. Keep up the good work. If there is anything that we can do at THE SUN OF MAN to help please feel free to ask.

The Visions Organization. I would like to thank them for all their efforts and organizing of the different projects they have implemented. I also thank them immensely for the illustrious plaque that was awarded to me. In honor of our beloved brother, may ALLAHS blessings be upon him. UNIVERSAL SHAAMGAUDD ALLAH.

Last but not least. I will like to complement all the factions on the well managed efforts of a smooth running SHOW and PROVE. There are a few that put their best foot forward. Only a few, remember only a few were choosen. I think that we should examine the restraints and constraints that prevent us from doing these things on a broader spectrum. Coming full circle again. DRUGS and ALCOHOL presents it self once more. I am certain that it, is that which impedes us as a nation. However we the few that can see exactly what it is, for what it is worth. Will continue to step in stride one day at a time. In ALLAHS grace and blessings.

This is the type of collective effort that I am talking about on a much grander scale across the board. Across the country. Across the world. It can be done with all contributing. Irregardless of how much or how little. Feaseable participation is the requirement of our success. Think! That way no one group or person carrys the burden or feels the strain. We become self supportive of each other and operate like a well oiled mechanism. Being self productive. It may seem like a tough pill to swallow However bitter it is going down. It will be extremely sweet coming out.

I thank all of you for your support in my efforts to self sustain and keep the SUN OF MAN digest afloat. I also thank you that dont. Because it makes me more determined. Until next issue In the name of ALLAH peace.

Benjamin Gathers

Fall 1991

AN OVERVIEW OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE

I have lost several relatives, friends and neighbors to substance abuse and alcoholism. All of these particular relationships were established over years. The demographic location was or is New York City, New York. The section known as Central Harlem. The majority of the people in Central Harlem are of African descent or Afro-Americans. The population numbers approximately 111,800 people. The ethnic composition is 1% white, 94% Black, 4% Latino, and 1% Asian (according to the Manhattan Borough President's Community Profile - 1990).

In the early and late '60's, it seems to me that illegal drugs began to saturate neighborhoods. This was during a time in history when Black awareness was peaking. Civil rights and human rights issues were debated from the streets to the Capital. Community groups - social, political, militant and non-militant - sprang up everywhere. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was seen on television across the nation, forming an image of Black male pride unlike any other ever seen. Facing overwhelming odds and challenging a system of oppression. Malcolm X was demonstrating the manhood of every Black male in the country. Speaking the thoughts and soul of every man, woman and child who had been subjugated to dehumanization practices. Voter registration drives and methods of taking care of our own were being established. Class struggle was quickly turned into race struggle. People formed their identities or reaffirmed them. People argued that the Malcolm X Statement - The Ballot or the Bullet - was likened to Nathan Hale's "Give me liberty or give me death"

In the storefront churches you could hear the old negro spiritual being sung by people way into the night (We Shall Overcome). The National of Islam were everywhere, selling or giving away Muhammad Speaks Newspapers. And many entire families joined the mosques.

The ghettos came alive with hope for a socioeconomic change. And young men (Simba), call by the Yurubems - prepared for war. Black Nationalists competed for the youth and stood on solidarity on the issues confronting Black folks in this country.

The local police were identified as the enforcer of the inequality and oppression heaped upon us as a people. The East Coast Chapter of the Black Panther Party was in full swing. During this time there emerged the Five Percent Nation - made up of children. Children in the definition of age or systemic responsibilities. However, they were men whose ideals or philosophical stance caused others to perceive them as insane or fanatics. Nevertheless, the theme of brotherhood was overwhelming in our community.

Drugs had always been with us like other things. Yet it seems that at this time the influx and accessibility of narcotics was made easy.

Douglas G. Glasgow (The Black Underclass) states, pp. 34-35, "As is well known, the term slum denotes a congested area of a city characterized by low-income inhabitants, bad housing and generally poor living conditions. In the United States, most early slum residents were European immigrants who settled in areas that were ethnically or religiously compatible. The slum

as a social structure has been written about and experienced by a large section of today's affluent Americans. In fact, it is even recalled nostalgically by many (Riis 1968). Undoubtedly their attitudes would be different, however, if the system had not allowed them in. Whatever they suffered, for most of these immigrants the slums were primarily communities of transition and acculturation, preparation for participation in American Society. Their belief in mobility was supported by the reality of its occurrence."

William Julius Wilson (The Truly Disadvantaged) states, p. 82. "Economic trends for Black men, especially young Black men have been unfavorable since the end of World War II. While the status of young Blacks who are employed has improved with the percentage of white-collar workers among all Black male workers, rising from 5 percent in 1940 to 27 percent in 1983, the proportion of Black men who are employed has dropped from 80 percent in 1930 to 56 percent in 1983. Unemployment rose sharply for Black male teenagers during the 1950's and remained high during the prosperous 60's. Similarly, unemployment rates for Black men twenty to twenty four years of age rose sharply during the mid 1970's and have remained high in 1979, when the overall unemployment rate had declined to 3.8 percent. The rate for Black male teenagers was 34.1 percent. In addition, while Blacks have historically had higher labor force participation levels, by the 1970's labor force participation of Black men had fallen below that of white men for all age groups, with particularly steep declines for those ages twenty-four and younger."

According to the Manhattan Borough President's Strategic Policy Statement 11/1990 - The health of the population depends on and interrelates with many other factors: age, disability, poverty, substandard housing and homelessness, insufficient access to social services, education and economic opportunity.

Ruth W. Messinger further states infant mortality is strongly related to poverty. In 1988, the infant mortality rate in community district 10 - Central Harlem - was 21.1 per 1,000 live births. Newly published figures in the Mayor's Management Report for Fiscal Year 1990 show that the infant mortality rate in 1989 for the Central Harlem Health District, an area larger than Community District 10, was 23.4 per 1000 live births. *End*

The Borough of Manhattan President states: "Adult African-American male mortality. The age - adjusted mortality rate for African-American men living in Harlem is higher than the rate for men living in Bangladesh. This finding was published in the New England Journal of Medicine earlier this year in a study by Drs. Harold Freeman and Colen McCord of Harlem Hospital. The data in the study is from the early 1980's and therefore do not reflect deaths of people with AIDS. ✓

Ruth also states: Adult Female Mortality. Deaths among women residents of New York City, age 15-44, related to AIDS< drugs and homicides have been steadily rising since 1980. In 1987, Central Harlem had the highest death rate of 5.6 per 1000 population for women in this age group. East Harlem tied with Brownsville for the third highest death rate of 3.6 (The Undeclared Women's Health Crisis in New York City: Premature

Death in Women Ages 15-44: Public Interest Health Consortium for New York City - March 1990.)

Also, Ruth states: Substance Abuse. More than ten percent of New York City residents abuse substances (drugs and alcohol). City-wide, there are an estimated 200,000 intravenous drug abusers, 350,000 users of other drugs (primarily crack/cocaine), and 600,000 alcohol abusers. Many of these New Yorkers are addicted to alcohol and one or more drugs. Many suffer related or complicated illnesses and often need health and mental health services. Some of the highest rates of substance abuse are found in communities in Manhattan. The Central Harlem Health District ranks first in drug mortality.

And Ruth's statement, which I feel support my suggestion, is from the ages of 15-24, the leading cause of death for African-American males is homicide. African-American males have a one in 21 chance of being murdered before the age of 25 years. In addition, African-American males between the ages of 20-29 are more likely to be under correctional supervision. In 1986, 609,690 African -American males were under the control of the Criminal Justice System as compared to 436,000 enrolled in college. The cost of incarceration was \$2.5 billion in 1986.

Because of the perimeters of social policy concerning education and employment, I proposed or suggest a Rites of Passage Program in my neighborhood.

(Policy Studies Journal, Spring 1974) states pp. 181-186: "In the years preceding the introduction of the anti-poverty program, Black political leadership in cities was centered

primarily in protest organizations like the NAACP and CORE pursuing integration ends through the courts and the streets, operating outside the formal structure of government. Few flacks penetrated into the municipal government itself, particularly the policy-making apparatus of the city bureaucracy. What positions did exist reflected the integration orientation of race relations at that time."

We see today, Fall 1991, through the media, and its variety of outlets, racism, and with it all the other isms of a socially ill society.

The Policy Journal further states, "Blacks in government were a small group having no mass support, no control over political or economic resources and little influence upon city politics. Their very narrow slice of the city administration was the civil rights section and basically a one man operation."

Today, Fall 1991, we see there are Black mayors, assembly persons, governors, congressional persons, etc. And we too ask the question why is there still, and increasingly, social injustices and dehumanization, devaluation of people.

Glasgow states pp. 154-155, "Inevitably, Black achievers are still cited as proof that discrimination or structural barriers are not the base of large-scale Black underachievement. Black middle-class success is widely trumpeted as testimony to the open character of American society. What has not even been addressed however is the second class nature of Black middle class status. Again, this is not because of personal inadequacy but because of limited opportunities and functional rules made available to

Blacks by broader society."

If we are to address some of the issues found in these limited statements, then I suggest we look at the environment that does not allow the cognitive development of Blacks (Afro-Americans). Because these unclear boundaries, reinforced consistently in our society, are very real. In fact, we ourselves perpetuate them at times unknowingly or unaware of the devastating impact.

Glasgow states pp. 158-159: "Mainstream institutions contribute to and reinforce the social distance from mainstream values found in ghetto youth. Detachment from mainstream ethics occurs as underclass males experience the discrepancy between what institutional rhetoric promises them and what they actually receive in terms of opportunities."

Glasgow further states: "The almost total absence of human evaluators in the rejection process intensifies the helplessness of the ghetto youth. As one young man pointed out, during the 30's and 40's (which, incidentally, he thought of as ancient times), when discrimination was much more overt and not so embedded in organizational procedures, Blacks were at least able to focus their resentment accurately on those who screen them out because they were Black. It was possible to respond to discrimination and its enforcers in earlier days - whether they were overseer, straw bosses, foremen or personnel department officers, they were identifiable actors. However, with the increasingly legal prohibitions against overt racism, the exclusion began to be accomplished through institutional

protocol."

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I propose education, through the Rites of Passage Program-Community Based, simply because jobs and the institutional education presented does not grant Blacks access to resources. I agree totally that policy must be implemented on a macro level which includes the underclass and poor. However, if people are not able, or disenfranchised, how can they take advantage or even wholeheartedly participate in a policy change. The War on Poverty (the Great Society), offered/gave jobs, training programs, etc. and the results were nil. Social welfare reform created more government expenditures and made poor people more dependent. The people I am speaking of are those families with long periods of unemployment. I believe Katz states this in his book, "The Undeserving Poor", "Where unemployment is the norm and social welfare is a way of life."

Through the Rites of Passage Program, directed towards young Black males ages 9-22 years plus, will focus on self-assessment, self and society and self-evaluation to begin with. The knowledge, wisdom and understanding of self as a viable and valued human being. Through the activities of the program the individual and group cognitive processes will be stimulated to think in rationale perspectives. They will, through this process, identify the strengths in their community. The Rites of Passage Program will offer tangible alternatives to the negative pursuits for happiness left by or rendered by an oppressive society. The Rites of Passage Program will work with the educational institutions that have failed ghetto youth. The

simplicity of the program is being just what it is called - a Rites of Passage to participate in all of society, the micro and macro systems. ✓
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Glasgow states, "The education system presents a fundamental paradox for Blacks. It continues to be held up by the broader society and by Blacks themselves as the institution that makes possible upward mobility yet Black youths' encounters with it have resulted too often in destroyed aspirations and failure."

except No one can break the cycle of deprivation and poverty excepting the people who are deprived and are in poverty. The oppressive certainly isn't. Also, if you can see the internalization of the oppressor, then you can see the necessity of the Rites of Passage Program. True social justice and human dignity must be established in the individual, group and community first (that's knowledge), to know and to act. The Rites of Passage is the grounding for community action. When people have a purpose in life, and direction, you have an informed constituency. Then you can lobby your local politicians and city/state representatives. ✓

"To educate man to be actional, preserving in all his relations, his respect for the basic values that constitute a human world, is the prime task of him who, having taken thought prepares to act." (Frantz Fanon. *pp. 12*)

According to the Policy Journal pp. 181-182, it became politically expedite in the middle 60's to respond to growing unrest in impoverished Black ghettos across the nation. Most Americans perceived the situation in terms of a "Black revolt"

rather than a violent uprising by an American underclass. Consequently the War on Poverty, a program theoretically defined and structured to deal with a class problem - that is poor, most of whom were white, became in reality a race problem directed primarily at Blacks in northern urban centers where tensions and violence were manifested. It is true that much effort has been expended on the white poor, for example Appalachia, but in the minds of most Americans poverty tended to mean Black poverty."

A great deal of this information came from the Policy Studies Journal dated Spring 1974 - The Honorable Ruth W. Messinger, Manhattan Borough President, Strategic Policy Statement, dated November 1, 1990, pp. 37 states: "From the ages of 15 to 24 the leading cause of death for African-American males is homicide. African-American males have a one in 21 chance of being murdered before the age of 25 years and, in addition, African-American males between the ages of 20 - 29 are more likely to be under correctional supervision. In 1986, 609,690 African-American males were under the control of the Criminal Justice System as compared to 436,000 enrolled in college. The cost of incarceration was \$2.5 billion in 1986."

According to the Strategic Policy Statement, p. 142 on Youth and Education, Current status: States," in New York City, student proficiency in the public schools is measured by annual system-wide reading and math tests. Citywide student achievement results on these tests for 1989-90 showed only 48.1 percent of the students reading at or above grade level (grades 3-10) and 56.3 percent scoring at or above grade level in math (grades 2-

8)." The Strategic Policy Statement further states "The reasons for these distressing results are diverse: The cumulative problems of poverty many of the students bring with them to school; the schools' failure to adapt to the changing needs of their students; and the failure of the schools even to provide many students with physically adequate buildings."

On page 143, it states, "Our schools serve the neediest children in our society. Of the 174 public schools in Manhattan, 134 have students who qualify for the free or reduced price lunches or who come from families receiving Aids to Families with Dependent Children."

William J. Wilson (The Truly Disadvantaged, 1987) on page 20 states, "The social problems of urban life in the United States re, in large measure, the problems of racial inequality. The rates of crime, drug addiction, out of wedlock births, female headed families, and welfare dependency have risen dramatically in the last several years and they reflect a noticeably uneven distribution by race. As emphasized in the previous chapter, liberal social scientists, journalists, policy makers, and civil rights leaders have nonetheless been reluctant to face this fact. Often analysts make no reference to race at all when discussing issues such as crime and teenage pregnancy except to emphasize the deleterious effects of racial discrimination or of the institutionalized inequality of American Society."

Wilson further states (p. 21), "Like Clark, and Moynihan emphasized that family deterioration as revealed in urban Blacks rising rates of broken marriages, female headed homes, out of

wedlock births, and welfare dependency was one of the central problems of the Black lower class. And as had Frazier, Moynihan argued that the problems of the Black family, which present major obstacles to Black equality, derive from previous patterns of inequality that originated in the slavery experience and have been maintained and reinforced by years of racial discrimination." He concluded his report by recommending a shift in the direction of federal civil rights activities to "bring Negro American to full and equal sharing in the responsibilities and rewards of citizenship" and thereby to increase "the stability and resources of the Negro American family."

 The Rites of Passage Program will be a buffer against stress in a hostile environment. (A) by the participants being first supportive of one another, and (B) by becoming supportive of their community. The goal of the Rites of Passage is for the individual to become a change agent. "Empowerment"

Implementing the concept of empowerment involves five essential elements or "dimensions" which remain constant: 1) establishing and achieving appropriate purposes; 2) clarifying one's values and dealing with values issues; 3) effectively understanding self and others; 4) understanding and working effectively with systems; and 5) developing and using needed skills. College for Human Services, 9/1978.

The Rites of Passage, with the inclusion of these elements, guided into the correct direction will produce accountable and responsible community members, persons who will break their own cycles of deprivation and poverty. The name given the Chains of

Bondage. The policy impact can be addressed and reassessed. I believe that it is through this process that individualized groups and communities - especially ghettos - will reach the goal of human dignity and social justice. It will be through this process or one very similar, that the gun fire will cease on 145th Street. And brother will stop killing brother for a few dollars more or to establish manhood.

Addressing Ruth's Strategic Policy Statement on Substance Abuse:

According to Howard Abadensky (Drug Abuse), there are some explanations, such as, (psychological explanation.) Psychology examines individual human behavior. Some psychological theories explain drug abuse in a personality basis: Drug addiction is primarily a personality disorder. It represents a type of abortive adjustment of life that individuals with certain personality predispositions may choose under appropriate conditions of availability and socio-cultural attitudinal tolerance (Gusubel, 1978, p. 77).

Abadensky's book further explains drug addiction, using psychoanalytic theory, which conceives of drug abuse as symptomatic of neuroses that manifest themselves during adolescence. Adolescents usually experience periods of boredom, anxiety, frustration, and even short-lived depression, but the typical adolescent does not know how to deal with these feelings in a mature, nondestructive fashion. Psychoactive drugs can be conceived of as a form of self-medication.

Also he states, Behaviorism/Learning Theory. Behaviorism has its roots in the laboratory of experimental psychologists with their dogs, pigeons, rates, monkeys and mazes. Behaviorists typically reject psychoanalytic theory as unscientific, that is lacking the rigorous testing to which learning theory has been subjected.

Measurement of objective behavior is intrinsic to learning theory, which proceeds from the idea that all forms of behavior are conditioned, the result of learned responses to certain

stimuli.

The Sociological Explanations Abadensky gives are, first, sociology is the science of social structures and social behavior. To the sociologist, drug addiction is seen as the product of social conditions and relationships that result in despair, frustration and hopelessness. Added to these are the feelings of alienation suffered by the most disadvantaged segments of the population (Biermack, 1986). The National Institute on Drug Abuse ("Drug Abuse" 1987) outlines factors that are associated positively with adolescent substance abuse:

1. Families whose members have a history of alcohol abuse and/or histories of antisocial behavior or criminality.
2. Inconsistent parental supervision with reactions that swing from permissiveness to severity.
3. Parental approval or use of dangerous substances.
4. Friends who abuse drugs.
5. Children who fail in school during late elementary years and who show a lack of interest in school during early adolescence.
6. Children who are alienated and rebellious.
7. Antisocial behavior during early adolescence, particularly aggressive behavior.

The Drug Abuse Legislation of 1988, according to Abadensky, p. 291. In the presidential campaign of 1988, the fight against drugs and drug abuse was an important issue. The heat of the national campaign led to the enactment of an omnibus drug bill in the final days of the One Hundredth Congress, legislation that

states, "It is the declared policy of the United States Government to Create a Drug-Free America by 1995." The bipartisan measure was approved overwhelmingly.

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