

THE
SUN OF MAN
SUNS OF MEDINA



A
FIVE
PERCENT
DIGEST



*AND NO RELIEF CAME TO US UNTIL
THE "SUN OF MAN" CAME TO OUR AID...*



THESSALONIANS 4: 13
EPHESIANS 3: 20

SURAH 17: 35-37

LIGHT — Traveling at the speed of — **THOUGHT**

In the name of a Man called Allah, His Dignity & Ironclad mindset, I greet you on behalf of the Suns of Medina with the word PEACE! As always, we trust that you and your loved ones are in good health, of sound mind and physically fit. I hear a new strain of COVID-19 is creeping and taking many lives. There's even talk of another lock down, so don't panic, but prepare yourselves and stay alert. Please do what you can to stay safe and secure. All praises are due to Allah now and forevermore for the breath of life and the opportunity to show and prove our true grit.

I would like to send degree day shout outs to Amar, Blacksun, Amaar, Rasheen (Indio), Kashiim, Shakim, Bishmii, Born Everlasting, DestiniMyLove, Queen My'Understanding, Queen Sharaina, Queen I Bear Witness, Justice Rahking, Almighty Divine, Allah Shah, Takhim, TrueAsia, Born Almighty, Jahshamel, Jamel & Barsha (twins), Shakeen DJ, Sirius Mathematics, Isupreme, Shaleas, Virtuous (Sr. & Jr.), AllWise, Supreme Understanding, Queen Mildred, Aunty Jane, My Main Man Oxini, My Niece Nyelia, My Physical Sisters Arayansi & Yakajahira (twins), Universal Shaamgaudd Allah (PBUH), UM-Allah (PBUH), and Allah B (PBUH), and everyone else that I may have missed. Also, our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Lord Graceful Malik, a great brother and 5%.

In this issue of the Sun of Man (Suns of Medina Collection) we will cover, "the Flexibility of Supreme Alphabets", "the Fall Season and Month of September", "Anyone Can Be a Five Percenter", "the Order of Succession", "the History of Hip-Hop and it's 5% Influence", and lastly, so-called "Hispanic Heritage Month."

We welcome you back to Mecca (Manhattan, NY) for our 2023-24 indoor Universal Parliament series at P.S. 92 Mary McLeod Bethune, 222 W. 134th St. New York, NY 10030.

THE THEME OF THIS MONTH'S PARLIAMENT

A. Unity—moving past our differences. Understanding that these teachings and lessons were given to unite us. How do we avoid our blessing from becoming perverted or grafted?

B. Collective building towards the one common cause of our Nation (the 5 Percent).

C. Bringing and presenting your ideas to help ensure the forward movement of our cause.

D. Where is the youth? Why are they not here?

Next month, October 2023, is our "Historical Parliament". So, come prepared and dress accordingly.

In the name of the True and Living God, the ONE who exists by Himself, and lives through US all, I greet you with the universal greeting of the righteous, which is Peace!

May you all be healthy, strong, and good builders of your own reality, here, now, and forevermore.

AUTUMN LIFE LESSONS

Autumn, with its captivating beauty, teaches us vital life lessons. Just as trees shed their leaves to conserve energy, we too must let go of distractions and focus on our goals. Dedication is the key to success, whether it's in school, our community, or our personal growth. The falling leaves remind us of the beauty in letting go. Like trees releasing their old leaves to make way for new growth, we should let go of negativity, unhelpful habits, and toxic relationships. In doing so, we create space for self reflection, personal growth and renewal. Nature undergoes a period of renewal during autumn. Similarly, we can use this season to reflect on our goals, nurture ourselves, and emerge in the Spring stronger. Autumn is a time for self-care and self-discovery. As in the autumn equinox day and night find equilibrium, autumn exemplifies balance. Seek equilibrium in your life by prioritizing self-care, managing your time wisely, nurturing relationships, and finding harmony in all aspects of your journey.

The first weeks of school are a transition for most, but remember that schooling is just one aspect of your education. Here's how you can make the most of your educational journey. Prioritize your physical and mental well-being. A healthy body and mind are vital for effective learning. Remember to exercise regularly, maintain a balanced diet, and nurture your emotional health. Approach learning with curiosity and a thirst for knowledge. Education is your pathway to empowerment and shaping your future. Understand the language of money. Financial literacy equips you with essential skills to make informed financial decisions and secure your financial well-being. Recognize the power you hold to make a difference in your community and society. Engage in civic activities, speak out on important issues, and actively contribute to building a just world. Your happiness is a compass guiding your journey. Chase your passions and dreams, for they are the true keys to a fulfilling life.

God's month accept it or reject it! The word "September" carries a rich history, originating from the Latin word "septem," meaning "seven." Yet, it stands as the ninth month in the calendar today. This discrepancy is a result of the early Roman calendar, where September was indeed the seventh month. The addition of January and February shifted its position to the 9th month. What's more, "September" may be related to the Latin word "septembris," hinting at a connection to new beginnings and birth. In Supreme Mathematics, the number nine is associated with the word "Born," meaning to come into existence or to be complete, further intertwining September with the concept of birth—a perfect reflection of the season's essence.

In conclusion, as autumn unfolds its wisdom and we get back into the rhythm of our regular routines, may we embrace the opportunities for growth and self-discovery. Let us be inspired by the season, may we collectively strive for a more just, free, and equitable world.

At your service, executing the will of Allah,
Mahdi, The Comforter

In the name of Allah and Justice C. I greet our readers in and with the universal greetings of Peace.

ANYONE CAN BE A 5%ER:

Black, Brown, Yellow, White, Half Original and Red.

“The purpose of This Publication is To unite our Nation as One, and return to The Original Teaching of Almighty God Allah so that brothers and sisters who wish To learn The righteous Teachings will not be misled by false prophets who use our Teachings and our Flag To shield their filthy ways and actions.

This publication will give the Truth! The real deal! We will never print anything that you wouldn't want your Father, Mother, Son or Daughter to read. THE SUN of MAN (or S.O.M.) is a tribute To Our father Almighty God Allah and his Teachings of Supreme Knowledge and Supreme Understanding which resurrected us from our graves in late 1963 and Early 1964 and This Tribute shall serve as a warning To Those who wish To Bury These Teachings or Turn Them around To serve their own personal goals or Those of other organizations. We, his sons have been there before and ‘We ain't gonna let no body or bodies Turn These Teachings around’,” The Sun of Man, Universal Shaamgaudd, 1984

The title should be self-explanatory to those with Understanding, for the sake of those without.” INTRODUCTION IN FIRST ISSUE OF THE SUN OF MAN BY UNIVERSAL SHAAMGAUDD ALLAH

My words along with my actions are either going to give life or take life. The choice is solely mine being that I am the Lord of ALL the worlds from the highest to the lowest as well as everything in between. The 28th degree in the meat lesson (1-40) tells us of the process that Yacub (the father of the devil) utilized to make his determined idea an actual reality. Allah's Suns were taught to make our lessons applicable to us by using the law of polarity through our Supreme Mathematics and Supreme Alphabets, which are our keys to the universe and language of the land. So, we would manifest this degree through that application as WHAT WAS ALLAH'S FIRST RULES AND REGULATIONS INCLUDING ALL LAWS TO BE ENFORCED WHILE MANIFESTING HIS NATION?

Allah's first rule was to see that the seeds of perfection (Black, Brown, and Yellow) were united in harmony. Thus, we have our firstborn Black Messiah (Black Seed), our second born Al Salaam (Brown Seed) and our third born Prince Allah (Yellow Seed). These 3 Gods were the healthy strong and good teachers that He knew would assist Him in building His nation. The duty of his first 3 Gods was for them to teach the knowledge and wisdom to all the human families on the planet earth.

Allah gave them a technique that was rooted in civilization and righteousness. It can be described in 2 words, HUMAN DIGNITY, which means to teach all the human families their origins in the world. One way or the other, it all goes back to the Black. Yet and still, teaching the timeline of how to get back to the Black, slight degrees of difference exist on face value, thus the importance of ensuring ALL MINDS ARE ONE IN THE NAME OF ALLAH. This add on is the revelation of the 6 human families that the Gods and Earths are held responsible for. Whether you like it or not, these are Allah's Teachings and none of us has the authority to change them for it was Decreed and Ordained by Allah Himself that we let no ONE change His teachings. Only Allah can change it, and the only way for that to happen is for us to do what?

This is a great example of Allah's Teachings concerning the 6 Human Families.

The True and Living Gods and Earths teach ALL 6 Human Families of their origins in this world. THE FIRST 3 HUMAN FAMILIES are the ORIGINAL seeds of perfection. The rest, Half Original and Red families are the outcome of the Original Human Families mixing with the White.

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| 1. Black | 4. Is the White |
| 2. Brown | 5. is the Half Original |
| 3. Yellow | 6. is the Red |

Each of these Human Families has the ability and opportunity to be civilized and righteous.

We teach that the Black man (which means ALL Black, Brown, and Yellow Seeds) with the proper knowledge of himself is God, whose proper name is Allah. We teach that the white/Caucasian man is the devil. However, with the proper knowledge of himself and his origins in this world, he can become a civilized and righteous man. Taking what he learned from us and bringing it back to his people, NOT our people, he is to teach his own, about themselves and their origins in this world.

The 2 human families (Half Original and Red) have the choice to go either way. If they embrace the teachings of Allah and his 5% Nation, they can activate themselves through pure living mathematics and Be God or Earth or they can embrace the teachings of Yacub and his made devil and be devil.

The Black man (Black, Brown, and Yellow seed) is the Supreme of All beings, and he is beyond a shadow of a doubt Allah-God when accepting, activating, and living pure mathematics.

The white man is the devil, and he can never be Allah-God regardless to whom or what place or time. He has dominion and control over the world of 6 and has shown to be a god in that realm, not the God in Allah's World Manifest (AWM). Yet and still, when he accepts, activates, and lives pure mathematics, he can be a civilized and righteous man. These are

the teachings of Allah and His 5% Nation. This is how you make these lessons relevant to you; this is how you make Supreme Mathematics walk and talk; this is what we do. WE are the agents of change. WE have the solutions to the world's problems. WE must accept this reality and embrace our responsibilities.

The people call on God every day. Are you answering their calls or are you content with what you know and just living life for yourself? The duty (not job) of the civilized is to teach the uncivilized, meaning we are to be selfless with our teachings, not selfish. Each Human Family has a unique origin in this world and it's up to us to be versatile in our deliverance of these teachings. This is why we study the science of everything in life, so that we can teach about everything in life. Some of our brothers and sisters were erroneously taught the teachings of Elijah Muhammad and his nation concerning the human families, i.e. Black, Brown, Red, Yellow, White. These are NOT the teachings of Allah and His 5% Nation. The Proper Education that has the power to Correct an Error can ONLY come from the mind of Almighty God Allah, PROPER-EDUCATION-ALLAH-CORRECTS-ERRORS.

In the name of Allah and His man Justice—the Black and the Brown. Peace,
from the Yellow,
God Trueborn My Allah.

MATHEMATICAL ORDER OF SUCCESSION: From Knowledge to Born

“I saw all men living, that walk under the sun with the second young man, who shall rise up in his place” Ecclesiastes 4:15

“Where there is no guidance, a people fall. But in an abundance of counselors there is safety” Proverbs 11:14

All praises due to Allah, Lord of All these worlds. It is in this mind and in His name and will that I greet you with the Universal greeting of the righteous—*PEACE!*

As we close out this 9th month of the Gregorian Calendar widely known as September, I would like to extend my will that all new and continuing students have a fruitful and knowledgeable academic school year. Pay close attention fore in the months and years to come, much history will be hidden and much history will be tricked (as in trick-knowledge) and only those who study will be rewarded with the truth.

On a more universal note, this is a time of year in which things are brought into existence, revealed as already in existence, or made complete in their existence. 9 is the highest degree to which one can go before the cipher is renewed. 1 to 9 is the Universal Birth Record of all things. From its inception (idea/thought— 1) to its living reality (9), and from a living reality (9) onto to an inception (idea/thought— 1). That is SUPREME MATHEMATICS. And, that is Islam. The only exact science that can be proven in no limit of time. It is the Order by which the Universe was manifested and continues to expand.

Hence, this is the Divine Plan that anything which will continue to exist must have an ORDER OF SUCCESSION, meaning a plan for who will carry on the works. Any Teacher/Leader/Guide that is worthy of his station knows well that a succession plan is key to the entire endeavor. Without one failure is inevitable.

In the past few years, since the Pandemic, many dynamic individuals from this Nation have Returned to the Mind. The loss of their physical presence has some Nation issues—the “building”, Resources of the Regions—dragging along or at a complete standstill. I ask, with all respects to those that still come together with the “determined ideas” yet let us consider the departure of the aforementioned as the “BORN” in their journey, “What happens next? That knowledge is supposed to add a cipher (person, place, or thing). This is the MATHEMATICAL ORDER OF SUCCESSION. Teach someone to do what you do to make the idea born. The Supreme Being (Allah) knew and applied this science in teaching his Brown seed Justice C, and many others. Fore they were the ones added when the Father’s Equality was born (1969).

“The Mark of Success for any endeavor is by its continuance through Succession.”

Accept it or reject it!

Your Brother and Companion in these troubling times. One Born Alive in the Supreme Equality of God

IBahiem

In the name of Allah and Justice C—the Black and the Brown, I greet you in the highest respect in the universe, PEACE!

THE SUPREME ALPHABETS ARE FLEXIBLE

Our Supreme Mathematics are written in stone. They must not and should not be changed in any shape, form or fashion. They are the KEYS to the universe, as Allah is the God of the heavens above. Our Supreme Alphabets are flexible. They must be acknowledged and utilized to their fullest capacity, while performing the duty and upholding the obligations of the civilized. They are the LANGUAGE OF THE LAND, as Allah is the God in the earth below. Fore it's ONLY the civilized that have the power to go into Hell and bring the people into Heaven unscathed by being able to identify with the people and their immediate needs. The civilized provide solutions to problems and answers to questions.

We shared the original Supreme Mathematics in a prior issue of The Sun of Man: Suns of Medina, just as the founder of The Sun of Man, Inc., Universal Shaamgaudd Allah, along with the firstborn Black Messiah, shared these same original Supreme Mathematics with Our Nation and the world years, months and days ago. Universal Shaamgaudd stated in an issue of The Sun of Man, that the original Supreme Alphabets will be in a forthcoming issue. Well, here we are two of the Suns of Medina (Divine Justice and Trueborn) in this day and time sharing with Our Nation and the world, the legacy of Allah and the teachings of the 5% Nation. All words will be kept bond and all determined ideas will be made manifest to show and prove the validity of keeping the seeds united and that the best education is the Knowledge of Yourself. For all those who are coming into the Knowledge of Yourself, this is especially for you to have the Teachings as is, nothing added, nothing taken away. As well as, for you to have a degree of compassion with those whom may have their Supreme Alphabets slightly different than yours. Again, flexibility is to be able to cope with variable circumstances.

Supreme Alphabets: As revealed by almighty God Allah and Justice

A Allah	N Now or End
B Be or Born	O Cipher
C See	P Power
D Divine or Destroy	Q Quarter
E Equality or Evil	R Rule
F Father	S Self
G God	T Truth or Square
H He	U You
I I	V Victory
J Justice	W Wisdom
K King	X Unknown
L Love, Hell, or Right	Y Why
M Master	Z Zig, Zag, Z

Now, those of you who are just coming into the knowledge of yourself and have yet to see the Supreme Alphabets may be thinking, "OK, what's the big deal?" And, those of you who have had the knowledge of yourself for years, months, and days may be thinking, "This ain't how I got it." It's all understandable. That's the beauty of our language, it's flexibility.

There are a few great Gods, that are still here with us, that were here when Almighty God Allah revealed Supreme Mathematics and Supreme Alphabets. Take the time to ask them if what was just shared with you is what they received from Allah. Keep in mind that Allah's teachings were initially for the Gods— young boys that became Men. The woman accepted their God's teachings later down the line. The woman never lost the knowledge of herself, we (men) did and that's why we had to be re-educated and re-introduced to the knowledge of ourselves. The 5% Nation is not and will never be male chauvinistic in the sense of putting our women down in an attempt to belittle them for not being a man. Man and Man doesn't create a child, so the understanding of our equality is that we both have specific roles to uphold in our nation and in society as a whole. As more, women began to embrace the teachings of Allah and the 5% Nation, some of the Gods added Her to the letter H, which was initially just He. As time went on, some of the Gods changed the letter Q, which was for Quarter, to Queen; some Gods created Earth lessons for the sisters, too; "Evil" was dropped, but still used in builds, as another "Zig" was added "meaning Understanding." These are examples of the flexibility of our Supreme Alphabets. However, the flexibility doesn't mean to go far left with it. We use many acronyms for the word "PEACE." Prominently, "Proper Education Always Corrects Errors, but that doesn't mean that those are the words associated with those letters in our Supreme Alphabets—its flexible, but don't get carried away!

We, here at the Sun of Man, are upholding the legacy of our firstborns and first-generation Gods by upholding the determined ideas of the founder of the Sun of Man, Inc. For example, we quoted Universal Shaamgaudd Allah, in the article entitled Anyone Can Be A 5% from the introduction of the very first Sun of Man. That introduction holds true till this day and time. We have many subjects that will be addressed in the very near future by the staff, here at the Sun of Man. Keep your eyes open for all up and coming issues. Until then, we will continue to remain civilized while teaching civilization with the will and desire that you are doing the same.

Peace,

Trueborn My Allah

DivineJustice Allah (D'Jaa)

In the name of HE who is worthy of all praise, do I, his son (descendant), a Man with the Master Keys to Heaven and Hell, humbly greet you with a cold heart full of righteous intent. PEACE!
As always, we, here at this 5% Digest, hope that you are well and that those you cherish the most are at ease, dis-ease free.

A BREIF HISTORY OF HIP-HOP

Hip-hop emerged from the organic street culture in the 5 boroughs of New York City. It was a response to the social and economic challenges faced by marginalized communities. DJs, MCs, and break-dancers organized block parties, and graffiti artists created art on the walls. The culture was largely underground and community-driven during this period. As hip-hop gained popularity, record labels recognized its commercial potential. The Sugar Hill Gang's "Rapper's Delight" (1979) became one of the first hip-hop hits. This led to more record deals and the commercialization of the genre.

The golden era period of hip-hop saw the rise of iconic artists like Run-D.M.C., Public Enemy, and N.W.A. Hip-hop's artistic and social impact grew, but it remained rooted in its cultural origins. Independent labels like Def Jam played a significant role. The 1990s marked the mainstream explosion of hip-hop with acts like Tupac Shakur, The Notorious B.I.G., and the emergence of West Coast and East Coast rap scenes. Hip-hop fashion and culture became influential worldwide. Major record labels invested heavily in hip-hop. The genre became big business with multi-million-dollar deals, endorsements, and brand partnerships. Artists like Jay-Z and Eminem achieved tremendous success. The internet and digital technology transformed the music industry. Hip-hop artists used platforms like SoundCloud and YouTube to gain exposure. Streaming services revolutionized music consumption, and hip-hop became the dominant genre in terms of streaming numbers. Hip-hop diversified with subgenres like trap, mumble rap, and drill gaining prominence. International artists like BTS and Bad Bunny incorporated hip-hop elements, highlighting its global influence. Hip-hop artists increasingly ventured into entrepreneurship, with clothing lines, fragrance brands, and tech investments. Jay-Z's Roc Nation and Diddy's business ventures are prime examples.

Hip-hop continues to address social and political issues, advocating for change and justice. Artists like Kendrick Lamar and J. Cole are known for their socially conscious lyrics. Hip-hop, now, dominates music charts and streaming platforms. Artists like Drake and Cardi B have set records for streaming and chart performance.

THE 5 PERCENT IN HIP-HOP

Hip-Hop: a cultural movement that has transformed music, art, and society, which bears the enduring mark of the 5% Nation. Although I haven't personally heard anyone giving us (the 5%) credit, our teachings of the science of everything in life have left a profound imprint. Within hip-hop, the Gods, our brothers, have played and still play pivotal roles in the elements of Style Writin' (Graffiti), Breakin', DJin', and Rappin'/MCin'. Our influence has enriched the creative landscape of hip-hop and fostered a legacy of knowledge of self, righteousness, and civilization. You can hear our language and see our mannerisms all in hip-hop.

They say imitation is flattery, but what the accused pedophile Afrikaa Bambaataa did when organizing the Zulu Nation was the opposite. Now, knowing what he was doing its understandable why he didn't stay close to God. The topic of cultural appropriation and its impact on culture is a complex and sensitive one.

It involves the borrowing or imitation of elements from one culture by members of another culture, often without understanding or respecting the cultural context. This can lead to the distortion or misrepresentation of the original culture. It's important to have respectful discussions and promote cultural sensitivity and most importantly a clear understanding, to avoid harmful effects on cultures.

The teachings of the Five Percent Nation had a significant influence on the early development of hip-hop culture. Many hip-hop pioneers in the Bronx and other boroughs of New York City were drawn to its teachings, from the “peace brothers” who did security at Kool Herc’s parties in its inception, to prominent figures like; Kippy Dee, Ravi, Phase 2, Case 2, Dezy Dezy (aka DJ K Slay), Ramellzee, DJ Divine and Infinity Machine Corp, World Famous Supreme Team, Raheim (from GMF & the Furious Five), Just Ice, Divine Force (Sir Ibu), Divine Sound, Rakim, Big Daddy Kane, True Mathematics, Freedom Williams, Positive K, King Sun, King Just, Busta Rhymes, Cee Knowledge (Digable Planets), Brand Nubian, Poor Righteous Teachers, and the Wu-Tang Clan,... I mean the list goes on and on, so, I’ll stop there. That’s just a glimpse of the first 3 decades.

Hip-hop artists who were influenced by the Five Percent Nation often incorporated its teachings into their lyrics. You can find references to Supreme Mathematics and other Five Percent lingo and ideas in their music. The Five Percent Nation also encourages self-awareness, education, and self-improvement. This influence led to positive messages in hip-hop that aimed to uplift and educate listeners. While the direct influence of the Five Percent Nation may have waned in mainstream hip-hop over the years, its impact on the genre’s early development is still recognized, and its teachings continue to resonate with some artists and fans. Some contemporary hip-hop artists maintain connections to the Five Percent Nation or incorporate its teachings into their music and personal philosophies.

HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY HIP-HOP!!

As we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Hip-Hop, let us honor the 5% Nation’s enduring impact and continue to embrace the principles of love, peace, and happiness in our communities. Hip-hop's longevity and influence are truly remarkable, and it continues to shape the creative landscape worldwide. Here's to 50 years of hip-hop!

THE SO CALLED “LATINO” HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION

Latino Heritage Month, also known as Hispanic Heritage Month, is typically celebrated in the United States from September 15th to October 15th each year. It’s a time to recognize and celebrate the contributions, culture, and history of Latino and/or Hispanic communities in the U.S. and their rich heritage. The focal point of this article will be on Latinos who have made significant contributions to the 5% Nation and hip-hop culture, but I will also address the colonized mindsets of our people and how misinformation is used to keep us illiterate and divided. First, I would like to express my gratitude to a few of my brothers, frontline Five Percenters that paved the way and ensured that our people receive these enlightening teachings; Kindu Islam, Rasheen (Indio), Gamel (PBUH), Allah Sha Sha, & Kaheen (ponytail), Wise, Moneek, Spanish Messiah, Saleek, Colombian Sabu, Jabbar, Jamal, Li’l Dihoo, Corim, Barkim, Raleek aka Understanding (Indio’s brother), Ramel, Father Divine (Fakim) and Kasa, just to name a few. All Praises Due to Allah for YOU!

LATINOS IN HIP-HOP

Many Latino artists have gained recognition in the hip-hop scene. Notable examples include Lee Quiñones, Tracy 168, Crazy Legs, Lady Pink, DJ Charlie Chase (Cold Crush Brothers), DJ Disco Wiz, Prince Whipper Whip, Pumpkin, Devastating Tito, Joe Conzo Jr., Joe Fatal, Mellow Man Ace, Big Pun, Fat Joe, Shabba-Do, Kid Frost, N.O.R.E., and Immortal Technique, just to name a few. These artists have not only brought their unique styles and stories, but have also helped break down barriers and expand the genre's diversity. Latinos have played a vital role in the breakdancin' (B-boyin'/B-girlin') aspect of hip-hop culture as well. B-boys and B-girls from Latino backgrounds have been influential in shaping the dance culture within hip-hop. Latino producers have made significant contributions to hip-hop production. Producers like Swizz Beatz (who has Puerto Rican and Dominican heritage) and DJ Khaled (with Palestinian & Dominican heritage) have produced hit tracks for numerous hip-hop artists. Latin rhythms, instruments, and melodies have been integrated into hip-hop tracks, adding a unique flavor to the genre. Latin artists have collaborated with hip-hop artists from various backgrounds, resulting in cross-genre hits. These collaborations have helped bridge cultural gaps and bring together different fan bases. Latino hip-hop artists often incorporate themes related to immigration, identity, and social issues that resonate with their experiences and those of their communities.

DECOLONIZING THE MIND

However, it's vital to recognize that the terms "Latino/a and Hispanic" are misnomers, often overshadowing the Indigenous and African heritage that forms the foundation of these societies. Even the term "Afro-Latino" is problematic for several reasons. It can oversimplify the complex and diverse identities within the African diaspora in Latin America. People of African descent in Latin America have a wide range of backgrounds, cultures, and experiences. Some argue that it erases the specific cultural identities and histories of Afro-Latinos by grouping them solely based on their African heritage, neglecting their individual national or regional identities. The term reinforces a Eurocentric view of Latin America where non-European identities are often marginalized or ignored, perpetuating the idea that Latin American culture is primarily of European origin. It can sometimes create an incomplete understanding of the intersectionality of Afro-Latinos, who may also identify with other aspects of their identity such as indigenous heritage. Despite these criticisms, it's important to note that the term "Afro-Latino" has also been embraced by many as a way to celebrate and unite people of African descent in Latin America, fostering solidarity and raising awareness about issues related to racism and discrimination. It is a complex and evolving concept that continues to be discussed and debated.

THE SPANISH INQUISITION

The Spanish Inquisition was established in 1478 by Catholic Monarchs Ferdinand II of Aragon and Isabella I of Castile. Its primary aim was to maintain Catholic orthodoxy and identify heretics, often targeting Jews and Muslims who had converted to Christianity but were suspected of practicing their original faith in secret. The Inquisition operated with a network of tribunals, employing methods like torture to extract confessions. Colonization of the West, referring to the Spanish colonization of the Americas, began in 1492 when Christopher Columbus arrived in the Caribbean. This marked the start of Spanish exploration and conquest in the "New World." Hernán Cortés and Francisco Pizarro led expeditions that conquered the Aztec and Inca empires, respectively. The Spanish established a vast empire, exploiting resources and forcibly converting indigenous populations to Christianity. The Inquisition and

colonization were intertwined, as the Church played a pivotal role in justifying and overseeing colonization. This period had profound impacts on the indigenous peoples of the Americas, leading to cultural exchange, but also exploitation, disease, and loss of autonomy. It shaped the course of history in both Spain and the Americas for centuries.

Furthermore, we must confront the disheartening practice of whitewashing history, which tends to glorify colonizers and slave masters. This raises critical questions about taking pride in the heritage of those who have caused immense pain and suffering. In our exploration of cultural identity and heritage, we must consider Stockholm syndrome—a psychological phenomenon where captives develop an affinity for their captors. In the context of heritage, this can be likened to taking pride in the legacy of colonizers and slave masters, a form of cognitive dissonance that demands careful reflection.

Additionally, we must address the persistent issues of colorism and racism among other issues that plague the mindset of the people of colonized mindsets. These deeply ingrained prejudices continue to harm individuals and communities, perpetuating inequalities, and injustices. In some families, elders exert pressure on their children to marry lighter-skinned individuals, further perpetuating these harmful biases. This all ties into the 7th degree of the Lost-Found Moslem Lesson No. 1, which asks, “Why does the devil call our people Africans (Dominican, Haitian, Honduran, Puerto Rican, Panamanian, Jamaican, Columbian, Trinidadian, Brazilian, etc.)? Something to contemplate and research. I also would like for you to keep in mind that most nations/countries are made up of all the human families and that Africans and Caucasians were here in the wilderness of North America before the arrival of Christopher Columbus.

Even among the so called civilized and righteous there is bigotry. My righteous Tio Kaheen still recalls some brothers labeling the Puerto Rican brothers as Power Rule Gods and half-originals. He even got into physical altercations with some of the bully Gods who lacked understanding, the strong, and wrong crowd. It saddens me to see brothers pervert and graft Allah’s blessings (teachings) into something divisive and incongruous. Not too long ago, I overheard a brother saying that “Allah School was being taken over by Hispanics.” Interesting enough, this was also a “civilized brother.” This only affirms that we have to teach harder and really start holding each other accountable for propagating misunderstanding and misinformation. My brother Aleim Supreme has a great phrase that I like to use often, “No man chooses the di@k they come out of, so how could you judge him for that?” We will draw up the science of the seeds in future issues, to many people have taken it on face value and think that it’s founded on complexion rather than caliber and character. The Willy Lynch syndrome continues...

Forever in service of the children,
until our minds meet again,
Peace!

Mahdi,
Your brother and companion

A Word to the Wise;

Why is Six scared of 7? Because Seven Ate(8) Nine!

**As the kids are saying these days,
“GOD ATE!”**