

Crescent Or the Cross?

**A Negro may Aspire to Any Position
Under Islam Without Discrimination.**

Moslem Sunrise, article excerpt, - Sadiq

True Salvation of the Negroes

The real solution to the Negro Question

My Dear American Negro—Assalaam-o-Alaikum. Peace be with you and the mercy of Allah. The Christian profiteers brought you out of your native lands of Africa and in Christianizing you made you forget the religion and language of your forefathers—which were Islam and Arabic. You have experienced Christianity for so many years and it has proved to be no good. It is a failure. Christianity cannot bring real brotherhood to the nations. So, now leave it alone. And join Islam, the real faith of Universal Brotherhood. We have opened a School of Islam and Arabic Language. Join Islam in the Ahmadiya movement founded by Ahmad of India, the Prophet of the day and be blessed.

Moslem Sunrise,

“I saw black people walking past two and three white churches before he dare stop to say his prayers. And I saw white people walking and riding past dozens of black churches before they would stop to say their prayers....The question of color must be erased from the church service...”

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“Muhammadanism is the Cure to the Race Problem”

Dr. Mufti Muhammad Sadiq

“Just as the UNIA was the Universal Negro Improvement Association with universality in the political sphere, the Ahmadiis connected the faithful to a worldwide, multiracial, but ‘non-white’ religion.” - *Islam and the African American Experience, Richard Turner*

“Thus, its global perspective was as expansive as Garvey’s and almost as radical in its strategies for the liberation of people of color.”

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According to Gomez (*Black Crescent, 2002*), “...but, in fact, the group now known as the Nation of Islam was influenced profoundly by the Ahmadiyya...”

- *The End of Empires: African Americans and India, Gerald Horne*

Moslem Priest in Chicago Wins 700 to His Faith

“Muhammadanism is the solution of America’s race problem”, say[s] Dr. Sadiq, now in Paris on his way back to Bombay after converting seven hundred Chicagoans to the Moslem faith. Mixed congregations of white and colored converts mingle without prejudice at the mosque, 4448 S. Wabash avenue, but the Moslem missionary foresees a hot scrap between his people and the Ku Klux Klan. Moslem Sunrise

Sadiq continued to support African-Americans in their religious and spiritual development and on occasion addressing the racial issues plaguing America in this new century of freedom. Often urging to African-Americans that Christianity was not a religion of equality, he made a profound statement in his Moslem Sunrise article, ‘Crescent or Cross? A Negro May Aspire to Any Position Under Islam Without Discrimination’.

Ahmadiyya was the catalyst for the development of other orthodox Muslim (Sunni) and proto-Black movements. Latent in the message of Ahmadiyya was a theological response to imperialism,

colonialism and racism and its misappropriation of the tenets of Christianity. Ahmadiyya was viewed as a liberating movement for oppressed peoples, sending missionaries to African nations and America. It’s proselytization of a spiritual revolution became the model for change in Black America.

As Richard Brent Turner writes about Sadiq, “His impact on American religion during this period, however, cannot be adequately measured by numbers...the Ahmadiyya community published the first Muslim newspaper and the first Quran in English in America – and most of the Islamic literature that would be available to African-Americans until the 1960s.”

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