

"slowed our thinking ability so much that our minds can't keep up with events, and by the time we realize what is happening the EMANCIPATOR is here and gone before we are mentally capable of recognizing him.

"We should show forth greater wisdom TODAY. Let us forget the DEAD past and start concentrating all efforts on the LIVING PRESENT. 'Let the DEAD bury the DEAD.'"

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"The Messenger might pass as an Oriental. But his sympathies and outlook are those of a Black Man. Any crisis that involves the American Negro touches him deeply. Yet he is no radical. His politics and religion may be summed up simply as 'Black Man.'

"He has already welded thousands of followers into a closely knit group, able to weather the storms of hate, reprisal, and discrimination. He has led them to economic independence, through a communal system of sharing. But he regards this achievement as only a microcosm of his eventual dream for Black Man.

"'It is only a question of a few more years,' he has reassured his followers, 'when the Black Man will be his own master completely. No one knows when the hour cometh. It is in the wind. It is coming. One day, like a storm, it will sweep in like a tidal wave and lift the Black Man.'

"But the Messenger has arrayed against him formidable enemies, who fear the consequences of the American Negro's total freedom. But he is secure in the knowledge that this thorny path leads to the eventual redemption of the Black Man in America.

"We who are ardent followers of the late Mr. Garvey see MESSENGER ELIJAH MUHAMMAD fulfilling everything by his

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actual WORDS and ACCOMPLISHMENTS that the late Mr. Garvey said he would do.

"Should not all of us who so faithfully followed Mr. Garvey learn a lesson from history before it is too late? It takes a LIVING MAN to teach, train and lead a LIVING PEOPLE. Can we not see that MESSENGER ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is the Divine Teacher and most fearless Spiritual Leader of the fastest-growing and most respected group of Freedom-living, Freedom-seeking, BLACK NATIONALISTIC-minded Black people in America today?

"We study the Honorable Marcus Garvey's great historic contribution, compare it with that which is NOW being done by MESSENGER ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, and then we who were devoted to the late Mr. Garvey must conclude that all who really loved Mr. Garvey cannot but help recognize, accept, and follow MESSENGER ELIJAH MUHAMMAD today."