

DAILY INSPIRATION

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The Moorish Divine National Movement was founded by Noble Drew Ali in Newark, N.J., in 1913. Drew Ali relocated to Chicago in 1925 and began organizing the religious society called the Moorish Science Temple of America. In three years he built an organization that boasted 36 temples in 15 states, more than 100,000 members and Oscar Stanton De Priest, the first African-

American congressman in the 20th century, who was elected from the State of Illinois.

The practice of Islam as taught by Drew Ali is unique and reflects the old Moorish tradition of religious tolerance, openly honoring Jesus, Mohammed, Buddha and Confucius in his literature. The practice is also unique in that it nourishes the peculiar cultural needs of the African-American experience.

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