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# INTRODUCTION TO THE SCIENCE OF MATING

One year and four days after his vision-like experience on the Wheel, the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan delivered the speech, *"Self-Improvement: the Basis for Community Development"*, in Phoenix, Arizona (September 21, 1986) That speech, as he wrote in a divinely - guided letter dated December 12, 1986, *"formally ushers in that which is the launching pad of a worldwide movement."*

Over a period of years (1986-1991), he published eighteen (18) study guides. He published 3 more study guides between 1997 and 2008. He made it clear, in the introductory letter, that any person who would engage in the study guides, the study sessions and the practical application of the principles learned, would experience a transformation in his or her life.

While developing and publishing the first 18 study guides, Minister Farrakhan stated to me that it was his desire to give our people a study on the *Science of Mating*. He noted that it would take a specific number of generations, producing a specific human being in accord with the Teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, in order to become the people Allah (God) desired us to become. Review the titles and the sequence of the study guides and you will gain insight into the scientific methodology which underlies this process.

Minister Farrakhan, through millions of words, in countless messages, in a worldwide variety of settings, has given us access to a higher level of knowledge that must be accepted as Divine. Why? Because it is a knowledge that transcends any and all sources of knowledge that exist in the Caucasian's world. The single credential Minister Farrakhan presents to his

listeners, readers, admirers and detractors alike is this: *"I am a student of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad."* No person, no institution has come forward to claim that he, she or it is his Teacher. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad, in turn, has given exclusive credit for all of the profound revelations He has introduced to the world, to His Teacher, the Great Mahdi, Master Fard Muhammad. No person, no institution, has come forward to claim otherwise. Whether it is the narrative of the Deportation of Moon, the making of the white race, the reality of the Mother Plane (all of which the scientists of this world now bear witness to), or any of the astonishing Truths heretofore unknown, then no matter who we are or what we believe, we have to admit that this Body of Knowledge comes from a Higher Source.

The Honorable Elijah Muhamad stated that there are three scientific fields of knowledge the slave-master did not want the slave to ever learn. Those three scientific fields are: ***Business, Warfare and Mating.***

The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan gives us further insight into this profound Teaching:

*"In the word business are the letters b-u-s-i. The "i" is interchangeable with "y": "busy." The science of business is the science of life activity. The life activity is dictated by the nature in which we are created; that is, we must utilize what Allah (God) is giving us, develop it through knowledge and use that with what He has already put here to become productive - to be producers. The science of business is the knowledge of how to satisfy the natural needs of a human being in the manner that pleases Allah (God). Business takes into consideration: the creation of wealth, the acquisition of wealth, the proper use of*

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wealth; the making of a product, the sale and distribution of what one makes and the creation of a means of satisfying necessities: food, clothing, shelter, trade and commerce. All of this is a science.

When one does not know it, then we are subjected to the one who does know it. We become their servant, and, at worst, their slave. If the enemy wanted to keep us as perpetual slaves, this then is a science that we were not to become familiar with because that would free us from the state of dependence that a slave existence determines.

Second is the *science of warfare*. One must know how to protect what one develops from an enemy. The *science of warfare* is a science that can free you from an enemy as well as protect you from an enemy. Since the enemy did not want us ever to be freed from them, nor able to protect ourselves from their wickedness, they never wanted us to learn the *science of warfare*.

The third science is the *science of mating: to know how to properly marry in order to produce a better future*. They learned how to produce great horses, pedigreed dogs and other life in the animal kingdom. This same science is applicable in the human sphere. They did not wish for us to learn that science, because to produce those that would free us from their grip, ultimately, and challenge their rulership over us and over the planet. So these three sciences were never taught to us.

Now, we were taught the *science of music*, but we were never taught how to marry the *science of music* to the *science of life*. We were taught the *science of medicine*, but we were taught it in a way that we could never relate it spiritually to the

overall sick condition of even the doctor who learned it and to the sick condition of our people and the sick condition of the world. We were in art courses that taught us the *science of color*, but we never learned how to apply it as a force for healing.

So it is only after learning the Wisdom of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad that we could utilize these various sciences and turn these sciences into instruments of healing. It is only after coming into the Light of what the Honorable Elijah Muhammad taught us of the Knowledge of Allah (God) and self and the enemy of God and self and the True Religion of Allah (God). Then we could go after *the science of business, the science of warfare and the science of mating*, that we would never again be a slave to any man, dependent on other human beings for food, clothing, shelter and the necessities of life - that we would become producers of this for ourselves.

So we thank Allah (God) for His Coming and giving to us such a Masterful Teacher, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad."

Throughout the years of his Divinely-Ordained Ministry, the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan has taught us extensively on all three of these sciences that the slave master knew are essential to our independence (and therefore kept us completely ignorant of), until the Coming of our Saviour, Master Fard Muhammad and the rise of the Messiah, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. They have revealed the root knowledge of these to us now through Their Anointed, the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan.

The work you are about to read, study and benefit from is a compilation of powerful messages from the Honorable

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Minister Louis Farrakhan on the third of the three sciences; it is entitled, *The Science of Mating: The Knowledge of How to Properly Marry in Order to Produce a Better Future.*

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*February 27, 2015*



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## **PART 1**

### **Marriage: The Security and Foundation of a Nation**





## **Our Commitment to Strong Marriage Secures Our Nation**

*In The Name of Allah, The Beneficent, The Merciful.*

There is so much going on in the world and what is going on in the world will certainly affect us. We have entered into Armageddon and it will get deeper, wider and broader. It is a war against Islam, and Islam is in revolt against itself because of deviation from Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) from those within the world of Islam who want to bring Islam back to its pristine purity.

Islam will win; that is written. Some may say, “I’m a Christian.” No, you, too, are a Muslim, because your nature is to submit to the Will of Allah (God). You believe in Jesus Christ and so do we; but mere belief counts for nothing except that that belief is carried into practice. Allah’s (God’s) way will rule. The *Bible* tells us that a government is going to be set up on this earth—not by a U.S. President, a British Prime Minister, a Chinese President, a Japanese Prime Minister or Russian President; but by the Messiah, the Christ Himself.

No matter what is happening in the world, our condition will not be changed substantially by looking at Israel bomb Lebanon or seeing Hezbollah hold off the mighty Israeli army (which beat the whole Arab world in six days, yet in three weeks is still bogged down with Hezbollah). This is the beginning of the defeat of Zionism, wicked capitalism and all that is against the purpose of Allah (God) for the true freedom, justice and equality of all human beings.

There is no success in building a nation without the building of family. There is no success in the building of family without the respect and honor for the institution of marriage. However, we are beset with divorce and the problem of infidelity. As a result of divorce and infidelity, hatred is building between mothers and fathers, which is causing children to suffer. We can talk about many things that are important in life, but nothing is more important or sacred than family and the cornerstone of family, which is marriage.

I want to see successful marriage in the Nation of Islam and among Black people. Marriage in Islam starts with the recognition that we are not complete without a woman, or without a man if you are a woman. But the critical part of male/female relationships is in setting up a social context where men and women can meet each other under proper circumstances that do not degenerate into vile speech or actions. Every mosque should set up proper social circumstances for single Brothers and single Sisters to meet each other. The proper setting is not at clubs or places where women are disrobed and men try to pick up a woman for a one-night stand.

In Islam, we respect the role of the parents. If a Brother is interested in a Sister who is of age, he does not approach her; he talks to her father. The father is the authority. The wife, of course, is the co-authority and the appeal must be made to the head of that house. If that process turns out well, courtship begins.

In this world, courtship is sampling the goods before buying it. Sisters, that is a huge mistake on your part to let any man have his way with you and then later you decide whether you

will or won't get married. If I pressed most of you who are involved in courtship, I would discover that you have had a sexual relationship.

Once you become sexually involved, it interferes with the process of judgment. Sex is like a narcotic that intoxicates the mind. With certain drugs, they caution you not to enter into any contract, drive your vehicle or mix this drug with alcohol. Sex is like that. When you get involved sexually with a man, under that intoxication, you think you are in love.

In the *Bible*, when Allah (God) wanted to exalt and make Israel a great nation for His glory, He sent down strong law, because if the Children of Israel would grow under that strong law, they would become the foundational stone for a world that respects the Sovereignty and Righteousness of Allah (God) and His law.

Similarly, by living the law, we would find greater peace, harmony, love, and brotherhood inside the Nation of Islam. (Under the Law of Moses), fornication and adultery were punished by death. Why would Allah (God), Who is the ultimate in forgiveness and compassion, ask for a woman or man to be stoned to death for adultery? Whenever a married man allows a strange woman into a relationship with him, he has broken the bond and interfered with the life of his marriage. There are huge consequences.

As the war widens overseas, it is coming to the United States. The streets are going to bleed in America and it is only a strong sense of family and brotherly love that will help sustain us. But it can never be if a woman sees another woman coming after her husband or a man sees another man coming after his

wife. Then, the brotherhood is broken. A brother cannot say he loves the brotherhood if his desire for sexual contact with a married woman is more important than the brotherhood that we are trying to build. A sister cannot say that she loves the sisterhood if her desire for a married man takes precedence over the sisterhood. In so doing, we are destroying a bond that is absolutely necessary when the attack from the enemy comes against us. We want to know that the person at our right, at our left, in front of us and behind us is really our brother or our sister.

Adultery is punished by death because adultery brings the death of marriage and family. Adultery is a termite that undermines the pillars of nationhood. And although with fornication, the person is not married and therefore has not broken any vow, the punishment for fornication under the Law of Moses was also death. All of these actions we take for granted are destructive of the process that Allah (God) intended for human beings in our growth to become one with Him.

Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him) said, “*Marriage is one-half of faith.*” What is faith? The journey of faith is like a child born into the world that grows, matures and evolves to become one with the Creator. When we become one with Allah (God)—as the *Holy Qur’an* says: “*Oh, soul that is at rest well pleasing with thy Lord and well pleased*” — you have reached a state of bliss in the human existence after a long process filled with trials.

The life of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and the life of Jesus Christ were filled with trial, persecution, tribulation, hardship, loss of property, loss of life and diminution of fruit, but Allah

(God) is trying the soul that wants oneness with Him. If marriage is one-half of a journey like that, what kind of a person would enter into a marriage thinking that everything is going to be all right? What kind of sailor are you to set out to sea only prepared to sail if the waters are calm?

If you are a sailor, you sail in all kinds of weather. You try to navigate your ship through the storm and do what is necessary for your ship and its cargo to survive. The ship and its cargo are the man, woman and the family. Every marriage has to go through storms, but if you are only the type of sailor who wants your marriage as long as everything is okay, then your marriage is not going to last long.

The *Bible* says, "This wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign" and Jesus said, "No sign shall be given to you except the sign of Jonah. As Jonah was in the belly of the great fish, three days and three nights, so shall the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth." Wicked and adulterous have equal value in this sentence. You may believe that you are not a wicked person but, if you are adulterous, you are wicked, because you undermine trust. You undermine faith and marriage and begin the process of the destruction of family. Therefore, you become a traitor to the building of a nation.

Brothers, when you are having sex with a strange woman other than your wife, you are not thinking of yourself as a traitor. But I want to put it in those terms so that we can really see what we are doing to our Nation that we claim we love; but more importantly, what we are doing to our wives, children and families that we claim we love.

Jonah was in the belly of the whale for three days and three nights. Allah (God) had a job for Jonah to do, but Jonah was hesitant in accepting a responsibility that Allah (God) was laying on him. So he was running and dodging while Allah (God) kept allowing circumstances to grip him, until finally a great fish swallowed Jonah. In the belly of that fish, he realized that he was fighting something he could not win against. He had to ask himself if he was ready to stop fighting Allah (God) and surrender.

The moment Jonah prayed, confessed and became ready to do what Allah (God) had called him to do, the fish spat him up on dry land. From that moment, Jonah became the great prophet of Allah (God).

How does that story apply to a wicked and adulterous generation? The Honorable Elijah Muhammad said that Allah (God) is calling on us to do a job, not just for ourselves, but a job for humanity. The suffering that Black people have endured has given us a heart that, once the vessel is cleaned and purified and the right word is put in us, we can bring the world up out of its present madness. But first, *we* have to be brought up out of it.

In *Surah* (Chapter) 30 of the *Holy Qur'an*, called "*The Romans*," the section entitled "*A Transformation*" reads:

***"Corruption has appeared in the land and sea on account of that which men's hands have wrought that He, Allah, may make them taste a part of what they have done so that they may return."***

Isn't that beautiful? Corruption has appeared in the nation on the land and the sea. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad talked about the corruption of the air, land, water, etc. Today, we are all victims of that corruption in government. Judges are corrupt. Businessmen are corrupt. Police are corrupt. Ministers are corrupt. Teachers are corrupt. Parents are corrupt. There is a price to be paid for corruption. In our families right now, corruption is causing us to pay a price. In our families, there is argument, distrust, dissatisfaction, hurt and pain because of corruption.

My Sisters may become angry with me with my concluding words, but I have to tell the Truth. In the nature of things, there would not have been a devil on our planet if a scientist had not learned how to separate the weaker germ, the brown germ, from the Black germ. This history is full of symbolism, but yet it is deep, because in the atom, there must be control. It does not become destructive unless you split it.

Allah (God) has given men authority over women. The enemy knowingly broke the Black man and freed the Black woman from the control of the Black man, so that he (enemy) could become the controller of the Black woman. The white man's control destroyed her and she became the force of destruction for our Nation.

The *Book of Genesis* in the *Bible* says that Allah (God) created the man first. This is not male supremacy. Then Allah (God) created the woman and gave her to the man as a helpmeet. Man was under the direct authority of God and woman was to come under man's authority, but a snake entered the picture and the snake is always trying to destroy the natural controller and usurp the position of God.

One of Allah's (God's) Attributes is The Controller. He did not simply put planets in the Universe, He put control on them by means of law and as long as they submit to the law and come under control, they have perpetuity.

That is why there has never been a teacher like the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, because he was trying to raise men under the control of Allah (God), that we could once again get control of our woman. Although women may not like this kind of teaching, women are out of control and because they are out of control, they are sentencing the Nation to death.

In the Nation of Islam, through the Muslim Girls in Training and Fruit of Islam classes, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad returned a measure of control to the Black man over the Black woman and she loved it, because we had submitted to the control of Allah (God) and that made it easier for her to submit to our control; because it really wasn't our control, it was Allah (God) controlling our house.

The *Bible* says that Christ is the head of man; man is the head of woman; and woman is the head of children. But Satan has destroyed that order. As men in the Nation, we have lost the moral authority in our houses because of adultery. We have to put the blame where the blame belongs. We have violated our contract of marriage and our oaths. We have violated our wives and our families. How can we make a strong family again?

To my Muslim and African Brothers: we can talk about having more than one wife because it is written in the *Holy Qur'an*, but are we qualified for that? If you cannot handle one wife, how are you going to handle two wives? Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) introduced polygamy because of the



decimation of the male population, which resulted in too many women becoming widows and children becoming orphans. There was a social reason for polygamy and Allah (God) revealed to Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) the time and circumstances under which sex should be applied.

Some men like to read a few verses in the *Holy Qur'an* that satisfy their salacious desires, so that they can engage another woman other than their wife and break the peace and trust in their homes. After a man destroys the beauty of his wife, especially if she is a faithful woman, then he wants to claim he is a man of God.

But men break women's faith in Allah (God) by what we do with Allah (God). We have ruined our Nation. We have ruined our families. Can we get it back? Of course, we can. Allah (God) says: *"I am going to make you taste a part of what you have done so that they may return."* Return to what? Return to that straight path that gave us moral authority in our houses, which we have corrupted and lost.

Have we had enough of the pain of a broken home, a broken marriage and confused children? If we have, then let us try again to make our word our bond, rebuild our marriages and families, rebuild our broken trust and, in the process, rebuild our nation.

I hope that we will make a commitment to marriage and family and let nothing break up our families. If, as men, we have been in error, then we must confess and ask for forgiveness and do not bring any more corruption into our

homes. Sisters, if our actions have driven you to unbecoming actions, then come back to yourself and come home to Allah (God) and let us rebuild our lives and our nation.

## **The Marriage Vow: Understanding The Seriousness of our Word**

This is a question given to the Honorable Elijah Muhammad by his Teacher and this is his answer:

*Have you not learned that your word shall be bond regardless to whom or what?*

*Yes. My word is bond and bond is life and I will give my life before my word shall fail.*

Why do the majority of people who believe in Allah (God) trust in Him completely? It is because whatever Allah (God) says, He performs according to His Word. There is one thing that is impossible for Allah (God) to do and that is, it is impossible for Him to lie. He has ultimate power to do whatever He wills. Therefore, whatever He causes His Prophets to say under His Guidance and Direction, we can put complete faith and trust that His Word or Promise will be fulfilled for He never breaks His Promise.

It is written in the *Bible* that the heavens and the Earth will pass away before one jot or tittle of the Word of Allah (God) will fail. What an excellent record Allah (God) has. He has made us in His Image and after His Likeness.

Therefore, we should strive to be like Allah (God) by striving hard to make our word bond that we may develop trust and confidence in all our relationships.

In the *Holy Qur'an*, Allah (God) calls our nature Islam (submission to His Will). He gives us the ability to submit to His Will, but, He also gives us the right of choice. We can choose to obey or disobey. Whenever we give our word we should try to be like our Creator. We should be found striving to live up to what we say. Our word is so important, that we should think carefully before giving it. However, after giving our word, we should do all within our power to make our word bond. In practicing this most important principle, we build trust and confidence in all our relationships.

The most important relationship is our relationship with Allah (God), and, as Muslims we take an oath in our prayers when we say, ***“My prayers, my sacrifice, my life and my death are all for Allah (God) the Lord of the Worlds.”***

We must strive to live up to this most important oath. If we are faithful to the oath that we have given to Allah (God), then, it follows that our oath or our word will have significant value with others.

It is this characteristic of living up to our word that produces trust, dependability, and earns its possessor the respect of those who may even be our enemies.

When we give our word, under all circumstances and conditions, both *Bible* and *Qur'an* teach us that we should always say, ***“If it be the Will of Allah (God) or Insha' Allah.”*** We have no power over the next fraction of a second of our lives. So, in all matters, we must remember Allah (God) and say, I will see you tomorrow, if it be the Will of Allah (God) or I will do this or that, if it be the Will of Allah (God). However, we should never use the phrase ***Insha' Allah*** (Be it the Will of

God) as a cover for our deceit in telling people that which we have no intention of doing. If we intend to keep our word, then Allah (God) may help us to keep our word. But, if we have no intention to keep our word, and use Allah's (God's) name as a cover for deceit, then, of course there can be no help coming from Allah (God) to make our word bond. And by doing this, we earn Allah's (God's) displeasure. Our *yea* must be *yea*, and our *nay* must be *nay*, unless our *yea* or *nay* is based on poor information or falsehood. So, with better information or truth, we may change our answer or our determination, but, by and large we all must strive to make our word bond.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad taught us that a hypocrite is one who says from the mouth that which is not in the heart. When we give our word or promise and fail to perform after our promise, we destroy the confidence in us of those who depend on our word. In fact, the *Holy Qur'an* teaches, it is the Devil who promises and fails to perform after his promise. Look at how many of us are in league with the Devil on this point. Therefore, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad taught all of His followers to strive to make our word bond. He teaches us that bond is life and whatever we give our word to do and fulfill it, we actually give life to that which we have given our word to.

No word or oath is more important, after our word to Allah (God), than the oath that we give to one another in marriage. The marriage vow is called a marriage contract. A contract is an agreement between parties to do certain things or to fulfill certain requirements or duties.

A contractual agreement is only meaningful if the parties live up to that to which they have agreed. Breaking the agreement brings about the death of the contract. This is how important our word is in building any relationship. Sometimes we say things that we really intend to do; however, as we are generally forgetful, it is always good that we have a reminder.

In marriage, each partner is a natural reminder to the other of the word that both have given to Allah (God) and to each other in the company of our family and friends. What importance do we attach to our oaths, or vows, or our word?

Allah (God) is our greatest Benefactor and He says that He would not even consider us were it not for our prayers. Yet, we have to be reminded that prayer is our duty to Him.

What about the word that we have given to each other that begins our journey toward union? Should not we remind each other of our word? Should not we strive to live up to our word? Every time we make our word bond we breathe life into the institution of marriage. Nothing sound can be built on a lie. The whole universe is constructed on truth. Falsehood has produced nothing in this wonderful creation. Therefore, falsehood can never produce the good that Allah (God) intended in His establishing the institution of marriage.

Some of us take offense at being reminded of our word because there are times that our desires lead us away from fulfilling our word. So, in the marriage we have to be mindful of how we remind our mate of his or her failure or shortcoming in living up to our word, for the reminder itself can produce

friction. However, if we are humble of heart, no matter how the reminder comes, if it is truth, we must bow to the truth and act accordingly.

The characteristic that made Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) so highly esteemed among the Arabs, even before His Prophetic Call, was His great trustworthiness and His sense of fairness and justice. Therefore, He was relied upon to settle disputes and quarrels. So, when Allah (God) chose Him, He chose a man that had earned the respect of His own tribe and other tribes because of His great characteristic of faithfulness. This is why, before He was chosen by Allah (God) to be His Messenger, He was called Al-Amin, the Faithful, the Trustworthy.

Writing bad checks, signing contracts and willfully neglecting to live up to its terms, making bills and failing to pay them, gives us a record that marks us as untrustworthy. When people have no confidence in the word that we give, we cannot build sound or good relationships. Since Allah (God) created us as social beings, then, it is incumbent upon us to form good relationships with others and the best way to form a good relationship is to be found living up to the word that we give or the oath that we give in the performance of our duty.

In the journey of union with Allah (God) and with our mate, fidelity and infidelity is based on a word that we give. It is a wonderful thing to be faithful. Faith is that which marks the believer in contrast to the disbeliever and the hypocrite. Remember, every word given is tested and in testing the quality of our oaths or words given we learn about ourselves. Are we liars or are we truthful? Are we faithful or unfaithful? Are we trustworthy or unworthy of trust?

In the *Holy Qur'an* it reads:

*"Do men think that they will be left alone on saying, We believe, and will not be tried? And indeed We tried those before them, so Allah will certainly know those who are true and He will know the liars."*

Surah 29, verses 2-3

When we read this chapter, let us look into the mirror of our word and our actions corresponding to our word. What grade would we give ourselves if there were a word, contract or bill paying report card? Wouldn't it be wonderful if we would strive to be like Allah (God), our Creator, by marshalling the force of our being to make our word bond? Let every believer strive to do this in every transaction that we make.

Remember, death comes to every relationship when our word begins to fail. Death comes to the marriage contract when infidelity enters the house.



## **The Divine Purpose For Sex in Marriage**

The institution of marriage allows the lawful sexual union between male and female in the eyes of Allah (God) and society. Since both, male and female should dedicate their lives to the Will of Allah (God) and the great struggle in the journey of the meeting with Allah (God), and, the great struggle of the union of the two, then the pleasure derived from sex is Divinely given to enhance the union as well as to re-charge the electrical energy of the male and the female that they might continue the great journey and struggle of life. These two, properly motivated, allows the sexual union to be a life-giving experience not only in procreation and continuance of the life of the species, but, it is invigorating as well as life giving to the marriage and the struggle of these two to become as one.

To look at marriage as only the legalization of the sex act is to put our minds on a level that will not bring the best out of the experience. To become extreme in our view that the sex act is only for procreation and not meant by Allah (God) to give pleasure to married couples is a view that is not in accord with the Will, Plan and Purpose of Allah (God). These pleasure centers in the human being, used properly and in accord with the Will of Allah (God), brings comfort, ease, consolation, rest, reward and joy to the souls that are working hard to fulfill their Divine duty and obligation.

What is the purpose of sex in marriage?

Procreation of the human species.

To reward the struggle of the two to become one with the joy of the pleasure of each other's complimentary nature.

To give rest, relaxation and new energy to the male to continue the great mission of being producer of mastering the earth and its laws as he strives to become Khalifah, or one who stands in the place of Allah (God) at his level of development. The female, in energizing the male and giving him this comfort, consolation; giving him peace and quiet of mind as a rest period between struggle, is also satisfied and is pleased because she has given rest to him to work for Allah (God), her and the family. Therefore, she is rested in herself. This is the divine purpose of sex in marriage.

Satan, however, has taken this natural gift of Allah (God) and made mischief with it causing us to go after pleasure without struggle; without the burden or responsibility of being what Allah (God) created us to be. We have become pleasure seekers without responsibility and misusing our pleasure centers thus becoming slaves of pleasure.

This has given rise to the misuse of women and the misuse of what Allah (God) gave them for the man so that she becomes a prostitute – sex for hire, he becomes a pimp – using her and the need of the male for pleasure as a means of livelihood.

The lust for pleasure is causing the abuse of children, male and female, and the misuse of our bodies. As a result, we are living in a morally degenerate world. We are paying the price for this moral degeneracy through the plague of AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases, which produce the destruction of the male and female and the destruction of our future.

This is why we must return to Allah (God) and seek to know His purpose for what He created and use everything of creation

in accord with His purpose for it. Then, and only then, will we find the genuine peace, joy, and happiness that we seek.

It is written in Psalms, *“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!”* The unity of the brotherhood gives us another kind of pleasure. It is written in the *Holy Qur’an* that, when we become one with Allah (God), we will be *“well-pleased with Him and well-pleasing in His sight.”*

There is tremendous pleasure in being one with Allah (God). There is tremendous joy in knowing that we are pleasing in His sight. Let us strive for the real pleasure of life that comes from duty to Allah (God); duty to ourselves; duty to our mates; duty to our families; duty to our community.

Let us seek real pleasure that comes when we know that we have struggled to obey Allah (God); we have struggled to bear the burden of the great responsibility that Allah (God) has placed on our shoulders; we have accepted the difficulty factor of life knowing truly that after difficulty comes ease.

## **Divorce: The Number One Threat To National Security**

*Allah (God) Hates Divorce*

It is written in the *Holy Qur'an* that Allah (God) hates divorce. Whatever Allah (God) hates, the righteous should also hate. Hate is an intense dislike for someone or something. The righteous look to Allah (God) for Guidance on how best to live, for He, the Best Knower, the Eternal One, knows best what is good for His creatures. The Righteous, therefore, must look at what Allah (God) hates and look within themselves and ask the question, "Why do I tolerate or even love what Allah (God) hates?" The more we approve or tolerate that which Allah (God) hates and/or disapproves, it brings us into disfavor with Him.

There are many things written in the Scriptures of the *Bible* and *Holy Qur'an* that are loathsome in the Eyes of Allah (God). One of these hateful things in His sight is divorce. Divorce goes against the very basic unit of civilization, for divorce breaks up family. Where there is no strong family, there is no strong community or nation. If we study the laws of Allah (God), the strongest punishments are for the breaking of these laws which disturb, break-up and destroy marriage and family.

One of the signs of the decadence and fall of a civilization is its rate of divorce. Sociologists bear witness that this major sign appeared in every great nation and civilization as a sign of its fall. Likewise, the sociologists bear witness that the divorce rate in America and throughout the world is on the increase. Over 50% of all marriages in America end in divorce. This is extremely sad. The parents are so centered on their pain and

frustration with their mates, they do not consider the harmful effect that divorce brings on the children and family. Under the Mosaic Law, that which breaks up family: adultery, fornication, and other sins destructive to family are seriously punished, even with death. When Allah decrees a death sentence for a particular sin, this should teach us that the weight of that sin is exceedingly great because that sin is destructive of family. All laws that are found written in the *Bible* and *Holy Qur'an*, if followed, produce strong marriages, families, communities, and nations.

I have heard recently of many in the Nation of Islam who are seeking or desirous of divorce. This had disturbed me greatly, because it is a sign of a fall. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad said that the Nation of Islam would fall, but that it would rise and never fall again. If the Nation of Islam is never to fall again and an increase in divorce is a sign of a fall, then the wise among us must check the rate of divorce and stop it in order to stop an ultimate fall. Who among us would like to be a contributor to the fall of our Nation?

What does our vow to Allah (God) mean? What does our vow to each other mean? If our word means nothing, then we are walking in the path of Satan, for the *Holy Qur'an* teaches that Satan promises without ever intending to fulfill his promise. A Muslim's word must be made bond.

We are taught that when our word fails life is lost. The life of the marriage is lost if we fail to live up to our duty, obligation, and our word. None of us are perfect. Therefore, our striving to become as one is a very difficult task, but not an impossible one.

Prophet Muhammad said, "Marriage is one half of faith." As I studied these words, I came to see that the journey of faith is to take every human being who travels the pathway of faith to an ultimate meeting or oneness with Allah (God). When a believer can say that he or she has become one with Allah (God), that believer has made the greatest accomplishment in life and has become a soul at rest, pleased with Allah (God) and Allah (God) is pleased with that believer. The journey of faith and our meeting or oneness with Allah (God) is filled with trials, tribulations, and great adversity, but we are told through the scriptures of the *Bible* and *Holy Qur'an* that Allah (God) loves those who are steadfast under trial; who weather the storms of tribulation that come against their faith.

Allah (God) also loves those who weather the storms that come against their word or vow that they gave to one another to struggle to become as one. Many of us think that when we say our vows we are actually married. To be married means to be united in spirit and mind, and to become completely as one.

When we say our marriage vows, we are only declaring our intent to struggle to become as one. This is a life long journey or struggle. Many of us are so quick to get in and out of marriage in the same manner that we go in and out of stores shopping for some merchandise, and, when we find a flaw in the merchandise, we take it back to make an exchange. We take marriage and our word to Allah (God) and to our mate as a trivial thing, while with Allah (God) it is a great and serious thing. Those of us who cannot weather the personal storms that come against our vows and quickly seek divorce will more than likely fail to weather the trials, tribulations, and adversities that come with the journey of faith and soon will drop out of the greatest of struggles for life's true purpose.

The *Holy Qur'an* teaches us that if it had been a short journey and a near gain all would have gone forth. However, when the journey is long and the gain is not near, only those who fully believe will be able to continue. That is why it is written in the Scripture that the race is not to the swift nor the strong, but to those who can endure to the end.

Marriage, with Allah (God), is sacred and therefore anything that interferes with marriage is strictly forbidden and seriously punished by Allah (God).

Even if the laws of man have become weak in punishing that which is destructive of marriage and family, the consequences of an adulterous generation is the destruction of discipline, order – ultimately, the motion of a civilized society is stopped by the confusion and bloodshed that erupts with the destruction of marriage, family and nation.

When I visited Al-Haram, the Holiest House of Islam, in Mecca, Saudi Arabia, I was struck by the beauty of the worshipers who do not bring anything forbidden by Allah (God) into the sacred precinct of that Holy Shrine.

When we entered Jeddah, as the port of entry, to begin preparation for the sacred right of Hajj (Pilgrimage), everyone's bags and person was searched to be sure that nothing forbidden and un-sacred would be allowed to enter Saudi Arabia through its general port of entry.

Marriage is the most sacred of all institutions, for it commits a man and a woman to the struggle to become as one. Whenever any individual approaches the married person with desires of adultery, that person has encroached upon that

which is sacred. The keeper of the vow, the male and female, must be like a sentry on post to guard against any intrusion into that which is sacred by that which is profane. This lays an important duty on each mate and that is to forbid the entry into the sacred precincts of marriage anything that is destructive of this institution, even to thoughts, imagery, or fantasy of another individual other than the husband or wife.

Remember, “as a man (woman) thinketh in his/her heart, so is he/she.” When the marriage is not going well, the first thought must never be divorce. If the two person and their advisors (parents, friends, imams, pastors, or spiritual advisors) have reached an impasse, then a separation is proper. However, separation is made to give the two persons space and time to reconsider each other and their problems with the thought toward possible reconciliation.

If the differences are so great, after separation and attempt at reconciliation, divorce is then and only then, a strong consideration. During the time of separation, no one should be allowed to interfere with the process of reconciliation. The married persons must never permit a stranger or anyone into the sacred precincts of their hearts or mind while reconciliation is being attempted.

As long as there is no divorce, the righteous are forbidden to look around and entertain other persons, and, anyone who allows themselves to be entertained by married persons who are seeking a divorce or are separated, is in effect interfering with the possibility of reconciliation. Therefore, these actions are punishable, if not by the law of man, certainly by the Law of Allah (God). What is a vow? According to Random House Dictionary, a vow is “a solemn promise, pledge, or personal



commitment; a solemn religiously binding promise made to God or to any deity or saint, as to perform some act, make some offering or gift, or enter into some service or condition. A solemn or earnest declaration to pledge or resolve solemnly to do, to make, to give, to observe etc."

When a vow is made, the total focus of our entire being is to carry out our word. It involves an intense desire that feeds our Will, which is the essence of the power of our being to fulfill our commitment. Our word and vows should never be taken lightly. Allah (God) does not take our vow lightly. We should never enter into the institution of marriage thinking of a way out. We should enter into marriage totally committed to work out the problems that arise. The success of marriage is not based solely upon the word "love." The success of marriage is based upon our duty and obligation to each other, which nurtures and strengthens the bond of love.

The *Holy Qur'an*, as well as the *Bible*, teaches us that our first duty or obligation is to our Creator. It is He, Allah (God), who created us, and it is He who permits us, in the nature in which He created us, to desire our mates. It is He, Allah (God), who gave us complimentary natures that can only be at peace if these two natures are dutiful to each other, helping to fulfill the needs of each other. If we are dutiful to our Creator, keeping Him first and foremost in our lives, then our duty to Him becomes the mortar that binds us together in marriage.

In the *Holy Qur'an*, Surah 4, Verse 1, it reads:

*"O people, keep your duty to your Lord, Who created you from a single being and created its mate of the same (kind), and spread from these two many men and women. And keep*

*your duty to Allah, by Whom you demand one of another (your rights), and (to) the ties of relationship. Surely Allah is ever a Watcher over you."*

The problem in this world is that duty to Allah (God) is not first and foremost. Therefore, the demands that we make on one another may not necessarily be within the nature of our creation. When we are dutiful to Allah (God), observant of the differences in the nature of the male and female, and the rights that nature makes us demand of one another, then, we can attempt to fulfill our duty and obligation. We can attempt to satisfy the demand made on our nature by our mate.

So it is Allah (God) who has put in our nature a demand. According to Random House Dictionary a demand is, "a request made with authority; to claim as a right" and a right is, "something that someone is entitled to; morally good, just; correct, or true." The *Holy Qur'an* teaches that the man has rights over the woman, but the woman also has rights over the man. Any demand has to be met or fulfilled in order for a relationship to be maintained. If a demand, whether knowingly or unknowingly, is not met, then there is a consequence.

What is the demand in the nature of a woman? What is the demand of a woman on a man? Since the nature of Allah (God) in the male and female is to submit to the Will of Allah (God), and by submitting to the Will of Allah (God) we are made secure and thus we enter into peace, the nature of the female demands from the male that she be made secure so that she may enter into peace. To be made secure is to be made safe from fear, harm, or danger. This does not only mean physical protection, but the mental security of knowing that the bills are paid, the children are being cared for, and that basic needs are being met,

spiritually, and morally as well. This makes her secure, and whether she speaks this from her mouth or not is irrelevant, because her nature demands this from the man. If the man does not perform according to the demand of her nature, there is a consequence. If we fail in our duty to her, and that which by right she is demanding is not met, then this default in duty begins to erode the bond of love, creating dissatisfaction and increasing argument, which robs the individual and marriage of the Spirit of Allah (God).

Love is a deep, creative force that is based upon duty and obligation. Allah (God) says in the *Holy Qur'an* that He loves the dutiful. He loves those who are mindful of their duty and He says, the best among us is he or she who is most careful of his or her duty to Allah (God). So, it is duty and obligation fulfilled that engenders love and feeds this creative force of love, causing it to grow. Love and duty bind us together. It is the failure to live up to our duty that erodes love and begins to dissolve the bond.

What is the duty of the female demanded by the nature of the male? Allah (God) has created us to struggle. He has made man and given man a duty to multiply and replenish the Earth and subdue it. He gives to man power, dominion, and knowledge to fulfill his divine duty. When a man works to build a society after the Will of Allah (God); when a man works to be the maintainer of a woman, and works to replenish the Earth, bringing into subjection the laws that govern the Earth and its affairs, that he may use that power to fulfill the Will of Allah (God) – such a man has a natural demand on the nature of a woman, that she should give to him peace and contentment of mind.

This is the way that Allah (God) created our natures to serve each other from the beginning. When a man is in his right state, the demand for consolation, comfort, and solace is completed in the female. These aforementioned demands are still present in both man and woman, whether we are in a right state or not.

The *Holy Qur'an* teaches that the woman is the consoler of the man. What is consolation? It is to ease the man from the pain and burden of the labor that Allah (God) has imposed upon the man. Allah has given man a female whose duty by nature is to ease the burden on man, to console, to give peace, and quiet of mind, whether he knows that this demand is in his nature or not, if not met, then the power in the creative force of love is eroded, because this demand, duty, or right is not fulfilled.

We are cheating on both sides. We are cheating each other of our just due. We are cheating each other of nature's needs and demands. In the *Holy Qur'an*, Surah 83, Verses 1-3, called, "Default in Duty", Allah says, "Woe to the cheaters! Who, when they take the measure (of their dues) from men, take it fully, And when they measure out to others or weigh out for them, they give less than is due."

Woe means, "disaster, misery and affliction." This is what married life is today. It is misery, woe, and affliction, because we are cheating each other of the demands of our nature. Cheating in marriage. Cheating one another in our duties to one another, and yet demanding fully of our mates.

Man is the maintainer of woman and she is the consoler of man. According to Random House Dictionary, maintain is, "to provide for the upkeep or support of; carry the expenses of; to keep in existence or continuance; to preserve; retain; to keep in

due condition." To console is, "to alleviate or lessen the grief, sorrow, or disappointment of; to give solace or comfort; cheer up." In the *Holy Qur'an* Surah 4, verse 34, it reads, "Men are the maintainers of women, with what Allah has made some of them to excel others and with what they spend out of their wealth. So the good women are obedient, guarding the unseen as Allah has guarded."

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad taught me, "the woman is man's heaven." However, whatever can give us heaven can surely give us hell and since most are getting more hell than heaven, this demands that we look at ourselves to see where we are failing in our duty.

## The Pain of Infidelity: How The Marriage Can Survive

The *Holy Qur'an* teaches us that the Universe is rooted in Truth. Since we are creatures of the Creator, we too are rooted in Truth.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad taught us that the brain cells are created to think rightly. To think rightly means to perceive reality properly, and to think on the basis of truth. Since falsehood has created nothing, falsehood then has a negative effect on the cells of the brain. When we give our word, our striving to live up to the word means we are striving to be truthful, to be honest, to have integrity, to be one with our word, ourselves, and Allah (God). Therefore, honesty and truthfulness are at the root of all the good characteristics of the human being. When we break our oath, or are deceptive with our word, we are now becoming deceitful or false. Since we are created in truth, when we behave deceitfully or falsely, we suffer the pangs of guilt. When we suffer the pangs of guilt, it shows up in our eyes, in our facial expression, and it begins to interfere with the rhythm of our bodies, which are created to move to the rhythm of truth, which is the rhythm of life. It is this that causes dis-ease or disease.

The *Bible* teaches that *sin* is *transgression of the law*. Sin does not start with the act of breaking the law, it starts with the thought of going against what is right, what is good, and what is true. Therefore, sin is at the root of disease.

The *Bible* teaches that the wages of sin is death. In death, the eyes are closed. This means that sin causes spiritual blindness.

In death, we cannot hear; sin causes spiritual deafness. In death, we cannot speak; sin causes spiritual dumbness. In death, we cannot feel; sin creates spiritual insensitivity. This teaches us that sin ultimately leads to the untimely death of the individual.

Allah (God) says in the *Holy Qur'an*, "Surely the vilest of beasts are the blind, deaf, and dumb."

When the people asked Jesus for a sign of the end, Jesus according to the scripture answered saying: "An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign, and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet, Jonah; For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth "(Matthew, Chapter 12 Verses 39-40)

Jesus referred to the generation that was contemporary with Him as wicked and adulterous. If Jesus were present in America today, would this present generation be characterized by Him any differently? It would not.

The mark of this generation is the same as the mark of the generation of the people of Noah; for, the scripture teaches of that generation, that every imagination of the heart of the people was continually to do evil.

What is the root cause of such a high divorce rate in the society? What is the root cause of the hatred, bitterness, and strife that exists between the male and the female? The root cause is the sin of infidelity, unfaithfulness to our word, dishonest, false, and deceitful communication. This produces in our mate disappointment and dissatisfaction, which produces quarrelling, and arguments that drive away the spirit

of love. Love is the mortar that holds the union together. Where there is argument and dissatisfaction love disappears; then, there is nothing to hold the union together. So, we break apart.

When we break our word and our commitment to each other, this is infidelity.

Infidelity produces a lack of confidence because of false and deceitful action between the mates. Infidelity begins a process of estrangement. Infidelity begins to weaken the will to feed life to the relationship. Infidelity ultimately kills the desire between the two people who have agreed to live as one.

Love in the truest sense of the word is not an emotional feeling toward our mate. Love is the force or power generated from acting on the principles of truth.

Love is the most awesome creative force in the universe. Love is the basis of Allah's (God's) Beneficence, Mercy, and Forgiveness. It is out of this creative force of love that Allah (God) destroys that which refuses to accept truth and on that basis build a good home, family, society, or nation. It is out of Allah's (God's) love for good, right and truth, that He sends warners to those societies that have exceeded the limits and warns them of the destruction that their actions are bringing upon themselves. So it is with our marriages, our families, and our homes. When we fail to act on the principles of good and truth and exceed the limits of wrong doing we cause to be brought up in ourselves and in those whom we offend that destructive force that is from Allah (God) and we begin to wreak havoc on one another, destroying our marriages, families, homes and nation.



Let us look at the word *Love* and at the word *Life*.

The *o* in the word love and the *l* in the word life are vowels that are interchangeable. The *v* in the word love and the *f* in the word life are consonants that are interchangeable.

What is *Life*? It is the activity that is in accord with the law under which we are created. *Love* is the creative force out of which life comes. To truly love is to live and to have true life is to exist in true love. *Lust* is different. *Lust* is a passionate or overmastering desire. It is sad to say, that most of our marriages are conceived in lust. Therefore, when this overmastering desire is fulfilled, the marriage ends. The true life of marriage is based in the quality of love. Where true love exists, we can weather the storms of life and its ups and downs. Where true love exists, we will be faithful through sickness, poverty, and through whatever difficulty life brings to us. Therefore, to accomplish the goal of the union of two people is to gain the incomparable quality of true love.

Adultery marks this generation. Adultery is “voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and a partner other than the lawful spouse.”

This act of adultery is punished very harshly by Allah (God) in the Law that He gave to Moses and the Law that He gave to Muhammad (PBUH). Why? Because adultery and infidelity interferes with the activity of love and begins a process of death by destroying the activity or life of the marriage.

Jonah was referred to by Jesus because he is that prophet that caused the postponement of the judgment of the wicked

people of Nineveh by introducing to the King and the people the principle of atonement.

If we desire to save our marriages, our families and our homes, we must practice the Eight Steps of Atonement:

1. Someone must point out the wrong
2. Acknowledgement of wrong
3. Confess the fault; first to Allah (God), then to those offended
4. Repentance; a feeling of remorse or contrition or shame for the past conduct which was wrong and sinful
5. Atonement; meaning to make amends and reparations for the wrong
6. Forgiveness by the offended party; to cease to feel offense and resentment against another for the harm done
7. Reconciliation and restoration; meaning to become friendly and peaceable again
8. Perfect union with Allah (God) and with each other

These eight steps of atonement can bring our marriages back from death. These eight steps of atonement can bring us away from that which produces dis-ease. By our being truthful in our relationships we can begin to put the pieces of our lives back together. It is a wonderful thing to be made whole after being broken, and, practicing the principle of atonement will make us as individuals whole; make our marriages and our families whole; make us a unit – a whole people.

No matter what we gain in life, what good is it if we have no character and lose the friendship of Allah (God) and the friendship of each other. There was a woman found in adultery

that was brought to Jesus. She should have been stoned to death according to the Law of Moses. Jesus bent down and wrote in the sand, which one of you is without sin may cast the first stone? No one threw a stone, for, all were guilty. Jesus was innocent and, therefore, He could have cast stones at her, but, He who was innocent said to the woman who was guilty, woman, where are your accusers? Neither do I accuse you. Go and sin no more. I say to you, as Jesus said to the woman who was found in adultery, “go *and sin no more.*”

May Allah (God) bless those of us who read this book to begin the process of healing ourselves, our marriages, our families, and our Nation.



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## **PART 2**

# **BASIC NATION BUILDING THROUGH THE INSTITUTION OF MARRIAGE**



## Promoting Positive Relationships Between the Sexes

### The Basis of Proper Male/Female Relationships

Neither male nor female can fulfill their relationships to each other until they are first properly connected to the Source of all Creation, which is Allah (God). This is why the divorce rate is so high, and the dissatisfaction rate in relationships between the sexes is even higher.

The natures of male and female are different, but they are meant to complement each other. In the absence of knowledge, the different natures of male and female can work destructively against the self and against the union of both. The fundamental knowledge that is absent in male/female relationships is the knowledge of how we should relate to Allah (God) and each other.

It is our disconnection from Allah (God) that is at the root of failing and improper relationships between man and woman. This is a very deep problem in the relationship between Black men and women. One of the major crimes perpetrated against us when we were brought into slavery was that a true and proper relationship between us and Allah (God) was severed. The slave master stood in the place of Allah (God) and made us relate to him as master in the place of Allah (God). To this very moment, no matter how much we say we believe in God, Jesus and Muhammad, many of us subconsciously relate to whites as Master, and "*God*" is just a word that we use.

Every human being has the potential to be a reflection of the Most High, but we also have the potential to be the very

opposite. We have taken the lower desires of self, the urges and the lusts, and made them our god in place of the True God. Sometimes we talk about wanting to be right; however, until we earnestly desire to be right, we will never move toward right. We have to earnestly desire righteousness for righteousness' sake, not for the sake of some reward or for fear of some punishment.

Being righteous will give us peace of mind and power. When we act in accord with what is right, we can lay down at night with the peace of mind that comes from knowing we haven't done anything or anyone wrong. This is where the true and real power of our minds comes from. The ability to focus on something and summon the power of our being to bring into reality our vision, in this time period, is truly based upon our striving to be right.

After a negative relationship, part of healing has to be that we be removed from the environment that facilitates our doing wrong. Most of us are not strong enough to fight against wrong influences when we remain in a wrong environment. It behooves us to make a change when we face circumstances like this.

It is counterproductive to flirt with trouble. A woman who wishes to stay away from fornication or adultery cannot spend too much time around an old boyfriend. He will only want to use you until he is reformed. He may try to get you in the wrong place, at the wrong time, under the wrong circumstances, so you will do the wrong thing one more time. After you do the wrong thing, you feel dirty. God is trying to make a new mind



in us. If we are fortunate enough to hear and accept God's Truth, it will take root in us and wrong won't seem right anymore.

In the *Holy Qur'an* it reads: "We certainly sent messengers to nations before thee, but the devil made their deeds fair-seeming to them. So he is their patron today, and for them is a painful chastisement." (Surah 16, Verse 63) We have lost the criteria for judging our own actions because the standard of good has been confused and evil has been made to look "fair-seeming."

The human being has a grand purpose. It is wrong to take a woman or a man just for pleasure. Responsibility goes along with intimacy. Caring and sharing goes along with intimacy. Every time you engage in intimacy without responsibility, without caring, without commitment, without sharing, without honest communication, it lowers your self-esteem, self-respect and self-worth until you begin to see yourself and others see you as a person without value. This is because every time we submit to our lower desires, we actually are beginning to make nothing of ourselves, while Allah (God) wants to make something of each of us.

If we cannot be strong alone, then we have to be among those who are strong. If we attach ourselves to strength because we desire to be strong, then we shall become strong. Allah (God) is the Source of strength, goodness and purity. So your first connection should be to Allah (God), then connect with the strong and keep away from the environment that produced your weakness, lest the forces of weakness and death destroy

the new life that is trying to bud in you. When we are strong enough, then we can go back to the environment of our weakness with the strength to change it.

You don't need a mate until you find out who you are and what you need and hope to achieve in life. When thoroughbred horses are mated, the breeders carefully examine the stud and the mare with an eye for what they hope to breed from the two. We can learn a lesson from the mating of horses. We should learn that in order to get what we want in a relationship, we have to first understand who we are and how to identify in others that which we need to help us in our development into Divine.

We must respect and honor women if the nation is ever to be great. When we do not have a proper appreciation for women, this is reflected in women's roles in the society. Women should be active in every field of endeavor except those that degrade them. Why is it that a woman who is exceedingly beautiful must model filth and indecency? Why can't she model something beautiful and righteous instead of being a saleswoman for filth? Why is it that if she is a singer we end up seeing more of her bosom than hearing her voice? The righteous are sick of the degradation of women. The maintenance of women as sex objects is destroying the society.

Two-thirds of Black children are born out-of-wedlock and half of today's Black youth are raised in a home where only a mother is present. One-fourth of America's young girls become pregnant by their sixteenth birthday. Clearly, the relations between men and women have become rampantly irresponsible. Women are being used, and allowing themselves

to be used, as sex objects. This moral problem, in part, is undermining the cultivation of proper family life.

We breed hostility with the thoughts we carry during promiscuous relationships. We have sex for recreation instead of its divine purpose of procreation. The thought we have in mind is not wanting to have a baby. So now in our communities, violence is prevalent. Carjacking is prevalent, and we wonder what the world is coming to.

Brothers, think back to when you were producing the children of this world. You didn't tell the woman that you would stand by her if she had a baby because you love her. The minute she told you she was pregnant, you didn't want to see her anymore. She then puts the thought of murder in her womb in response to your callous treatment of her and her pregnancy. Then, you leave her abandoned and embittered with a baby – your baby - to take care of. So she brings forth and raises a child after her own thinking; and we wonder why today's youth are so rebellious.

More than half of female-headed families do not receive child support or alimony. This problem is most acute among Black people, where 83 percent of our female-headed households do not receive assistance. The irresponsibility in our treatment of each other is reflected in the children that we produce.

When we place a plant in a different pot, often that plant goes into shock. Imagine how children are affected when they are abandoned or consistently moved into different homes or different environments. When the relationship between husband and wife becomes cold, what happens to the children?

We produce a hard generation of children by our not understanding or caring about the dynamics of how thoughts are transmitted during sex and during pregnancy. We must learn to act responsibly in the male/female relationship, for the sake of ourselves, our mates, our children and our future.

## **Premarital Sex Forbidden**

Among the Righteous – those of high moral values – premarital sex is forbidden. In this world, premarital sex is the order of the day and anyone who forbids premarital sex is looked at as archaic, old fashioned, and not thinking in the best interest of the individuals. However, fifty percent of all marriages in America end up in divorce. Therefore, we need to take a careful look at the approach to marriage and weigh it by the standard given to us by Allah (God), the Best Knower, through His revelation of the scriptures that are among every people.

Premarital sex is discouraged among the righteous, because it interferes with the pursuit of knowledge of the parties who are attracted to each other or who must determine whether this attraction that has led to communication will give us a sure knowledge that this is the mate that they are willing to devote their entire lives to. Sex is powerful. It is a natural hunger in the male and the female even as the desire for food and water.

This desire for sexual expression if fulfilled before adequate knowledge of the individuals is gained clouds the mind and disallows us to make the best judgment that we are capable of making. Sexual expression is so powerful that it can cloud our minds from seeing anything but the pleasure that we derive from sexual expression. Then, the participants do not enter into

a marriage contract with a sober mind. When we are drunk from the passion of the fulfillment of pleasure, this impedes our ability to make proper judgment. A drunk driver with faulty judgment can end up being a menace to society. Drunkenness impairs judgment. Therefore, we are asked not to drink and drive. Allah (God) however, demands that we do not drink for in all things good judgment and proper decisions are what bring blessings to our life.

We are the sum total of the decisions that we make. Bad decisions lead to the destruction of the life force. Good decisions lead to fulfillment of the aim of life. Most marriages are made on the basis of sex and, therefore, when the sex drive diminishes there is nothing of substance to hold the marriage together, because it was made from a physical, rather than a spiritual desire.

Among the righteous courtship is chaperoned. This is done to keep the parties who are attracted to each other from entering into premarital sex, which then stops the process of courtship. In the word courtship is the word court. By definition we mean a place where justice is administered and a place where the process of finding the truth which forms the basis of justice and judgment.

When two people are courting, they are bringing evidence to either support their intention to be engaged, or evidence that they should look in other directions. This process of finding out as much as we can about each other is necessary in forming good and proper judgment. The individuals are the jury that must render a decision and the individuals must become the judges that ultimately make the decision that he or she is "the right one for me."

Cross examination is a part of court procedure, which allows direct testimony to be challenged to see if the persons are telling the truth, for it is only truth that will permit us to make good judgment. The more truth we know about each other, our characteristics, ways, strengths and weaknesses, it is the more right we can be in making a decision if we should become engaged to be married or not.

## **The Righteous Man Desires A Righteous Woman**

The greatest gift to any man is a virtuous woman. A man who has such a woman by his side is the most blessed of men, for her virtue is a covering for him and her virtue ensures his future. Our future is made for us by the female. Since sin destroys our future, virtue and righteousness protects and ensures our future, so, wise men in every age have cherished the virtuous woman, and have fought, bled and even died to protect her honor.

In this world, however, the purity of a young woman's love is so overwhelming to a man that many men of this world seek and do work to destroy that purity because of our mental, moral and spiritual state. Since the fall of Adam, man is only a caricature of himself. David the Psalmist writes, "Ye are all Gods, children of the Most High God." Satan has so reversed what Allah (God) intended for us to be that that word would now be, "Ye are all dogs, children of the most low Satan." It is this state that the man is in that has driven the female away from him and even made her in some instances hate the very presence of a man. The women who meet with men, who may be desirous of an elevated conversation, usually find the words and actions of the men demonstrating that their minds are below their waists or navels. This is very disheartening to a good female.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad said seventy-five percent of His Work was with the female. Therefore, He strived mightily to make something of the Black woman. He taught her how to sew and cook, how to rear her children, how to take care

of her husband, how to keep a clean home, and in general He taught her how to act at home and abroad.

His desire was to produce a very high level of civilization coming through a reformed female. He took great joy in seeing our women come from a low state or condition constantly improving themselves. He taught them about loud raucous behavior and laughter. He loved to hear the refined speech of the female. He wanted her highly educated, cultivated, and refined. He taught the female how to walk, sit and stand. He showed her - her mother's dressing room that she had not seen in 400 years; meaning He showed her the styles of the righteous women of the East from whom she is a descendant.

He loved to see her speaking with firmness to men and never being forward in the presence of men. He hated sisters to speak to men with soft, sultry speech. He taught her, as well as the male, according to the *Holy Qur'an*, that both should lower their gaze when they are in each other's company. He dressed the female in such a way that men could not know the beauty of her form, but would only become acquainted with the beauty of her face and her expressions so that the male would not be physically attracted to her alone, but spiritually attracted to her as well.

It seems that men in the world today do not wish to marry a woman of this character and quality. In fact, when they see women of this quality their aim is to see how easily they can break these women down, to cheapen them in the man's eyes and bring her to disgrace in her own eyes. If a man were righteous, then he would desire a righteous woman.



When I was a young man, the boys would love to be around young girls who gave themselves away freely and when they were together, this kind of girl would be the subject of slack talk, slander and derision. However, when they wanted to find a girl that they could fall in love with, it would be the one that was not an easy gain. Because of the destruction of the Black male and the preponderance of the female, this gives low-minded men a big field to play in. Instead of the husband encouraging his wife to be covered and sharing her beauty only with him, there are some men who love for their women to be on display for other men to see what should only be shared with him.

There are many women today who are taking care of men because they oft times have better paying jobs. Women are better trained and oft times better qualified. They have nice cars, homes or apartments, nice furniture, but the thing that is missing in the home or apartment is a responsible man who is a provider and maintainer. So some women go looking for a man and oft times are taking care of him. There is no woman who could honor and respect a man that she is caring for. To her, he is like her little boy.

This is why the Honorable Elijah Muhammad's Work is so difficult – for He is not a leader to lead us to jobs, justice and equity alone, but His Mission was and is the Resurrection of us from a state of mental, moral and spiritual death.

This is absolutely the hardest job that any human being can have: to transform a mind that has been broken to such a degree that the divinity of the male is hardly seen, even in those of us who achieve much success in this world.

I thank Allah (God) for the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and His 44 years of dedicated sacrifice, suffering and hard work to raise the Black man mentally, morally, and spiritually from the condition that 400 years of slavery, free labor and injustice have put us in.

When we speak of repair or reparations, it will take much to repair the damage that our former slave masters and their children have done to the Black man and woman of America and the world. No wonder the Apostle Paul said, "Be ye not conformed to this world, but, be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind." We cannot renew the mind of the male and female until we uproot the idea that now rules our minds and replace it with the ideas of Allah (God). The scholars and scientists of this world do not have a clue as to how to bring about the transformation of human life, particularly the life of the Black man and woman. This is why we Praise Allah (God) for His Presence in Master W. Fard Muhammad, and, the great Work of Reform, Resurrection and Transformation that He began; the Work that we are attempting to continue and bring to a new and higher level today.

To the men who read these words: cherish a virtuous woman. To the men of the Nation of Islam: seek a female from the class that is producing such women and be good men and husbands to them.

## **Marriage Is Essential to Rebuilding The Family**

On March 12th, Pope John Paul II apologized for the sins of the Catholic Church against the Native peoples and other religious beliefs. He apologized for the use of violence that some Christians have committed in the service of “truth.” The United States was settled by persons who claimed the love of Jesus Christ, yet, our fathers were sold, bought, transported, sold again, and bought again mostly by so-called Christians and Jews.

The great sin that has been committed against Black people, in particular, is the destruction of the Black male and the corruption of the Black female; the denial of our natural right to marriage and the raising of a family. This purposeful destruction of us can never be corrected by an apology, but, the apology, the acknowledgment and confession of sin, is the prerequisite step toward doing that which will repair the damage that has been done. The destruction of the Black family is a sin of huge proportion, therefore, the effort to rebuild this family must be aided by those who destroyed the family, and, the responsibility of helping must be accepted by the generations that have benefited from the institutional slavery and the destruction of our families.

We can never rebuild the family without starting where Allah (God) started in the beginning. He started by the creation or the making of man and woman. Therefore, the Million Man March and the Million Woman March was our first step in the process of rebuilding the Black man and woman.

However, unless we destroy the effect of *White Supremacy* on our men and women, we will not be able to make man and woman again in the image or likeness of Allah (God). *White Supremacy*, and its resulting racism, has poisoned the systems of religion, education, justice, governance, and economics. Until there comes from Allah (God) that which is able to penetrate the heart and mind of the Black man and woman – and destroy that mind produced by *White Supremacy* – we will never be able to build a family that properly reflects the values that Allah (God) desires manifested among us. There is no school of higher learning that can help us in this regard. It will take the intervention of Allah (God) to enable us to escape the sphere of influence of the philosophy of *White Supremacy* and the racist institutions that have sprung from it.

In the *Bible*, the Apostle Paul admonishes the early Christians in these words: *“Be not conformed to this world, but, be ye transformed by the renewing of your minds.”* All of us who are educated by our former slave masters and their children are trained in the educational system to conform to this world. We are trained theologically to conform to this world, and, those who find it difficult to conform are classified as social misfits who end up on drugs, in prison, or suffering untimely death; but those who conform are the ones that society accepts and puts upon them a stamp of approval.

How can there ever be a renewing of our minds, except that something comes to our ears that does not come from the architects of this world? It is this that is feared most by the present rulers.

It is written in the Scriptures, *“Behold I make all things new. There will be a new heaven, a new earth and the former things*

*shall pass away.*" The Honorable Elijah Muhammad taught us that this means a new spiritual and political reality that will replace the old spiritual and political reality. This does not necessarily mean that there will come to us a new book; it does mean a fresh new approach, understanding and interpretation of the Word of Allah (God) that will break us out of conformity to a world that is in opposition to Allah (God), bringing to us that which will renew our minds and give us a new way of thinking that will result in a new way of behaving. It is this new understanding that must be applied to make a new man, a new woman, a new family.

Again, the Scripture teaches, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." Isaiah 55:8-9.

This teaches us that our thoughts and our ways are far beneath what Allah (God) desires for us. Therefore, what we have produced as the man, the woman, and the family by our thoughts and our ways, are far beneath the man, the woman and the family that Allah (God) desires for us. In order for us to make a new family, we have to return to Him Who created the man, the woman and the family and we must be willing to accept His Thoughts and His Ways.

These words, addressed to the people of Allah (God), manifest how far off the mark the people are from that which Allah (God) intended the human being to be.

In the *Holy Qur'an* (Yusuf Ali Translation), the 113th Surah, Verses 1-2 reads, "*Say: I seek refuge with the Lord of the Dawn, from the mischief of created things.*"

This teaches us that natural things created by Allah (God) are used by Satan to create mischief. The male and the female are far beneath Allah's (God's) intentions for us. The institution of marriage and the resultant family are far beneath what Allah's (God's) intentions are for us. As hell is beneath heaven and Satan is beneath Allah (God), this being the world of Satan, these Scriptures are teaching us that Satan has been and is the director of the lives of most human beings. Satan has taken the natural order and creation of Allah (God) and has made mischief with Allah's (God's) creation. Therefore, we are far beneath the high thought and purpose of our creation and our marriages, for the most part, represent hell. Therefore, our communities and nations universally have a hellish existence.

What are Allah's (God's) thoughts and ways for human beings, for the institution of marriage and for the development of family? His thoughts and His ways are found in the nature of what He created. Let us then look into the *Bible* and *Holy Qur'an* to find Allah's (God's) purpose for the male and female, His purpose for marriage and His purpose for family.

In the *Bible* we are taught that Allah (God) made man and woman in His Image and after His Likeness. This tells us that both male and female are created by Allah (God) to manifest

His Divine Characteristics in their pursuit of life and in their relationship with each other and in their relationship with other human beings. We are the exact opposite.

Allah (God) says in the *Bible* that He created the human being to have dominion over the fish of the sea, the fowl of the air, and every living thing that *moveth* upon the earth. In the *Holy Qur'an*, Allah (God) states that He created man to stand in His place. This means that He created the human being to rule the Earth and even the heavens, but to rule in the way that He set up His creation to be ruled. Our fall, by sin, and the resultant spiritual death of the human being, causes us to be in a state so far from what our purpose is, that both man and woman are nothing more than a caricature of themselves.

The *Bible* teaches that Allah (God) gave the man instructions to multiply, replenish and subdue the earth. This teaches us that the human being by nature is to be productive. In the very nature of the human being is the potential to subdue the earth. This means that we have the potential to bring the earth completely under our power by mastering the laws under which the earth and all therein are created. Adam was told to *dress* the garden. **Dress:** *To trim; ornament, or adorn. To prepare for use. To cultivate.* This word *dress* implies that Allah (God) intended for man to adorn, beautify, prepare and cultivate the earth for his use. This tells us that we have to master the sciences that would allow us to dress the garden or cultivate the earth and prepare it in such a way that it would be a heaven for ourselves. Education must teach us to master the sciences. If education does not prepare the human being to do what Allah (God) intended for us to do, then, it is not the proper education for us. This improper education is called training—training us to fit into a world order that is controlled and dominated by Satan, the enemy of Allah (God).

The more the human being has grown into the knowledge of the sciences, the more we have been able to cultivate the

earth, develop it, and mine out of it what is in it that it may serve our purpose. However, because of sin and our disconnection from the source of our existence, we have developed knowledge of the sciences for evil as well as for good, but, the evil of the human being now threatens the existence of the human family. The suffering of the human being—the poverty, ignorance, neglect and disease of the human family—bears witness that we are indeed a long, long way from what Allah (God) desires for us.

According to the *Bible*, Allah (God) did not desire the man to be alone. Therefore, He created from a single essence the man and the woman, but, He created the woman for the man. The word that is used in the *Bible* is help meet. The female, according to the *Bible*, is created by Allah (God) to help the man meet the obligation that Allah (God) has put within the nature of the male. The *Holy Qur'an* teaches us that Allah (God) created the woman as the **consoler** of the man. This teaches us that in the very nature of the female is her ability, desire and will to **console**. **Console**: to alleviate or lessen the grief, sorrow, or disappointment of; give solace or comfort; cheer up.

Allah (God) teaches us in the *Holy Qur'an* that He created the woman that the man might find peace and quiet of mind in her. The very nature of the female offers to the man that which enables the man to find that natural relief of the stress or the pain involved in the struggle of man to obey Allah's (God's) instructions. The *Holy Qur'an* teaches that Allah (God) created the male a **degree** above the female. **Degree**: A stage in a scale of rank or station.

This teaches us that Allah (God) intended for the man to be in authority over the female. This is why He created him a



degree above the female. Satan has created so much mischief with the nature of the male and the female that there is a prophecy in the *Bible* that says, "*The younger shall rule the elder and the weaker shall rule the stronger ... women shall rule over them.*"

The Black female in today's society literally is several degrees above the male. She is manifesting superiority in education and in the work force. Whereas the Black male for the most part is unemployed, most of our educated females are working and generally making more money than the male, and, in many instances is providing for the man that lives with her. So, we can say that Satan has reversed the roles that Allah (God) intended for the Black man and woman demonstrated in our relationship to each other. Black male and female relationships are at an all-time low. The Black female can hardly find her equal in the Black male to form a successful marriage and partnership. Therefore, the Black female may be more attracted to the white male and the male members of other races because of the inferior condition of the Black male.

The Black woman is completely frustrated and hurt by the lack of development in the Black male. We can reverse this trend only if the Black man can be reflective of the characteristics of Allah (God) by submitting to Allah (God) that He may guide the Black man to being himself. When the Black man is himself, reflecting the characteristics of Allah (God), the soul of the female will be satisfied, then, she can be as Allah (God) created her to be, man's consoler; and, man will find peace and quiet of mind in her, for, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad said to us, "*The only heaven for man is found in the woman.*"

## Family From The Perspective of Children

Allah (God) says in the *Holy Qur'an*, that each creature is created in need. Therefore, Allah (God) is the Supplier of all needs. Allah (God) is independent of His creatures, but He created all of His creatures to depend on Him. Allah (God) supplies the needs of all of His creatures through what He has created. Each creature has the duty of doing something for its self. This is the nature in which all living things are created.

*Every human need is a human right.* When we are born into this world, we are complete yet incomplete; therefore, we have needs. All human beings have a need to be made secure or to feel safe. As we grow in life, our needs may change, but the need to be made secure will follow us from birth until death. The baby is secured in its mother's womb, but when it comes into its new environment it cries because it is insecure. The baby is secured by the love and warmth from the mother's body; it is secured by the milk that flows from its mother's breast; it is also secured by the loving care of a mother who makes sure that the needs of the baby: to be fed, to be changed, to be in a clean and safe environment, are met. All of this must be provided by the mother, with the help of the father.

Love is a human need. Therefore, to be loved is a human right. To feel the warmth of a loving embrace is a human need. It is a human right to be encircled by the love of a mother, a father, a sister, or a brother who love each other. To have a sense of family is a human need. Therefore, to have a family or to be a part of a family is a human right. We are born into the world knowing nothing, but, we are born into a Universe filled with knowledge.

Allah (God) gives us a curious nature and has placed within us a hunger to learn what is in our environment and to master what is in our environment. To learn, or to grow in knowledge is a human need. Therefore, the attainment of knowledge is a human right. Every mother and every father should strive to provide the tools of learning for the new life, for it begins to learn from the moment it leaves its mother's womb. Each child is gifted from the Creator with a very special gift that is unique to itself, but, these gifts must be discovered, must be cultivated, must be exploited for the good of the individual, the family and the nation.

America and the industrial nations are concerned about human rights violations in the underdeveloped or newly developing nations of the Earth. However, with the criteria that we have mentioned, all nations, in some way or another, are in violation of the human rights of the people – for all nations, in some way, interfere with the attainment of the needs of the human being.

Children desire validation from their parents. *"How do I look, Mommy?" "How did I do, Daddy?"* No matter what the child does, it desires to be approved by those who mean the most to it: Mother; Father; Siblings; Friends.

Children need encouragement when they falter, that they may do better. The misuse of language and/or the harshness of language in rebuke can hurt the emotional and psychological development of the child. Remember, the need to be made secure is with us throughout our lives. So, as we grow, what it takes to secure us mentally, spiritually, morally, economically, and politically is always at work, even in the home. The child

wants to know that we are aware of its presence. Even though consciously the child may not be aware, subconsciously, it wants to know that its rights, even as a child, are respected and protected in the family environment when dealing with parents, guardians and when disputes arise among the siblings.

The need for justice at all levels of development is that which helps to make the human being secure. Each child looks to the parents to settle their disputes with justice. When disputes arise in the family, it gives the mother and the father a chance to teach and instill family values, moral values and also to build good character in the children. All of the aforementioned are needs. All of the aforementioned are rights. Some of us think that disciplining our children is abuse, but, everything in creation has its affair regulated by law.

In the home there is a need for rules, regulations or laws. Rules and regulations are a human need, and to deny our children the discipline of rules is to deny them that which ultimately will make them secure. There must be rules in the home. There must be rules that teach us how to relate to one another properly in the home. There must be rules of respect for parents, children, self and one another that are taught in the home, because everywhere we go we will find existing rules and regulations. Where there are no rules, there will be no order. Chaos will be the result. Where there is chaos, it will bring to an end the activity or the life of the home, school, community, nation, and the world.

Having discipline in our homes is not abuse of our children. We learn to respect rules in our home, so that when we go to school and meet with the children in the neighborhood, rules of social behavior that are taught, accepted and practiced in the

home make our children more apt to accept and obey the rules of society. Then, jail or prison will not be an end for us. The respect of rules and regulations starting in the home could mean the end of prisons.

Children have a need for attention. *"Look at me. Listen to me."* These are not words coming from the lips of the child, this is written in the nature of the child.

We must be careful in disciplining our children. There is a line which, if crossed in disciplining our children, could be labeled as *abuse*. In a world that is prophesied to come to an end – where human beings are suffering loss and enduring great levels of stress – as parents, teachers, leaders, preachers, foremen and authority figures, we must be careful not to take out our stress on those under our authority, thus violating their rights. More and more there are children killing their parents, killing their teachers; workers killing their foremen or bosses; spouses killing each other, because of abuse and violation of rights.

I believe this is why Jesus said "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom and the mother-in-law will be at variance with the daughter-in-law and they of a man's household will be his worst enemy."

Corporal punishment is not abuse if it is done with moderation; with the thought in mind of correction, not the thought of inflicting pain, but to bring about change in the behavior to make a better child and a better human being. Punishment must always be in accord with the violation and devoid of anger. The love that we have for our children is the reason we punish them; our desire is to make the child better.

In today's society, the rights of parents are gradually being taken away and although this is supposed to be a Judeo-Christian society, the *Bible's* teaching of how to rear the children is being ignored and uprooted. The *Bible* says, "***Spare not the rod and spoil the child.***" It also teaches, "***Train up a child in the way he should go and, when he is old, he will not depart from it.***" The *Holy Qur'an* is the best companion of this scripture, because it gives us guidance on how to train the child. If we, as parents coming into the knowledge of Allah (God), are instructed by Jesus in these words, "***Except you become as a little child, you cannot enter the Kingdom of God.***" If we follow these instructions, they will give us a greater understanding of how our minds and our children's minds should be in listening to instructions, that we may be trained in the Way of Allah (God).

These are areas that must be studied and approached with wisdom. Every child is not the same, but, every child hungers to be disciplined. The teachers that we remember most are those who were firm, yet just. Where there is no discipline, there really is no love.

When we do not get sufficient attention as a child, we act in a manner to get attention and sometimes this results in anti-social conduct or behavior. When the need for attention and validation is not supplied in the home or in the school, and we find that we have a gift or talent that sets us apart and gives us attention, we have a tendency to focus on that talent; we give all of our time to that talent, gift, or profession, because it has given us the attention, acceptance and validation that we missed coming up as children.

As Black people, we grow up in a society where we feel rejected by the larger society and are mistreated by the larger society; so we grow up with a mentality desiring attention and validation from the members of the larger society. When we discover a gift or talent that sets us apart from the rest of our invalidated people; that gives us attention from our former slave masters and their children, we give all of our time to that talent, gift or profession because it has given us the attention and acceptance we have not experienced growing up Black in white America.

Brothers, when we marry and have our children, we sometimes choose our gift or talent, and its ability to create wealth, over the needs of and our duty to our wives and children. Oft-times, as we become great in our profession, getting the attention and validation for our gift, skill, or talent, we may find that somewhere along the line we have lost our balance and neglected our duty to our wives, and our children. While we bask in the adoration of our fans, patients, students, clients and congregation, we may find that we have lost something more precious than what we gained in the world; because in our blindness, we did not look at life and the needs of our children and our wives from their perspective. Therefore, we failed in our duty to them. This is why people whom we look up to, that have everything in life we think we would want, often are very unsuccessful in marriage and very unsuccessful in parenting their children.

In going through life, we really cannot see until we can see from the perspective of others. When there is argument and we try to see from the side of the person with whom we have a disagreement or variance, as we would want them to see from our side, then more than likely, seeing from the other person's

perspective can cause us to arrive at a balance and accomplish the reconciliation of our differences.

Our children will not voice their opinions or share their perspectives in a home that it is ruled by fear, and they will never say to the parents what they really feel. If our homes are ruled by love, and governed by the principle of justice, we will encourage our children to speak to us so that we may know how they think and what they see and feel. We then have the task to either help them to see better, or in listening, we may find ourselves at fault and we correct ourselves.

This is why the Principle of Atonement works so well in the home; we allow our children to point out to us where they see or feel we have treated them unfairly or handled them improperly. As parents, we carry the pride of parenting and oft times the arrogance of parenting disallows us to listen to the child's perspective. In this type of home, the old adage is, "***A child should be seen and not heard.***" Suppose those in authority over us as grownups feel that we, under their authority, should be seen and not heard; and if we voiced our grievance and were punished by those in authority, we would then say that we are living under tyranny and some of us would plan or take part in a revolt. This is the same spirit that will come into the hearts and minds of the children in the home by disrespecting their rights and by not allowing our children to share their feelings and thoughts with us as their parents.

This attitude of not listening will lead to a hostile attitude in the children toward their parents. A gulf then develops between the children and the parents that oft times is never bridged. If the children in the home do not find the attention, the love, the validation and the sense of family that they need,



they will take to the streets and find what they have missed in the homes in what are called “gangs.”

As a parent, teacher, preacher, politician or leader, those under our authority have rights that must not be ignored by those who have authority. Children have rights. Parents have rights. But parents have authority. How authority is used is critical to the development of those under our authority. Using our authority to trample on the rights of our children is a violation of a law. There may not necessarily be a law on the book of society for which to punish us, but the law of justice is written in the nature of creation. Therefore, at some point, we will have to face the fact that we have not looked through the eyes of our children and have not listened to the cry of those under our authority.

We think that providing for them a home, food and some of the amenities of life is all we have to do to expect complete submission from our children. When we understand that they too have rights and try to see from their perspective and be balanced in sufficing their needs, we will produce better human beings, better and stronger families, a stronger, more just, and peaceful society. Remember, those in authority are the custodians of our needs and the guardians of our rights.

## Where There Is No Discipline, There Is No Love

There is a scripture in the *Bible* that teaches that Allah (God) is Love. The creative force out of which He created the heavens and the earth is the awesome power of His Love. In that great display of love, Allah (God) regulates the affairs of His Creatures by means of law. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad taught us that the first law is motion and the second law is order. Out of Allah's (God's) Love, He puts all things in motion, and, out of His Love, He gives order to that motion by means of law.

The Sun in our Universe is the great example of Freedom, for, its light gives life to all things within its sphere of influence and also warmth. There are nine planets in our solar system; each planet's affair is regulated by the Law of Light that disciplines each planet, giving it an orbit in which to rotate from which it can never escape. In the *Bible*, Jesus uses these words, "*I am the Light of the World.*" He was made by Allah (God) to glorify Him. The Light of His Wisdom gives life to those whom His Wisdom touches; the warmth of His Love comforts those who are touched by His Light.

The *Holy Qur'an* refers to Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him), as a "*Light Giving Sun.*" This teaches us that Muhammad, in his person, is the Light of what Allah (God) brought through him, called *Qur'an*, another name of which is *Al-Nur – The Light*. Muhammad, in the beauty of his light and life and in the warmth of his love, by the Permission of Allah (God), gives spiritual life to all those who accept his guidance and follow his way.

It is not an accident that the companions of Jesus were called his *Disciples*. In the word *disciple* we have the word *discipline*. A *disciple* is one who is in the process of being disciplined or is disciplining his or herself according to the Teaching and Way of a Master. Oft times, in the *Bible*, Jesus *rebuked* his disciples.

***Rebuke: To criticize or reprove sharply; reprimand: to check or repress.*** Why did he do so? He rebuked them because He loved them. Therefore, in His rebuke was correction because He wanted them to be as Allah (God) desired. We can never be what Allah (God) desires of us without correction, rebuke and exhortation. Therefore, the *Bible* teaches us, "*Train up a child in the way he should go and, when he is old, he will not depart from it.*" We cannot teach or train without correction and rebuke. There is no student of any teacher of any discipline that is not corrected in order to grow into the perfection of that discipline. The more correction one is given, the greater is the demonstration of love.

The *Bible* teaches, "Whom the Lord loves, He chastens much."

**Chasten:** To punish, either physically or morally; chastise: to restrain; moderate: to refine; purify.

Children today are growing up in homes where there is no discipline, because there are no rules. Children today do what they please and their parents, mothers in particular, allow this license, not realizing that their unwillingness to train the children up in the way they should go will bring great pain to the parents in the future. A train that is on a track is disciplined by the track.

The engine pulls the train. Likewise, the parents should be the example of what the parent hopes for in the children. The parents are the engine that pulls the child along the track. Whenever a train jumps the track, we have what is called a wreck or disaster. The lives of our children are being wrecked, and disaster is in their future if we do not love them enough to lay down rules that we encourage our children to live by.

As we look at society today and we see the police armed to the teeth with bulletproof vests as they go about their duties, it is as though they are in a huge cage with violent beasts that they must protect themselves from as they try to establish some degree of order by means of enforcement of law.

If there is no discipline in the home, is there a chance for discipline in the school? Many teachers who have given their lives to the idea of educating the young are giving up their profession, because they lack the methodology and psychological training that would allow them to produce discipline in their classrooms. So the schools today resemble psychiatric wards in mental hospitals. The poor teachers oft times give up their profession and take other means of employment, because teaching is impossible in an atmosphere where there is no discipline.

There was a time when discipline was administered in the church, but today. In most churches, there is no discipline. People come to listen to the preaching; listen to good singing, giving their tithes and offerings; then they go back to the lifestyle they are living. Very few pastors, ministers and imams will rebuke their parishioners to make them better Christians, better Muslims, or better Jews. If there is no discipline in the

home, the school and the church, then the streets become a jungle and the police become the so-called tamers of the wild beasts of the street. This is a loveless society.

When children come out of a home where there is no discipline and go into a home where there is discipline, you will find that they like being where there is discipline. There is a human need to be disciplined – therefore, to discipline is a human right. As parents, we must have the right and the authority to discipline our children. As teachers, we must have the right and the authority to discipline our students. As pastors, ministers, and imams, we must have the right and the authority to discipline our membership. If we do not do our job out of love for those in our care, the judge has to do his or her job and give our children time in prison or sentence them to death because we did not love them enough to train them properly when they were young. Society is robbing the parents and teachers of the right and the authority to discipline the children and the students. I know that there is child abuse and there must be laws to protect children from abusive parents, but spanking a child to correct it is now considered abuse. However, when several policemen snatch a man who is shot four or five times out of a vehicle and repeatedly stomp him, the public is told, *“Do not rush to judgment, wait until the facts are in,”* even though we know we are looking at raw, vicious brutality.

If the police can kill a human being and it is called *justifiable homicide*, is there not a time in our homes that a parent is justified in spanking or disciplining their children? Is there not a time in school when teachers are justified in disciplining the students?

This society has gone mad, and, because of its madness with all of its magnificence, it is spiraling downward into the abyss of hell.

We must create a movement to take back our God-given rights and the Authority that Allah (God) gives us to make a better human being through love. Our love is shown by our willingness to bring order into the life that we put into motion by means of rules, laws and the imposition of punishment when we willfully disobey those rules and laws. These rules and regulations are designed to train us up in the way that we should go.

May Allah (God) bless us to receive the Light of His Love; the Warmth of His Love; and, the Beauty of His Discipline. In the *Bible*, David said, "***Thy rod, and Thy staff they comfort me.***" There is no child who will not be comforted by the proper use of the rod and the staff. We, as parents, must come back to Allah (God) and let Him be the Center of our lives, that we may grow in wisdom to become the disciples of Jesus, the disciples of Muhammad, rather than those who love to call the names of these Great Ones, but, refuse to be disciplined or discipline ourselves according to the Word of Allah (God).

In the *Bible*, the early Christians were called by Jesus and Paul, "***little children.***" When we come into the Light of Knowledge and Faith we are like babies. We do not have the ability to discipline self. Therefore, discipline must be imposed on us until we are able to discipline ourselves. Mothers and fathers, it is our duty to discipline our children. Teachers and professors, it is our duty to discipline our students. Ministers, preachers, imams, and sheikhs, it is our duty to discipline those who are under our charge. If we exercise the right of authority

in the proper manner, we will make a better home, school, church and a better society.

## Accepting Responsibility For Our Failure

*In The Name of Allah, The Beneficent, The Merciful.*

*"Say: I seek refuge in the Lord of men, The King of men, The God of men, From the evil of the whisperings of the slinking (devil), Who whispers into the hearts of men, From among the jinn and the men."*

*Holy Qur'an (Surah 114 Verses 1-6)*

There are no parents who are free of mistakes or errors in the rearing of their children. It is sad that we can go to colleges and universities to receive degrees that tell us that we are qualified to work in our various fields of endeavor, but, the most important endeavor, which is the building of human life through the skill of parenting does not seem to matter in our quest for the acquisition of knowledge. There are no courses offered in high school or college that will allow us to become proficient in this skill. Yet, all of us will eventually become parents. Doctors who make mistakes or errors can leave their patients permanently wounded or even dead. Lawyers who make mistakes can cause their clients to suffer great loss, even the loss of life. Builders who make mistakes can cause what they build to crumble and fall.

What happens when we make errors or mistakes in the rearing of our children? In my travels promoting the Million Family March, I am seeing the beauty of American cities and the billions and trillions of dollars that are being spent to make these cities some of the most beautiful and attractive that can be found anywhere in the world. But all of these cities are



peopled with persons who are the victims of mistakes and errors in the stewardship of their lives, either by their parents, teachers, pastors or the institutions of the society in general.

To see a human being made in the image and likeness of Allah (God), lying under a bridge, or keeping warm on a cold winter's night on a grate with a cardboard covering; then, to see the many, many homeless persons in America, the derelicts, the malcontents, the prisoners, the social misfits, those who suffer mental illness. This society has misplaced values and priorities. This world places more value on things than on people. More money is spent on things than on the proper cultivation of the people. Parents are abandoning the responsibility of rearing their children to go out into the workplace to make money to buy things, leaving the children to be nurtured by the filth and ignorance that is bombarding their minds through television, radio, magazines, and newspapers. There is no doubt in my mind that parents generally love their children, but, our overwhelming ignorance disallows that natural love to become a creative force that would guide the development of our offspring. Therefore, parents look at their children and say, *"I did the best that I could,"* but, they also often ask the question, *"Where did I go wrong or what did I do wrong?"*

There is no child, or grownup who reads this article, who in thinking back on their childhood does not remember some injustice done to them by their parents that marked them and stays with them even though they have reached maturity and beyond, but, the remedy for all mistakes is found in the verses of the *Holy Qur'an* that opened this article, *"I seek refuge in the Lord of men."* The word *Lord*, or *Rabb*, in *Arabic* means *nurturer* or *nourisher*. All of us, as children, have sought refuge in our mothers, because all of us have been nurtured or

nourished by our mothers. Each of us, when we felt troubled in our infancy or youth, sought refuge and comfort in our mothers. This is why, next to the worship of Allah (God) and obedience to His Messengers and Prophets, the honor and respect of mother is of prime importance. Yet, all of our mothers have made mistakes in rearing us. All of them, in ignorance, have neglected some of our needs that would have made us more psychologically and emotionally secure.

In our growth and development, we outgrow the need to seek nurturing from our mothers, then, we look at the "*King of Men*." If we take the "*King of men*" to mean the political leaders that govern the political life of the individual or the nation, we grow to look at our leaders and to seek refuge in them from those things in society that ill effect our growth and development. Yet, we are dissatisfied, for none of our political leaders, nor any of the rules and laws that politicians made to govern our lives, have offered us the total security and peace that our nature cries out for. There is no mother, no teacher, no politician and no leader who has led or taught us and has not made mistakes or errors.

A *mistake* is an *unintentional* departure from what is right; an *error* is an *intentional* departure from what we know is right. These errors and mistakes hinder the full growth and development of the person, so we outgrow the need to seek refuge in our leaders, but to seek refuge in the "*God of men*" as the ultimate place of refuge; for no matter what mistakes or errors were made in the parenting of our children; no matter how our children were neglected and not corrected, when we get to Allah (God) we have reached Him Who is Perfect; we have reached Him Who suffices all needs; we have reached Him Who is the end of all excuses that we make for our failures

in life, blaming these failures on those who have stewarded our lives and in some way have failed.

The greatest gift that any parent can give a child is to give that child the knowledge of Allah (God). At some point in our lives, we have all called on Him, oft times when we are in great trouble. At that time, we promised Allah (God) that if He saved us from the predicament that we were in, that we would straighten out our lives and serve Him for the rest of our lives. This tells us that in nature our duty is to serve our Creator. However, to turn our lives over to Him and to feed on the Perfection of His Word is to begin the process of rectifying all of the mistakes and errors that have been made by those who have stewarded our lives and have been the guardians of our rights.

No matter what failure we as parents have made in the rearing of our children, if, or when our children learn to seek refuge in the “*God of men*,” they will be freed from the whispering of a slinking devil that whispers into their hearts from the emotions of anger, pain, envy, jealousy, fear, grief – from the whispering of others who try to comfort us in our negativity against our parents, teachers, and leaders, by encouraging us in our condemnation of them.

When our children see errors or mistakes in their parents, politicians, leaders; when our children see weakness in leaders, when we seek refuge in Allah (God), the God of men, we will cease to blame others for any failures in our life, but, we will take the responsibility that Allah (God) gave us when He gave us life, and, that is, to take charge of our lives and to live our lives in accord with the Will and the Way of Allah (God).

## Head Of The Family: Let Us Make Man

We thank Almighty God Allah for all of His prophets, and for all of the scriptures that they brought to human beings. We thank Him for Moses and *The Torah*, we thank Him for Jesus and *The Gospel*, we thank Him for Muhammad and *The Holy Qur'an*. Peace be upon all of these worthy servants of God. If I lived to be a thousand, I don't think I could thank Almighty God Allah enough for His Intervention in our affairs in the Person of Master Fard Muhammad, The Great Mahdi, Who came and searched among us for One who would deliver to us a weighty word. And that One is His Messenger to us, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, a man who has made the *Torah*, the *Gospel* and the *Holy Qur'an* relevant books to us and to all oppressed peoples of the world.

I greet all of you, my dear and wonderful brothers, with the greeting words of peace; we say it in the Arabic language, As-Salaam Alaikum. This means "Peace Be Unto You."

We have had these *Let Us Make Man* meetings now in four cities: New York ("Part 1," The 369th Armory, January 24, 1994), Boston ("Part 2," Strand Theatre, March 10, 1994), Washington, D.C. ("Part 3," The D.C. Armory, March 21, 1994), and now Houston. I am very proud to say that I am humbled and grateful to Almighty God for what I see in Houston: 12,000-14,000 men on the inside of this auditorium — there is not a nook or a corner in this auditorium where there are not men like you! And there are thousands on the outside. I was informed that the police said there were at least 30,000 people on the outside at one point.

Brothers, Allah (God) called you (here) tonight, because you have a very special purpose and a very special calling that each and every one of us needs to understand. You have been made to look at yourselves as *nothing*, but by the end of this message, by The Grace of God, I want to tell you who you are and what is expected of each one of us to stem the tide of crime and violence that is afflicting our communities throughout America, not by your design, but it was by the design of the wicked who are manipulating our ignorance to make us enemies of one another.

We have become so depraved, as a community, that it makes it difficult for somebody like myself, or Reverend C.L. Jackson (Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church), or others, to teach us to love one another; because wickedness is the Mother of hate. When people do you evil, it's difficult to love them. And if we have become the number one evildoers to one another, we are preaching a hatred now, in our community that must breed self-destruction.

God= Love = Life = Power

If we say "**God is Love**," and the Scriptures of the *Bible* teach this, then the "**love**" that God "**is**", is not some tender, emotional feeling. When you say **God is Love**, the word "**is**" is representative of an equal sign (=). Whatever is on one side of the equation is equal to what is on the other side of the equation.

Allah (God) is more than an emotion. He is more than a "*tender feeling*." Allah (God) is absolutely The Essence of all things that you see and don't see. When you say that "**God is Love**," then love must be the very essence of life itself. Look at

the word “*l-o-v-e*,” and the word “*l-i-f-e*”: It is the same word—just change the “*f*” to a “*v*,” because through the study of language, we learn the “*f*” is interchangeable with the “*v*”; as is the vowel “*o*” interchangeable with any other vowel. So when you say you have “*love*” and you have “*life*,” you have *God*. And when you have *God*, you have *love*; you have *life*.

If, as a people, we do not love each other, then as a people, we are dead; therefore, the grave that we sleep in cannot praise God. The grave cannot praise God, and those of us who are dead in the hatred of self, are not glorying God in our existence. So somebody has to come to show Black people how to love themselves; how to love one another! And when somebody shows you how to love yourself, then in that act of love, they will be giving life to the dead by putting God in the hearts of the people!

This is why in the *Bible*, 1 John, Chapter 3, verse 14, it states:

*“We can tell that we have passed from death into life, because we love the brotherhood. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.”*

When you don’t have “*life*” and you don’t have “*love*,” and you don’t have God, then you are powerless, because God represents force and power—and the thing that Black men don’t have in America, or in the world, is force and power to determine our destiny!

Our destiny is determined by others...We are like “*sheep*,” as the scripture teaches; and we have not had a “*good shepherd*” in front of us. How do you know that our shepherds have not

been good? Because if our shepherds were good, then God would be in our life; Life would be in our life; Love would be in our life and Power would be in our life. Therefore, David, The Psalmist, was moved to say: *"The Lord is my shepherd..."*

If The Lord is our shepherd, then we would never be in the condition that we are in! So, we have to replace the old shepherd. We have to get rid of the rider that's riding the donkey. He is not a good rider; so we have to throw that rider off our back, and let The King ride you and me to glory!

"What do you mean, Farrakhan?" Jesus rode into Jerusalem on an ass: "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass." (Zechariah 9:9).

"Why an 'ass', Jesus?" Study the Book of Matthew, Chapter 21: Jesus told his disciples, "Look, there's an ass tied, and there's a young colt tied with her"; he said, "Go, and untie them. And if anybody asks you what are you doing, just tell them, 'The Master has come, and has need of them.'"

Who are you, Black man? I want to talk to you. I can guarantee you, that after you are done reading my words, not one of you will be the same; you will never be worse, you will be better! And based upon the degree of acceptance of the Word is the degree of rise that will come from Black men.

The Book of Matthew, Chapter 21, verses 1-3:

*"And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two*

*disciples, Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them."*

What does Jesus want to ride an "ass" for? When they murdered Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. – during his funeral procession, his body was carried by mules. They used a mule as a symbol. The *ass* is a symbol of the unlearned masses of the people. Nobody could do anything with the unlearned masses of the people; but when Jesus came on the scene, the *ass* was "tied", meaning somebody owns you, but is not making use of you. And history teaches us that in the South, whenever someone would come in to talk to Black people, white folk would say, "I don't want that person disturbing my Negras / my Colored peoples... He's a trouble maker, coming in to disturb our Negras!"—they always used the possessive tense. This is why the Bible calls us "*The Children of Israel*": "of," here, denotes "*possession*."

We are the Children possessed of Israel: Owned by, tied to, but not being used. They have no more jobs for us. In church we used to say, "*In heaven, every day will be like Sunday*," but it's like that now, only we're in hell! Sunday was the day that we got off, but now every day is an off day for Black folk—especially for Black men; because white folk make jobs, but they put your woman in the job, and put you off the job!

When a man doesn't have a job, and he has a sex drive—which is natural, because a natural man is going to like a woman! So if you're a natural man, you are attracted to a female; and if you are attracted to a female, and you like her;



soon the natural attraction in male and female will give rise to sexual stimulation. And sexual stimulation will give rise to the act that they call *"making love."* They call it *"making love"* because it is the act that creates life. But with us, as men, it's not really a desire to create life, or to procreate human species, it's a desire to have pleasure.

We know that Allah (God) has made the female to give pleasure; however, she is not to give pleasure to somebody who has not earned the right to pleasure by enduring the pain of being a producer. A man does not need pleasure if he's doing nothing! One of the definitions of *"pleasure"* is *"an amusement, recreation, or enjoyment."* *"Recreation"* comes after work, not before work, not in place of work. Recreation comes *after* work!

When Allah (God) made a man, He made the man to struggle! He made the man to overcome difficulty! He made the man to become a producer! He made the man to multiply; replenish the Earth, and subdue it! He gave man power and dominion to carry out what He had ordained in the very nature of a man. And if a man does his job, Allah (God) says: *"I'm going to give you a woman to help you do your job."*—so solace and comfort and consolation comes after struggle!

But a woman can't help a man do nothing! A woman has to help a man do something. And if a man is a *"do-nothing man,"* he can never keep a woman, because a woman is made by nature to be your helper! A man doesn't need help" to sit around and do nothing. As a man: If you don't have any program, if you don't have any aim, if you don't have any purpose, – if you don't have any project that you are working to develop, then you don't need a woman!

But Brothers, your nature will make you to feel: *"I need a woman!"* And a woman is made to feel she needs a man. So we meet, we are attracted to each other, we fall in love with each other and that's wonderful. And then, sex follows—and then, without planning, an accident takes place: she says, *"Whoops! There it is... Hey baby, I'm pregnant!"*—and you say, *"What are you telling me for?! You know 'what to do'..."*

When you don't have any money in your pocket, and your children are at home crying, how do you feel? When you go home and your wife is working, but you can't find a job (*you just graduated from "Texas Southern," "Texas Christian," or some other college, and when you go for a job they tell you, "Oh, I'm sorry. You're overqualified, or, you don't have enough qualifications for this one."*) But it seems that your wife is "qualified" to hold any position. For example, I have noticed Black anchor women on television sitting next to white anchormen; so, they have already fulfilled *"the requirement,"* they have hired a minority and a Black. But it's not you, Brothers.

Since we as a people have not learned how to create a job, and you know it takes money in this world to live, then the only avenues open for you, as a man, are: join the army and ***"be all that you can (never) be"*** in the society and be sent all over the world to fight for a democracy that you don't know anything about at home; or, you can be in the neighborhood committing crimes.

And the one enticing you to a life of crime says: "You can make a lot of money if you 'start small and grow big'; here's what I want you to do, just go around and steal hub caps. And after you do that well, break into the car, get the radios. After you do that well, take the car — now you don't have to wait till

the people sleep; just go up to them and say, 'Get out! I got this!' And if they open their mouth wide enough, shoot 'em in it!" Just look at the degeneration, now.

I know it's painful to be a Black man in America ... But real pleasure was never meant to come from a woman. I'm going to repeat that: *Real pleasure was never meant to come from a woman!*

Women give men pleasure, but real pleasure comes from creative thinking and then seeing what you think come into reality by the work of your hands. *That's* real pleasure. Reverend C.L. Jackson has experienced real pleasure, because this House was an idea in his mind. An architect took it from his mind and put it on paper, then Rev. Jackson gathered his flock, and they went to work. And what was an idea became reality. In other words, "*the Word became flesh.*" So on the day that this House was opened, there was joy; but the type of "joy" that no female could give! Because now this House, this Reality from the mind, can house thousands now, that can be inspired to go out and make a difference in the world!

As a Black man in White America, we are in pain, Brothers! We live with constant pain. Nobody knows our pain but God, and us. Brothers, as long as you, as a man, lay down at night and dream about your greatness—but you are never able to manifest how great you are—then the pain of being non-productive makes you seek pleasure that keeps you non-productive! Study our condition: Each one of you is in pain.

When you wake up in the morning and you look in the mirror, you know deep down inside you are as great as any man of greatness that you've heard about, read about, or seen in real life: You know you are as great as any one of them. Possibly greater! But there is no avenue of opportunity to allow you to demonstrate your individual greatness then this breeds frustration, it breeds bitterness, it breeds envy and jealousy.

As a Black man, you know we have always loved our champions in sports such as boxing, because it's something to watch a man in a ring *deal* — and win! Boxers like Evander Holyfield: He works hard to be who and what he is! He doesn't climb into the ring without having made a great sacrifice of time; he is in pain! He puts his body through pain to condition himself for what he is about to face.

Every man has that same ability to be a champion! Maybe not in the boxing ring, but each one of you is a champion in your own right! However, if you have no way to show it, no opportunity to prove it, then we end up worshipping "the champ" rather than worshipping Allah (God). Or, we end up being envious of "the champ".

And so our community is filled with envy, jealousy, strife, contention, bitterness, frustration, hatred, murder, because we are unfulfilled as men. This is because racist white America cannot stand to see a Black man really free, full of the Power of God – with a creative mind at work, with a help-meet by his side, working to develop creative ideas for the advancement of his family and his people! Since *"two things cannot occupy the same space at the same time:"* If the white male is going to rule, then he must crush the Black male.

White male, you are wrong! In reality, it is because of *White Supremacy* you believe that in order for you to survive as a white man, you have to crush a Black man's existence: Then in crushing our existence, you are doing something to your own existence! Because ultimately, no power on Earth, for any long period of time, can keep any man from attaining what Allah (God) Himself has willed for that man!

Preachers, the Black man must know how to find power in The Word of God. As Black men in America, you are powerless; because they don't want you to have power! And as a man, you cannot function without power. This is why, Reverend, men don't come to church as they should. Women are suffering for the lack of a man – they are in the church – why aren't the men there? Jesus was and is a man, so the only comfort for a woman who does not have a real man is to imagine her connection to the Master Himself! So she comes to church. And she is so frustrated, because she has three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten children – sometimes from four or five, or six or seven or eight or nine different men. Nobody to love her! Nobody to care for her, and her offspring! So she just eats herself to death; she gets fat and out of shape. She is demoralized, dispirited, disenchanted; she comes to church, and the reverend tells her, *"Jesus is my rock. Jesus is a comforter. Jesus will 'do this'."* Well, the woman needs a man to do something for her! So she gets the Holy Ghost and runs up and down the aisle. But what she's really looking for is a real man of God in her life.

Well, why aren't you there, Brothers? Dear Reverend, Pastor, Preacher, it is because the Power side of Jesus is not represented. The side of comfort and consolation and mercy and forgiveness is what is mentioned – and the woman is more

attracted to that side, because of the feminine side of her nature! But, a man is made to have “*power and dominion.*” The church must become as Allah (God) intended it to be and give power to the man.

How do you give power to a man? You give a man power by giving him knowledge. You don’t entertain men, you teach men. But when church becomes a big show and there’s more singing and shouting and entertaining than real teaching, then the man can’t get a grip on the Word of God to empower him to go out from the church into life, and deal with what is out there! The gun, alcohol and dope merchant is out there, programming you for your total destruction.

Jesus saw an *ass* tied. Brothers, you are tied and white America has no more use for you. And in a society like this, when they don’t have any more use for you, they program you for destruction.

Look at yourself, because 30 years ago, white folk did not ever want to see a Black man with a gun. Right in the South, if you had a shotgun on your farm, white folk would be a “little careful” on how they came around you—especially if you would use it; because they know that thing hurts and kills. So you couldn’t get guns. However, there was always a liquor store available to you.

Some of you don’t even know why you are in pain, because your nature has never been explained to you. So you don’t know where the pain is coming from, and you don’t know why you are in pain. You are in pain because you’re not productive, because no man can be a man unless he is productive! And in your pain of not being productive as a man, the seller of alcohol

says: *"Hey, Brother. Come on here, and take this for your pain."* Take for instance the college professor: You're in pain, because you know that something isn't right with what you're professing. You're teaching young people and you know when they leave college that most of them will not be able to use what they spent four years in college trying to learn! So in the basement of most of the professors' houses you'll find a bar; you have parties in your house and your friends come over and get drunk, and laugh and tell jokes – and get drunk some more, then go back to class on Monday, acting like you are professing.

It is the same with preachers: preachers are sad men too, because most of them read the *Bible* about a God—but He isn't real in their lives when white folk come. You say you believe in God, God is your Rock, but don't let white folk come to your house in the midnight hour; otherwise, you'll start saying, like Jesus said on the cross, *"My God, why have You forsaken me?"*; because deep down inside, some of the most cowardly people are the people who claim to believe in God. You allow "the flock" to be eaten by "the wolf" ... And "the shepherd" runs and hides, and becomes an apologist for the wickedness of the slave master and his children! So preachers are unfulfilled too! And this is why sex is a major part of a preacher's life.

Please understand what I am saying: I am not putting anybody down. I know there are some good preachers, some very good pastors; but for the most part, there is too much talk among pastors, about women, and too little talk about serving the needs of the people we are shepherding. Brothers, we are all in pain. The *"man of God"*: He has his *Bible*, but he's in pain! The *"Muslim"*: He's got his *Qur'an*, but he's in pain! And the *"agnostic"*: They don't have a *Bible* or a *Qur'an* and they don't

believe in any God – but they are in pain! The “*gang bangers*” are in pain. All of us are in pain!

And do you know, Brothers, when you are in pain, your brain releases hormones that actually can deaden pain; this is why you could lose an arm and sometimes don’t even feel it, because the trauma has released something from the brain. And when you look and see that your arm is gone, then the pain comes; but before that, you didn’t even know it was gone. That’s how powerful the brain is!

But when your pain is so great that you deplete what the brain can give to comfort you and your knowledge is so weak that it can’t “fire up” the brain to produce more of what you need in a traumatic time, then here comes the dope merchant: “*Hey baby! Hey, try this...*” We’re in so much pain brothers, that after a while “*reefer*” gets to be punk stuff; and you graduate from reefer. You have never been able to afford cocaine like white folks use it, in the powdered form; so some of them went into a laboratory and developed a very inexpensive chemically - produced coke that immediately goes to the “pleasure center” of the brain. And one hit of it hooks you! And now, “crack cocaine” is flooding our community.

Each of you, as men, know that the more pain you’re in, the more drugs you use and your personality begins to get distorted. You are no longer the same person that you were when you were in a natural state. You become an incessant liar, and after a while, your mother and your father become “objects” to you; they are no longer your real parents that you should have love and tenderness for; you see your mother’s fur coat and you take it, you see something of value and you take it! And if they try to stop you, you, in the sad state of your mind,



would kill your own mother, your own father, your sister or your brother.

Now the Black community is filled with pain, and filled with drugs! Filled with pain, and no power; but now filled with guns! The leader of Communist China, *Mao Tse-tung* said that power grows out of the barrel of a gun. So when you put a gun in a powerless young Black man's hands, he now has his hand on something that gives him power. And he is hungry for power: It is the nature the *Bible* said Allah (God) created him in! Allah (God) gave you, in the beginning, "power." But the white man took your power away from you and now you're trying to get it back. But you don't know how, so they sell you a gun! You didn't go to the gun store and get it, because they wouldn't sell it to you at the gun store. You got it on "the market": the white market. And they knew you were not going to be involved in a "drive-by" shooting in the white neighborhood; that you were not going to do a "carjacking" in the white neighborhood! They know that the more guns they put in your hand, you would begin to terrorize your own neighborhood! So our condition in America today is: guns and drugs and jobless men; guns and drugs and pain-filled men; guns and drugs and bitter, frustrated men; guns and drugs and men with no creative mind; guns and drugs and a man that is not really a man of his own destiny.

Brothers, when you are like this, you don't see the brother sitting next to you as your flesh. You can't have a 'Menace II (Society)' without there being a 'Number 1 Menace to Society'. When you observe other Black men as yourself, do you see yourself as their family? No! Out in the 'hood, it's "*every man for himself*;" and so, when you have a gun, you feel that you have power.

When you are at home and you call the dog, the dog *may* come; or, you call your children; they *may* come. But when you pull out the gun, people respond quickly to that; this, you feel, is real power. But the *kicker* is when you squeeze the trigger. You watch the body of your brother gyrate under the heat of a bullet and you see him cry out, “*Oh God...*” —and he gasps; and you watch his life *ooze* out... And you don’t have any feeling for him; you’ll go back home with your boys; you eat a beef burger, a pizza, and you’ll go to bed like you did nothing.

But our women (who support our rise to be what God intended us, as men to be)? They have to carry their sons to their final resting place. So know this, Brothers: for every Black person that you kill, you have wounded whole families. And the result is you then set up vengeance in those that are remaining behind; so they are plotting, now, to get you.

I watch white folks send a contraption up that circles the Earth; I watch them send a telescope up—and it doesn’t work; but then they send something else up to correct the telescope, tens of thousands of miles away – and you mean to tell me they can’t correct a condition that is going on in every major city of America? Something is wrong.

Brothers: you are programmed, right now, for total destruction. When the enemies of our rise can put out a movie called *Boyz ‘n The Hood* and show us to the world at our worst behavior; when they put a movie out called *Menace II Society*, and you see your brothers pistol-whip a Korean woman, reach over the counter, shoot her and go home and take a video tape of it and sit down and laugh at it – and you are in the movie theater, laughing at it too: white folk have sent that movie all over the world. And do you know what’s being done? White

people all over the world, and your own Black brothers, are looking at you through the lens of a movie camera, and they are saying: *"My God! Black people are terrible."*

The biggest industry in America today is prison. They are going to build more and more and more. Who are they building them for, Brothers? It costs nearly \$40,000 a year to keep you in jail. They're not interested in giving you education; they like you just the way you are, so that with "3 strikes" on your record, you're in for life! And, with "3 strikes" they have a free worker. In other words, another planation, where you're a slave, Brothers, for the rest of your life!

As a brother said, *"If you don't want to 'go with the program', they're gonna program you!"* — and that's right! If you don't want to go with the program, they will program you. And so here you are: programmed for annihilation.

The guns that you have in the community right now serve as a justification for big tanks to come in the neighborhood. And guess what? Our women are so distraught at the level of violence and our Black mayors and white mayors and police chiefs are saying, *"Look, we can't handle this"* — so they're calling for The National Guard! They're calling for reinforcement from The Army! And pretty soon, if this doesn't get turned around, you're going to see your blood running in the gutters; because you're going to run out with your "pop gun," and they're going to come in with helicopter gunships, and tanks rolling in the community, and you don't have anything to match that! This little sense of "power" that you have is driving you crazy to kill your own.

You are a "*Menace II.*" Who is "*Menace I?*" Well, if I'm "*John II,*" there has to be a "*John I*" that I come from! If you are "*Menace No. 2,*" then who is "*Menace No. 1?*" White males have menaced the Earth! And now, they produce you as a menace to who? To yourself and your own community! So what must be done? Remember, in the *Book of Matthew (Chapter 21, Verses 1-3)*, the Scripture teaches:

"And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them."

There was an ass tied, and a young colt was tied with the ass. The Scripture also teaches (Matthew. 4:19) that Jesus, when he met the Disciples (Simon called Peter, and his brother Andrew), he said, "Look, I know you're a fisherman, Peter, but I don't need you fishing in that sea. Follow me, and I'm going to make you a fisher of men." Because our people are in the "sea of sin," and somebody has to go after them. But they like the water that they're in. So you have to bait your hook with something the fish likes. But fishing with a hook is slow So Jesus said: "*Cast your net on the right side.*" This means, Reverend that we have to come with the right stuff! These Black men are not to be played with. They want a change in their lives and they want a change in their community!

Brothers, in 1995, I would like to take a million Black men to Washington, D.C. Tell our sisters, our wives, our mothers, our grandmothers: "*Sweetheart, this time, please stay at home.*"

Mother, you have always stood for us, and we've never stood up for our families. But we're coming of age now, mom, wife, sister, auntie, baby: we want to go to Washington and state our case.

Our fathers' sweat, blood and tears built this country. Our fathers and our mothers worked from "*can't see*" morning to "*can't see*" night - with no pay - to build the economy of the South, to fuel the economy and the industrial revolution of the North. We fought in all America's wars for a freedom that we have never achieved. We fought in the Revolutionary War that made America independent of England but we don't have any independence ourselves! We are dependent on white people to do for us what we have earned the right to do for ourselves! We fought in The Spanish-American War; we fought in The War of 1812. We fought in The Civil War, on the side of the North and the South. We died right alongside of those fighting to maintain slavery and those who said they were trying to maintain the Union. But in any case, after the Union was maintained, it was back to business as usual. We had congressmen and senators, and we had government representation, but the *Night Riders* and the "*KKK*" took it all away from us! They said, "*We don't want no n - as in the Congress! We don't want no n - as in high political office!*"

So they killed us, they hung us, they burned us. And when they got in trouble, they called us again to fight in a *Jim Crow* army. Some of the older ones here that were in World War I, you know you fought Germany; but the German prisoners of war were treated better than the Black soldiers who fought for America against Germany. Adolph Hitler rose; World War II: Black men died at Pearl Harbor. Black men died in Guadalcanal, in The Solomon Islands, in The Philippines, and

at *Iwo Jima*. Black men died in North Africa fighting the Germans; Black men died to free Rome, to free Paris, to free Europe. We died to build America! And America has rebuilt Germany and Japan, and the N\*\*\*\* is still suffering and dying in the streets of America!

We tried to build Black organizations to fight for our cause. We, along with whites, made the NAACP, the Urban League, CORE (Congress of Racial Equality), SNCC (Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee). And what was the response of our government? Under J. Edgar Hoover and the Counterintelligence Program (COINTELPRO) Of the United States government, they treated us like we were aliens—sending spies and agent *provocateurs* in and among all our Black organizations, to discredit our Black leaders and cause us to fight and kill one another. The government did this; using our tax dollars. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. stood up to get us out of a segregated state. And men had to die, women had to die, just so others could drink at a fountain or go to toilet in a public place? People had to die for that simple, basic right.

Brothers, think about the sacrifice that our fathers have made to build America. Think about what government has done to show their contempt for us. I think it is time now that Black men stand. I think it is time, now, that Black men put down the gun that is for the destruction of yourself and your brother. It is time now, for us to say to the Government of the United States: Here we are, Here we stand! The Black men—the children of slaves that built your country! That fought and died in all your wars! Now look, we don't intend to live in poor housing! We don't intend to live like dogs! You owe us a debt!

Germany is paying reparations to the Jews for the Holocaust that the Germans put on the Jews! All Germans didn't do this, but all Germans are being taxed to pay for what was done to the Jews. In 1941, when Japan struck at Pearl Harbor, Japanese Americans were rounded up and sent to concentration camps. The United States government admits she was wrong. She was wrong! So they're going to pay reparations to the Japanese.

Look at our condition, Brothers. Don't we need a "repair job"? Don't we need somebody to repair our broken heads, our broken hearts, and our broken pocketbooks?

Brothers, before I share with you what we have to do, I want to say to you who feel that you are despised and rejected; you that are the "*bottom rail*;" you are "*the last*;" you and I are a "*foolish people*." Allah (God) said:

- 1) "I will choose the foolish things of the world to confound the wise."
- 2) "I will choose the things that are not, to bring to naught the things which are."
- 3) "I will choose the despised and the rejected; and the bottom rail will go to the top, and the last shall be the first. This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our sight."

Whether you know it or not, Black Man, Allah (God) has chosen you! Not because of your blackness, but He has chosen you because you have suffered in the furnace of affliction! And now, as Reverend Jackson said, the more you burn gold, you never *burn* it; you only *purify* it by removing its dross. You are pure gold, Black man, chosen by Allah (God) now to do a Mighty Work! "*There is an ass tied*"—somebody is not using

the donkey. But Allah (God) said, *“Go loose him, and if anybody asks you what you’re doing, tell them ‘The Master has come. He has need of that donkey.’ ”* Brothers, you are more important than you think you are.

A lesson from Scripture: *‘From one blood’* came all life From the *Holy Qur’an*, which is the Book of Scripture of the Muslims, I would like to share the following verse from Surah 4 Al-Nisa (*“The Women”*), Verse 1: It says:

*“In The Name of Allah, The Beneficent, The Merciful. O people, keep your duty to your Lord, Who created you from a single being and created its mate of the same (kind), and spread from these two many men and women. And keep your duty to Allah, by Whom you demand one of another (your rights), and (to) the ties of relationship. Surely Allah is ever a Watcher over you.”*

*“O people, keep your duty to your Lord”*. Every man among us knows we owe a duty to God. And do you know how I know that you know? Because every one of us, when we get in trouble – each one of us has been in some trouble that is so deep, that you call on Who? You call on God.

Now, when you called on Him, what did you say? What did you say? Pay attention to your words, now, because when you called Him, you were real sincere; because the trouble was deep! You said, *“God, if You just get me out of this, this one time”* – didn’t you say it? All right. And now, look at what you said you were going to do: *“God, if You get me out of this, this one time, I’ll serve You for the rest of my life.”* You know you said it—and you know you lied (smile). Brothers, when you said it, the *Holy*



*Qur'an* teaches: “**And when I brought them safely to shore, lo! They set up other gods beside Me. Surely man is ungrateful**” (Surah 17 “The Children of Israel” Verse 67). You forgot.

Continuing with Surah 4, Verse 1: “**keep your duty to your Lord, Who created you from a single being and created its mate of the same [essence]...**” What does “single” mean? It means “one.” Is God “**One?**” He created you and me from Himself, and He created our mate of “the same essence”; meaning that your woman is from God, and you are from God. Which means what? That The Nature of God is your nature! So every one of you that are from God—and that’s all of you: you are of Divine. Your nature is Divine. You are The People of God!

Let’s go a little further: You are Black. Are you Black because you’re cursed? No! You are Black because you are the first creature that He created, and you took your color from the darkness out of which you emerged! You’re not Black because you’re cursed; you’re Black because you are the Original human being from whom all other human beings came! You are The First from God!

“*Can you prove it, Farrakhan?*” Sure! When they wanted to find “the origin of man”—they didn’t go to Europe! Where did they go? They went to Africa! They found the bones of a man they called *Zinjanthropist*: *Zinj* means “**Black**”; *Anthropus* means “**man**.” He was 750,000 years old—and he had a daddy. They went back and they dug; they found more skulls, and more skulls. And they’re still unearthing skulls that never showed the origin. But as far back as they go, they find you.

We have Caucasians; we have Hispanic brothers; and although we have many different hues and colors, the *Bible*

teaches in the Book of Acts, Chapter 17, Verse 26 that “*from one blood God created all men.*” From “*one blood*” — blood is the life fluid of some living organism; so “*from one blood*” means from the genetic strain of one life – Allah (God) made all! The *Holy Qur’an* says Allah (God) created you from a single being, and created your mate from the same essence; and “spread from these two many men and women.” It started from “*one*,” and now it’s “*many*.”

How did you start? You started from sperm mixed with ovum; and when the sperm connected with the ovum, it produced the first cell of life. And from that one cell, now you are billions and billions and billions of cells in this one body. But you started from “one.”

Now, the *Holy Qur’an* tells us the color of the first man. The first man is called *Adam*; and in The *Qur’an* it says in Surah 15 Al-Hijr (“The Rock”), verse 26: “*Allah created him from black mud, and fashioned him into shape ...*” Stop! Since my body is from the Earth, and He created the first man from *black mud*: Step up, anthropologist! Step up, historian! Step up, biologist! Step up, geneticist! If the first man was white, the yellow man couldn’t even get here, because two white people cannot produce anything other than what they are!

I am not teaching Black Supremacy, I am teaching Actual Facts. White people, pay attention to what I am saying: You can’t produce us; it is a mathematical, genetic impossibility. If you were “first,” we couldn’t have gotten here; the Black man has within himself the whole range of “color” — because Black is not a “color”: It is The Essence from which all “color” comes.

To love Allah (God) is to love your Brother. Our duty to one another, Brothers: If Allah (God) created you from Himself, that means every one of you is a God, and has God's Divine Nature in you! As *David The Psalmist* says, "***Ye are all gods, children of The Most High God.***" Now let's get the *Bible* and *Qur'an* to back this up!

In the *Bible*, 1 John, Chapter 4, Verses 20-21, it reads: "If a man say, 'I love God,' and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also." Let's stop a minute, and look deeper into what John the Apostle is saying. What do you mean, "How can you love God Whom you've never seen, and then hate your brother?" Then there is something in your brother that is of God! So when you hurt your brother, you are hurting your Father! I am a father, Brothers; I've got 9 children, 23 grandchildren, one great-grandchild! And if I ever see my children fighting, it gives me such pain! If you are God — not the big God(Supreme Being), but a "little God," made as the *Bible* teaches "in the image and the likeness of God," then Elijah Muhammad said, "Every time I see a Black man, I'm looking at God." So when I look at you, I don't have to wait to see The Father, for I see The Father in you! And when we refer back to what Surah 4, verse 1 says, "O people, keep your duty to your Lord; when I see you, I have a duty by you, Brother!

When I meet you, you say, "Oh Farrakhan! I'm real happy to meet you, man!" — and I always say, "It's my honor, brother, to meet you!" And you look at me confused, saying, "What? How is he 'honored' to meet me?" Because when I meet you, I am meeting a person that has never been on the Earth before, and there will

never be one quite like you ever, ever again. When I see you, I have to treat you like I would honor God. I have to respect each human being; I have to respect you, Brother; even though you don't know who you are, I know! And because I know, my duty is to honor and respect you!

Even these little children. They are little babies, but The Power of God is in them! And they're going to grow up one day, hopefully, to be mighty men, so you start respecting them when they're in the cradle! You start respecting them when you see the woman forming that child in the womb—you don't wait till it gets here! And that's why no man, who's a real man, will beat a woman. No man, who is a real man, will beat a woman! No man, who is a real man, will disrespect a woman! Because it is through woman that we live! If you live to be the age of *Methuselah*, which is 969 years, you are still going to die! So how do you continue? You continue through a woman. So when she tells you "*I love you*", if she means it from the depth of her heart, she is saying, "*I want to give life to you. I want to extend your life by my love.*" So you and she enter into a contractual arrangement that is from Divine; and after 9 months, she suffers the pain of death to give birth to you all over again.

As a man who has a child: if you love Allah (God) and love yourself, when you see yourself growing again, you've got a chance to make that life better than you were made! So when that life comes, it's like a potter's clay: You can shape it! You can mold it! You can make it something!

When the Disciples said, "Master, when were you hungry and we fed you not? When were you naked and we clothed you not? When were you out-of-doors and we gave you not shelter?

When were you sick and imprisoned and we ministered not unto you?" He said: "Inasmuch as you have not done this unto the least of these, my brethren, you have not done it also unto me." So the "least" little brother in here is the Brother of Christ!

Who is "Christ"? 1.) "Christ" is "man in his perfectly-developed state"; 2.), "Christ," fully developed, is "man in whom God dwells; "Christ" is the expressed likeness, image, of God. Why is "Christ" so important? He is so important because he allows men to see the realm of possibility.

Brothers, we can be more than the prophets—but don't go around saying *"I'm the child of God,"* and never grow up to be like your Father! Jesus was the only man in Scripture that had such a unique relationship to God, until he referred to God not as *"Elohim"* or *"Yahweh"* or *"Allah,"* he referred to Him as his *"Father."* And then when the Disciples wanted to learn how to pray, they said, *"Master, can you teach us how to pray?"* He said: *"Yeah, pray on this wise: Say not 'my' Father, 'our Father'."* Now if The Father made Jesus so special, what's wrong with you? You mean you're not "special;" you mean The Father didn't make anything out of you? Your elder brother Jesus is "something," but you're "nothing"? Muhammad is "something," but you're "nothing"? Moses is "something"—you're "nothing"? False! Every one of you are as they are if you submit to The Source that they submitted to!

Jesus said, *"I and my Father are one."* When you submit to God, He actually comes into you: He travels into you through the Word—and the Word contacts the essence of your nature, which is the same as His Nature, and "turns on" the Divine Essence of you! And you start growing, spiritually, just like you grew physically!

Therefore, Brothers, when you have a gun in your pocket and you go out and shoot a Black man, that is like shooting a bit of God. When you watch the life ooze out of your brother every time you squeeze the trigger, life is oozing out of you; because love can't find a place in you for your brother if you're constantly raping, robbing, destroying your brother. We are one another's "family:" We are not just family "from the same mother," but we are family from the same God. So, you are truly my brother, and I am truly yours—so I make a pact: I will give my life for you! Because my life is not more important than yours. You are greater; I am lesser. So I must become your servant. And you must see your people like that!

When your brother is down, that is you: Help pick him up! Don't make different [gang affiliation] colors make you different people; don't say, "*Well he's got on red, man ...*" or, "*He's not one of The Bloods; he's got on blue, man—he's not one of the brothers. He didn't give the right sign. He ain't one of the brothers.*" When you look in his face, and you see "*The Mark of The Beast:*" That's your brother—who has been destroyed, like you. And you must never ever again hurt your brother. When you and your brother have an argument: Develop the intelligence to reason with each other, and not reach in your pocket ... This is why the Honorable Elijah Muhammad told us: "***Throw away all guns!***"

When we became Muslims, we threw all the guns away, because the Honorable Elijah Muhammad knew that when we got in an argument, we would reach for our gun rather than reach for our ability to reason. And he forbade us to raise our hand to each other! I remember in The F.O.I. (The Fruit of Islam): I saw a brother and I began throwing boxing jabs at him, in a playful manner – and the Captain of the F.O.I. saw me

doing that. He said, "Brother!" I said, "Yes sir?" He said, "Do you think you can whip us all?" And I said, "No sir." He then said, "Well, the next time you raise your hand to your brother, you'll have to whip us all from that day, I never raised my hand to my brother. Never! Not just my Muslim brother, but also my Christian brother. I won't ever raise my hand to him.

My Christian brother is safe from my tongue, from my hands. His wife is safe, because I know that his wife is sacred to him, so she is sacred to me; therefore, instead of violating his house, I will protect his house! His daughter is sacred to me. And when we become like that, love comes in: when I won't do you wrong, you won't do me wrong; you fall in love with me, I fall in love with you. Then "love" is greater than "the law," because love is the highest expression of "law"! When I say "I love you, you could drop your wallet, with money all in it. Instead of stealing it, I would say *"Hey brother! Brother! You dropped your wallet. Here."* We are taught that if your brother has a bowl of soup and you have none, half your bowl belongs to your brother. So if I have money, you don't have to steal! If you have need, and I have the means, then I would say, *"Here brother"*. However, I don't want you to lay on me! But, I will help you out as my brother.

I want to just show you the meaning of the story of the donkey and the colt; and with this number of men (14,000-30,000) together, I'll show you what we could do right here in Houston. And you'll never be broke and powerless, if you have unity.

The scripture teaches there is "ass" tied: "Untie him." White folks have us tied up to them, but they're not using us! Therefore, by the Law of Non-Use, they have forfeited their

right to hold us. Brothers, Jesus was not a thief; he didn't tell his Disciples, *"Go and untie him, and bring him to me."* When you have a *"tie"* on you that means you belong to somebody else; but The Master had come and He paid a price to redeem them! So he said, ***"No! They're not using you? And I have suffered for you? Go untie them — I've got need! Bring the ass to me!"*** (*The word ass, as in "donkey" — I'm not speaking vulgar.*) Then Jesus rides into Jerusalem on the ass, or donkey, and people are saying ***"Hosanna!"***

Do you know, in history, there has never been, to my knowledge, a leader who calls Black men out to a special meeting to talk to Black men? Go check the history! Brothers, if Black Men Only meetings happen in 15 or 20 cities across the country, what do *you* think *they* are thinking? You are *"the unlearned,"* the *"donkey"* – and Farrakhan is who you came to hear – that means you are *"the wind beneath his wings."*

So when the Enemy listens in on this meeting, they're going to say *"That Farrakhan: He's getting' them Black men stirred up ... He's more dangerous than any nigga we've had!"* The Scripture teaches us that the moment Jesus got on the donkey, and rode into Jerusalem, his time was numbered! Because they, in secret counsels, said: *"He has to die!"* But I am telling you, they have already decided *"Farrakhan's got to go."* They have made their plans. But I laugh, because Allah (God) has made His Plan! Brothers, you don't have to worry about them coming to do me harm, because I don't believe they have a gun big enough to shoot me if it doesn't please God! If it pleases God that I die, then it pleases me to die. But, I don't think so. We've got work to do!



So here you are, all “tied up”; and, I’m one of The Master’s Disciples. I saw you tied, and I am here tonight to loose you, saying: *“Come on, Black man! We’ve got a job to do. I don’t care what work you’re doing now—you have a bigger job to do for God!”*

Since you said, “Lord, if You get me out of trouble this one time, I’ll serve You,” here is the way that God wants you to serve Him!

First of all, Brothers: Each of us has to decide to clean up our act. This body is the real House of God. Not the physical houses of worship that we go to, not buildings. Though they are beautiful buildings, they are not the real “House of God.”

Your body is greater than a physical church, mosque or synagogue; because that is the architecture of men, while your body is the Craftsmanship of Allah (God) Himself. You must never violate the House of God. You shouldn’t eat improper food, unclean foods, clogging up your beautiful system with unclean foods.

Some of you drive good cars and you are not going to put cheap gas in that finely-engineered engine! You put the highest octane in it, because you don’t want it “pingin’ and goin’ on” – then you go and sit in McDonalds, and feed this magnificent House garbage. It’s a great House, Brother, but you have to take care of it! Houses need maintenance, but you are not maintaining that body.

Brothers, my son, Mustapha Farrakhan, can tell you: his father, at 60, bench presses 370 pounds, and I still don’t know the limit of my strength! I dead lift 405 pounds — just snatch it

up off the ground (smile); and squat 405 pounds! And still don't know the limit of my power!

I'm a young "*old man*"; and I don't have a big gut! At your own age, what do you look like? Some of you have not seen yourself, unless you get a mirror, where your gut is hanging all down over your knees. Brothers, this area of your stomach (gut) is your lifeline! You don't have to age just because you've been here long! There's not one of you who can really be considered "*old*"; whether you're 70, 80, 90. That is not "*old*"—you just got here, man! What are you getting' out of here for? Hang in there, Brother! You have to stay here long enough to learn how to live, so you can pass on valuable lessons to your children and your grandchildren. However, due to improper foods, you're "*out of here*."

Brothers, I have fasted from three days to 40 days. ... You have to learn how to cleanse your bodies, and your minds. At my age, I'm just "*quick*," Brother. I can wake up in the middle of the night and teach for hours, never repeating myself. And you are greater than I am! You just need to get yourself in order with God.

Now, brothers, I am just one man — and the Enemy to our rise finds it difficult to handle me. The whole world, together, finds it difficult to crush one man. Do you know why? It is as the Scripture teaches: "*Greater is He that is in me, than he that is in the world.*" Suppose we let Him, God, get into us, and we become a united power in God? You won't need a gun anymore], because you can do it with your mind.

When I was informed that 30,000 people were standing on the outside of this church, and they were trying to get screens

to protect them from the downpour of rain, I went in my room and I said: *"O Allah, hold back the rain. Don't rain on the people"* — and He held it up! Brothers: You have *"juice,"* man! You are God's People! You could run this thing crazy, if you just came home to God, and came into unity with one another.

You would have so much power, you would frighten yourself. What could we do if all of us, as Black men, would unite together for the common good? I want to show you. If we took the number of men that were just inside the auditorium where I spoke (14,000), and if we could get the 15,000 that are outside, just check this out:

Pooling our financial resources: Suppose the 14,000 on the inside put \$10 together? Then,  $14,000 \times \$10$  is "\$140,000": Put it in a treasury. Come back next week, contribute the same, you have \$280,000 — put it in a treasury! Come back the third week, put it in a treasury (\$420,000); and by the fourth week, you would have had over a half a million dollars (\$560,000), liquid cash. Buying property with the financial leverage gained: With the money you saved in a treasury, you then go to a bank and say: *"Look here, man ... You have any properties you're foreclosing on? Show me your portfolio."* When they say, *"Yeah, we've got this building, this apartment building"* — you say, *"We'll take it."* Utilize the skills and talents of each brother. We have brothers who are carpenters, brick masons, plumbers, electricians, roofers — everything imaginable — right among us! You have young people who don't know any of these trades; so, you take these abandoned buildings, and you put the craftsman to work. And you put the young man beside him as an apprentice! Before you know it, those abandoned buildings are built back up, and now, someone is living in them, paying rent to you! You're the owner, now.

Continue to build a treasury, with more people: After realizing the success, you determine to keep this up! Now we have 30,000 people; so at \$10 per person, that is "\$300,000" — in one week. Buy farmland: Have you noticed how white folk are giving up their farms? So what do you do? You go and buy 1,000 acres. If you're wondering, "*What do I need a farm for?*" the farm" is the "Engine of Life!" The farm is where everything we have on comes from! Our problem is that we are allowing everybody else to feed us, and we are not feeding ourselves and our children! And 1,000 acres — you can't even see what that truly looks like from the ground. You have to get up in a helicopter to fly over what you and I own, collectively! Buy proper farm equipment. Now we have begun farming — we know that not everyone can farm, however there are some good Black farmers among us. But we're not going to farm with a mule anymore, we get a tractor!

Set up manufacturing sites and supermarkets to sell products we produce: Then you set up a canning factory! Then you buy some more land, and instead of a beautiful church like we are accustomed to doing, build up a supermarket! Now you have your canning factory, and you have "First Baptist Peas," "Second Baptist Corn," "Methodist Asparagus," and "Muslim Carrots" — all on your supermarket shelf! And then we tell all our wives: "Don't shop anywhere else! Shop in your own supermarket!" And before you know it, the money we spend on food is right back in our circle, growing!

Manufacture our own clothing: Our fathers picked cotton. But now, since we grow it: We can turn the cotton into lint, and the lint into cloth! And then all of us who have on underwear — and we haven't made one pair: You set up a factory, put your woman in it, and say: "*Come on, baby! We're going to make*

*underwear.*" Instead of designer underwear from Calvin Klein, now you have your name on it; and then everybody in Houston is wearing "***Our Own Underwear.***" The underwear market is yours! The shirt market is yours! The suit market is yours! Those of us who wear "gator shoes:" The gator doesn't belong to White folk, it was created by God. So the same way they can get alligator, we can get 'em too! The same as the cow: It gave its hide to White folk, and it will give it to you, too. Tan that hide, and make some shoes! It's a shame: We're paying \$140-\$150 for Nike "*leap-arounds,*" and all we have to do is learn how to do it—"do it for yourself." And before you know it, you have a whole economic revolution started in the Black community!

And as men: We're doing this! Then your wife is looking at you, saying: "*Look at my husband! What he is doing*"—and she starts smiling at you.

Set up our own schools/control our curriculum: Then you tell your wife, "*Well baby, I don't like the way the schools are mis-educating our children. Let's set up our own school,*" then you set it up! And every one of us that is a "teacher": Come on out of a plantation system, and begin giving your children real education! Grow as a political force: And before you know it, White folk will be looking at you, saying: "*Are these those same Negroes that used to hang out in the 2nd Ward? In the 3rd Ward? In the 5th Ward? Drunk and disorderly? Now they own the 5th Ward—that's their turf!*" Then, when you own it, you become interested in the politics that governs it! Then you run for office who you want to run, who will look out for your interests; and after a while, you become a power in Texas! And then before you know it, from "*The Lone Star State,*" you get many other states wanting to put a star up like Texas did in their state flag!

And Black men: Before you know it, you're working hard; and therefore you deserve pleasure. And your wife (your help-meet) will say: *"I really want to help you, because at last, honey: You are doing something."*

'Manhood Training':

Pledge to begin the change within ourselves, family, and community.

Come on, brothers! Let's fill the churches up, with men! Let's fill the mosques up, with men! And let us never let *"religion,"* and the labels, divide us ever again from one another. Never again! I want to ask two questions:

1. Are you interested in making our own communities a more decent place to live?
2. How many of you brothers would like to accept a Training that would cause you to be self-disciplined; and then we, in turn, take the responsibility of disciplining our community—making it safe for our women, our children and our elderly? Then I'd like to ask you, brothers, if you would take this Pledge. And when you say it, if you say it: The only thing we have is our word; and once we give our word, we must strive never to break our word.

"I, [state your name], Pledge to strive to love my brother as I love myself."

"I, [state your name], Pledge to strive to improve myself spiritually, mentally, morally, socially, economically, and politically for the benefit of myself, my family and my people."

Will you do that? That means from this day forward, we have to start improving. If there is some habit that you have, that you would like to get rid of, do you know how to do it? Do it. Once you make up your mind to do it, it's done!

"I, [state your name], Pledge to strive to build homes, hospitals; to buy farmland, to set up businesses, to engage in international trade and commerce, for the benefit of myself, my family, and my people!"

"I, [state your name], Pledge to give of myself, my time, my talent, and whatever I can spare of my finance, to accomplish the above said."

With those words, each of you has taken a sincere Pledge to strive to be the brother of one another; not only the brother of those in (close to you), but all of those out there that are our flesh and our blood. And then, it must go to all people! But you have to start with yourself. So let's get busy and train ourselves to become the men, the husbands, the fathers—the brothers—that we should be.

And don't forget, next year (1995): I will like for us to convene one million Black men in Washington, to give America the largest, most orderly, disciplined march on Washington in the history of this nation. And to fire a shot that will be heard all the way around the world: that we have come of age and we are demanding what rightfully belongs to us, as the spokespersons for our wives, our children, our moms, our women.

Brothers, when you get the opportunity, greet each other by shaking hands and embracing one another. You have to learn

that there isn't anything wrong with showing love to your brother! And there is nothing wrong with telling your brother, "*I love you, Brother*", and mean it!

From this day forward, remember now: We're not going to do anything to hurt our brother. And when you meet one of those ignorant brothers, who will try to force you to hurt him: Do your best not to hurt him, unless he aggresses on you; then, you are forced to "*fight with those who fight with you.*" But if you don't let your ego get the best of you, you can avoid 95 percent of most hostile action.

Thank you brothers! May Allah bless you!

As-Salaam Alaikum! I Love You!



## **PART 3**

### **KEYS TO A SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGE**

The Lifelong Struggle to Become One



*“O people, keep your duty to your Lord, Who created you from a single being and created its mate of the same (kind), and spread from these two many men and women. And keep your duty to Allah, by Whom you demand one of another (your rights) and (to) the ties of relationships. Surely Allah is ever a Watcher over you.”*

*Holy Qur'an 4:1*



## The Lifelong Struggle To Become One

How many of you are married? May I see your hands? No hands should have gone up. You are in the *process* of marriage. The problem is that you think you are what you are not – and when you think you are what you are not, you stop striving to *become*. Now I will explain. Marriage is a *process* that begins with our saying, “*I agree to be involved in the process of becoming one.*” When I ask, “Are you married?” That is the past participle of the verb *to marry*, which means you are completely united. I don’t think that is the case, otherwise, we would not have to have such a class. The fact of the matter is, hopefully, that we are still **striving** to be married. Now, being together in the same apartment or the same house, in the same bed, does not necessarily mean we are married. *Marriage is a life long struggle to become one.*

I am going to start with theory. Theory is only valuable if the other side of theory – which is practice – is performed. You can have the best teacher in the world to teach you piano, voice, violin, art; but when you are away from the teacher and you don’t practice what you have been taught, then you will not be successful in passing the test when you come before the teacher again. The teacher will always know that you have not been practicing because the lack of practice will show.

When there is consistent arguing, that leads to discord and strife and when this arguing is not in the best manner, but is filled with anger and bitterness, this leads to the cessation of the process. So you can still be in the same house, but you are no longer striving to become one. You have accepted the reality that we are supposed to be together, but you are saying to

yourself, *"I'll have to just suffer this thing through."* That is a sad state of affairs. For the wife to put her attention on the children and the husband to put his attention on the mission and then come home at night tired, beat up, with no conversation, no communication, except during the time of *'expression of oneness'*, then our marriage, for all intents and purposes, is dead. It needs life.

Marriage, unity, love, life and peace are all similar. You cannot be married and not be united. You cannot be united and not have peace. You cannot have peace without love. You cannot have life without love, peace, harmony and unity. Where there is unity there is harmony, there is love, there is life. Where there is disunity, the life of that thing is in jeopardy.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad taught us that the First Law in the Universe is Motion. When you were attracted to each other you started a motion. The Second Law of the Universe is Order. The motion must have order, which means that there are rules and laws that govern the motion so that the motion can continue. If anything disturbs the order it produces greater friction – friction brings about the cessation of motion.

In our lives as *Muslims* - people striving for righteousness - there is an inordinate amount of stress on all of us. Just being alive in a world like this gives us a lot friction. The thing that makes friction not disturb order or motion is our ability to be in harmony with the law that put us into motion. Just think now: What is the law that brought about the motion that brought you to each other? Allah created us similar, yet dissimilar and the un-alikeness of us created attraction. So you found your way to each other for whatever the reason. It may have been a good reason, may not have been a good reason.

Your motives for coming together can determine how long your marriage will last. You, and only you, can answer the question “Why did you do marry in the first place?” “Well, I was tired of being single.” Not a good enough motive. “I had a biological need and the sister was around...” Not a good enough motive. Your motive is what gives force to the desire. It is not just *what* you want to do, it’s *why* you want to do it that gives it the Spirit and the Power to make it happen. The reason most of us are not successful in what we do is because we are ill- motivated. We do things for reasons that are ungodly, not proper. Vain. Only you can answer the question, “Why did you get married to that particular person you are sitting next to?”

You can always tell a couple is married when they are in a car. When a couple is courting, they are all over each other. She is almost sitting in his lap while he is trying to drive. After they get married, she is way over in the corner and he’s got a “gangster lean”. You can tell a couple is married when they go out to dinner; their heads are in their plates. When they are courting, they can’t take their eyes off of each other. What happened? Allah (God) wants the institution of marriage to be successful and we want to see if we can start again and dissect and understand this thing called *Marriage*.

Sister, go back in your mind to when you first met the man you are sitting next to – I hope he’s your husband. Brother, I hope she is your wife. Even those words are debatable. *Husband*. What is that? *Wife*. What is that? These are names, but they suggest something which we are going to dissect. Remember theory and practice. After tonight’s class, I want us to practice.

Most of us are very physical people; we are not really spiritual. As a result, the attraction is physical. He likes the way she looks; she likes the way he looks; she likes the fact that he is a successful business man with a little money; he likes the fact that she has a job. We are attracted to each other really on a physical basis. But the real marriage is not physical. Marriage starts at the physical level, but it goes to the spiritual level. The problem with most of us who say we desire to be married is that we stopped at the physical and the physical side of anything is so limited.

Brother, your wife was physically attracted to you when you first met her. Sister, your husband was physically attracted to you. You couldn't wait to say your vows so you could be with each other physically and that is why honeymoons are so nice and short lived. Reality is bound to set in. After discovering the physical dimensions of a thing, there is intrinsic value to that thing that must be discovered.

Look at your Supreme **Wisdom Lessons**. In the **Student Enrollment**, Master Fard Muhammad started with the physical: "Who is the Original Man? The Original Man is the Asiatic Black Man the Maker, the Owner, the Cream of the planet earth, God of the Universe." Everything in there is a description: 'Who is the original first man?' He is Asiatic, meaning the Earth. Asia: the physical man, the physical maker, the physical shaper, the physical owner of the physical reality. He is a God who has power over material things.

In *English lesson C1*, God moves away from identifying us by the term "Christian." In the **Student Enrollment**, we learn "Christianity is 551 years old " In *English Lesson C1*, he does not deal with that, he does not deal with your color. What is your



“own self”? My “own self” is what? A “righteous Muslim”. Now He is not dealing with your color , He is dealing with who you are on the inside. The nature of you.

Allah (God) says, in the *Holy Qur'an*, He created all human beings to be Muslims. So He asks, “*How many Muslims are there in North America? A little over 17 million.*” That’s the whole population of original people. You may look at a sister or brother as a Christian because of the orientation of their minds, but Allah (God) looks at them as Muslims.

Now if you recognize that the woman you married, the man you married – beyond the physical limitations of the earth – is a Muslim; a righteous person by *nature*; then feeding the *nature* of the individual, discovering and exalting the *nature* of the individual, will move you more toward a successful union.

All of your arguments; what are they over? The arguments are over money or the lack of it; irresponsibility; failure to be clean, refusal to cook and the house being untidy. He doesn’t come home and she is grumpy, but what is at the root of all of that? Now we get to look at *Marriage*.

Allah says, in the *Holy Qur'an*, “*Oh people, keep your duty to your Lord,*”. Now we all say we are Muslims. What is a *Muslim? One who submits his or her will to do the Will of Allah (God)*. How can you expect a woman to be dutiful to you if she is not dutiful to her Lord? How can you expect a man to be dutiful to you if he’s not dutiful to his Lord? So your marriage begins to fall apart if it is not rooted in your duty to Allah (God).

How many of you believe in Allah Who came in the Person of Master Fard Muhammad? Very good. You have made a start. How many of you believe that The Honorable Elijah Muhammad is his Messenger and the Messiah? Would you raise your hands please? Then my question to you is, do you have a duty to them? You are fussing at each other for dereliction of duty to one another. But you don't fuss at each other for dereliction of duty to Allah (God). How many of you have said to your wife, "*Honey, it's 4:30, let us get up for prayer*"? Well that's good. I am not asking you to raise your hand on this, because I notice there were only two or three hands that went up anyway. If you don't encourage each other in your duty to Allah\*(God), then your marriage, your struggle for unification will reach an *impasse*. The basis for marriage is duty first to Him Who created us.

*"Oh people, keep your duty to your Lord,"* Who is your Lord? Some men think that they are the Lord of their wives. Stop it brothers, you are not a good replacement for Allah (God). Don't try to be who you are not. If you try to make your wife think that you are sufficient as a replacement for Allah (God), then when she gets angry with you, she finds herself lost, because we have become like the Devil, trying to steal the place of Allah (God). You are not her lord, Allah (God) is her Lord! He created her, He nurtured her. So the Lord that you both must keep your duty to is Allah (God).

Allah (God) makes a request of us and He doesn't demand, He just asks. He is so Beautiful and the only thing he asks of a Believer is to observe the Principles of Faith. Number One is Prayer; then He says He would not care for you were it not for your prayers. If we are not praying, then Allah says he would not care for us. Sister, your duty is to take care of your husband.

His duty is to take care of you. But how can you take care of each other if you have lost the care of Allah (God)? He said He would not care for you were it not for your prayers. So the Muslim home, the godly home, is set aright by prayer. Your marriage is set aright by prayer to Him Who created you and put in you attraction for each other.

Let's look at this. He created you from a *single being* and *created its mate of the same kind*. When we say we are the same kind – It is not just the same kind in color. We are the same kind in nature, spirit and function. The thing that makes marriage have durability is recognition of the fact that your mate is a part of God as you are a part of God. You are created from a single being. Who is the single being? They say Adam. Yes and no. Adam is created of Allah and the mate of Adam is created from the same Essence. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad taught that Allah is Self- created. That is a concept we need to study to understand something about our roles. Tonight, I just want to deal with your role as a man and your role as a woman.

Your role is based upon the nature of you as a male or the nature of you as a female. You cannot have a successful marriage if you do not know your role. If someone is the star of the play and you are in the play as a supporting actress or actor, how are they going to get along with you if you are out of your role, playing their role? (If) you are playing their role and they are trying to play yours, everybody gets confused. The director is looking at this, wondering, *'why aren't you playing your part? This is not your role.'* *'Oh, excuse me, but I like her role better.'* Or, *'I like his role better.'*

We are dealing with knowing the role of each other before we even get together. We need to know something about our

role. This is the play of Life: Act One, Scene One. Maybe you have not read for your part yet. Let's go back to the beginning, because first we need to know what role, Brother Director, you want each person to play. "*I want to try out for the man's role..* Well, if you are a man it's alright, but it's wrong if you are a woman trying out for the man's role. You know *switching* is what is going on in the world. And we will get to that.

The Messenger of Allah (God), The Honorable Elijah Muhammad, said Allah (God) created himself out of *triple darkness*. He explained how Allah (God) built himself up in the darkness; how he started from one cell. An atom of life sparking in the darkness. He built up *Brains* in order to think and *Vision*. That is really heavy just to think about it. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad didn't say how long it took for Him to come out of this state into a developed Being. But you can imagine – after working, laboring, struggling to come into existence – His coming after developing brains and thought, was accompanied with *pain*. Pain was at every stage of his development: pain, struggle, pain, struggle, pain, struggle, until He got to the point where He recognized He was alone and wanted companionship. It did not say He needed companionship, He desired it. There was nothing there, so Allah (God), the Honorable Elijah Muhammad said, studied ***Himself***. That is heavy – think about that. He studied Himself and found in Himself another self. He brought that self out of Himself as a second self through which He could produce self again. All the way down the line. Now He brought a second self out of Himself and that second self was called woman. She is a part of Him, a part of God. She is God, as He is God, but she is the second self of God. The second self is not first if it came from (first). It is slightly less than (first). Now that is hard for people in this world to understand.

The brain of the second self is not the equal of the brain of the first. It is a little less than because it comes from and is not the equal to. Therefore, the first self must be in authority over the second self. But if He had a role, what is His role? *I am*. He is Creator, so whatever He brings into existence is dependent on Him for certain things, to be to Him what He created her to be. The question is, what need did he have? He is in pain, struggling for what may be eons of time to come out of darkness. He needs something to look at that is kind to the eyes. He needs something to behold that is attractive to Him. He needs something that can comfort and console him in the pain of His struggle to come out of darkness. He needs something that can talk to Him about His desires and help Him to meet His objective. He needs a helper. A woman can help you (male) do anything of value that you want to do. You will not find a better helper than the female who loves you and is there for you. Allah (God) is a Creator, He had a lot of big things to do. He needed a big helper – not big in size, big in mind.

And the second self of Allah (God) is a powerful self and from these two you get your roles. *“And spread from these two many men and women.”*

*“And keep to your duty to Allah by whom you demand one another your rights.”* Once again, He is saying, duty to God is first because it is by Him that you have a demand on each other for your rights. A woman has a right to expect certain things from a man and a man has a right to expect certain things from his mate. The problem is that you are disappointed with each other because you are not getting what you expected. Some of you only had physical expectations and you are tired of that; you wonder what is next. Now you understand your role, you know what is next. Your role is given to you.

## The Role Of The Husband

Let's start with the man. Brothers, this has to be the basis of F.O.I (Fruit of Islam). The role of the woman has to be the basis of M.G.T. (Muslim Girls Training).

What is the role of a man? Allah (God) says in the *Holy Qur'an*: "**men are the maintainers of women.**" What is a maintainer? That is a big job, Brother, to be a maintainer of something. I came to the mosque today and I saw peeling in the ceiling. I don't know whether you saw it, but I saw it. I said "there's a leak somewhere", but that needs what? **Maintenance**. And the longer you wait, the worse it gets. What is our job as men? **Maintainers**.

Let's start with the physical, then the spiritual and emotional and go big. There are biological needs: food. She needs to eat. You did not find her emaciated. You found her with some flesh on her bones, which means she was eating and when she comes under your maintenance, she hopes to continue eating. When you found her, she didn't have a fig leaf on. I think she had on clothes. **Maintenance** means you can't have the woman hungry and raggedy. You are sharp as a tack, wearing the latest style, fine shoes, while your wife is wearing run over shoes, tacky dress, can't get her hair done. These styles today are expensive, Brother. There was a time that she could just put a headpiece on and cover what was not fixed up. But today, she has to go to the hairdresser. (You should find one of your own and keep your money as best you can in your circle and strengthen each other). Hair is important. I know I like a particular barber; I like the way he cuts my hair. He becomes my barber until he's dead or until I die. My point is,

when you saw her how was her hair? It was nice, wasn't it? Yes, she had to struggle to do that, Brother. When she knew she was coming to meet you she got it together. I don't know how she pulled it together, but she got it together. She did not come to you looking a wreck, then you can't maintain her in a wrecked state. When you see a peel in the roof, what are you supposed to do? When you see her hair undone, that's a peel in her roof, Brother. And you sure don't want it to rain on her parade.

This is physical. You must keep her up. Notice that the Honorable Elijah Muhammad did not say good houses, he said good *homes*, and a house is not a home. We will get to that. You have to put the woman in a home. Brother, you are in an apartment I hope, or in a room and if you are in a room you are not going to stay married long. If you are in your mother's house, that is a total 'no- no'. *"Well for economic reasons I went to stay with my mother."* How long? How long can your wife be herself in your mother's house? That's your mother's stove, that's your mother's dishes, that's your mother's refrigerator. If you are not maintaining that woman, you have a problem. She is demanding something, *"Honey, when we going to get out of here?"* She doesn't want to talk about your mother, that's not respectful. She knows you love your mother, but your mother is a pain. Your mother is telling your wife, *"Well, he doesn't like that he likes this"* *"Oh no honey, he doesn't like it like that, put more stuff in here. No, let me show you how to do it. My son likes his shirts starched."* When you come home after a paper push, you swear you did your duty and then she says *"Honey, when we are going to move?"* and you say, *"Look, I told you and don't ask me that no more."* Well, your mother is a pain. Now what?

Brothers. I hear that some of you hit your wives, I hear some of you slap your wives, I hear that some of you get real violent. I hear that some of the wives smack you back and get real violent too. That begins the undoing of the *process*. You don't want your wife to be afraid of you and you don't ever want to be afraid of her, because she watches you while you are sleeping. This fighting business has to stop and the only way you can put a stop to male and female abuse of each other is you have to play your role.

Brother, you cannot play your role without money. That is why the Lessons say, *"money, good homes, friendship..."* **Money**. A lazy brother can never be a good husband. Let's start right there. A lazy man who really doesn't want nothing does not need a wife. If you have no objective in life, no vision of where you want to go, you do not need a wife. Every man should know where he wants to go before he seeks someone to help him get there. Brothers, don't tell me you want to get married, then I ask you what your vision is, what you would like to accomplish in this life. *"Huh? What? What do you mean accomplish? I just want to get married."*

Where do you want to go? What do you want to do with your life, because in reality, when you seek a wife, she might have a competing desire. She might know where she wants to go and maybe you don't want to go there, or you know where you want to go, and she does not want to go there and will not sacrifice to help you get there. Then you need to start looking some more, because there is somebody out there, Brother, that will help you, if you know where you want to go. However, most of the time, the brother doesn't know where he wants to go but to the bedroom. And after you get there well then what? There is more to this, Brothers, that is what the F.O.I. (class) has



to begin to teach. The brothers have to have a vision of where they want to go personally in their lives and the sisters must know *"this is where I want to go. I want to be such and such,"* and she has to decide rather she wants to help you. She might say, *"I want to be a dentist."* Well, that's nice, but once you start making babies then you have another thought to consider: being a professional woman and a mother, which one will take priority?

Brothers, if to have money means you can maintain her, then the first thing you need as a man is a job (or a business). It's a mathematical formula:

$$\text{WORK} + \text{JOB} = \text{MONEY}$$

If you are not working on a regular job (or a business) and you have money, then the captains and the lieutenants have to ask you where you get your money. If you're not working and you have money, you are stealing. If you are (a legitimate businessman), selling products (or providing a service), that's work, that's righteous. If you are selling drugs, that's criminal. A criminal cannot maintain a woman who is the Second Self of Allah (God). *"Well look, man, I got a fine woman and I did sell drugs and she dug it 'cause I could bring the money home. You know what I'm saying."* That's because she didn't know herself. When a woman knows herself, she demands something better of her companion. When you know yourself and she knows herself, then you are her maintainer, and it is your duty, that Allah (God) gives you, to keep her up, first physically.

Look closely at *physical maintenance*. Sisters, if your husband doesn't have a lot of money – don't get a weave. That will tear up the poor budget because of all the arguments about

how you mess up money and don't have proper priorities. A priority is not a weave, it's not the fake nails. The priority is the basic things – hair done – wash it, blow dry it, put pink curlers in it, pull it with an iron, do something with it. If you don't have money, then don't spend what you don't have for what you really don't need!

Brother, say, *"Sweetheart, I don't have enough money for that. I want you to fix your hair but I cannot afford that,"* Sister, don't look at him funny; you know what he's bringing in and you must not misspend your husband's money. Bring your desires in line with his pocketbook. Now that may mean you can't desire too much of nothing. So while you're doing the dishes, you sing your song, *"I got plenty of nothing – nothing's plenty for me."*(smile). A little laughter is always good.

I am talking to the brothers now. Since your prerequisite in maintaining the woman physically is money, you can't buy papers and not sell them. That makes your wife totally upset, because there's her hair, there's her nails, there's her shoes, there's the baby's diapers. The papers are sitting in the corner with the Minister's picture on the front page and after a while she hates the paper – hates the Minister – hates the Nation – hates you. *"We was doing alright till you joined the Nation."* Come on now, you may look good to your lieutenant. But you aren't sleeping with him. We have to extract the principles. What I am suggesting to you, Believers, I know you are a good Muslim and you really want to be a good man; but a good Muslim has to be honest, hardworking and sincere. If you take 100 papers, sell 100 papers; then from selling, you earn a profit. (There's the weave – I'm on the weave – me and these Koreans, you know. I'm going to give them a community service award. The sister that didn't even smile before because her hair was too

short can laugh now.) Class should always be happy. I didn't come in a happy spirit, but class should be joyous as we learn. I am picking up faults that hinder your marriage. The weight is on the man for maintenance. I'll get to when a woman works in a minute. But Brother, you must take it as your job. If your wife has a job, that's an added blessing. And that's the way any man should consider it.

It is a blessing that your wife can bring money into the house. But really, that's your job and you should feel bad as a man that your wife works to help feed you and your children, if you are a man. You go to bed at night thinking, *"I got to do something about this."* You must find another way to work a little harder to get more money so you can be the physical maintainer of your wife.

Brothers, soon I am going to send investigators by your house to see how you live because you look good. But if I followed you home, what would I find? A cardboard box with a paper plate on it? Brothers, no woman that is self-respecting can be a good wife to you if she does not see progress in your making a home for her. If I could help to make men in the F.O.I. that are so strong mentally, spiritually and morally and physically, they will go out and make the money to be able to start in an apartment and tell me in a few years of being in the mosque, *"I put my wife in a home. I carpeted the floors, I gave her the modern conveniences but she's never satisfied."* She is not made to let you get comfortable on what you did yesterday. She really is the epitome of the lesson, *'What are you doing today for me baby? I want to hear from you at once.'*

Whatever you did yesterday, do it today and be prepared to do more tomorrow. She will be on your case because

maintenance is an everyday thing. How many times do you wash your face? You don't wait for a week, I hope. Maintenance is every day. Maintaining the wife is every day, every day, every day. Open the refrigerator, is there enough food? Everyday what is needed to keep the home? You don't have laundry detergent, you don't have scrubbing powder, you don't have mouthwash, and you ran out of toothpaste. Some of us think that our wives should be happy with nothing. And some of us believe that our wives will be happy with (just) something. They are not happy with nothing and they are not happy with (just) something, but you better keep on doing something. Sisters, if I make a mistake tell me.

The female is the Second Self of Allah (God) and she is created, as the Honorable Elijah Muhammad taught me, to try to equal herself up to God. The better you are the better she will try to be. The more you strive to do your duty to Allah (God) the more she will try to equal you in that function. I have been doing so many sit-ups my pants are falling off me. I am going to get these 'fat gut' brothers in shape. Maintenance means that you need to be able to see your knees and if you have not seen your knees in a long time, you need an uplift. Sometime that (stomach) is sagging so low you need a jack! (smile). *Physical*. You understand physical, now you need money. So F.O.I. Brother Captain, in the restructuring of the F.O.I. we have to teach and train every man to be one who knows how to make money – to be more of a provider and maintainer for his family. That is making a man.

Are you with me brothers? Don't you want to know more about how to make more money if you don't have a job? There must be those in the F.O.I. that teach us sales techniques so that we can become a master. The more you master selling --you

can sell anything and make a living – the more money you make. The more money you make, you can make a good home and friendship in all walk of life. Getting to the home part – we just talking about roles now. *Maintaining*. Go home tonight, get a dictionary and if you have a *Roget's Thesaurus*, Men, look up the word *maintenance*. And all that goes with it, study it, because that is your duty.

Physical now – you are a *protector* – you fight for her, you let no harm come to her. You give your life for her life. You cannot be her protector if you don't have the will to fight or the skill to fight. I'm talking about physical (maintenance) now. Every man has to be a fighter. *"Make all men and boys join the F.O.I. and make them brave fighters. Willing at any time to give their lives for Allah's sake and righteousness."* Maintenance.

In the word *provider* is the word *provide*. In the word *beneficent* is '*bene*', meaning *well and good doing*. That is your nature, Brothers; Allah (God) always feels good giving. All Allah (God) expects is gratitude. A man always feels good when he can give the woman he loves something. *"Here, baby."* His heart almost bursts when he can go and pick a dandelion. And Sister, you had better know how to smile when he tries to do something nice. *"Is that all you could do?"* Sister, you have a fight on your hands if you talk like that. If the man brings a rose home, even if you are in a bad mood, make him to know you appreciate his effort at a small thing and next time he'll make it bigger. But Brother, when was the last time you did bring a rose home? When was the last time you gave your wife something that she didn't expect? The man is a giver of gifts.

Brother, I know she wants that big house, that big car, but you better get some big money. Tell her, “we don’t have the money now, but be patient.” Remember Sisters, Allah (God) gives to us more than anybody gives. Allah (God) gives and all he expects from us is prayer and gratitude. What does God expect from his woman? *“Hey baby, I brought you into existence you know what I’m saying. You like your body I give it to you. I formed it for you. You like it. Yeah, I did that.”* Little it is that you give thanks. Ingratitude makes Allah (God) displeased with us. Everything we have, Brothers, Allah (God) gave it to us. So we should be grateful to Him. Sisters, when your husband does something nice for you, be grateful, don’t just say, *“Oh, thanks,”* and your mouth is all curled up funny. Make over what he does and he will do more, because he really wants – if he is any kind of man or husband at all – he really wants to please you. You don’t know how it makes a man feel so good when he knows he has pleased the one he loves. When he is not trying and doesn’t want to please you, trouble is in the house. Brothers, understand the physical, but there is more to a woman than the physical.

Let’s deal with *spiritual*. Who is she? She is the Second Self of God. What kind of conversations are you all having? What do you talk about? At breakfast – what kind of conversations do you have after prayer? Do you read the *Holy Qur’an* together and discuss Revelation? Let me tell you something about Truth and Knowledge and Revelation.

Your conversation with each other, what level is it on? “You know I was at class yesterday and that sister I’m telling you, she just made me sick.” “Well honey, my lieutenant – I don’t know – I was gonna shoot him last night. I’m sitting down trying to listen to the Minister and he tap me on my shoulder

with an ugly look in his ugly face. Telling me about come to the back.” The level of your conversation sets the spirit of the Home. You have a house – we would like to create a Home. You see, home can only be a home when Allah (God) is the ruler of that home. You may be telling the truth of your woes and naturally as husband and wife you talk about your woes to each other. But that conversation level is down here. And when you are gossiping and slandering people, which you do –your conversation is low down. The energy in the house is as low as the conversation. Pick the conversation up. I may be telling the truth, but that is not necessarily good home conversation. I may be talking about either *Bible* or *Holy Qur’an*; that’s higher, isn’t it? But the highest conversation is when you talk about what Allah (God) revealed to The Honorable Elijah Muhammad. That’s Revelation because it was not in the world before. The level of electrical energy in those words is higher than reading The *Qur’an* or reading The *Bible* or discussing that. When you discuss what the Honorable Elijah Muhammad said, that Master Fard Muhammad revealed to him, then your conversation is at the highest level and the energy keeps your light on in your face because Allah (God’s) Revelations inspire you. It is Life. Brothers, If you really want to get down the road as a maintainer, you must know what Allah (God) said to Muhammad. Do you discuss it? If you don’t discuss the Teachings, then the bond that binds you spiritually is not there.

From Prayer comes discussion of Revelations in your conversation which leads to the spiritual maintenance of the woman of God. She is Allah’s (God’s) woman, Brother. You can’t just talk to her about anything – sometimes you just may get one of those cheap conversations going, which we all do. True –you all don’t want to admit that. Those cheap conversations go on more than anything else and probably that

is why you don't have the spirit in your marriage relationship with each other. You start losing the spirit. Do you know how you got in touch with each other? You know when you start falling in love it's a certain conversation. If you're a real Muslim what's going to attract you? The fact that she's the one, a real Muslim. You are talking about The Honorable Elijah Muhammad – you are talking about the Word – you are talking about what God did and what the purpose is and what the Nation is about and you say, *"That girl is something. She likes what I like."* Everything is good now. Then all of sudden, after you get married, the conversation is not at that level any more. *"Hey baby, you sure looking good."* That's conversation too, and it's real and it's not bad to be there sometimes. She likes that level sometimes, but don't stay there. That is Allah's (God's) woman and she loves Allah (God). The more you and I reflect Allah (God), the more she falls in love with us. Allah (God) is stern but Allah (God) is kind. Allah (God) is just. Allah (God) is no fool, He is Super Wise. Allah (God) is Knower of subtleties and women are full of subtleties.

Brothers, you can't be a fool and maintain a woman on the spiritual and mental level. On the mental level, it is *empirical* knowledge. If you don't read the newspaper or study what is going on in the world, it is your knowledge of Revelation that gives you insight into the news – *"Say baby, did you see this – this thing today"* – *"Hey, look they had a bomb at the Olympics."* *"You see TWA 800 went down over 60 people saw a missile going toward it. Now they aren't talking about that anymore. Now they are saying they don't know what happened. The black box didn't give them nothing. All of a sudden now, Clinton is talking about Iran and Libya and terrorism. What's that about?"* You know the Teachings and you can begin to compare notes and before you know it, the level of your conversation is intellectual. It is stimulating



because a woman that is talking to babies all day long wants to break out of baby talk and she wants to sit down with her husband and talk on another level.

Brothers, you have to be readers. You have to be knowledgeable of what is going on in the world on a daily basis. You must be insightful and you must engage your wife in conversation that reflects the mental prowess you are trying to develop and you will be surprised what she will add to that conversation from her insight. Don't think that women don't have insight into these things. Listen to (and read the writings of) Mother Tynnetta Muhammad; she has insight into the things that are going on in the world. But you won't know unless you engage her in that kind of conversation, because she is not going to talk on a cheap level. That to me is the example of her husband, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. He was the Master of the Teachings of Master Fard Muhammad and he attracted her with those Teachings and with the understanding of the *Holy Qur'an*. When you marry a man of that kind of knowledge, you should be constantly trying to extract from him what he knows about Allah (God).

Every man who is a god, a lesser god, should try to know as much as he can about Allah (God), so that the conversations in your homes can be based on Allah (God) and what He reveals and what His Will is, since you both are Muslims and your duty is to submit to do His Will. Is it making sense? So Brothers, now it is physical, spiritual and mental. ***Moral maintenance*** is based on the moral law. The upkeep of the female in the moral sense. As men, we should strive to live up to the moral law and bring things around us up to the moral law. And when we

lapse, the mate should help the person to come back to the moral law. Upkeep, maintenance on all levels that is the duty and role of the man.

Now brothers, if you were to rate yourself:

A as excellent –

B as good –

C as fair –

D as poor –

F as a failure –

How would you rate yourself in the upkeep and maintenance of your wife on all these levels? Don't tell me your grades, because I know you will give yourself an A. But honesty demands that you ask your wife. Ask her when you get home. You'd better not ask her here, because there might be a fight. I'm serious. If your grade is not an A – - there are not too many A's in the room. In fact, there may be none. Who's an A in the room? You can't judge me, you are not my wife. You have to ask Sister Farrakhan what my grade is. I am not going to tell you what I think it is. I do my best, but I have room for improvement. If I lied to myself and lied to you like I'm excellent in everything – Brother, you don't need liars in front of you – you've had enough of that. My wife would have to grade me, I cannot grade myself.

Sister, you have to be a fair wife, because you can't grade him on desires. You can't grade him as a failure simply because he did not give you a good home and you knew good and well he did not have "good home money" when you married him. Some of you are not even qualified to grade your husbands because you really don't have a yardstick; I just gave you the

yard stick. Now be fair. If he is trying and he hasn't done as well as you would like, then give him a C- or a D. If he deserves an F, then flunk him. If you fail Brother, you are heading for divorce and any teacher will tell you, *"work hard next semester and you could pull it up by the final exam."* Brothers and Sisters, you don't want divorce, you want your marriage to work. And it will not work, Brothers, if we don't pull up to the standard. Are you listening? This standard is good even if you are 90 years old. If you have a woman, she still needs maintenance. So much for the man.

## The Role Of The Wife

When you have a man that is struggling to make money to physically, spiritually, mentally, and morally maintain you, there is a proper response to that man. What is your nature, Sister? The *Holy Qur'an* teaches that the woman is created as the **consoler** of the man. When your baby is upset and crying what does a mother do? She goes to the baby and she does something to console the baby. Comfort the baby. A woman is a comfort and a consoler to the man. If the man is hard working and is giving you what it takes to maintain you, then his demand from you is for that which consoles him. Now you are the consoler. Do you know what consoles a man? Let's start on the physical level.

How did he fall in love with you? As an "*Aunt Jemima-looking*" woman? He didn't fall in love with you looking like a wreck. So what consoles his eye is when he comes home, he sees you. And you should know when he is coming home, so you can get yourself ready to receive him at the door. You didn't hear me! You're hiding in the bed somewhere sleep. You hear the key come in the door you don't give a damn. "*Ahhhh, that n - 's home.*" That's if he comes in at a decent hour. Sometimes, Brothers, you come home late-late-late, but there should be a time to come home to sit with your wife and your children at the dinner table. Don't stay out all day and all night and then come home. She is tired and you are tired and you expect everything to be rosy. But when he comes home, Sister, look how pretty you all look tonight.

I'll bet he hasn't seen you looking like this in a long time. I'm only kidding. But you all look so radiant, so beautiful, that is what made the man fall in love with you, Girl.

Be pretty for him. If he's a good husband, be pretty. Fix yourself up. You would do it if you were going for some other man. Well, do it for the man that's maintaining you. You did it to get him, now do it to keep him. Because, there are too many pretty women out there who don't have a husband either and they are sure looking at yours, wondering why he stays with you. You know that's right sisters.

Sisters, when you know a man is married, don't you make any effort to be in the man's face and present yourself before your sister's husband in a way that you want your sister's husband to be attracted to you. Your motive will condemn you with Allah (God). Do you hear me?

Now. You know he's coming home and the way you look is a consolation to him. It's nice to hear your husband say, "*Baby you sure look good.*" How long has it been? "*Baby, you sure smell good.*" How long has it been? You remember how you used to wear perfume? Did you put on perfume when you were going out to court him? Yes, you did. You made sure you had a little something here a little something behind the ear. Powdered yourself down all pretty and nice you know. Now, there's no powder in the house. She can't find the perfume bottle. That's funny, but that's your role when he comes home. The house is what he sees – he walks in the door – he goes in the kitchen – dishes – he goes in the bedroom, the bed isn't made. He goes in the bathroom, jewelry all on the counter. Everybody's rings in there. Place smelling funky when he hits the door. You're ugly. The house is ugly. "*What the hell is going on?*" "*You don't know*

*what it's like! I been in here with your crazy children all day long. And I'm just sick and tired of this.*" Now the attitude: the spirit in the house is gone. He goes in the kitchen – *"Where's the dinner? I didn't have time to cook. Here – this is all I got. Here's some mashed potatoes. I popped this in the oven. Baby, come on and eat."* He says *"Ahhh, damn! Alright, I'm leaving."* He leaves home and goes to Subway and gets a 12 foot sandwich and comes back home. Now he's mad, you're mad --- time to go to bed now.

Sometimes conversation starts – ill motivated – you use each other for pleasure but you don't serve each other. You make a prostitute out of her and you become a pimp. She's angling for something that she deserves and using sex as the way to get it. *"Honey, remember those shoes we saw?"* What is that? That is no way to have a righteous communion. You don't use sex to get what you (already) deserve just by that man being your husband. And Sisters, if the man is a good husband, you don't punish him by depriving him of yourself. *"I'll show him."* Just remember, Susie's down the street. And what they don't get at home....they may not be out selling papers. You know there is a lot of adultery, there is a lot of fornication and there is a lot of game-playing and hypocrisy and it's going to stop. You all have to learn how to make each other happier than you are doing!

We have to do this if we want our marriages to work. You are his consoler. When he comes home and he's in that work and he's bothered, what do you do for him? He really doesn't want to hear griping. You must learn to pick the proper time. The minute he gets in the door, *"your children are driving me crazy. Beat the hell out of them, I don't care."* When the man comes in, if he has been out working with us, he's been catching hell! When he gets in the door, that's his home. That is his place where he gets refueled to go back out there again. So your job,

Sisters, is to physically look the part and to keep your home up to *par*. Then have a conversation for him that gives him peace and quiet of mind. That's your job. That is your role, Sister.

The physical level is one thing, but on the spiritual level that is something else. What do you say to your husband from the Words of Allah (God) that console his mind? How can you say anything from the Word of Allah (God) and you don't even pick it up? You don't know anything about the *Holy Qur'an*. You never read the *Bible*, yet you're a Muslim. How can you be a Muslim and you don't know the Book – don't even read it – don't make time in the day to read a few words of what Allah (God) says? So when that man comes in and he's beat down, can you bring a Word to him from his God that would rest his mind?

Sister, can you say to your husband, after he has been out there wrestling with our savage people, "Sweetheart how do you feel?" "I don't feel too good, baby, I had a bad day" "I understand. Well come on now, honey, I've got the children all together, they're about to go to bed. Why don't you just take a hot bath and I'll rub you down." Some of you don't even know what your husband's legs feel like. Take care of your husbands – if the man is working, put a little bubble bath in there. The man will feel like a king. He is thinking to himself, "Damn, I'm gonna work harder tomorrow! The woman keep this up, I ain't never gonna leave home! Don't make him so he'll stay – make him so he'll get up in the morning and go again. It sounds funny, but it's a simple thing. You run the water, it's appealing. Its stuff you put in the water to make his skin feel good, that's appealing. That's the man that's working for you. That's the man maintaining you. That's the man that's getting you your weave. If he's doing his job, he demands from his nature that

you do yours!

Do you know how relaxing that is for your loving hands to rub his neck and the stress out of it? You aren't above that. You all ought to be in the class learning massage therapy. You ought to be learning reflexology – you ought to be learning the pressure points on his feet. *"Ahhh, look, I ain't no slave."* Shut up. If a man is going to work like that for you, what are you talking about?

Sometimes, we know how to serve the white woman. Talk to me, Brothers. Don't talk too loud. If you are married to Heather, you will work for Heather, but you won't work for Suzie Mae. And Sisters, if you have a white man, you say, *"he knows how to treat me."* So if a Black man is going to do this for you, then you must learn how to treat him. How to care for your husband. If he's being a husband, then you care for him. Then he won't have a reason to look at somebody else – he is anxious to get back to the home that you have provided. Does that make sense?

On the physical level – you must look at his mind – from you he's supposed to get peace and quiet of mind. You are supposed to rest the poor man's head. How do you do that Sisters, with no knowledge? He's got problems. When he comes home, he starts talking about it or maybe he doesn't want to talk about it – because some of the things we deal with, we don't want to talk about it with our wives. I know what I deal with – I don't talk to my wife about it. You notice Sister Farrakhan, she is just as sweet and pleasant all the time. Because if anybody gives me a problem I don't go home and say, *"you know, Sister Farrakhan, Brother so and so did it again."* That is my concern; I handle that – I don't bring that home to



my wife and I never brought it home to my children!

The problem with many of you is you discuss your dislikes in your homes with each other and with your children and you make your children hate grownups and become disrespectful of grownups, because you don't know how to keep your mouth closed. If my wife is going to be my consoler, I can't burden her with what is my load to carry. Carry your load man. Don't be no *punktified* man with your wife carrying your load. Allah (God) helps a man carry his load. If you have a problem, take it to Allah (God). Don't go home and tell your wife – she can't go to the cracker downtown and whip him for you.

How many of you have seen *The Godfather*? In *The Godfather Part I*, there is a line during dinner, “*Don't discuss the family business at the table.*” There is table conversation and there are other kinds of conversation. In the Muslim home, Muslim men discuss the work of the Resurrection. The resurrection in intimate details. They do not make table conversation.

As a young Minister, I handled cases that were just mind boggling, but I never came home and told my wife – “*Honey, I had a case today. Let me tell you about Sister so and so.*” Why am I going to mess up my wife's head with that? I carried my weight – you carry yours. There are things that you can discuss with your family and those are things that she can help you with. But she should always have a word for you from the Book of Allah (God) and the more the woman gets into the Book, the more she can help you handle what the problem is.

But you just want to empty out on her. Dump on her because she doesn't know what to come back with. Well, that's

a waste of time. A man, in my judgment – and I learned this from The Honorable Elijah Muhammad. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad had problems. I have never been in his presence where he sat me down to discuss his problems. *“Brother Farrakhan, it’s rough, I’m telling you”*. If it was rough – it wasn’t my business, because he’s deserving of Allah (God). He goes to Allah (God). God helps him to handle the roughness of his job and God will help you handle yours. What you discuss in your home should relate to your home. That’s difficult – you should relate to the things in the world – like I said about the conversation the news. But the intimate problems of your work that she doesn’t know anything about and cannot help you solve. If you’re an architect what are you going to do? Come home and tell her about your drafting. She can’t get on the board and help you. Why bother her? *“Honey, I was up under the car today fixing the carburetor and oil fell out it got all in my face.”* That’s not conversation – that’s your job.

Sister, when he comes home – if you tell him all that the baby did – you’re ‘bugging’ him. Because that’s *your* job. He didn’t come home to hear that. He can see – after you start telling him what this one did and that one did he’s getting angry about it and you see him gritting his teeth. If he loves you, he doesn’t want the children messing with you and before you know it, he’s angry because he’s already angry with what he’s been dealing with. He comes in, you fired him up, now he smacks the hell out of the children. Then you say, *“no don’t, you’ll kill them, you’ll kill them!”* You set him off and then you try to stop him.

Sisters, those are problems that you can handle. Tell your husband how you handled them. Then he can say, *“Well sweetheart, I would have done it this way or that way but at least you*

*did something.*" Some of you don't want to discipline the children; you are waiting for him to come home. He came home half crazy. You don't want him beating your children in that state of mind. *You* get the strap – *you* work their behinds over, because when I come home, I don't play. All my children will tell you, when I come home I do not play. I didn't come in here to hear *nothing* but *As-Salaam-Alaikum*.

Don't get me started whipping their behinds and now you want to stop me. Get out of here. Now that's when I assert who I am in that house and I damn sure am the boss. No question about that. You are in my house and you had better know how far to push me. My wife always understood what the limits were. And you better understand what the limits are, because any man that you push beyond a certain point he will break your neck. Sisters, you don't ever want to get a man to that point when you see him getting crazy. Stop your foolishness and shut your mouth and get in another room and cool that thing out until there's sanity there. Did you hear me?! Now the faces getting a funny look on them. You were happy before.

Brothers, I have been married to my wife for 43 years and since I have been a Muslim I have never put my hand on my wife. I do not like a man that smacks his wife around. I don't like you, brother, and if I hear that you did it, Dammit, if I could, I would throw your behind over the moon. I don't like that. If you have to beat her, then get the hell out of the marriage! No man beats any woman in Islam. To the Brother Captains: do not allow a brother to whip his wife and you don't throw his behind in the street. *"Well, I just got carried away and I slapped her."* Well, you got carried away 90 days and if you do it again, the next time its 6 months. *"Well, she argued with me."* That's what she's got a mouth for and when you can't take it

anymore, walk away. But you do not beat your wife. There is too much of that crap going on and if you want me to hate you, just let me know that you're smacking her around. Don't come smiling in my face talking about "*As-Salaam-Alaikum Brother Minister.*" Why in the hell don't you beat some of these devils out there? I can't stand any man that's going to be a macho man to his little wife and be a punk on the job. That is not Islam. I am not telling you that I would not have hit my wife. I would have broken her neck if she had pushed me past that line. And she knew not to go there because I would have gone there. And there is not a man in this room that won't go there if you push him, so don't push him. Now I am being real. I don't know any way to be false.

So it wasn't just that I did not hit her in 43 years, she did not allow that, because she knew how far to go before I went off. Is there any man in here that won't go off? Raise your hand because I want to meet Jesus.

Sisters, I want to say something: when the brother is out there in that world he is stressed and I am telling you brothers – lieutenants – captains – ministers – when brothers come to the Mosque, this is their house of refuge. They don't come here to take crap and you're not here to give them that. You're a doctor, you're a healer. You don't talk to these brothers like some animals, they are the people of Allah (God). Just because you are in authority, you don't do that to a man, because in today's world a man will not tolerate that. Don't give any man what you don't want yourself. Some of these men in here, if they weren't Muslims you wouldn't talk to them like that, because they would kill you on the outside. Sister Captains, do you hear me, it's the same with the women. These women have a lot of stress on them and they are catching hell in the world, so when

they come to the Mosque this should be a place of peace where they can find some love.

## Accepting Responsibility For Our Roles

Now you know your role, Brothers. The question is, do you want to play the part? Sisters, you have your role: it's a supporting cast role, but they give out Oscars for the best supporting actress. Do you want to play your role? Brothers, sometimes we don't make enough money and our wives work. That puts a whole different twist on things when the woman is working. She comes home she's tired, she's been at work for 8 hours – you work 8 hours, but her work is never done. Children are in day care, in school, she comes home and she has to go get the children. When she gets the children she has to bring them home and when she gets them home they start to argue and fuss. She has to get the house ready because you're coming home. Get some food done. That's a lot of stress. You can't expect from a working woman what you expect from a woman that's in that house all day long. Don't come home like you are the inspector with a white glove on. *"Aha – here's some dust."* You get a rag and dust. If she's working she's doing part of your job. When she comes home and you come home, she ought to expect some help. *"Let me help you with the children while you get the dinner. Josie get in there and do your homework and shut up all that racket."*

There is nothing wrong with putting on an apron. You're not a faggot. You're helping your wife. You got on an apron, you go in the kitchen. *"What can I do to help you baby? I'll cut the potatoes."* You can't do it good, but you sit down with your feet all propped up in front of the TV and she just finished 8 hours. Now you come home and expect her to clean the room, do everything and then serve you. Well, by the time she finishes cooking and while she's cooking, she's hot. *"He's in there sitting*

*in front of the TV and I'm doing all of this."* The food is not going to taste right. It's not seasoned right, because she's in the kitchen, angry. You don't *ever* want to eat an angry woman's cooking, Brother. It does not digest well, it will mess you up. You want that woman happy when she's cooking food. Cooking food is like making a baby. She will mess your baby up based on the way you treat her. Baby comes here looking like the *Wreck of the Hespers*. You're wheeling the baby down the street and the women will say "oh, so cute, give it a banana!" You made a gorilla. When that woman is pregnant you'd better take good care of her. That's showing that you care for her. That's showing that you care. When you know the strain she's under don't put her under more. If you've got a little time, help the woman. Don't worry about what the brothers say. Some stupid brother comes to the house, "*Man you in an apron? I'ma tell all the brothers at the F.O.I. how this woman done punk you.*" Somebody like that, man, you tell him, "*don't come back to my house.*" Certain brothers you don't need in your house and there are certain sisters you don't need in your house. Sister doesn't have a husband and has had three and she's your wife's best friend and you wonder why your marriage is going crazy. I don't know why you pick friends like that. A woman has been married three times, divorced three times in one year and she's your best friend and your marriage is on the rocks - and you can't see that you let Yacub in your house!

I think I have given lesson number one. Now I am going to go home and practice. The teacher, while he's teaching, he's teaching himself. I try to be a good example, to the best of my ability, but I can do a lot of improving because I don't think I have A plus. I may have a B, maybe. I hope better. Maybe an A minus. But I know it has to be better than C. I hope. But if I were

to grade my wife: Straight A's. Yes, Sister Farrakhan is a straight A. She gets an A for protecting me from myself. I love the truth. I just love truth and I love to tell the truth on myself. The truth frees you to face yourself. I'm saying that you don't know me. You haven't lived with me. But I'm a piece of work and sometimes, Brothers, I really could kill and sometimes to keep from killing, I cuss. I shouldn't do it. It's wrong. But if I didn't cuss there might be n-s dead all over the place because of the stuff that they put on me, when I do nothing but good for them. It really angers me to the point where I have to be restrained, because I have a position of honor, respect, love and trust of the people. If I were to talk about the things that people do to me, you all would kill them. So I keep that to myself and suffer.

Right now, the Minister is in labor. Every mother in here knows what labor is like. Nobody can help you. Yes it's nice to have your husband there when you are in labor. You love him, it's nice. He put it there, he should be there, but he can't do anything. He gives you a little cracked ice and you chew it. Take a cold rag and rub your head. But rubbing your head does not stop that pain. Then the pain gets so great that sometimes she just wants to die to get out of the pain. The man doesn't know this. He cannot feel this. All he can do is be there and watch.

Brothers, every one of these sisters that have brought you children have died for you and the least you could do is stand by them. Every time an argument comes up, you want to run. Some of you haven't been married two years, three years and you're ready for a divorce. What is wrong with you? If it was easy, everybody would have made it. Marriage is difficult and



if you don't want to struggle, then leave the woman alone. If you don't want to struggle, leave the man alone. Marriage is difficult.

## Conclusion

My purpose today was to teach you the roles. Get you to look at your role, Brother. Get you to look at your role, Sister and see how far off you are from being who you are. My wife could be in pain, but if she hears me sneeze she wants to know is there something she can do. She gets an A plus. She gave me nine children and I don't even know how to braid hair. I used to watch her take all the girls every morning and braid their hair. I'm sitting in my office reading my *Holy Qur'an*. I was doing my work and she was doing her work. But I watched her do it and not complain. Did you hear me? When my pay was \$35.00 a week, my wife never complained. I bought used furniture because I did not want no Cracker coming to my door or telling me what I owed him. Muhammad was making me a man and I wasn't going to let nobody make me a punk by putting me in debt and then making me bow down. When I had debt and they came telling me they were going to take my car. I said, *"you come and I'll blow your so and so off this property"*. They never showed up at my house. *You will not profit from my misfortune. I'll burn the car in the driveway but you won't take it.* I told them that and told them, *come up on my property and see what I'll do.* They never came. I said *I'm no thief and I'm no robber. I'm not running nowhere. I will pay you but I'm in difficult circumstances.* Be a man, don't be no damn punk! Be a man and it takes a woman to help you.

My wife helped me. I wanted to be a Minister, she didn't tell me, *"I want you to be a movie star."* You want to be a Minister. I want to be a Minister like you. I will help you. My children never heard me argue with my wife. They never heard me call her any low down names and I'm telling you, Brother, don't

you call any Muslim woman a *bitch*. Don't you call a Lost-found woman that! You need to take the Million Man March pledge yourself. The pledge wasn't just for the Lost-found, it was for you Lost-found. Don't you cuss your wife like you are dealing with some sailor in the streets? Calling her all these dirty, low down, nasty, funky names and getting angry when she tries to live up to those names. You call her a *bitch* and then she wants to live up to it and then what are you going to say? "*I'm getting a divorce.*" What were you doing marrying a *bitch*, if you weren't a *dog* yourself? Don't use that language with your wives.

Sister, don't you stand up toe to toe cussing your husband – like some cheap sailor in the street. Somebody has to take the low sometime. And when I would rail, my wife would take the low. She was smart. She would play the supporting role by just being quiet. Let the fool blow. I huffed and puffed and I couldn't blow nothing down. Later, she would come around and say "*now such and such and so and so.*" And more than likely she was right and I was wrong. And that is why my children never heard any arguments, because there weren't any. They never heard me cuss their mother because it didn't happen. I'm no perfect man, but I damn near got a perfect wife and I wish all of you could be as lucky as I to have a woman like Sister Farrakhan. She is an unusual jewel and you all should appreciate her in your midst. She doesn't give anybody trouble. She is sweet all the time. When I see Allah (God), I will ask Him, "*How do you grade her?*" He'll probably tell me A plus. That's a good, good woman.

I will tell you this Brothers and Sisters, she helped me not to get time out. There were times when I was crazy and she would say "*I'm not gonna let that fool go there.*" So I never had to go before the captain and take ninety days. Help your husband not

go there – when you see him stressed, don't give him words – somebody take the low – you see it in music, the trumpet got the solo. You are just playing the little accompanying role. Just keep the beat, you know what I mean. Your turn will come when he calms down. But when he is up in heat, don't argue. If he's up the decibels are way up on the ceiling, then you try to match it and you are up in the ceiling, too. Imagine what effect this is having on the children. They are looking back and forth like it's a tennis match. Children are frightened, insecure, hurt to see you all going at each other like that and they lose respect for both of you. They can't say it just yet, but they remember these things, like you remember your parents. Do you hear me? Do you really hear me?

Since I don't talk to my wife about all my problems, she watches me. I remember once, you didn't know this maybe – this cancer thing – they had me taking some hormones and they were female hormones; I know what you go through Sisters – I would be sweating like a woman in that time period. Just sweat falling off and your mood is one way up here and the next minute down there – man and I blew up one day and my wife just looked at me she said – “*You tripping man.*” Just as calm. I went out the room and I was tripping now and I got it together and came back. The Minister, oh yeah this is *real*, marriage is a struggle. It was not meant to be easy. So at the first sign of trouble, Sisters and Brothers, don't run from each other, run to each other.

I would like to close by giving you a picture. Since we are meant to be together, male and female, if you look at sperm and you look at ovum, they are meant to be together, but Allah (God) didn't make it easy for them to unite. First, as you heard me say, He puts the sperm in a hostile environment. Then he

makes the environment competitive with a billion others, then the sperm has to swim upstream, against gravity to get to the egg. When it gets to the egg there's an explosion and the first cell of life has begun. There is no joy in life greater than the joy of human companionship in the spirit of God. There is no material thing that can give you the happiness that God has put in each of our natures to give to each other. It is time that we stop giving each other hell and start preparing heaven for each other. It's difficult, it will try you. But marriage is a struggle for life, for love, and for the Spirit of Allah (God). Once you have found that union a whole new vista opens. You know the song at Easter that the Christians sing, *'the strife is over, the battle done, the victory of life is won. All Glory to that risen sun. Hallelujah.'* Praise be to Allah.

You and I are struggling to come up from a grave and the strife is over when you find that perfect union. The strife is over the battle is done, the victory of life is won, because you have found union, harmony, peace, love and life. The two of you together can plan for anything you want and your unity with Allah (God) will make everything you want come to pass. Your disunity sentences your home and your family to death.

Dear married couples, or those who are in the process of becoming married, those who have said your vows and have gone stale in your relationship: I am asking you now, let's try again. When you leave here tonight, say, *"Come on baby, we got to talk"*. Just get into each other. I am telling you something Sister; that husband – you may be dissatisfied with him, but all you need in life to make you happy is right in that man. But that man has got to come to Allah (God). Brothers, you have got to come to Allah. Come to Allah and let Allah get in you so that you can say, like the scripture, *"Greater is He that is in me, than*

*he that is in the world"* and the more Allah (God) that is in you, your wife is just going to love you, man.

Sister Farrakhan just loves her husband. She just loves him; that woman loves me. Let me tell you something, I love that woman – you know what is written of me in the book and that's very difficult for me – very difficult for her, but it is written. I am fulfilling what is written as a trial, not just for me and those with me, but it is a trial for you, because that is what sunk the Nation of Islam before, but will it die again?

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad loved his wife, Mother Clara Muhammad. She was the woman that he met in Georgia; she was like (Mother) Khadijah. She helped him all the way through, but there came a time when Allah (God) ordered him to do even what he himself did not want to do. From his mouth he told me, "*Allah forced me*". I did not understand that. I think I understand now. *Forced* him. Today, you look at Sister Tynnetta Muhammad. The Mother of the Faithful. The wife of The Honorable Elijah Muhammad and the mother of Minister Ishmael, Minister Rasul, Brother Ahmed and Sister Madea – the Honorable Elijah Muhammad's children. Emotionally, it doesn't bother us now. But if you were around when Mother Clara Muhammad was alive, emotionally that would tear you up, because you knew Mother Clara Muhammad was a dedicated woman. If you were looking from Mother Clara Muhammad's side, you would say "*she didn't deserve that,*" but Allah (God) is not looking on the emotional level. Allah (God) had a plan for the Nation's survival and part of that plan is Ishmael and part of that plan is Rasul and part of that plan is Ahmed and part of that plan is Tynnetta. Allah (God) is seeing for the Nation way into the future. There are times in my labor

that death is a blessing; because to labor with us, and a bunch of envious and jealous hearted people, is very, very difficult.

I brought my wife a Rolls Royce. She hardly drives it, but I don't care. That's the best that the devil makes and I give her the best that I can afford to give her, thanks to you. (The automobile) it's a thing. The real thing that she wants is more of me and she can't have that, because I am born for you and the salvation of our people. So my wife has had to live and share me with ten's and thousands and now with millions of people. She has to live seeing women in love with me. Not just as a spiritual teacher, but desirous of me and yet she walks with dignity. And she never disturbs your love of me. She is not a nasty acting person and she knows you love me and you have every right to love me. She understands. What a wonderful woman. Help me to make her happy by embracing her and helping her through the difficulty of her role that she is playing.

My children. You are not to judge my children. You don't know what my children have been through. If you see them acting a little strange, leave it alone. Because they had to live with me as I grew to be who I am. You don't understand that. But if you have children, you understand. Just as you are struggling with yourself, you struggle with your children. I'm struggling with mine. I have a son that's battling drugs. One time he's clean the next time he's dirty. You know all about this. It's in everybody's family, but the boy is a great child with a tremendous mind. I just have to try and keep on trying to get him right.

When you see my grandchildren. They are not all right. Well, you don't have to live in my shadow; my children have to live in a shadow of a man. But they are brilliant enough to

cast their own shadow. And sooner or later, they will cast their own. But right now it's difficult to be my child, because the world expects a lot from the children of a man who is great. Do you understand?

Look at Billy Graham – there was a big article in *Time Magazine* about how his son went totally out. Went away from his father and now he is the heir to his father's work because he finally decided. "*I gotta come home.*" Look at Rev. Schuller, he had a son that went away. Look at Oral Roberts, he had a son that went away. They don't want to live in the shadow of a father. They are great, but they want to cast their own shadows so sometime they go totally contrary and rebellious to everything they've been taught. You don't get involved in that, they are on their journey and you are on yours. The best thing you can do to help me is to pray for me and to pray for my children as I always pray for you and I always pray for our children, because your children are my children and my children are your children; therefore, prayer is all we can do. When there are things that we can't handle lift it up in prayer to Allah and then leave it. I have left my son to Allah. Allah has him and Allah will fix it. If it is to be fixed. When you have my children and my grandchildren around you on a job, be careful how you handle them. Well, you say "*they ain't nothing special.*" I don't know about that. You're special, they're special. Be careful if you *dog* them because they belong to me and you may not be able to get to me. But you want to take it out on my children. Be careful. Allah (God) has got something for you. Some of them you know can really fight. They will hurt you. But they love, so they take a lot. But I see grown men break up and cry because of the way they are handled and the hurt they feel. You don't want to make grown men cry. You don't want to make grown women cry.



The Messenger got on me for making people cry with a song that I sang “Look at my chains. He called me to his house and he said “Brother Farrakhan one day I went out preaching and my subject was the prodigal son, when I finished there wasn’t a dry eye in the place. And when I came back home Master Fard was there and he said how did you do Karriem?” The Messenger was called Karriem at that time. He said he did well and the others that were around said he did well, “Saviour, there wasn’t a dry eye in the place.” And a stern look came over His face and He looked at Elijah Muhammad and said “Brother don’t you make my people cry.” He came to wipe away all their tears. Then He repeated it. “Don’t you make my people cry.”

You notice how much of a happy teacher I am. That should tell you lieutenants, captains, sister captains, leaders. Don’t put on these people who are the people of God, that which makes them cry. Lift the burden, lift the burden. When they come to the Mosque that is your duty, just lift the burden. That is what you are in a position of authority for. Lift the burden off of the people. Lift it – lift it – lift it. See how happy, laughing I was, talking some heavy stuff in here tonight. I was all up in your video and had the introduction and the end. You say, How *did the Minister know*? There were very, very difficult parts to this, but I did it in a way that lifted your spirits. And I never made you think that I was talking down at you, because I put myself right in the video with you. And in the end, I exalted my wife above myself – to show you what a wonderful mate Allah (God) blessed me with. If you would follow me and take my example. When the people know I’m coming out, see how they come. What do they come for? They know I am going to tell us something. I hope you got something from the lecture tonight, I hope it inspired you.

Brother, you love me and you want to help me. Don't make the Believer cry. Lift the tears – wipe the tears from the Believer's eyes. Listen, the paper comes out once a week – that's heavy. The brothers used to have two weeks to do it. Now they have to do it in one week. They need more inspiration, not less. More maintenance, more sustenance, not less. And if you inspire them to do it in four days and take three; and say "*here's three for us, four for God.*"

Go home and be with your family. Try to be with your family a little every day. Don't neglect your wife and your children. Try to spend a little time with them, but if you can't, set aside a day. A family day. And say, "*on this day, nothing is going to interfere with me and my family.*" Take your wife, take your children, go to the park, do something together. Laugh and talk and run and jump have a good time. And then come back and say, "*one day for the family and one day for me. I'm going to the gym and work out.*"

Sister, do something, but four and three - four days try and work, and get all your papers out, then three days for yourself and recreation. The family. If you do this, you keep the Believer from being burnt out. Don't you think people get burned out? They can't keep this pace seven days straight. Year after year, day after day. Be compassionate -- not weak – compassionate. Have mercy on the believers and they will love you as they love me. See how you all do with me; you know how nice you treat me. "*There's the Minister oooooo. Hi Minister*" – You run up to the car your faces are so lit up; it makes me feel so nice. But inasmuch as you haven't done it unto the least Believer, how can I believe you are sincere when you do it for me?

Practice this kindness and this love and this embracing and this goodness that you reserve for me; no, no, no - you practice it now with each other.

Dear husband and wife, when you leave here tonight, let me see you walking holding hands again. You don't even know that her hand is rough because you haven't held them in so long. Hold that hand, come on girl, and go on out here and make up your mind. "*We are going to do this thing right.*"

You've each got your role. Now you have got to go to rehearsal. The Director is calling the rehearsal. Starting tonight, we are rehearsing for the big show and it doesn't always start off right – you know what I mean. You mess up your lines a little bit and you haven't got your chemistry right. But you have to keep on coming to rehearsal. And after a while, you start gelling and it starts getting so easy. When you see the plays downtown –they practice and they got it together – the thing just gels. You know what I mean. You see them dancing together – if you saw the gymnasts and how they worked in the Olympics and the beautiful, synchronized dancing in the water. The people had to work to achieve that. I want you synchronizing like that. Where you know your teammates. Did you see the sisters playing basketball? Did they know each other? You can see the way they pass the ball, the way they work together. That is the way we want to see you with your mate. And watch what I tell you. Brother, you don't even know what's in that woman you married that is of good for you. There is gold in there. You have to know how to mine. Be careful how you use the dynamite. You could close the mine. Watch yourself with it.

Does anyone have a question? But if you don't have any questions, that's good. It means I touched all the bases. Now do you have a question? No questions. Well that's class number one. We will have class number two. We have our roles, now we have to put them together and make a home. Next time: making a home. May Allah Bless you. I certainly enjoyed being in your company. I love you, Muslims. And I thank Allah for each one of you. And I pray for you and I want you to pray for each other.

I want you to promise me, Brothers, that you will not beat your wives. I want you to promise me that you will not call your wives out of the divine names that Allah (God) has given them. Practice now. It doesn't mean you aren't going to get angry again. Don't do it. Can I get a promise? Brothers – will the brothers stand. Will you pledge that you will not strike your wife? Will you pledge that you will not abuse her with foul names? Is that a promise? Will you keep it? If it be the Will of Allah. And it *is* His will. Will you submit to do His Will? Will you work hard to get more money? So you can take care of her. Physically, spiritually, mentally, morally. You will. You have the theory, are you ready to practice? You may be seated.

Stand up Sisters. Sisters, thank you. Will you encourage your husband to be a good maintainer and provider? Will you encourage him in prayer and in duty to Allah? You will? – Then when he does it, will you be his consoler? Brothers, we are in for a good time. And if you do this, when he acts a fool, as we do sometime., will you carefully and wisely – when he's loud, like he's talking to some F.O.I. or something – will you let him blow his top and then later come back when the thing is calm and state your case? Will you do that, Sisters? Will you keep from arguing, which destroys your spirit and makes you

dissatisfied with each other? You must stop arguing. Will you do that? Very good. You may be seated.

Now we have something going here. I may come back in two weeks or three weeks. I want to give you time to practice. I will be practicing, too. I am not perfect yet, I'm going to work on it, though. When I come back, if you've been practicing, I'll be able to see it right in your faces. There will be a glow. I can see it in the way you sit. I can see who is married to who. You have beautiful wives, Brothers and you have good husbands, Sisters. We are going to make them better.

Now, Brother Captain of the F.O.I. and Sister Captain of the M.G.T., we have a big job in front of us to re-structure the F.O.I. and make it so that every male member who joins the F.O.I. will be in the process of becoming the good man, the good husband, the good father, the good provider for his family. We must do this.

Sisters, Lesson *Number One, Question Number 14 and Answer* is critical to the development of a home. Our next subject will be Making a Home. Inshallah, I will see you then, when we put the two in their roles together and show them how to struggle together to become as one.

Thank you so much...

As-Salaam Alaikum!



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