"After Me Comes The Future Ruler" Response to The 5% Righteous Teachers of the 2nd Resurrection



Mr. Dhoruba Asadi uploaded a paper in Acedemia.com titled, "After Me Comes... The Future Ruler1" authored by the collective effort of The 5% Righteous Teachers of the 2nd Resurrection. In this paper, the authors set out to "show and prove", from the Teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, that he foretold of a "future ruler" to come "after him" (Elijah Muhammad). Here is the author(s) "Objective and Observations" as outlined in this paper/article:

Objective and Observations:

- . We intend to show and prove through evidence provided by Messenger Elijah Muhammad, that he pointed to another person to come after him to do a work with the people of God. This is our main premise.
- . To make the point, that Messenger Elijah Muhammad, is only referring to one man, and the place where this man will come. The man is given a mission to do a work with the people of God. And, through evidence provided by Messenger Elijah Muhammad, by the description given of the man, that he cannot be that man.
- . We will show, according to Messenger Elijah Muhammad, the man of both prophesies of Daniel and Revelation, are one, and the same man. And finally, to provide an answer from the Messenger of Allah, teaching us the time when we should expect this man, is it before or after him?

This is a fair approach to the subject at hand, and I agree totally with this method as a way to determine the Truth. We, likewise will use the "evidence provided by Messenger Elijah Muhammad" and will demonstrate that "The 5% Righteous Teachers of the 2nd Resurrection" failed in their attempt to "show and prove" what is outlined in their "Objective and Observations". We will show that the author(s) misapplied scripture by interpreting a symbolic prophesy in a literal way and totally misunderstanding the words of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad regarding said scriptures. To begin, the authors present as evidence, an article written by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad titled "Jesus Only A Prophet" which was Published in the Muhammad Speaks Newspaper 1966. According to the author(s), this article "proves that another person would come after him to do a work with the people". This person, they claim, is "one of the mentally dead Negroes who comes in fulfillment of Revelation 1:18".

We, on the other hand, take this individual who is "one of the mentally dead Negroes" to be a reference of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, and not to someone who would come after him.

The "5% Righteous Teachers of the 2nd Resurrection posted for our convenience an excerpt in point form of the article under discussion (please refer to the article at the following link:

https://www.academia.edu/24708687/After Me...Comes The Future Ruler 1

Points 1-3 (see below), the writers say that the prophecy outlined in the Book of Revelations 1:11 refers to Master Fard Muhammad, to which we agree. Therefore, there is no need to comment on these points (1-3). Our main issue of disagreement is their interpretation or breakdown of point #4. I will have a lot to say on this. But before we begin, I want to emphasize the importance of proper methodology when we try to interpret Divine Truth (whether scripture or the Teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad). Whenever we intend to properly interpret the "Word of God", we must not apply our own ideas to the text (or what is stated). This would be referred to as "Eisegesis". Eisegesis is defined as:

EISEGESIS: "Eisegesis is the interpretation of a passage based on a subjective, non-analytical reading. The word eisegesis literally means "to lead into," which means the interpreter injects his own ideas into the text, making it mean whatever he wants.

As you can see, Eisegesis is an improper method to determine the Truth as taught by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. We will show that this is exactly what was done by "The 5% Righteous Teachers of the 2nd Resurrection". This will be demonstrated by proper Exegesis of his words (see below).

Exegesis, unlike eisegesis is:

EXEGESIS: "Exegesis is the exposition or explanation of a text based on a careful, objective analysis. The word exegesis literally means "to lead out of." That means that the interpreter is led to his conclusions by following the text.

We intend on applying Exegesis to the words and Teachings of the Hon. Elijah Muhammad. We will look at the entire scope of his Teachings regarding the subject matter from his various articles, speeches and lectures, etc.

This is an article that was Published in the Muhammad Speaks Newspaper, 1966, titled, "Jesus: Only a Prophet" in point form as it appears in the paper, "After Me...Comes The Future Ruler:

A.

From the following article, "Jesus Only a Prophet" by Messenger Elijah Muhammad, it reads. To Wit:

 "The Revelation of St. John 1: 11, I quote: "I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last." They refer to Jesus as saying this on his return from death. The same thing is being preached now, from the coming of Allah, in the Person of Master Fard Muhammad, that He is the First, and He is the Last.

- Here the words have two meanings and times and places. In the time of Jesus, who was from the Black Nation, of whom the scriptures teach was a Jew, but a Jew is not an original people, therefore these words apply to a member of the Aboriginal people of the earth – that they are first in human form.
- 3. THEY ARE the same words used by Master Fard Muhammad, to Whom praises are due forever, but have two meanings. Number one, He is One and part of the Black Nation, which is the first and last. Secondly, the words mean that: I am the First God, and Saviour, and Friend of yours and, the Last God, Saviour, and Friend to you (the Lost Found so-called American Negroes).
- 4. The 18th verse of the 1st Chapter of the Revelation of St. John reads like this: "I am he that liveth and was dead: and, behold, I am alive forevermore." This (does not) refer now to the God, but refers to (one) of the mentally dead Negroes, who had been dead to the knowledge of truth and self and God and now has been (brought to life) (knowledge), and, has now been given authority over mental death in these words: "and have the keys of hell and death."
- 5. The keys mean authority and wisdom of how to execute the authority."...of hell" means the condition of the people of his, in hell, under a people who had killed them mentally. This key he says, and I quote: "...and of death" does not mean the natural, literal death that comes to everyone, but it means that this key of authority and enlightenment would destroyed the death of ignorance and the mental death of the people of God, in hell. Not a burning, literal, fiery hell, as the reader may take, but a hell of condition of life being deprived of the essential things of life.
- 6. NEVER TAKE this prophecy as, being of Jesus of 2000 years ago. When a man understands the word of God spoken through the mouth of prophets, he is safe from being deceived by the arch deceiver (the devil). There is no such thing as a return of physical flesh and blood and bone from its physical death. This is against the law of God in which he has made us. Jesus was only a Prophet."

I will respond to point #4. Here is the actual excerpt from the above said (Muhammad Speaks Newspaper):

The 18th verse of the 1st Chapter of the Revelation of St. John reads like this: "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore."

This does not refer now to the God, but refers to one of the mentally dead Negroes, who had been dead to the knowledge of truth and self and God—and now has been brought to life (knowledge), and, has now been given authority over mental death in these words: "and have the keys of hell and of death."

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We will begin by posting the authors argument and then responding point by point. POINT#1:



In paragraph 4, it reads in the 18th verse of the same chapter, "I am he that liveth and was dead: and, behold, I am alive forevermore," Followed by the Messenger's statement, "This (does not) refer now to the God, but refers to (one) of the mentally dead Negroes, who had been dead to the knowledge of truth and self and God." It is here, we believe, the Messenger of Allah, is indicating another person coming up from the American so-call Negroes, in the fulfillment of prophesy. However, exactly which "one of the mentally dead Negroes," that Messenger Elijah Muhammad is referring to, is unclear.

We do know it is not referring to Jesus, of 2000 years ago, as having any consideration in the above discussion, by the fact that Messenger Elijah Muhammad states, "Never take this prophecy, as being of Jesus of 2000 years ago," In the last paragraph.

A little further down in the article, the author(s) writes that "The Messenger, does not indicate a specific time or place, with respect to this "Mentally dead Negro", who says, "I am he that liveth and was dead: and, behold, I am alive forevermore," inn the 18th verse. But, by listing things about the person, the Messenger is providing a "pictorial meaning" of the person, in common with the condition of the people..." The author(s) then elaborates on point 5 and 6:



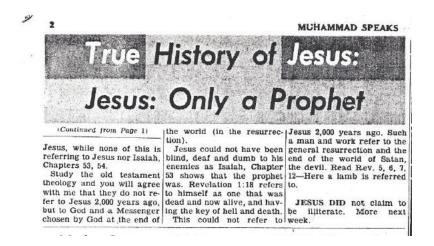
In paragraph, 5 and 6, the Messenger, is giving a meaning by listing things about the man: **A.** he's mentally dead and brought back to life, with knowledge; **B.** once "alive" he's given authority, or "keys of wisdom" over mental death; **C.** that the keys of enlightenment is given to him to help the people; **D.** that the people of God was "in hell" under a people who had killed them mentally; **E.** being given keys of enlightenment would destroy the mental death over the people of God; **F.** because they were "in hell," meaning they were deprived of the essentials of life.

The authors admit later on in their article that, "Messenger Elijah Muhammad, is referring to only, ("One") of the mentally dead Negroes," it, does lends to the notion that it could be any so-called Negro living in America, ***INCLUDING HIM***" (emphasis mine). He (the author) then says, ("One") of the mentally dead Negroes," standing alone, does not provide sufficient information to pinpoint exactly, which of the so-called Negroes he has reference to, whether HIMSELF of another"..."then some process of subtraction and elimination must take place. Otherwise, the generalization is just too broad."

RESPONSE:

First, I disagree with the point that the words "One of the mentally dead so-called Negroes" could refer to any so-called Negro living in America. This phrase most certainly refer to none

other than the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. The author(s) disagreement notwithstanding. To prove that the phrase, "One of the mentally dead so-called Negroes" who says, "I am he that liveth and was dead: and, behold, I am alive forevermore," in the 18th verse refers to the Hon. Elijah Muhammad, can be found in the words of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad contained in the same series of articles titled, "Jesus: Only a Prophet". In the June 17, 1966 edition of the Muhammad Speaks Newspaper article titled, "The True History of Jesus Revealed – Jesus: Only a Prophet", the Messenger refers to that same prophecy contained in Revelation 1:18. Here is a small excerpt from that article (read carefully):



In the above, the Messenger equated the person in Revelations 1:18 as being the same "Prophet" spoken of in Isaiah, Chapter 53 (of which Christians mistake to be prophecies referring to the Jesus of 2,000 years ago). The Messenger then says that the one speaking in Revelation 1L18 is not a reference to Jesus 2,000 years ago because the work of that man refers to the "general resurrection and the end of the world of Satan". He then asks us to read Rev. 5, 6, 7, 12. And then gives you a key to the identity of this man. For he says, "here a **LAMB** is referred to."

This KEY would tell you exactly WHO this one of Revelations 1:18 is. It refers to a person that is called the "LAMB". The "LAMB" of Revelations is that one "who liveth and was dead". This "Lamb" is none other than the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. This is the Teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, not my own ideas or opinion (eisegesis). He taught us that he (Elijah Muhammad) is that "Lamb" spoken of in the Book of Revelations. I here provide his words on who is the Lamb of God:

1. THEOLOGY OF TIME, JUNE 4, 1972:

"I am that little fellow that He had taken off aside and taught. Why I say, "little fellow"? The Bible makes him little; He didn't make him a big sheep; He said a little LAMB..."

2. THEOLOGY OF TIME, JUNE 18, 1972:

"My size is very small, that's why they symbolically prophesied of me as being a little LAMB instead of a grown up Lamb. "No Christian believer, that doesn't mean that was Jesus and I'm trying to steal him. Jesus was a well learned man. THE LAMB there is a man that's not only little in stature, but little in education."

3. THEOLOGY OF TIME, JULY 9, 1972:

"...It's there in your Bible in Revelation. God was angry, THE LAMB was angry, everybody was angry, because the war of the devils were against God and His Messenger. God AND HIS MESSENGER were both angry. I'm angry now and ready to fight..."

4. THEOLOGY OF TIME, JULY 30, 1972:

"Out of the LAMB'S mouth proceeded great words that the enemy couldn't stand. Then all the people rose up, blind, deaf and dumb, to the understanding of the symbolic LAMB. They thought it was Jesus back there 2,000 years ago. They had not studied the nature of the Lamb, or why a person is called a sheep. How could Jesus be called a sheep? How could he be called a Lamb? HE WAS NOT THE FIRST OF HIS PEOPLE FOR YOU TO CALL HIM A LAMB NEWLY BORN, or the world would have been changed in his day and time. Why he's called a Lamb further in the Revelation, is because he's the FIRST THAT IS BORN TO BRING ABOUT A NEW CIVILIZATION, AND THE FIRST OF THAT NEW CIVILIZATION."

5. THEOLOGY OF TIME, AUGUST 20, 1972"I am supposed to be designed by Allah to help push you into hell, LIKE MOSES help push Pharaoh into hell. I'm in the same position as that man that you find in the Bible. When you turn me down, I'm going to be all but satisfied. I will be like your Bible teach you, "AND THE LAMB WAS ANGRY."

6. THEOLOGY OF TIME, OCTOBER 15, 1972:

"**I'M MOST CERTAINLY that little fellow who's called A LAMB in the Bible**, bound to get you."

7. MESSAGE TO THE BLACKMAN, PAGE 158:

"This is the true type of **A MAN LIKE MOSES**. If you study the prophecy concerning **THE LAST MESSENGER** of God, according to the description given to the man by the Bible's prophecy in the Torah and Gospel, you will find that he is a man, according to the Psalms, with the name of "Muhammad" and also you will find him in the Revelation under the symbolic name, "LAMB*. He gets the name (praised) from the honor of the "twenty-four elders" or Islamic Scientists. The position that he is shown under, the symbolical "LAMB" in, is like the Holy Qur'an's teaching one who is illiterate and whom the people will find written down in the Torah and the Gospel..."

8. PITTSBURGH COURIER, DATED NOV. 22, 1958:

"Those who refuse to believe in Allah (God) and His religion, Islam and follow and obey **HIS MESSENGER (THE LAMB)** will worship the beast. (How true this is today). The symbolic name given to the Last Apostle or Messenger of Allah (God) has been wrongfully applied to Jesus of two thousand years ago by Bible students; for JESUS; LIFE AND MINISTRY WERE ONLY A PROTOTYPE OF THE ANTI-TYPICAL LAST MESSENGER OF ALLAH (God), who also would be born in the midst of the infidels, as Jesus was. The Lamb (Apostle) could not have been physically slain. The words refer to his physical and mental conditions as he was seen in the midst of the beasts. "As we read of this SYMBOLIC LAMB in Rev. 5:6, "As if it had been slain", (not slain, only looked as if it were slain) as one looks at a lamb among beasts of prey, bruised and torn by the savage beast...." ("The Dreadful and Terrible Beast Who Is Able to Make War With the Beast? (Dan. 7:7, Rev. 13:4)", November 22, 1958) The above is clear, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, the Last Messenger of Allah is that one who is symbolized in the Bible (Revelations) at being the "LAMB" of God.

At this time it is important for me to show you from the Messengers teachings that he (Elijah Muhammad) is the LAST MESSENGER of ALLAH.

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD IS THE LAST MESSENGER OF ALLAH!

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad made it clear on many occasions that he is The LAST MESSENGER of ALLAH. Here are two that make this point clear:

"I'm your Last Messenger - and don't look for another one. If you're looking for another, you will be the loser. He's not coming! Behind me comes God and the executioners. This is as true as I am speaking to you..." (Saviour's Day 1966) He stated this fact in an interview in Phoenix, Arizona: "My mission is to give life to the dead. What I teach brings them out of death into life. My mission, as the Messenger, is to bring the truth to the world before the

world is destroyed. **THERE WILL BE NO OTHER MESSENGER.** **I **AM THE LAST**** and after me comes God Himself..." (MTTBM, pg. 306) (Note: The two above quotes will be the subject of another point further along in this response)

Case closed! The Honorable Elijah Muhammad is The LAST MESSENGER who is called THE LAMB in the Book of Revelations. It is this same LAMB that is the "future ruler" that was "dead and now alive having the KEY of hell and death".

Now I will quote Revelation 1:17-18 to put the death nail on who the future ruler is according to the Honorable Elijah Muhammad:

"And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death." (Rev. 1:17-18)

What does it mean, I am the First and the Last? On pg. 250 of Message to the Blackman we read.

"...The Bible gives us a very clear prophecy and knowledge of this particular **LAST MESSENGER** in many places. It is that **he is the first and the last** who will be among the people, because they would be the only and last people who would be without the guidance of Allah at the end of the world and must be guided into the path of Allah if they are to be saved from the destruction of the enemies of Allah who had deceived and now hold that people in bondage -- the true descendants of Ishmael of whom Ishmael himself was a prototype and his mother the outcast."

And as I quote above, "Why he's called a **Lamb further in the Revelation**, is because **he's the FIRST THAT IS BORN TO BRING ABOUT A NEW CIVILIZATION, AND THE FIRST OF THAT NEW CIVILIZATION**." (Theology of Time, July 30, 1972)

As Brother Roderick Muhammad wrote in his response to your article, "...The Hon. Elijah Muhammad clearly says the Last Messenger is the First and the Last who will be among the People who would be without the guidance of Allah at the end of the world." (agreed)!! HAVING THE KEY OF HELL AND DEATH:

Now lastly I will quote from T.H.E.M that He was the One given the Keys referred to in Revelation 1:18. On pg. 36 of Our Saviour Has Arrived the Messenger wrote:

"...Angel said to Baal and to his donkey - He said; "If the donkey had not seen me, I would have slew both of you." The donkey He's mentioning there means; "If that little dumb **Messenger's** eyes had not come open to the knowledge that I am God, I would have killed all of you." Because it's time, it's time that you should be killed. "But it happened that he opened his eyes and he saw Me; he recognized Me." Praises be to Allah. "I am going to give him a key. I am going to give him the Keys for all of them, that he can open their cave-doors." "Open them up, **ELIJAH**, here are the keys! And tell them to come forth, that I am here. Tell them I will set them in Heaven at once - money, good homes, friendships in all walks of life." The above is so clear that even a fool can understand. The above mentions the name *ELIJAH*. It is Elijah who was given the KEY. Not Silis Muhammad or any other man. Nothing Else Needs to be said (at least for the wide awake man)! We have shown through the direct words of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad (which is the standard set by the 5% Righteous Teachers of the 2nd Resurrection) that it is he (Elijah Muhammad) who is the "future ruler". It is he (Elijah Muhammad, the Last Messenger of Allah) that is the "future ruler" who is called The LAMB. It is he (Elijah Muhammad) that was given the KEY of hell and death. There is no way of getting around the

fact that the Messenger (Elijah Muhammad) taught that he (and no other man coming after him) is the "future ruler" mentioned in the Book of Revelation 1:18.

POINT #2:

The authors continue in their attempt to interpret the words contained in the Book of Revelation (1:14-18) that describes the "future ruler". In their paper/article, they wrote:

Is Messenger Elijah Muhammad the man of Rev 1:14?

Searching to answer the question, anyone using a good reference Bible, beginning from verse 14, reading down thru verse 18. They would learn, that at verse 14, is where (begins) a physical description of the one at verse 18, saying, "I am he that liveth and was dead: and, behold, I am alive forevermore," who, according to Messenger Elijah Muhammad, is "one of the mentally dead Negroes." Verse 14, reads like this: "His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;" That's important!

They (the authors) make the point that the description of the man has great significance, especially the description of the "hair" being like "wool as white as snow". They then go on to point out how Master Fard Muhamad does not fulfill the description of the man with "hair like wool as white as snow" since "the official portrait of Him, shows His hair is straight and jet black". They also deny the Messenger as being the one spoken of since he had "black hair, receding and thin as seen in some of his EARLIER PHOTOGRAPHS." They then go on to make the argument:

Do you think, he would direct you to a man described with hair — white like wool, knowing he had no such features, and tell us, it is himself? If he meant that, seems a very simple thing for him to say. But, no he didn't do that. And, even if he did, being a Man of truth, wouldn't Messenger Muhammad, know, that one day we would read that and know the verse doesn't describe his person? The Messenger, hardly had any hair. For, nearly twenty years he wore a fez or a crown upon his head. Would he have done that, knowing that the quality of his hair was significant in the fulfillment of prophesy? We think not!

RESPONSE:

We begin our response by quoting the verse in question from the Book of Revelation 1:14.

Revelation 1:14

"His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;"

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad had this to say on page 54 and 55 of "Our Saviour Has Arrived" about Daniel's prophecy regarding the "person" called "The Ancient of Days", which is comparable to the description given in Revelation 1:14, making it one and the same (as pointed out by the 5% Righteous Teachers in their article):

"I saw that Fourth and dreadful Beast that rose up on the sea and land. I saw him take him. He was taken, and his body was given to the burning flame! That is the prophecy of Daniel. And I saw behind this Beast the ages of days [sitting]. Think that over. The color of his head was white as snow; kinky like lambs' wool. The color of his hair shows how age-able he is. Think it over. He is an old, gray headed man – been here a long time! Think over that. His hair is not wooly, it is not animal-like: It is curly, it balls up and twists up. Who is he? Daniel says, "He is the Ancient of Days?" "He is the First I can't count His Days. I don't know the number of the years, but as He was of Ages' Time. He is coming in after this one. Praise are due to Allah."

The authors (5% Righteous Teachers) then point to page 87 of "Our Saviour Has Arrived" which makes the point that both prophecies contained in the Book of Daniel and that of Revelations are referring to one and the same person:

"We're proud of our black skin and our kinky wool; for this kinky wooly hair is that of the future ruler. Look into your poison book, Dan 7:9, Rev. 1:14."

The authors then point out again in their article that the Messenger, Elijah Muhammad "did not have white hair nor curly hair" and that by this fact, "it is here proven, that he was not referring to himself, but rather (some other so-called American Negro), coming out of the ranks of the Lost Found Nation of Islam."

WHO IS "HE" AND WHO IS "HE" NOT?

This verse in question (Revelation 1:14 and Daniel 7:9) is NOT referring to a "single" individual. This "Ancient of Days" is symbolic to the BLACK MAN in general (not just one individual). This whole imagery is highly symbolic. If one were to take this 100% literal, then the "person" described as having hair "white like wool", then this "person" would also have to have eyes as "flames of fire." Did Silis Muhammad have "eyes as flames of fire"? No! This is symbolic and there is no need for the "person" to literally have eyes "as flames of fire". There is so much in this (which can be gone into at another time). Even the description of the "head" AND "hairs" (this is odd, why mention the HEAD and the HAIRS to be like "wool, as white as snow"?), this is also symbolic/metaphorical. I will give a few examples:

Isaiah 1:18

"Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be **AS WHITE AS SNOW**; though they are red as crimson, they **shall be LIKE WOOL**."

What? A person's sins are described as becoming "like wool, as white as snow"? Are we to believe that a person's sins are a reference to a so-called Negro simply because the sins are described as being "like wool, as white as snow"?

The Song of Solomon 4:2

"Your teeth are like a flock of sheep whose wool is newly cut."

Psalms 147:16

"He sends the snow like white wool."

Snow is described as being like "white wool"? Is the snow a reference to "one of the Lost Found so-called Negroes?

(I will let you wrangle over these verses. I just wanted to show you that there is more to be understood in the words). Now, let's go back to the literal understanding of having "hair like wool and white as snow" and who this "person" that is being described is and is not.

As I mentioned above, this "Ancient of Days" is a reference to the chosen people of God as a collective. It is they (The so-called American Negro) who are descendants of the Ancient Black people that were the makers and owners of the heavens and the earth. No individual person alive today can be called the "Ancient of Days" simply because they have "white wooly hair". That would be foolish. No. This is only a symbolic/metaphorical description to the Blackman who have no beginning and no ending.

This fact can be demonstrated from the quote provided by the 5% Righteous Teachers from "Our Saviour Has Arrived", page 54 and 55 (refer to above). I give a few examples:

The Messenger said that this Ages of Days "been here a long time" and that he "can't count his days". Surely, an individual alive today has not been here "a long time" that his days can't be counted. Take Minister Silis for example. We know he hasn't been here a "long time" to call him "The Ancient of Days". He was born in this century. His years can definitely be counted. This disqualifies him as being called "The Ancient of Days"! The "Ancient of Days" ruled from the Beginning of Time. That is a reference to the BLACK MAN of Asia! All original people are "ancient" (regardless to whether they have grey hair or not) because they are descendants of the Originator of the Heavens and the Earth.

Again, the "hair being white like wool as white as snow" is only a metaphorical way of saying that the Blackman is an Ancient Original man.

Now. Here comes the BOMB dropped by the Messenger himself which clarifies what I am trying to say. The Messenger made it clear that the "Ancient of days" is a reference to The Blackman in general. Before I post this, let me remind you what the Messenger said regarding his interpretation of scripture:

"GOD HAS raised me in the midst of you to interpret for you. I do my best to give you the truth without making any changes. I have no knowledge of anything I am teaching --- only what Allah, in the person of Master Fard Muhammad, has given me." (SAVIOR'S DAY 1967, "GOD HAS RAISED ME IN THE MIDST OF YOU TO INTERPRET FOR YOU", Reprinted from the March 17, 1967 edition of MUHAMMAD SPEAKS)

If this is true (and it is), then we can be confident that the interpretation given by Messenger Elijah Muhammad is what ALLAH, Master Fard Muhammad gave to him for us. His interpretation is as good as gold. There is no need for guess work on our part after he gives us the true interpretation of scripture.

So here it is, right from the mouth of Allah's Last Messenger. Read his words for yourself:

THE ANCIENT OF DAYS by Elijah Muhammad: "The description of the ruler of the hereafter is given there in a vision of him, of being an old man with gray hair. The translators of the book called it the Ancient of Days. The Ancient of Days could be ancients of a thousand years, ages of millions and trillions of years; however, He is the first and He is the Old Ancient ruler, now rising up to take over and root out white power. That's the Blackman he's illustrating there. It says that the hair on his head is like lamb's wool, and its kinky like lamb's wool. That's the Blackman..." (Saviour's Day 1967 - "Black Power" by Elijah Muhammad, Messenger of Allah)

Yes sir Dear Holy Apostle! The Ancient of Days is the Blackman, who had no beginning nor ending (older than the Sun, Moon and Stars). It is the Blackman who will rule in the Hereafter. This "Ancient of Days" (The Blackman) would come into power by the Teachings (The KEY) given to the Honorable Elijah Muhammad (The Lamb of God).

AFTER ME COMES GOD HIMSELF:

Before we conclude our refutation of the article written by "The 5% Righteous Teachers of the 2nd Resurrection", we will deal with this "riddle" couched in Message To The Blackman, page 306, "I am the Last, and after me comes God, Himself."

According to the authors (5% Righteous), "it is not referring to the Great and Mighty Savior, Master Fard Muhammad..." They say emphatically, "No, it is not Him, to return again for a second time." They declare that this coming of God to be referring to "your little black brother (I presume a reference to Min. Silis Muhammad), who is to rise up, right here under your feet to lead you. Your Black God!..." They conclude, saying, "It is hereby resolved. The Mystery is finish."

RESPONSE:

Did they (the 5% Righteous Teachers) really solve the "riddle" of the "Coming of God"? I will answer by saying, "EMPHATICALLY NO!"

The God that comes after Messenger Elijah Muhammad (according to The Messenger) is Master Fard Muhammad (God in Person).

Before we prove our point, let us review the two quotes I provided above regarding the "Coming of God". Here they are again:

"I'm your Last Messenger - and don't look for another one. If you're looking for another, you will be the loser. He's not coming! Behind me comes God and the executioners. This is as true as I am speaking to you..." (Saviour's Day 1966)

He stated this fact in an interview in Phoenix, Arizona:

"My mission is to give life to the dead. What I teach brings them out of death into life. My mission, as the Messenger, is to bring the truth to the world before the world is destroyed. **THERE WILL BE NO OTHER MESSENGER.** **I **AM THE LAST**** and after me comes God Himself..." (MTTBM, pg. 306)

Is this God that the Messenger Elijah Muhammad is referring to, Master Fard Muhammad?

Is it another "God" born in the midst of the Lost-Found Nation of Islam in America? Is this a reference of the Lost-Found Black people in general? Is there a difference between "God" and "The executioners"? Who are the Executioners?

THE RIDDLE (AS I SEE IT):

In an interview granted by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad in the 1960's wherein he was asked a question about Master Fard Muhammad's disappearance.

"QUESTION: What happened to Fard Muhammad, and why did He disappear?

MESSENGER: Well, that happened like this: After He had given to me what He wanted to give to me...it was not necessary for Him to remain here among us; so, He had taken His leave, as it is said in the Qur'an: that the people are not worthy that God remain among them; however, He makes a Messenger of that people, that through that Messenger, He will reach the people – through him, and the Bible verifies the same. And so, He left and **He gave me a hint about His return, but there is just as much prophecy that He will not return as there is of His returning, because the Bible says HE WILL SEND HIS ANGELS and they will take care of the gathering of His people. I don't expect Him to return in person, not like that, because there is too much for us to look forward to that He will not. It is not really necessary if HE IS GOING TO SEND HIS OWN PEOPLE**, as they're referred to as ANGELS, to gather the believers of my people, it's not necessary." (Transcript provided by M.E.M.P.S. – "History of The Nation of Islam", p. 5; also refer to this interview on youtube.com, "Hon. Eijah Muhammad Interview Part 2": https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9TkBXVuZcPo)

On page 11, the authors argue:

"The fact, that this man (comes after) Messenger Elijah Muhammad, only proves the fact, **HE DOES NOT MEET WITH, NOR IS SENT DIRECTLY FROM THE FACE OF ALMIGHT GOD. ALLAH, MASTER FARD MUHAMMAD**"...the man coming after the Messenger, **is only a follower** out of the ranks."

If the "man coming after the Messenger, is ONLY a "follower" out of the ranks", how then can this "follower" be the "God" that comes after Elijah Muhammad? Surely the "God" is not just a "follower". Not the "God" that Messenger Muhammad refers to as coming with the executors.

What about the statement where Messenger Muhammad says that "he doesn't expect HIM (Master Fard Muhammad) to return in person"? Does this contradict my belief that Master Fard Muhammad is the "God" Whom the Messenger teaches WILL RETURN? Some believers try to rectify this statement about "God coming after Elijah" to be a reference to Black people in general. It is said that the "Angels" that are "sent" by Master Fard Muhammad to gather the people is a reference to "God's coming". This cannot be correct, since the statement(s) made by Messenger Muhammad says that both "GOD **AND** THE EXECUTIONRS" would come (in the future). There is a distinction made between God and the Executioners (Angels).

The only way for us to see (understand) what the Messenger is saying is by taking the statements where he said "God" would come after him to be a reference to the Only God that he represented to us, That God was/Is God in Person, Master Fard Muhammad!

Is there anything in the Messenger's teachings where this can be verified? Did Messenger Elijah Muhammad (contrary to what the 5% Righteous Teachers of the 2nd Resurrection said about Master Fard Muhammad, that He is "not to return again") ever teach that the Coming of God after Elijah actually refers to Master Fard Muhammad's Second Coming?

He most certainly did. Check out the following excerpt from an article that appears in the Muhammad Speaks Newspaper, dated **December 18, 1970, from article titled "SELF FIRST"!**

BUT today we have about caught up with him and we now know all of his acts. He cannot deceive us so easily since we have Been Wised Up to him by our God and Saviour Who Came in the Person of Master Fard Muhammad, to Whom Praises are due forever Whom they have been looking for to Come for two thousand (2,000) years, under the name of Jesus Christ or God in Person. You will find this throughout the Bible.

I AM a listic ahead of Him in this Second Coming. My great work now is to prepare you for His Second Coming, so that you may be accepted. But while that He Tarries a little it is good for us. for I have more time to teach you more knowledge of yourself. What says the Book about the coming of Elijah? The Bible says that Elijah will make the crooked way straight for you and that Elijah must come first before the God. Right behind Elijah Comes the God. This is true, but he must prepare the people for Him so that He Has the Rights to Come for His Own that I Make for Him.

There we have it. The Truth is confirmed. The God whom the Messenger (Elijah Muhammad) had in mind as "coming after Elijah" is Master Fard Muhammad, the All Mighty God in Person. No interpretation needed. The "Mystery" of is indeed finished!!!

CONCLUSION:

We have shown and proved in this response to the paper written by the collective effort of "The 5% Righteous Teachers of the 2nd Resurrection", "After Me...Comes The Future Ruler Part 1" the following:

- (a.) According to the Standard, i.e., the Teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, that the "New Ruler" spoken of in the Book of Revelations 1:18, is none other than the "LAMB of God", Honorable Elijah Muhammad.
- (b.) We have shown through his undiluted Teachings that this "Lamb of God, who is The Last Messenger (Elijah Muhammad) is a representative of his people (the so-called Negroes) that are styled as "The Ancient of Days" having "hair like wool, as white as snow" (metaphorically showing the age of the Blackman), of which he is a part. It is this "Ancient of Days" (Elijah Muhammad) that is given the "KEY of Hell and Death" by God in Person (Master Fard Muhammad).
- (c.) Lastly, we have shown through the Messengers direct words that the God who comes

after him is a reference to his Teachers, God in Person (Master Fard Muhammad) in His "second coming".

We have kept to the same standard of proof set by "The 5% Righteous Teachers", which is to use the words and teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. All that can be done now as a counter response is to deny his words outright, or claim that he was mistaken in what he taught (which would in fact be destroying their entire argument which they say is based on the words of Messenger Elijah Muhammad). Or they can bend and twist his direct words and continue to interpret his words as they see it, inserting their own ideas to the text (his words). This, as I mentioned at the beginning of our response is what is called eisegesis.

I guess we can just let the readers decide who is correct. I welcome all comments.

As-Salaam-Alaikum...