

The Moor; the Temple; *and* Membership

Islam, Peace and Love,

This brief is in regards to the many inquiries and or statements in reference to “ Temple Membership”. Many Grand Sheiks and members of the Moorish Holy Temples of Science and Moorish Science Temples are implying that in order to “**Be a True Moor**”, you must be a part of the Moorish Science Temple or Moorish Holy Temple of Science. This statement and statements such as this one are misleading to the people, and must be cleared up. First and foremost I would like to identify clearly what a Temple is. Most peoples’ concept of a “Temple ” is only a building made of stones, wood, etc. wherein one may enter, when in fact this is far from the case.

Tem’ple. the space on either side of the head of Man, and some other mammals, and some other mammals, back of the eye and forehead, above the zygomatic arch and behind the ear. An EDIFICE dedicated to the worship of a DEITY, and anciently usually regarded as a residing place for the deity, whose presence was symbolized by a statue or some other token. Any place in which the divine presence usually resides. “The temple of his body.” **John ii, 21,** Know ye not that ye are the temple of God? **1 Corinthians iii, 16.**

Excerpts from; **Webster’s New International Dictionary of the English Language:**
Edifice: a building; a structure; an ARCHITECTURAL FABRIC esp. , a large or elegant, building, as a palace or church. Webster’s New International Dictionary of the English Language.

Deity: Divine nature or rank; the collection of attributes which make up the nature of a God; divinity; Godhead; Godhood; as the deity of the Supreme Being is seen in his works. A God or Goddess; the deity God; the Supreme Being. Webster’s New International Dictionary of the English Language.

Let’s go to the record and refer to our very own lessons as handed down to us by Prophet Noble Drew Ali:

Chapter 1 of the Holy Koran Circle 7:

“But man himself is not the body , nor the soul; he is spirit and a part of Allah. "But man like every other thought of Allah, was but a seed, a seed that held within itself the potencies of Allah, just as the seed of any plant of earth holds deep within itself the attributes of every part of that especial plant. "So spirit-man, as seed of Allah held deep within himself the attributes of every part of God. "Now, seed are perfect, yea, as perfect as the source from which they come; but they are not unfolded into life made manifest. The child is as perfect as the mother is. So man, the seed, must be deep planted in a soil that he might grow, unfold, as does the bud unfold to show the flower. The human seed that came forth from the heart of Allah was full ordained to be the Lord of plane of soul, and of the plane of things made manifest. So Allah, the husbandman of every thing that is, threw forth this human seed into the soil of soul; it grew apace, and man became a living soul; and he became the Lord of all the kingdom of the soul. "And these **SOUL**

ATTRIBUTES became a body beautiful. Man is the Lord of all the plane of manifest, of protoplast, of mineral, of plant, of beast, but he gave up his birthrights, just to gratify his lower self. But man will regain his lost estate, his heritage; but he must do it in a conflict that cannot be told in words.

10. Elihu said to Mary and Elizabeth: "You may esteem yourself thrice blessed, for you are chosen mothers of long promised sons.

11. Who are ordained to lay a solid rock a sure foundation stone on which the Temple of the perfect man shall rest--a Temple that shall never be destroyed.

18. Teach them that Allah and man are one, but that through carnal thoughts and words and deeds, man tore himself away from Allah, debased himself.

19. Teach that the Holy Breath would make them one again, restoring harmony and peace.

Chapter II:

14. If you would ask me what to study, I would say, yourselves; and when you well have studied them; and then would ask me what to study next, I would reply, YOURSELVES.

Chapter III:

20. This rite of cleansing is a preparation rite and they who thus are cleansed comprise the Temple of purity.

21. And you shall say, You men of Israel , hear; reform and wash; become the sons of purity, and you shall be forgiven.

22. This rite of cleansing and this Temple are but symbolic of the cleansing of the soul, which does not come from outward show, but is the Temple within.

Chapter IV:

12. One day as He was bringing forth the tools for work he said:

13. "These tools remind me of the ones we handle in the workshop of the mind where things were made of thought and where we build up character.

14. We use the square to measure all our lines, to straighten out the crooked places of the way, and make the corners of our conduct square.

15. We use the compass to draw circles around our passions and desires to keep them in the bounds of righteousness.

16. We use the axe to cut away the knotty, useless and ungainly parts and make the character symmetrical.

17. We use the hammer to drive home the truth, and pound it in until it is a part of every part.

18. We use the plane to smooth the rough, uneven surfaces of joint, and block, and board that go to build the temple for the truth.

19. The chisel, line, the plummet and the saw all have their uses in the workshop of the mind.

20. And then this ladder with its trinity of steps, faith, hope and love; on it we climb up to the dome of purity in life.

21. And on the twelve step ladder, we ascend until we reach the pinnacle of that which life is spent to build the Temple of Perfected Man."

Chapter V:

25. Lamaas asked: "Pray, what is faith?"
26. And Jesus said: "Faith is the surety of the omnipotence of Allah and man; the certainty that man will reach the deific life.
27. Salvation is a ladder reaching from the heart of man to heart of Allah.
28. It has three steps; Belief is first, and this is what man thinks, perhaps, is truth.
29. And faith is next, and this is what man knows is truth.
30. Fruition is the last, and this is man himself, the truth.
31. Belief is lost in faith; and in fruition is lost; and man is saved when he has reached deific life; when he and Allah are one."

Chapter VII:

12. And Jesus said: "The Allah I speak about is everywhere; He cannot be compassed with walls, nor hedged about with bounds of any kind.
13. All people worship Allah, the One; but all the people see Him not alike.
14. This universal Allah is wisdom, will and love.
15. All men see not the Triune Allah. One sees Him as Allah of might; another as Allah of thought; another as Allah of love.
16. A man's ideal is his God, and so, as man unfolds, his God unfolds. Man's God today, tomorrow is not God.
17. The nations of the earth see Allah from different points of view, and so He does not seem the same to every one.
18. Man names the part of Allah he sees, and this to him is all of Allah; and every nation sees a part of Allah, and every nation has a name for Allah.
19. You Brahmans call Him Parabrahm; in Egypt he is Thoth; and Zeus is His name in Greece , Jehovah is His Hebrew name; but everywhere He is the causeless cause, the rootless root from which all things have grown.
20. When men are afraid of Allah and take Him for a foe, they dress up other men in fancy garbs and call them priests.
21. And charge them to restrain the wrath of Allah by prayers and when they fail to win His favour by their prayers, to buy Him off with sacrifice of animals or birds.
22. When man sees Allah as one with him, as Father Allah, he needs no middle man, no priest to intercede.
23. He goes straight up to Him and says, 'My Father God, Allah!' and then he lays his hand in Allah's own hand, and all is well.
24. And this is Allah. You are, each one, a priest, just for yourself; and sacrifice of blood Allah does not want.
25. Just give your life in sacrificial service to all of life, and Allah is pleased."

Chapter X

Also please take note of the following lessons: "101 Questions For Moorish Children"

1. Who made you? **Allah**
2. Who is Allah? **Allah is the Father of the Universe**
3. Can we see him? **No**
4. Where is the nearest place you can meet him? **In the Heart**

These are just a few examples (as there are many) to show and prove that Temples cannot in fact only be buildings built from stone, wood etc. And that the first Temple man enters on this plane, and must begin to clean out before trying to enter any other, is **SELF**.

“There is but one issue for them to be recognized by this government and of the earth and it comes **ONLY THROUGH THE CONNECTION OF THE MOORISH DIVINE NATIONAL MOVEMENT, WHICH IS INCORPORATED IN THIS GOVERNMENT, AND RECOGNIZED BY ALL NATIONS OF THE WORLD. AND THROUGH IT THEY AND THEIR CHILDREN CAN RECEIVE THEIR DIVINE RIGHTS, UNMOLESTED BY OTHER CITIZENS.**

....excerpt from “A Divine Warning By the Prophet For the Nations.

There should also be emphasis placed on those who attempt to seek salvation through the Moorish Divine National Movement without trying to gain any understanding of Prophet Noble Drew Ali, and his message. Many don't know or care to know the Divine Constitution and By-Laws, ‘101 Questions for Moorish Children’, or ‘Circle 7 Koran’, which is indeed not right and exact. I encourage all to look into these documents for **SPIRITUAL UPLIFTMENT** and **GUIDANCE** on their journeys. If you decide to seek Temple Membership, how are you to know if it (the Temple) is ran properly, if you are not familiar with the Laws and Lessons established by our Prophet? This will be equivalent to stating the Trustees for our Republic (Senate, Governors etc.) are not doing their duties obligations, etc. **WITH NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE REPUBLIC CONSTITUTION, GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE** they are obligated to, etc.

In furtherance the Prophet stated:

"This movement will not be recognized without I the Prophet at the head!"

I would like it to be clearly understood this brief is not intended to deter Nationals from going to the Temples (buildings), and taking up membership. As the Temples are our regencies, outposts, headquarters, schools etc. However it must be clearly placed on the record that the intention of the Prophet was not to keep us limited to Temple buildings, nor is it to deny Birthright because a National doesn't subscribe to a Temple building. As has been proven, the Temple rests **WITH YOU!** Therefore, in reality, “We the People” are the Moorish Science Temples and Moorish Holy Temples of Science and any other Sanctuary etc., because **IT BEGINS WITH YOU.** Equipped with this understanding (Divine) and the National (civic) side of this movement one may truly take their place amongst the affairs of men.

THINK THIS OVER YOU MOORS!

I searched for God and only found myself

I searched for myself and only found God! *~Sufi Proverb~*

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