



BIOGRAPHY:

HAJJ FAQIR DAOUD A. HAROON

Hajj Faqir Daoud A. Haroon, an African American Muslim, born in pre -World war II Boston, Massachusetts as John Mancebo Lewis and has in his own words spent a lifetime: "Trying to make sense out of nonsense."

Since 1955 Mr. Haroon has performed and recorded as Jazz Trombonist and percussionist. He has strong cultural links with both traditional world music and The Avante Garde. He is a former Artist In Residence in African American Music at Wesleyan University, Middletown Connecticut (1973-1974) where he also received

his Bachelor of Arts degree.

He is listed in the International Who's Who in Music & Music Directory (8th Edition) Cambridge, England.

Mr. Haroon obtained a Masters Degree in History from Texas Southern University Houston, Texas with a concentration in: *Techniques of Oral History and Colonial American History.*

He taught American History in the Houston Community College System in the 1980's and 1990's, including his alma mater Texas Southern.

He has traveled throughout the Middle East, Africa, and the Caribbean. Mr. Haroon was a student and confidant of the late Sheikh al Hajj Daoud Ahmed Faisal, founder and director of the Islamic Mission of America, 143 State St., Brooklyn, NY.

Hajj Haroon has also attended the classes and lectures of Sheikh Fadhlallah Haeri and has lived in the former community of Bait al-din (The American Institute of Quranic Studies in Blanco, Texas.

Hajj Haroon was the founder of the *Avicenna Library* of The Islamic Education Center in Houston Texas and served as it's Librarian for a decade during the 1990's –during which time he instituted 'The *Islamic Education Series*' and Outreach programs that greatly impacted the prison systems nationwide. In recent years Mr. Haroon has become an advocate for Peace and support for the Oppressed Peoples of the Earth, which includes an ongoing interfaith

dialogue between the various Muslim Schools of thought via his writing and affiliation with groups such as International Study and Research Association (ISRA) and the Islamic Community of Moncks Corner, South Carolina under the spiritual direction of Sheikh Haroonah Fay'e al Faqir and the Mustaphawiyyah Tariqa.

Hajj Haroon's writings can be found on www.nuradeen.com and www.Malasay.com.