



What Islam Has Done For Me

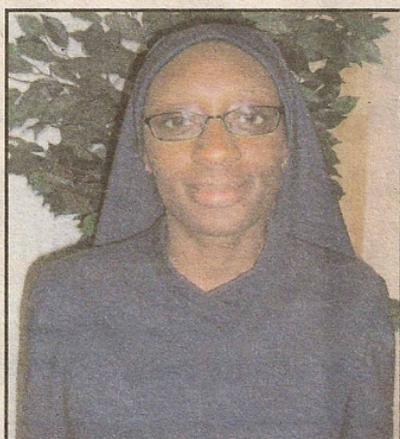
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Answering the question, "What has Islam done for me?" could easily take hours and days. But for the purpose of this writing I will do my best to be brief. Islam has freed me totally and completely of trying to be other than myself. Islam has taught me that any subtle or not so subtle suggestion that my skin was too dark, hair too kinky or lips too full was a most wicked one. Instead of accepting who and what I was, the wicked ones of the planet had my head tied up in how to be better, different or suitable according to their own standards. No longer though, because I am free. I am free now to know that how I was created is how I was intended to be, thick lips, brown skin and nappy hair.

Since Islam freed me, damaged relationships were mended. My own late mother was a source of shame and embarrassment for me. Living in poverty and struggling with drug addiction, she lived estranged from me for most of my life. It was not until I heard the teachings of the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad that my view of her changed. Her condition was not merely of her own weakness as much as it was the destiny planned by the devil for every black man and black woman. She was simply another of his victims. Islam taught me of the true and living God, Master Fard Muhammad. I realized that if God, Himself could come to the wretched and trifling black man and woman, who was I to reject the very

I reached out for her and began loving her in the manner she deserved. And in the last months of her life I did my best to show her the respect and dedication to which she was always entitled before I knew. Islam has freed me.

Self doubt, fear, insecurity and uncertainty no longer reside in this woman since being free. They were removed with the addition of knowledge of self as taught by the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad. I am a strong woman. There is no more 'wanting to blend into the crowd.' No Sir! The crowd has nothing to offer me now unless it's a crowd of the Mighty MGT! Now I proudly stand out because I have been claimed by God Himself and I claim Him right back! There is no rhetoric in calling myself the "Mother of Civilization." It is indeed the proven truth so how could I be uncertain of myself??? There are many days now where I feel so great as though I'm walking on five foot stilts! I now have a rod of steel in my spine and walk and stand erect with the teachings of the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad. Indeed, Islam has freed me!



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"In the name of Allah, The Beneficent, The Merciful."

Islam has done so much for me in the last fourteen years of my life that it is difficult to pinpoint its most significant affects.