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# First Sunday Lecture Pt 4

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00:01 IWDM: No, you don't have to stay all night, not even on the night of power.  
  
00:15 Speaker 2: And also I wanted to thank you for the comments you made last week regarding myself. Imam, I really appreciate it.  
  
00:25 IWDM: Yeah. Yes, I read in the newspaper and in the journal, but I also read in the paper from your town of your work and how you sacrifice, how you take care of the responsibility as Imam of your masjid and also have 25 years of service to the fire department, fighting fires and saving people's lives, saving them from injury and death. And your job as a columnist, as a writer for your newspaper in your town, and writing also for the Muslim Journal. I'm aware of that, and I'm not aware of all the things you do, but you are really a special human being. We thank Allah for you.  
  
[applause]  
  
01:19 S2: If I may have one more question, this is a question I wanted to ask for many years, it says in the Qur'an that at age 40 a person reaches full growth or full development and it is said that during the 40s and 50s and 60s, African-American people were looking for a savior type of person to come.  
  
01:45 IWDM: '40s and '50s?   
  
01:47 S2: 1940s, 1950s, 1960s.  
  
01:50 IWDM: During that time?   
  
01:51 S2: They're looking for some kind of savior, some leader to come in front of us. And it is really a significance. When Malcolm X and Martin Luther King, both died at age 39, and compare to you coming into leadership.  
  
02:09 IWDM: In the early '60s?   
  
02:10 S2: Yes.  
  
02:12 IWDM: In the '60s.  
  
02:13 S2: And you coming into leadership around age 40 in the 70s?   
  
02:18 IWDM: Well, I would like to have you deal with that.  
  
[laughter]  
  
02:29 IWDM: And I'll be waiting to read it.  
  
[laughter]  
  
02:40 IWDM: I know one thing we should have in this community, this association that we belong to, we should have producers of everything we need, they should be producing literature, history, analytical history. Because what are you looking at now, what are you seeing now could present some analytical history on our life as Muslims from the HonorableElijah Muhammad's time to now. I wish him the best always, Allah will reward him I'm sure. Yes, I think we had... We didn't sneak three brothers in there, did we?   
  
[laughter]  
  
03:30 IWDM: I think, did we have four sisters or three sisters?   
  
03:33 S?: Three.  
  
03:33 IWDM: There's one more sister, room for one more female if you like. Don't think that it's just these brothers that have two for one, there's science in this country too. What is that one Y chromosome and two Xs?   
  
[laughter]  
  
03:53 IWDM: Yeah, one Y and two Xs. One male and two female. These sisters gonna peek your whole card, man one of these days, in fact they're doing it. Before you know it, you're gonna be a little boy in their care, they're gonna take care of the world for us. [laughter] We're just too much in our macho to keep progress.  
  
04:29 Speaker 3: As-salāmu alaykum. I'm new to the Muslim, but my question is, what's the significance of the women wearing those wrappings over their heads?   
  
04:38 IWDM: The significance of covering their heads? Alright. Actually we cover precious things, we cover precious jewelry, we cover precious things. The first meaning we should see is that we are thankful to God for our head. And in Muslim society, it's not only women that cover their head, men cover their heads too. In fact you're looking at me, I'm here, this is out of respect, I have a little cap on my head. So, the first thing to see is that we're saying that the gift of intelligence to human beings is a precious gift, a very precious gift. So as we have to clothe our body, we clothe also our head, then the clothing for our body is not only to hide our shame, it's a dressing, it's a dress, it's a decoration, we decorate what we love. So decoration for the head is also given from that same interest and that same respect and appreciation that we have for our creation. But also women use in medieval time, and ancient times, and even now they still do, women use their hair seductively. They shake it, they do like that, and they do peeping at the man to see how he's affected.  
  
[laughter]  
  
06:18 IWDM: Yeah, so you look through your veil, your hair, you look through your hair curtain and you be peeping at the man to see how your weapons are affecting him. So it was used as a means for seducing, for getting attraction, getting attention to your beauty and seducing the male. So that's one reason to cover it.  
  
06:44 S3: Thank you.  
  
06:44 IWDM: Yes, and you're most welcome. That's it? Well, Ramadan Mubarak. Peace, As-salāmu alaykum.