

# AFTER ME...COMES THE FUTURE RULER 1

The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened. Matt 13:33.

A Reach for Unity.

Can it be shown, when Messenger Elijah Muhammad, said, "After me comes God, Himself," was he referring to the return of Master Fard Muhammad, or another Man raised from among the people?

### **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?

To lay bases for this objective, we place into evidence material from an article by Messenger Elijah Muhammad (honor to his name forever), titled, **Jesus Was Only a Prophet**, published in Muhammad Speaks Newspaper (1966), republished December 29, 1972.<sup>1</sup> This particular article, we believe, proves that he understood that another person would come after him and do a work with the people.

For the purpose of this dialogue, we will focus on 6 paragraphs. However, you are encouraged to read the entire article. We have several other excerpts that we will use to support our main premise. These materials, we believe, will help to substantiate our

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Jesus Was Only a Prophet, Elijah Muhammad, article Muhammad Speaks Newspaper, 1966, reprinted Dec 29, 1972.



#### position.

In the article, you will find the Messenger clearly alluding to another person, whom he refers to as, "one of the mentally dead Negroes," who comes in fulfillment of Revelation 1:18. We believe, it is this person to whom Messenger Elijah Muhammad, indicates will come after him in time.

We are well aware of those, who just by the mere suggestion of "someone" coming after the Messenger, brings out various feelings and passions. Many find it unthinkable that (another person) would come after the Last Messenger, in the person of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. But, in that, we have not lost our senses. We simply are asking a fair hearing, of an open mind. Truth, like mathematics, has its formulas and can be proven.

While the article is full of information. Any intelligent reader, will deduce, that there are things left unexplained in it, which moves the mind to do more investigation. And, this is not uncommon of any one who seek to learn more, to want to know more, get more information, get a better understanding, or seek more clarity on a subject. Our mind moves no differently. The search for Truth requires no less effort. You must have the will to do so.

So, in this discussion, we will not venture an attempt to say who we believe this person to be. This, we will leave to the reader to determine for him or herself, We, do this to not cause any distraction, and cloud the openness of the mind's eye, to new ideas, materials, or something not heard before. To some it will be a revelation. To others, it may not. Understand, we are here, solely, to validate the Truth of Messenger Elijah Muhammad's discussion on the subject, backed up by the evidence he provides.

As you may know, or may not know, that in some places Messenger Elijah Muhammad, used ambiguous language as a methodology, and in other places he was quite clear. However, there will be no departure from the evidence, which comes directly from the catalogue of Messenger Muhammad's teachings, as we found it. Where we veer, is only to provide contextual commenting to the excerpts, as we understand them, otherwise, it is strictly the Last Messenger's. All, references are labeled where they can be found for review.

We will be using a number of excerpts from Messenger Elijah Muhammad in this piece. So, in certain places we may use numbering, bold print, parentheses, and or uppercasing, for the sake of progressing through the content with some kind of order. We encourage reading the excerpt more than once. We begin.

## A.

From the following article, "Jesus Was Only a Prophet" by Messenger Elijah Muhammad,



#### it reads, To Wit:

- 1. **"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.
- 2. 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 destroy 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."

In the above, as we understand it, Messenger Elijah Muhammad, is refuting the interpretation that: "They refer to Jesus as saying this on his return from death." The "they," he has reference to, can only be the false religious teachers and teachings of the white race, about Jesus. And, that the words, "I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last," that they attribute to Jesus of 2000 years ago, at Revelation 1:11. Actually are, as pointed out in paragraphs 1, and 3, "the same thing being preached now," and, "are the same words used by Master Fard Muhammad, to Whom praises are due



#### forever."

Coupled with the Messenger explaining the meaning of "I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last," in paragraph 3, referring to Master Fard Muhammad. Therefore, he is saying that, Master Fard Muhammad, is the One, who came in fulfillment of the prophecy of Revelation 1:11. And, not Jesus of 2000 years ago.

In paragraph 4, it reads in the 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### В.

To make the point - "to give meaning to something," - let us deal momentarily with the words, "I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last," having "two meanings and times and places." We believe it has some significance later on. At any rate, Messenger Elijah Muhammad, does not provide a complete explanation or understanding, as to what he means by "two meanings and places and times."

He, does however, apply a meaning to the words, "I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last," as it applies to Almighty God, Allah: "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)." This is clear. However, a time and place in which this would or did occur, he does not mention.

But, in as much as, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, is referring to Master Fard Muhammad having come in fulfillment of Revelation 1:11. Then it logically follows, that the place can only be America. We also know, that America is the place that the Great Savior, made Himself known. And the time, would have had to be between the periods of 1931, and 1934, wherein He, taught His teachings among the so-called American Negroes, lost members of the Aboriginal people. We have this as factual history.

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," in the 18<sup>th</sup> 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. A meaning, which differs from what we commonly understand, when a direct meaning is given to something, as was done in the case of the Great Savior, being the First and the Last. It is a meaning, only expressed in a different kind of way.

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.

Although paraphrasing, it is easy to see, that the Messenger is providing a "meaning" of sorts, of the person and what he "means" to the people of God, after having been raised from the dead and given the "keys of enlightenment." The word - means - is used a number of times throughout the listing, by the Messenger. Being, that the man is "one" from among the mentally dead people of God, and he is mentally dead also, this condition gives us some reference to place and time. Which obviously, is a time and place after the Coming of Almighty God, Allah, to the people. For, it is God, who gives the keys of knowledge to the man.

So, we can safely conclude that the Last Messenger of Allah, teaches us of two different people, prophesied of in the first Chapter of the Book of Revelation, coming at two different times, two different places, with two different meanings to their work. Almighty God, Allah, Master Fard Muhammad, and another one indicated, as "one of the mentally dead Negroes."

Now, that we have it from the Messenger, that the Great Savoir, fulfilled the prophesy of Revelation 1: 11, and that it was not Jesus, of 2000 years ago. Then, both are eliminated from being the one in fulfillment of Revelation 1:18. **This is another person.** 

# C. "(one) of the mentally dead Negroes"

We are mindful, of the many who, more likely, then not, or, already have stopped here, and concluded that Messenger Elijah Muhammad, is that "one mentally dead Negro," he mentions in the above excerpt. That no one is to follow the Last Messenger to do anything with the people. And, to the many, that may seem a valid position to take.

With that thought in mind we worked to validate our research. If the attempt is to draw closer to the identity of the man, written down in verse 18. **The first thing to understand**,



is that Messenger Elijah Muhammad, is only referring to "one" so called American Negro. Only one man, first. Not all of the people at once. And, through him the people receive help and guidance from Almighty God, Allah.

Acknowledging the fact, 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. Although, listing the work of the person, the clue which he gives us, ("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 or another If we admit that, then some process of subtraction or elimination must take place. Otherwise, the generalization is just too broad.

We can reasonably deduce, since a person comes to the Lost Found Nation of Islam to hear the Truth of God's teachings, from His appointed Messenger; and, by the fact that Messenger Elijah Muhammad is teaching us about the man in an article. **Then, it's not illogical to reason, that the person he has reference to, would come up within the scope of the Lost Found Nation of Islam's ranks and or teachings, and not just from the general population.** The number of members in the Lost Found Nation of Islam, in comparison to the number of black people in America, in 1930, or today, narrows the margin, considerably.

If, your mind, moves as does mine, with Messenger Elijah Muhammad's article, which seems to be written in future tense. Then the conclusion is, that the man indicated in Messenger Elijah Muhammad's article, more likely, than not, would come up and out of the ranks of the Lost Found Nation of Islam to help the people. **Being the Messenger of Allah, we are confident he knew this.** Let us talk about the man's mission.

#### The Mission

If, we are understanding properly, that the words of the latter part of paragraph's 4 and 5, respectively, are directly those of Messenger Elijah Muhammad, and the implication in the words, "...it means that this key of authority and enlightenment would destroy the death of ignorance and the mental death of the people of God, in hell." Does convey, the idea of a commission or work, in which the man is given to help the people; and is given the keys or tools to do it with. The people are mentally dead and God assistance is given through the man.

By virtue, of receiving the "key of authority and enlightenment," the man helps the people out of the ignorance and mental death that the enemy had placed them. Hence, we have here an assigned mission the man is given. It is unlikely, that Allah would give an individual certain tools to work with, only to use it for nothing. That makes no sense. Not to a thinking man and woman. Here, we have it then, that the person is commissioned by



Almighty God, Allah. Although, the complete process of how he's commissioned is unclear. But the inference is there.

Now, as hard as it is for some to swallow to consider; that, if a man is given authority and enlightenment by God, as a tool to help the people. Then, isn't that person representing God, or a representative of God to the people? Sure, he is.

Messenger Elijah Muhammad, teaches us about these kinds of men bearing the word of God to the people. In these words:

"... the God of truth and His word - which is truth - as well as His representatives, **who are** called apostles, messengers and prophets." <sup>2</sup>

Note, should be made of the lower casing style, indicating a generalization, as oppose to giving us specificity, applicable to a particular messenger, prophet, or apostle. But, the point is clear. Whatever way that an individual is called or commissioned by God, directly, as in the case of Messenger Elijah Muhammad, or indirectly, in the case suggested in paragraph 4 and 5. That person is still a representative of God.

Being, that the man is the receiver of the "key of God's knowledge" to help the people. Is it not inconceivable, that we might be looking at a smaller Savior of sorts, in comparison to the Giver, the Great Savior, Master Fard Muhammad, to Whom praises are due forever. At any rate, whether the individual is called a messenger or not. He cannot be considered, anything less than a **representative** of Almighty God, Allah. Let us answer the question: By the description given of the man, is it Messenger Elijah Muhammad?

#### 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!

According to verse 14, the man has a head of hair – **white like wool**. Obviously, the description of the man has some great significance. Otherwise, what is the purpose of putting it there in prophesy? Some may wish to dismiss it. But the fact that it is there proves it. If you think about it, the texture and color of the man's hair would be important, in identifying the true Man of God. Especially, in a time and spiritual climate like today, after the death of the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad, when spiritual death had

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Message To The Black Man In America, page 175, 176, respectively.



overtaken all. A time, when squabbling and questions of leadership arose among the people. While the Messenger was here, we all knew exactly who lead the Lost Found Nation of Islam. The problem arose after he died. **Do you think, Messenger Elijah Muhammad knew this would happen?** Absolutely! **Remember**, it was he who foretold our fall!

In no way can it be Master Fard Muhammad, to Whom praises are due for ever. The official portrait of Him, shows His hair is straight and jet black. Besides that, He is not a so-called American Negro. Now, given the fact that Messenger Elijah Muhammad, had black hair, receding and thin, as seen in some of his earlier photographs. Knowing what we know, of the physical features of the Messenger. In your mind, can Messenger Elijah Muhammad be that man? This is solely the question.

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!

Some would say, the Messenger did not mention anything about verse 14, in the article. To which we agree. However, with all of the things Messenger Elijah Muhammad, knew and taught, about scriptures of the Bible and Holy Qur'an, with all of its sciences and symbols, including being taught directly from the mouth of God. What do you think, is the likelihood, that the Last Messenger of Allah, would not have known the contents of verse 14, and the description of the man?

Considering, when even the average reader can see, that the man in verse 14, is associated with the statement, "I am he that liveth and was dead: and, behold, I am alive forevermore," at verse 18. According to the description of the man in verse 14, it should be crystal clear that Messenger Elijah Muhammad, is not that man. And, what if we provided a quote which proved he, in fact, knew the description of the man at verse 14? Would you accept the truth then? We will see!

This point is confirmed by him, if we can provide proof in his teaching, where (he) reference and describes a similar man with like characteristics; point that man out to us; and then connects that reference to verse 1:14, of Revelation, the verse in question? Proving this, leaves no doubt, that he knew and had a specialized knowledge of the man written down in Revelation 1:14. And, that he was well aware, that he was not that man! His, substantiation, will confirm our position, as right and exact.



If you would turn to Our Savior Has Arrived, page 54, and 55, respectively, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad writes:

- 1. "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 sinning. 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 it over. His hair is not wooly, it is not animal-like: It is curly hair, 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 the coming in after this one. Praises are due to Allah!
- . You don't like your God? You don't like Him? **You don't want a Black God.** That is who Daniel said Is going to rule." <sup>3</sup>

Here, in the above excerpt the Messenger of Allah, clearly describes a similar man seen in Daniel's prophesy, to that of the man seen in Revelation's prophesy. "The color of his head was white as snow; kinky like lambs' wool," wrote, the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad. To this there is no doubt.

It is only left to show, Messenger Elijah Muhammad connects the above reference in Daniel's prophesy, to the reference at Revelation's prophesy 1, and 14. Which proves conclusively, he was aware of the contents of verse 14, and the description of the man written down in both places.

Our Savior Has Arrived, page 87,

2. "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."

Speaking of the proudness of being Black, the Last Messenger of Allah, places the Biblical references of Daniel 7:9 and Revelation 1:14 together. Leaving no shadow of doubt that he had knowledge of the man's description in both places, and (he) connects them here. Because, Messenger Elijah Muhammad did not have white hair nor curly hair, by that fact, it is hereby 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. The question is hereby resolved. There is something greater still to show.

## D. After me comes...

How extraordinary and magnificent is the mind of the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Our Savior Has Arrived, page 54, and 55.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Our Savior Has Arrived, page 87.



when you take a moment and dwell on the next point, By the Last Messenger of Allah, teaching the man in Revelation's prophesy is, "one of the mentally dead Negroes," and is the same man he calls the, "future ruler," of Daniel's prophesy. Here now, in his own words, the Most Honorable Elijah, is telling us that the man in both prophesies is actually (one) and same person. Pause, and really think on this amazing revelation from him. It leaves you in awe of his great wisdom! All praises are due to Almighty God, Allah, the Great Savior, Master Fard Muhammad.

To be sure, is only left to show that, the Messenger of Allah, taught the Fourth Beast of Daniel, mentioned in the above quote in Our Saviour Has Arrived, to be the **same** Beast of Revelation. Which, is further **confirmation**. Here, we have 2 excerpts.

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3. "...and it was **Diverse** from all the beast that were before it; and it had **ten horns**." **The** beast of Revelation 13:1 seems to be the same beast that Daniel 7:7 refers to. The symbolic horns represent the power of the beast." <sup>5</sup>

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4. "BOTH THE BOOK of Daniel and the Revelations of John saw and described the fourth beast almost identically. And also the end of the beast is described the samedestroyed by God with fire. Both saw the beast with a head with ten horns..." 6

The above, leaves no doubt, that Messenger Elijah Muhammad, saw the Beast of Daniel's prophesy, and the Beast of Revelation's prophesy, as the same Beast. That, they are one, and the same enemy of the people of God, while, simultaneously substantiating the man described in both prophesies, to be one and the same man. **Astonishing!!** Thus, it is hereby resolved.

Finally, while, it is the view of some, that no other man would come after Messenger Elijah Muhammad, as God's representative to the people. The question is: Is that the view of Messenger Elijah Muhammad? Humbly, the answer is no. This could not be his view without contradicting himself. No, Messenger Elijah Muhammad was not a liar. So, here, we will close out with evidence which supports his view, by raising the following questions: Does the Last Messenger of Allah, gives a time in which we should expect this man? And, is this time before or after him?

Just the mere fact, that the Messenger of Allah, teaches about "one of the mentally dead Negroes," having hair like wool, white, and referring to him as "the future ruler," of Daniel's prophesy. Proves, the fact, that the man comes after him and not before.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Pittsburgh Courier, 11-15-58

 $<sup>^{6}</sup>$  Truth is the Guide, April 15, 1963



However, that may not be enough for some.

If you understand, we are talking about the **same person** recounted in both books. We turn again, to the above quote from page 54, 55, of Our Saviour Has Arrived. Where the Messenger of Allah, detailing the description of the "future ruler," writes these precise words, "He is the coming in after this one. Praise are due to Allah!"

In spite of the way it may be read by some. It is no way around the fact that these are not the words of Daniel nor of Revelation. But, rather the words of the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad. The "He," referred to here, is none other than the man that is the subject of Daniel's prophesy. Which, is the same man of Revelation's prophesy, that Messenger Elijah Muhammad, tells us is, "(ONE) of the mentally dead negroes."

Since we have shown and proven, that the man in both Daniel's prophesy, and Revelation's prophesy, is not the Last Messenger of Allah. Then surely, there could be (no other) Prophet or Messenger to precede this "future ruler," unless that Messenger (was) the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad. Why?

First off, the (man's time) (is) after the Coming of Almighty God, Allah, and is given specialized knowledge to help the people of God, out of the mental and physical condition that the Beast had placed them. There, was no other Messenger or Warner to the people of God, before Messenger Elijah Muhammad. Thus, it's only "after this one," the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad, could this "future ruler" come.

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 Almighty God, Allah, Master Fard Muhammad, to Whom praises are due forever. That honor alone was reserved for Messenger Elijah Muhammad, and only him. No other was granted the greatest honor, ever – to meet Almighty God, face to face. The man coming after the Messenger, is only a follower out of the ranks.

And, only by virtue of (this) "mentally dead Negro," being a disciple of Messenger Elijah Muhammad, and being nourished from the umbilical cord of the Last Messenger of Allah's, teachings to the people. Could this mentally dead so – called Negro, receive the benefit of that nourishment, and be "brought to life," once again.

Clearly, now is the answer to the riddle couched, in Message to the Black Man in America, page 306, "I am the last, and after me comes God, Himself." That no, it is not referring to the return of the Great and Mighty Savior, Master Fard Muhammad, to Whom praises are forever due. No, it is not Him, to return again for a second time. It is your little black brother, who is to rise up, right here under your feet to lead you. Your Black God! He is the First! Praises are due to Allah! It is hereby



resolved. The Mystery is Finish.

Peace to all.