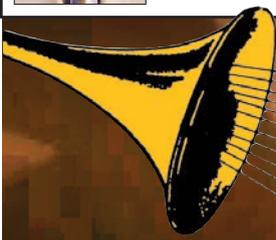


DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR: NOT A 'DREAMER', BUT A MAN Evolving Toward a Common Goal For His People

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The last days *of* DR. KING

Why the drum major for justice was targeted, rejected and denied in the final months of his life as he refused to ignore America's violence around the world. Why isn't this story of the civil rights leader taught? *—See story page 3*



Muslim mayor, city council victory adds to historic Islamic legacy

by Andrea Muhammad

HAMTRAMCK, Mich.—Michigan reached a milestone as the first state in the country to have several Muslim mayors voted into office. Hamtramck, sister cities Dearborn and Dearborn Heights along with Benton Harbor elected and re-elected Muslim mayors. But in Hamtramck incredible history was made with the election of what is believed to be the first all-Muslim city council and mayor in American history.

Hamtramck is an incorporated enclave that is surrounded mainly by Detroit. Dr. Amer Ghalib, who is of Yemeni descent, was elected as Hamtramck's first Muslim mayor alongside an all-Islamic city council. The political leaders were sworn in during Jan. 2 ceremonies in the city. The three new city council members are Adam Albarmaki, Amanda Jaczkowski, who converted to Islam, and Khalil Refai. Dr. Amer Ghalib, who is of Yemeni descent, was elected mayor. Photos: Andrea Muhammad

Much of the power in the city lies with Kathleen Angerer, Hamtramck's city manager, who welcomed the newly elected officials during the ceremony.

The 2.1 square mile enclave was incorporated by Polish immigrants in 1922 and has long been recognized as a thriving center of Polish culture.

In 1930, the Nation of Islam was founded in Detroit by Master Wallace Fard Muhammad, the Great Mahdi of the Muslims and the long-awaited Messiah of the Christians. He came to North America from Saudi Arabia by himself.

Hamtramck has relevance in the Nation of Islam's history.

During "The Great Migration,"



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Hamtramck's first Muslim mayor and all-Muslim city council was sworn in during Jan. 2 ceremonies in the city. Residents came out to enjoy and witness the historic day. The enclave is believed to be the first city in the U.S. to have an elected a government composed only of Muslims. Photos: Andrea Muhammad

millions of Black people made an exodus from Jim Crow-era southern states to northern cities in search of better living conditions.

The Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad, who was taught and entrusted with the Nation by Master Fard Muhammad, and wife Clara moved

their family from Macon, Ga., to Detroit in 1923.

They joined the Nation of Islam after attending a meeting and meeting Master Fard Muhammad in 1931. In 1932, their family moved to 3059 Yeaman Street in Hamtramck. Later, they received a post card from Master Fard Muhammad informing them he paid their first month's rent.

Hamtramck's demographics have been transformed by a trifecta of factors, including an aging Polish population, White flight and immigration from Muslim countries like Yemen, Iraq, Lebanon, Pakistan and Bangladesh.

According to the city's website and 2020 Census data, Hamtramck's population grew to 28,433 or an increase of 26.8 percent over the 2010

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'AN ENEMY OF THE STATE'

Thousands of Peace Demonstrators Gather
 NEW YORK (AP) — Thousands upon thousands of peace demonstrators were on the move east to coast Friday, on the eve of a mammoth protest against the Vietnam war — a massing of humanity intended through its sheer dimensions to influence the course of American history.
 NEW YORK'S Mayor John V. Lindsay expressed concern and urged antiwar demonstrators to conduct themselves "peacefully and responsibly."
 Five thousand American sail-

EDITORIALS
Dr. King's Tragic Doctrine
 The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King has thrown the full weight of his influence and prestige into the struggle in Vietnam. In the harshest terms yet, the Nobel Peace Prize winner has charged utterances.
 While we are reluctant to draw inferences between a rights leader and an elected official, we must take into consideration the switch in the

U.S. Is Greatest Purveyor of Violence, Dr. King Says
 NEW YORK (AP) — Dr. King's message was to a crowd gathered for a rally in New York City. He said the U.S. is the greatest purveyor of violence in the world today. He said the U.S. is the greatest purveyor of violence in the world today. He said the U.S. is the greatest purveyor of violence in the world today.
School Use Is Denied
 NEW YORK (AP) — The United Negro College Fund has denied a request by the U.S. Army to use the fund's resources to help pay for the education of Black men who were killed in Vietnam.



Civil rights leader Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. delivers a speech to a crowd of approximately 7,000 people on May 17, 1967 at UC Berkeley's Sproul Plaza in Berkeley, California. Photo: Michael Ochs Archives/Getty Images

While celebrations of a holiday in his honor focus on a dream, Martin Luther King was condemned, but fearless in his last days

by Anisah Muhammad | Contributing Writer | @MuhammadAnisah

August 28, 1963, a man had a dream. By the time he had come to the end of his life, he had been to the mountaintop. But between the dream and the mountaintop, he would evolve, and he would see the ugliness of humanity rear its head.

During the last year of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life, he was harassed, ostracized and denied by his own people, by major newspapers and by the U.S. government. His stand against militarism, economic issues and injustice all over the world cost him his life.

But he "would rather be dead than be afraid" was one of the last statements he uttered before walking out on the balcony of his Lorraine Motel room in Memphis, where he was killed, according to talk show host Tavis Smiley, who authored the book "Death of a King: The real story of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s final year."

"He was climbing up the rough side of the mountain at the end of his life, and everybody knows that last speech he gave where he says, 'I may not get there with you' and 'we will get to the promised land.' And people look at that one speech and say, 'Yeah, Dr. King knew that night that he wasn't going to make it,'" Mr. Smiley told The Final Call. "Well, it wasn't just that one night. Dr. King knew

that many, many nights prior to that, because a year prior to that he had given this speech and all hell had broken loose."

April 4, 1967, at the Riverside Church in New York City, on the very day he would die one year later, Dr. King delivered one of the most pivotal speeches of his life, "Beyond Vietnam—A Time to Break Silence."

During the speech, he linked the war on Vietnam to poverty in the U.S. and to the struggle of Black people. He called it a "cruel manipulation of the poor," as young Black men who were already crippled by American society were being sent to kill and die. He spoke out against America's meddling in the affairs of Vietnam, condemned America for destroying and corrupting the people and called upon the madness to cease.

"This business of burning human beings with napalm, of filling our nation's homes with orphans and widows, of injecting poisonous drugs of hate into the veins of peoples normally humane, of sending men home from dark and bloody battlefields physically handicapped and psychologically deranged, cannot be reconciled with wisdom, justice, and love. A nation that continues year after year

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Dr. Martin Luther King delivers one of the most pivotal speeches, "Beyond Vietnam—A Time to Break Silence," April 4, 1967.



Sidney Poitier: A life of art and activism

by Nisa Islam Muhammad
and Tariqah Muhammad

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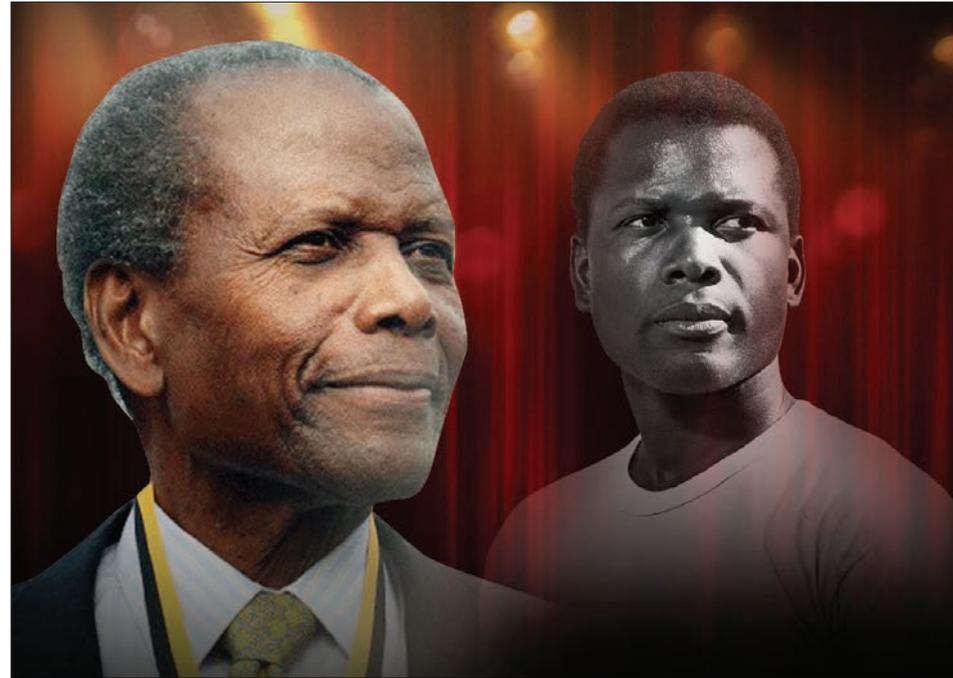
Raisin in the Sun," "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner," "Porgy and Bess," and "To Sir With Love."

"Sidney Poitier was an intelligent, dignified, Black man. On the surface where Black people are pictured as thieves, or buffoons, he really stood up for us. He provided an image of someone who was intelligent, thoughtful, strong, someone that people could look up to," Luci Murphy, a Washington, D.C., artist and activist told The Final Call.

Chicago filmmaker Mark Harris said Mr. Poitier's integrity on-screen was an inspiration to Black men in general. "To me as a filmmaker, I remember "Lilies of the Field" as a young man watching it. That's one of the movies that really touched me," he told The Final Call.

"What I enjoyed most about him was the fact that the movies that he partnered with Bill Cosby to make, those movies inspired me. He inspired me as a Black man in general." In the mid-1970s Mr. Poitier and Mr. Cosby starred in three blaxploitation crime comedies, "Uptown Saturday Night," "Let's Do It Again" and "A Piece of the Action," all of which were directed by Mr. Poitier.

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Sidney Poitier Photos: MGN Online

Ahmaud Arbery killers get life in prison



Ahmaud Arbery with his mother, Wanda Cooper



Photos: MGN Online

BRUNSWICK, Ga.—Three White men convicted of murder for chasing and killing Ahmaud Arbery were sentenced to life in prison, with a judge denying any chance of parole for the father and son who armed themselves and initiated the deadly pursuit of the 25-year-old Black man.

Superior Court Judge Timothy Walmsley said Mr. Arbery left his home for a jog and ended up running for his life for five minutes as the men chased him until they finally cornered him. The judge paused for a minute of silence to help drive home a sense of what that time must have felt like for Arbery, whose killing became part of a larger national reckoning on racial injustice.

"When I thought about this, I thought from a lot of different angles. I kept coming back to the terror that must have been in the mind of the young man running through Satilla Shores," he said at the Jan. 7 sentencing, mentioning the neighborhood where Ahmaud Arbery was killed.

Greg and Travis McMichael grabbed guns and jumped in a pickup truck to chase Arbery after spotting him running in their neighborhood outside the port city of Brunswick on Feb. 23, 2020. Their neighbor, William "Roddie" Bryan, joined the

pursuit in his own truck and recorded cellphone video of Travis McMichael firing close-range shotgun blasts into Mr. Arbery.

"Ahmaud Arbery was then hunted down and shot, and he was killed because individuals here in this courtroom took the law into their own hands," the judge said. Judge Walmsley ordered the McMichaels to serve life without parole and granted Mr. Bryan a chance to earn parole after serving at least 30 years in prison.

A few dozen supporters cheered Mr. Arbery's family as they exited onto the courthouse steps.

"Today your son has made history, because we have people who are being held accountable for lynching a Black man in America!" said Benjamin Crump, a civil attorney representing the family.

Murder carries a mandatory sentence of life in prison under Georgia law unless prosecutors seek the death penalty, which they opted against in this case. During the sentencing hearing, Mr. Arbery's family had asked the judge to show no lenience in deciding whether to grant an eventual chance at parole. (AP)

Division continues as country reflects on Jan. 6 insurrection



Donald Trump

President Joe Biden laid the blame for the Jan. 6 insurrection and attack on the U.S. Capitol squarely at the feet of one man, his predecessor Donald Trump. One year after the attack, the country is still divided. For the most part, Republican lawmakers were silent again one year later as Democrats hit news shows reflecting on the horrible events from that day.

"You can't pretend. This is serious stuff. You've got to face it. That's what great nations do," stated President Biden on the anniversary of the insurrection. He blasted the former president stating Mr. Trump created and "spread a web of lies about the 2020 election."

"This wasn't a group of tourists. This is an armed insurrection," Mr. Biden stated in a speech delivered from Statuary Hall in the U.S. Capitol.

"They weren't looking to uphold the will of the people. They were looking to deny the will of the people. They were looking to uphold—they weren't looking to hold a free and fair election.

They were looking to overturn one. They weren't looking to save the cause of America. They were looking to subvert the Constitution. This isn't about being bogged down in the past. This is about making sure the past isn't buried," he stated.

Insurrectionists sought to overthrow their government and stop the transfer of power from outgoing President Trump and Vice President Mike Pence to Mr. Biden and then Vice President Elect Kamala Harris. The angry mostly White mob

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Disasters, Destruction and Divine Judgment



Virginia State Police recover vehicles during dangerous driving conditions in snowy weather on January 6. Photos: MGN Online



Interstate 95 closed from snowstorm in Virginia.

by **Shawntell Muhammad**
Contributing Writer

The latest winter storms slamming the Mid-Atlantic, East Coast and parts of the South had local and state officials and residents in various parts of the country once again scrambling amid ongoing destructive weather patterns and natural disasters. Cancelled airline flights, traffic pileups and accidents, school cancellations and power outages followed these latest rounds of early January 2022 storms also forcing various states to issue emergency declarations.

Last year the U.S. endured multiple severe weather events, several weather records, including rainfall amounts, snow accumulation and high and low temperatures were broken, and this year has weather experts, global warming activists climatologists asking, is more on the horizon?

This unprecedented weather ravaging America comes in the wake of the direct warnings from the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan. For over 40 years absent his teacher the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad, the Minister has been putting the American government on notice that Allah (God) will use the forces of nature as a weapon of mass destruction against America for her abuse and mistreatment of Black

and Indigenous people and continued evil and wrongdoing.

“The plagues of God’s Judgment are on America. The White man is worried about terrorists, but no one terrorizes like God,” Min. Farrakhan warned in a Twitter post in 2017.

A large snowstorm brought significant accumulation to Nashville, Tennessee, on Jan. 6 marking the snowiest day in years and causing treacherous traveling conditions in that state and Kentucky reported AccuWeather. The quick accumulation made it harder for crews to keep up with clearing the roads and a tractor-trailer jackknifed on Interstate 40, causing the westbound lanes to be closed in the area. The wreck occurred just outside Jackson, Tennessee, and was the first of many crashes throughout the day. In Kentucky, up to 100 vehicles were involved in a pile up on Interstate 64 near Mount Sterling, according to accuweather.com. Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear deployed the National Guard to help state police with accidents on the roads and he declared a state of emergency following the storm’s dangerous impacts on the state. Snowfall in Lexington also set a new daily record.

Bringing in the new year, on January 3, the biggest snowstorm for the mid-Atlantic since 2019 dumped more than a foot of snow in portions of Mary-

land, Delaware, and southern New Jersey, leaving motorists stranded on a 50 mile stretch of Interstate 95 in the Virginia area for more than 24 hours, and halting an Amtrak passenger train for more than 30 hours.

Motorists became stuck partly due to multiple disabled trucks blocking the way in snowy and icy conditions, transportation officials stated.

While temperatures dropped into the teens during the night, drivers turned their engines on for a time to heat up and turned them off to conserve fuel. Other drivers shared food and other supplies with one another.

“Heavy snow was falling but salt trucks and plows could not get onto the highway to clear the snow. The region got heavy snow much faster than anticipated,” Marcie Parker, a Virginia Department of Transportation engineer (VDOT), told News 4, an NBC Washington, D.C., affiliate.

“We knew snow was going to be coming down around an inch to an inch and a half an hour, which is excessive, but it came down even faster at times, and we got more snow than anticipated,” she added.

The storm left more than 400,000 customers without power in the mid-Atlantic and Southeast areas. In New Jersey, where Governor Phil Murphy declared a state of emergency in five

southern counties, he called the storm the most significant snow event in four years.

Accumulating snow fell across portions of northern Alabama, north Georgia, much of Tennessee, and as far south as the Florida Panhandle. Snowfall impacted northeast Wisconsin, on Jan. 5 including winds that topped 30 miles per hour.

Christina Muhammad is coordinator for the 10,000 Fearless First Responders in Austin, Texas. “I coordinate when there’s a disaster that takes place, gather logistics. I determine how many people we’re going to need, what type of equipment is needed, what supplies are needed,” she said. The group has assisted on several weather and disaster-related situations around the country.

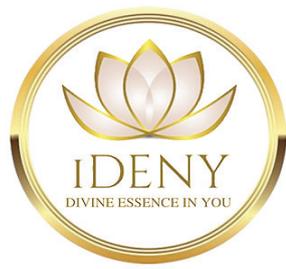
“We have to get serious about our survival and stop thinking that someone is coming to save you. Everyone is going to be busy saving themselves and their families,” she told The Final Call.

“The intensity of the storms is going to get worse. We constantly have to prepare on a bigger scale. There’s so much going on, the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan has already told us this was going to happen. We have to get out and teach our people as far as what to store in our homes and cars. All of this that

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Movement aims to inspire, uplift women, girls around the world

by **Shawntell Muhammad**
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the hope of what we would like it to be and with prayer and constant thought on the Creator without whose power we could not make it—not a day, not a minute, not an hour.”

Self-love and chastity were discussed by panelists. Sister Ameerah Muhammad stated that we are taught that love is duty. She quoted Min. Farrakhan stating, “You cannot separate self from Allah (God) because the self and Allah (God) are One. To know self is to know Allah (God) because Allah (God) is the Creator of the self and the self that He gave you in His image is Himself.”

The question was asked: What is self-love and what are the consequences if a woman or girl does not possess it? Sister Annura Muhammad provided an insightful answer: “When you don’t properly love yourself, there are literally direct and indirect consequences. You seek to find love anywhere that you can, even if it’s demeaning.”

Sister Madinah Muhammad chimed in with words of wisdom. “When you do not love yourself, you tend to have negative experiences of allowing people, whoever they may be, to treat you any kind of way because of lack of confidence,” she said.

Sister A’ishah Muhammad thanked Student National MGT Captain Naeemah Muhammad and the iDeny Team for inviting her to the virtual discussion, which attracted thousands of participants. “Regardless of your age,

whether you’re young teen or older woman, this is where you need to be this morning. The benefits of self-love is freedom, justice, equality. But we don’t always know really what that means for us as an individual. Freedom to grow and be what Allah intended,” she explained.

During the program a new addition to iDeny called MGT Studios—a virtual MGT class for the world (available in various languages)—made its debut with “Let’s Get it Clean,” a video series focused on thoroughly and correctly cleaning, disinfecting and sanitizing your home bathroom. Additional videos based on the Seven Training Units of the MGT Class will be forthcoming.

For more information, visit Facebook and YouTube @iDENY, Twitter @IDenyDeny and IG @divineessenceinyou. Also, visit www.l-gic.com and linktr.ee/DivineEssenceInYou.

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The Nation of Islam’s Muslim Girls Training and General Civilization Class (MGT and GCC) started 2022 with a very special class, introducing iDeny to women throughout the world with the theme, “New Year, Better Me,” via Zoom and YouTube.

The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan expressed his desire for the MGT Vanguard (women and girls ages 15-35) to continue using social media as a tool to encourage, uplift, and empower women and girls in the way of righteousness, purity, dignity, self-respect, self-love, and high civilization.

From the desire of the M.G.T. Vanguard to hear and obey the call of Min. Farrakhan, iDeny—Divine Essence In You—was born. “iDeny is an organization dedicated to inspiring women, showcasing modesty, promoting chastity, and empowering you to rise into the god that you have the potential to be,” the group’s mission statement states in part. “As a woman, you deserve respect, love, and are worthy of respect and love. You are valuable. You are a god,” the statement continues.

The core iDeny team includes Sister Nyah Muhammad and Sister Madinah Muhammad, both of Chicago; Sabbath Muhammad of College Park, Ga.; Ameerah Muhammad of Waxahachie, Texas and Annura Muhammad of Milwaukee. Sister Kim Muhammad of North Carolina provided sign language interpreting, and Sister A’ishah Muhammad, Student National Auditing Supervisor and National MGT Captain Emeritus, was the featured guest.

The Jan. 1 program included a clip from a message by Min. Farrakhan giving guidance on a new year being a time of reflection. “When we are blessed to make it through the year, we should spend the last day of the year in reflection over what was and over

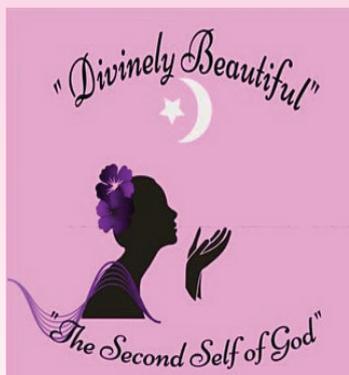
Join Divinely Beautiful women’s health conference on Jan. 22

Health At Its Best Wellness is inviting beautiful women of God to share in a day of inspiration, education and encouragement on how to care for oneself, and prevent burn-out and premature aging. The virtual program will focus on elevation of the woman as God intends, as “A Nation Can Rise No Higher Than Its Woman.”

The Divinely Beautiful: The Second Self of God Women’s Health Conference will be held virtually on Saturday, Jan. 22 from 1:00-5:00 p.m.

We have wonderful presenters on the conference agenda who are committed to sharing their

knowledge and experience of Nation-building, as they are mothers and wives, who work in and out of the home, stated organizers. Presenters include: Sister Dr. Patrice Muhammad, Sister A’ishah Muhammad, Sister Lazette Muhammad, Sister Dr. Kim Muhammad and Sister Azziza Muhammad. The program will provide an opportunity for participants to study themselves and begin working toward the path that Allah (God) desires for them, explained Dr. Patrice Muhammad, one of the organizers. “As



sisters we’ve been through a lot of struggles along with our brothers, but we just need to look in the mirror a little bit and kind of clean it up and it’s coming from a place of love,” she said. The event is open to all women.

Conference highlights will include:

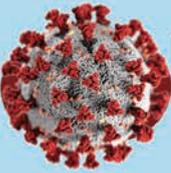
- The Oneness of God and His Unique Connection to the Female;
- How to Reverse and Prevent

Premature Aging;

- Keys to Weighing Properly;
- Simple Ways of Relaxation to Enhance Your Greatest Potential;
- Love Yourself: The Significance of Self-Esteem;
- Self-Defense Strategies to Counter an Attack;
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"So, don't take the vaccines. There are 14 therapies that are in the world today that we can use to fight against the Covid virus".

-The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan

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"Come, unite with Allah and me. Go to your own. You won't have to go anywhere if you only will unite with your own. Heaven awaits you wherever you may be."

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad, The Fall of America

Dr. Safiyya Shabazz asked the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan a critical question via Twitter in 2013: *"Why did [The Honorable Elijah Muhammad] want a hospital if the medical system as we know it will be destroyed? Are doctors useful in the Hereafter?"*

Minister Farrakhan responded: *"The Hon. Elijah Muhammad said to me: 'This practice today of medicine is not a practice of 'healing', it's a practice of drugs.' ... We are indeed, a very sick people. And the hospital, with our own doctors practicing the Art of Healing ... using all of the methods that are useful in that process, both from the East & the West—would make us wonderful practitioners. However, the Honorable Elijah said: 'In The Hereafter, we will not need hospitals, insane asylums.' Or anything of the kind! Because all our disease starts with rebellion against God, eating the wrong foods, and thinking the wrong thoughts." #Ask Farrakhan*

Recent conversations with Nation of Islam physicians Dr. Safiyya Shabazz and Dr. Darnita Muhammad, shed light on and bear witness to the Divine Wisdom expressed by Minister Farrakhan in the above response. Dr. Darnita Muhammad has successfully treated over 1,000 COVID-19 patients. She says she does not understand why a hospital would send someone home to get sicker instead of treating them when they come to the hospital to be treated. Doctors who work in hospitals no longer have control of how their patients are treated. "Hospitals make more money giving certain medications for certain illnesses ... They don't want you there for just two days and you get better. Hospitals have an algorithm (set of instructions that must be followed). They

now function on an algorithm. So, when you come into a hospital, the doctor doesn't decide 'You have to take this medicine, it's good and maybe we'll tweak this.' No, they are told exactly what treatments to give; I know (this is done) for COVID and I expect for everything." She explained that in the past doctors "were able to cater therapies to the patients. It's not one size fits all, like they're doing Vaccines and Remdesivir. Medicine doesn't work like that. Medicine is just as much an art as it is a science." But now the physicians have to operate under the dictates of "the rules and regulations of the hospital; the algorithms that are set and they are becoming more stringent. Most hospitals are on the same algorithm and protocol. It's deep ... They are all pushing people towards the vaccine as the only solution to COVID-19."

Dr. Darnita Muhammad's statements bear witness to what Minister Farrakhan repeated from the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad: "This practice today of medicine is not a practice of 'healing', it's a practice of drugs." Fortunately, in the Nation of Islam we have physicians who are not under the dictates of hospital algorithms, but are fulfilling their oath of healing their patients while "doing no harm."

Dr. Safiyya Shabazz operates an independent clinic in Philadelphia where she practices the "Art of Healing" employing useful methods from "both the East & the West." Since opening Fountain Medical Associates in 2010, she has been exploring different ways of delivering medical services to her patients. She is always striving to balance what she was taught in medical school at the University of Pennsylvania and what she has learned from her independent studies to incorporate more holistic approaches to serve patients' needs. She had considered telemedicine as a system of health delivery. Then, the COVID-19 "pandemic," with the big lockdowns from March to June of 2020, forced her to deal with her patients remotely. This gave her an opportunity to explore treating her patients at their homes using the latest medical and communication technologies. She requires her patients to have a few diagnostic medical tools in their homes, so that she can get some basic vital signs in real time to go along with



Min. Louis Farrakhan

"The Hon. Elijah Muhammad said to me: 'This practice today of medicine is not a practice of 'healing', it's a practice of drugs.' ... We are indeed, a very sick people. And the hospital, with our own doctors practicing the Art of Healing ... using all of the methods that are useful in that process, both from the East & the West—would make us wonderful practitioners. However, the Honorable Elijah said: 'In The Hereafter, we will not need hospitals, insane asylums.' Or anything of the kind! Because all our disease starts with rebellion against God, eating the wrong foods, and thinking the wrong thoughts."

—The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan

the symptoms they describe and their past medical history. She considers her primary function is to provide cognitive medical understanding to her patients and then prescribe treatments tailored to their needs. Dr. Shabazz has successfully treated more than 500 COVID-19 patients using combinations of nutritional supplements and prescription medications, including Ivermectin. She emphasizes a change in lifestyle to reduce the co-morbidities associated with COVID-19 deaths.

We know that the vast majority of those who contract COVID do not die from COVID. However, those with preconditions like heart disease, high blood pressure, obesity and diabetes experience the worst outcomes. These conditions can be controlled or eliminated by changing lifestyles and diet. Dr. Shabazz uses research from western science to persuade some resistant patients to practice fasting; because she has experienced a sad situation where some of our people are willing listen to White scientists rather than the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad's God-given instructions of "How to Eat to Live". Ironically, it is His Teachings that are the source for these western scientists' recent acknowledgement of the benefits of fasting.

The major goal of both of these brilliant,

dedicated physicians is to heal their patients without going to a hospital, where the doctors are not allowed to use their better judgement to treat patients, but are used as highly skilled slaves to a pharmaceutical drug dealing surgical cartel geared to make money and not heal patients. The idea that doctors are told not to treat patients but send them home to get worse is genocidal. The hospitals have become the killing fields to the poor and the financial blood-sucking IV to drain the insurance and savings of the middle class.

COVID-19 has exposed the weak, wicked underbelly of America's so-called healthcare system. Independent doctors and health practitioners are discovering and developing alternative methods to heal their patients outside of the large hospitals dominated by the pharmaceutical and insurance companies. Groups like America's Frontline Doctors, who bucked the hospital algorithms to properly service those struck by COVID-19, are NOW planning to set up a number of clinics across the country. The idea of telemedicine is now becoming an efficient way to treat patients at home and make hospitalization the very last resort.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad told Minister Farrakhan, **"In The Hereafter, we will not need hospitals, insane asylums"**. We do not follow a spook religion and we know there is a process we must take to reach the ultimate goal of living in a new reality. We are in a terrible condition due to our disobedience to God and the machinations of

an evil Enemy whose time to rule is up. A new style of old-fashioned doctors who love to be doctors and love to **heal** patients can take the best of the East and West, as the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad has told us, matched with modern technology, and be that "bridge over troubled waters" to get us on the other side of this biological warfare hell called COVID-19.



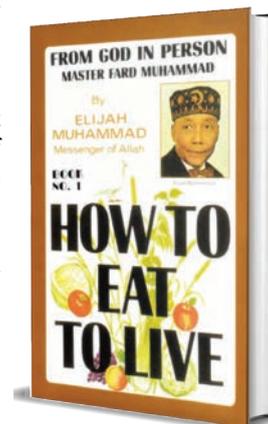
The Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad



Dr. Safiyya Shabazz
Photo: Final Call Archives



Dr. Darnita Muhammad





IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON IVERMECTIN

—There was an overwhelming response to the July 20th article on Ivermectin, a safe, inexpensive medicine which has proven extremely effective in treating Covid-19. It can only be given by prescription. In response to numerous requests for information on how to obtain Ivermectin, we are providing the website which gives a nationwide list of physicians who will prescribe it. Go to: covid19criticalcare.com

Anthony Fauci: A One Man Disaster for Black America

by Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., *Children's Health Defense*

(Editor's note: In 1962, The Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad made a most damning statement in reference to the White man: "He's poisoned everything that comes to us, and everything he lays his hands on. You're reading books of how he has destroyed and continues to destroy you. You have lots of books teaching you today. He's putting

them out himself of how he poisoned the Blackman in his food, water, and in his medicine. He's poisoned it." There is possibly no better example of such a book as the recently released "The Real Anthony Fauci" by attorney and health activist Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. The 450-page book is not just an indictment of the vaccine-mad satanist Anthony Fauci, but of the whole medical system and its murderous history against Blacks all over the earth. The article below is Part 3 of the INTRODUCTION to Robert F. Kennedy's bestselling book "The Real Anthony Fauci.")

With his narrow focus on the solution of mass vaccination, Dr. Fauci never mentioned any of the many other costs associated with his policy directives.

Anthony Fauci seems to have not considered that his unprecedented quarantine of the healthy would kill far more people than COVID, obliterate the global econ-



Dr. Anthony Fauci
Photo: MGN Online

omy, plunge millions into poverty and bankruptcy, and grievously wound constitutional democracy globally. We have no way of knowing how many people died from isolation, unemployment, deferred medical care, depression, mental illness, obesity, stress, overdoses, suicide, addiction, alcoholism, and the accidents that so often accompany despair. We cannot dismiss the accusations that his lockdowns proved more deadly than the contagion. A June 24, 2021 *BMJ* [British Medical Journal] study showed that US life expectancy decreased by 1.9 years during the quarantine. Since COVID mortali-



Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. Photo: Final Call Archives

ties were mainly among the elderly, and the average age of death from COVID in the UK was 82.4, which was above the average lifespan, the virus could not by itself cause the astonishing decline. As we shall see, Hispanic and Black Americans often shoulder the heaviest burden of Dr. Fauci's public health adventures. In this respect, his COVID-19 countermeasures proved no exception. Between 2018 and 2020, the average Hispanic American lost around 3.9 years in longevity, while the average lifespan of a Black American dropped by 3.25 years.

This dramatic culling was unique to America. Between 2018 and 2020, the 1.9 year decrease in average life expectancy at birth in the US was roughly 8.5 times the average decrease in 16 comparable countries, all of which were measured in months, not years.

"I naively thought the pandemic would not make a big difference in the gap because my thinking was that it's a global pandemic, so every country is going to take a hit," said Steven Woolf, Director Emeritus of the Center on Society and Health at Virginia Commonwealth University. "What I didn't anticipate was how badly the US would handle the pandemic. These are numbers we aren't at all used to seeing in this research; 0.1 years is something that normally gets attention in the field, so 3.9 years and 3.25 years and even 1.4 years is just horrible," Woolf continued. "We haven't had a decrease of that magnitude since World War II."

Cost of Quarantines—Deaths

As Dr. Fauci's policies took hold globally, 300 million humans fell into dire poverty, food insecurity, and starvation. "Globally, the impact of lockdowns on health programs, food production, and supply chains plunged millions of people into severe hunger and malnutrition," said Alex Gutentag in *Tablet Magazine*. According to the Associated Press (AP), during 2020, 10,000 children died each month due to virus-linked hunger from global lockdowns. In addition, 500,000 children per month experienced wasting and stunting from malnutrition—up 6.7 million from last year's total of 47 million—which can "permanently damage children physically and mentally, transforming individual tragedies into a generational catastrophe." In 2020, disruptions to health and nutrition services killed 228,000 children in South Asia. Deferred medical treatments for cancers, kidney failure, and diabetes killed hundreds of thousands of people and created epidemics of cardiovascular disease and undiagnosed cancer. Unemployment shock is expected to cause 890,000 additional deaths over the next 15 years.

The lockdown disintegrated vital food chains, dramatically increased rates of child abuse, suicide, addiction, alcoholism, obesity, mental illness, as well as debilitating developmental delays, isolation, depression, and severe educational deficits in young children. One-third of teens and young adults reported worsening mental health during the pandemic. According to an Ohio State University study, suicide rates among children rose 50 percent. An August 11, 2021 study by Brown University found that infants born during the quarantine were short, on average, 22 IQ points as measured by Baylor scale tests. Some 93,000 Americans died of overdoses in 2020—a 30 percent rise over 2019. "Overdoses from synthetic opioids increased by 38.4 percent, and 11 percent of US adults considered suicide in June 2020. Three million

children disappeared from public school systems, and ERs saw a 31 percent increase in adolescent mental health visits," according to Gutentag. Record numbers of young children failed to reach crucial developmental milestones. Millions of hospital and nursing home patients died alone without comfort or a final goodbye from their families. Dr. Fauci admitted that he never assessed the costs of desolation, poverty, unhealthy isolation, and depression fostered by his countermeasures. "I don't give advice about economic things," Dr. Fauci explained. "I don't give advice about anything other than public health," he continued, even though he was so clearly among those responsible for the economic and social costs.

Economic Destruction and Shifting Wealth Upward

During the COVID pandemic, Dr. Fauci served as ringmaster in the engineered demolition of America's economy. His lockdown predictably shattered the nation's once-booming economic engine, putting 58 million Americans out of work, and *permanently bankrupting small businesses, including 41 percent of Black-owned businesses, some of which took generations of investment to build.* The business closures contributed to a run-up in the national deficit—the interest payments alone will cost almost \$1 trillion annually. That ruinous debt will likely permanently bankrupt the New Deal programs—the social safety net that, since 1945, fortified, nurtured, and sustained America's envied middle-class. Government officials have already begun liquidating the almost 100-year legacies of the New Deal, New Frontier, the Great Society, and Obamacare to pay the accumulated lockdown debts. Will we find ourselves saying goodbye to school lunches, healthcare, WIC, Medicaid, Medicare, university scholarships, and other long standing assistance programs?

Next: Fauci's Friends: Enriching the Wealthy

VAERS COVID Adverse Event Reports

Reports from the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System. Our data reflects all VAERS data including the "nondomestic" reports.

1,016,999 Reports
Through December 31, 2021

21,382
DEATHS

113,303
HOSPITALIZATIONS

110,785
URGENT CARE

158,762
DOCTOR OFFICE VISITS

8,765
ANAPHYLAXIS

12,765
BELL'S Palsy

3,511
MISCARRIAGES

10,863
HEART ATTACKS

23,713
MYOCARDITIS/
PERICARDITIS

36,758
PERMANENTLY DISABLED

5,102
THROMBOCYTOPENIA/
LOW PLATELET

24,334
LIFE THREATENING

36,955
SEVERE ALLERGIC
REACTION

11,628
SHINGLES

Source: <https://www.openvaers.com/covid-data>

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“We have no right to trust white people on this vaccine.”
—The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan

Famous Brain Surgeon Ben Carson: Condemns Federal Vaccine Database

Pediatric neurosurgeon and oncologist Dr. Ben Carson has said that he is “very sad” to see plans advancing for a \$400 million federal vaccine database (“Immunization Infrastructure Modernization Act” (IIMA), or HR 550). “Recognize that governments have a tendency to grow, to infiltrate, and to control,” Carson said.

The bill, currently being considered by the U.S. Congress, will implement a major expansion of data

systems used by public health departments to collect information about Americans’ vaccination history and provide the foundation for “vaccine passports” to give control of every citizen to Bill Gates, Anthony Fauci, and the mad scientists of the pharmaceutical industry.

Carson, who worked for decades at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, said that Americans “have got to be smart enough to recognize these signs when we see them and to stop them, to nip them in the bud before it becomes too late.”

Dr. Carson also slammed the “pandemic policies” of the U.S. government: “One of the things that we should be talking about is other things that can be effective. We should be looking at other vaccines; we shouldn’t be satisfied with what we have now. We should be looking at therapeutics. We should be emphasizing those. We should be looking at areas of the world where COVID is not prevalent, like on the western coast of Africa, and [ask], why is it not prevalent there?...Well, for one thing, they take antimalarials, like hydroxychloroquine. We should be finding out, why is that going on? Is that just a coincidence?” he asked.

“Ivermectin, some of the other things that

have been extremely effective,” Carson said. “Let’s not have tunnel vision and say, just, everybody, get the vaccine, and stomp our feet and say, we’re going to do everything we can to make sure everybody gets a job.”

Carson previously said that children should not be getting COVID shots and called it a “giant experiment.” He then questioned why booster shots are necessary if the vaccine is supposedly so effective.

“And I guess the big question is, why do we keep needing boosters? First, it was going to be the one vaccine,” Dr. Carson said. “Then it was going to be two, and then it’s a vaccine and a booster. And, probably, we’re going to need another booster later.”

The Profits of a “Plandemic”

Larry Ellison’s company, Oracle, which partnered with the CIA to build new cloud services, won the contract to process all CDC vaccination data. Ellison’s wealth increased by \$34 billion in 2020; Mark Zuckerberg’s wealth grew by \$35 billion; Google’s Sergey Brin by \$41 billion; Jeff Bezos by \$86 billion; Bill Gates by \$22 billion and Michael Bloomberg by nearly \$7 billion.

Source: (Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., *The Real Anthony Fauci*)

Treat COVID at FIRST Sign of Infection

Dr. Joseph Mercola suggests the following: “Should you develop COVID symptoms, you simply MUST start treatment immediately. We now know early treatment is key for successful resolution of the infection. It could literally be the difference between life and death and I can’t stress that enough. It is far better to overtreat a cold like COVID than ignoring the symptoms and dismissing them.

“There are several early treatment protocols available, most of which focus on similar remedies. The Frontline COVID-19 Critical Care Alliance’s (FLCCCs) protocol is among the most comprehensive. You can find a listing of doctors who can prescribe necessary medicines on the FLCCC website (<https://covid19criticalcare.com/covid-19-protocols/i-mask-plus-protocol/>)”

Blacks Ditching Google and Facebook Once and for All

By censoring the voices that challenge mainstream information on crucial health topics like pharmaceutical drugs, vaccines, GMOs, pesticides, junk foods, artificial sweeteners and fake meat, Google and Facebook have seen a steady exodus of Black users.

They’re fed up with Google’s and Facebook’s manipulation of news and information under the guise of “keeping us safe.” But the vaccine-only madness of owners Mark Zuckerberg and Sergey Brin is for their profit—not our health. Black usage peaked in the months following protests over the killing of George Floyd, but Facebook’s reach with Black 18-to-24-year-olds dropped more than 36% over six months. A Black whistleblower said, “A lot of the downturn in Black usership has been because people are being banned or shadow banned or had their accounts suspended for talking about Black issues...”

Black users also complained that their posts were disproportionately taken down and that they were penalized for defending themselves against racism.

Advertisements for “Sick Negroes” for Medical Experimentation

SICK NEGROES WANTED.
HAVING received the agency of Dr. A. B. GEEGHE
PER. we are prepared to cure all cases of Scrofula,
Warts Swelling, Measles Disease or Negro Consumption,
Scurvy, Dyspepsia, Chronic Rheumatism, Gout,
Neuritis, Old Sores, Ulcers, and all Cutaneous or Skin
Diseases, all Kidney Affections, Female Irregularities

A liberal price will be given for Sick Negroes, and
not for advanced cases. Write to Dr. GEEGHE, N. B.

ent market for his medicines. A sweeping
population of the country, and sick negroes, every
body knows, are very poor property for their
recovery is a thing not to be spoken of. The
doctor, however, resolved upon trying the po-
tency of his skill, purchased, “at very reduced
prices,” all the sick negroes that he could ob-
tain. And now announced the day of war
between Death and the Doctor. Death came
down upon the patients with his train of rack-
ing head-aches, burning fevers and black vom-
its, upon which the undaunted Doctor opened
a tremendous fire of pills, powders, blisters,
glisters, &c. The conflict was long and stub-

NEGRO HOSPITAL.
THE undersigned have opened a HOSPITAL for the
treatment of Sick Negroes, laboring under modern
and ancient diseases. The best of the best of
Treatments will be paid to Negroes afflicted
with these cases. Experience Shows are provided.
The usual MEDICAL AND SURGICAL FEES will be
charged.

I Want to purchase SICK NEGROES, particu-
larly such as have been pronounced hopeless by their
physicians.

Dr. GLEIZE
RESPECTFULLY informs his friends and the public
in general, that he has opened an INFIRMARY,
for the cure of Sick Negroes, afflicted with Swelling, Nru-
dopia, Rheumatism, Gout, Scurvy, and all kinds of Cutane-
ous and Epithelial Disorders.

PROPOSITION.
We will purchase negroes who are afflicted with scrofula,
the scab, or other diseases of the skin, or all the
institutions at \$4 per head.

INFIRMARY, OR HOSPITAL FOR SICK NEGROES.

TO PLANTERS AND OTHERS.—We wish to
purchase Sick Negroes, afflicted with Scrofula, and
other diseases of the skin, or all the
institutions at \$4 per head. We will pay cash for
them, or give them credit for their services, or
send them to the hospital, or give them
any other assistance, should it be
approved, charitable, dyspepsia, &c. The highest
cash price will be paid on application as above.

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“As I live, my desire is to destroy the so-called medical profession, because it is not a profession of healing, it is a profession of drugs.”

—The Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad

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Media Lose Big For Their Vaccine Lies

Mainstream media continue to lose viewers and readers, who have abandoned these fear-mongering vaccine hucksters that are at the forefront of the satanic DePopulation Agenda. The AP reports the “dwindling popularity of news content.”

In 2021, weekday prime-time viewership dropped 38% at CNN, 34% at Fox News Channel and 25% at MSNBC, according to the Nielsen company.

The decline was less steep but still significant for broadcast television evening newscasts: 12% at ABC’s “World News Tonight,” a 14% viewership decline at NBC’s “Nightly News,” and the “CBS Evening News” lost 12% of its viewers.

Readership of the *Washington Post* was down 44% in November compared to November 2020, and down 34% at the *New York Times*. Some 100 to 120 local newspapers shut down in 2021.

MSNBC is now facing viewer blowback from the unsightly vaccine cultist Rachel Maddow, and veteran anchor Brian Williams has quit the anchor chair, signing off with these ominous words:

“But the darkness on the edge of town has spread to the main roads and highways and neighborhoods. It is now at the local bar, and the bowling alley, the school board, and the grocery store. And it must be acknowledged and answered for.

Grown men and women who swore an oath to our Constitution, elected by their constituents... have decided to join the mob and become something they are not while hoping we somehow forget who they were.

They’ve decided to burn it all down with us inside. That should scare you to no end as much as it scares an aging volunteer fireman.”

Meanwhile, nearly all the truth-based medical websites that the networks have slandered report a meteoric rise in traffic. These include the weekly TheHighwire.com, Childrens Health Defense, National Vaccine Information Center, and Mercola.com.



“He’s poisoned everything that comes to us, and everything he lays his hands on. You’re reading books of how he has destroyed and continues to destroy you. You have lots of books teaching you today. He’s putting them out himself of how he poisoned the Blackman in his food, water, and in his medicine. He’s poisoned it.”

—The Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad



‘Vaccine’ Liars & Deceivers Exposed

The chemical injections forced on the world by the wicked are proving their promoters to be LIARS and DECEIVERS. The poisonous swill has failed to stop infection or transmission; it DOES NOT provide life-long immunity; and the jab fails totally after about 90 days. Here is what the “trusted voices” said to force Americans to roll up their sleeves for a poison that has now killed over 21,000 healthy people:

Pres. Joe Biden:

“You’re not gonna get COVID if you have these vaccinations.”

Dr. Rochelle Walensky (CDC head):

“Vaccinated people do not carry the virus— [they] don’t get sick.”

King Anthony Fauci:

“[Vaccines] are really, really good against variants....When people are vaccinated, they can feel safe that they are not going to get infected.”

Bill Gates:

“Everyone who takes the vaccine is not just protecting themselves, but reducing their transmission to other people and allowing society to get back to normal.”

Rachel Maddow:

“Now we know that the vaccines work well enough that the virus stops with every vaccinated person.”

Top Doctor: Early Treatment Could Have Saved 85% of COVID Victims

Of the people who died from COVID in the U.S., none received adequate and/or early enough treatment, **Dr. Peter McCullough** told podcast host **Joe Rogan**. If they had, at least 85% of them would have survived.

The cardiologist and epidemiologist asserted that there were clear intentional efforts to prevent use of hydroxychloroquine against COVID-19, likely in an effort to make the COVID jabs appear necessary.

“You cannot get COVID-19 twice—those with natural immunity have robust, long-lasting immunity. The Pfizer shot, meanwhile, has been shown to have undetectable effectiveness 201 days after the second dose and Moderna’s effectiveness reaches zero around day 121,” said Dr. McCullough.

He reiterated that “The only way people end up in the hospital and have a miserable time is when they receive no treatment: they don’t get treatment or they are not offered treatment and they end up railroaded into the hospital after being sick two weeks at home.”

He also insisted that “anybody with common sense should understand that it’s easy to treat the illness when it’s early and the symptoms are mild. It becomes progressively worse as people progress in the disease.”

Over 200 Scientists & Doctors Call For Increased Vitamin D To Combat COVID-19

Scientific evidence shows that people with low vitamin D levels are at a much higher risk for “COVID-19” infections, hospitalizations, and deaths. A study that looked at 216 hospital patients with “COVID-19” found that **80 percent didn’t have adequate levels of vitamin D in their blood**—compared to 47 percent of people in a control group who didn’t have the virus.

Vitamin D promotes healthy bones and supports immune system function. It is produced by the body naturally when it is exposed to sunlight. It can also be obtained from eating foods such as fatty fish, egg yolks, and cheese. It is also available as a supplement from health food stores.

Recent police killing highlights racial tensions in Austin, Minn.

by Henry Pan

The Minnesota Spokesman-Recorder



Family members and activists gathered outside the Kwik Trip where Kokou Fiafonou was killed. Photo: Henry Pan

turn it back on with tear gas lingering in the air; for example, turning on electricity could start a fire.

Police caught up with Fiafonou at the gas station and shot him, alleging he was carrying a machete. Fiafonou died at the scene.

“We are calling for the city of Austin to compensate this family for their losses and their losses of their material possessions but also their loss of Christopher,” said Michelle Gross of Communities United Against Police Brutality (CUAPB), who added lost material possessions, including documentation and keepsakes to remember Fiafonou’s cousin’s mother-in-law, who recently passed.

Both the family and CUAPB are raising money to help with funeral expenses, which include repatriating the deceased’s body to Africa. They also need to replace immigration documentation lost because of the officers’ actions that rendered the home uninhabitable.

The officer involved in the killing was identified by the BCA, who is investigating the case, as Zachary Gast. Gast, who does not live in Austin, was one of five officers appointed in October 2019 as part of what the Austin Daily Herald reported as the largest hiring in the department’s history.

No body camera

Gast was not wearing a body camera when he shot Fiafonou because Austin police officers do not have them. According to a June MinnPost article, an estimated 30 to 40 percent of greater Minnesota police departments, including Austin, do not have them. Police departments elsewhere in greater Minnesota

who have recently been implicated in officer-involved shootings, such as in Olivia, also do not have them.

The MinnPost article reported the costs and maintenance of the cameras as an obstacle for many small police agencies with a small complement. In Austin’s case, they have 34 sworn officers as of 2021. A proposal at the legislature last session to give grants to departments to buy body-worn cameras never came to fruition.

Parts of the incident were captured on a squad car dashcam, and surveillance cameras exist at the Kwik Trip. The family and CUAPB are demanding that all available footage be immediately released. “While you’re at it, city of Austin, Austin Police Department, release the video right now! If you’ve got nothing to hide, release everything you got right now and stop telling us, ‘Oh, we’re going to the [Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension],” said Gross. Kwik Trip did not respond to requests for video footage as of press time.

Austin in transition

Austin is located about 90 miles southeast of Minneapolis and is the headquarters for Hormel Foods, maker of canned pork and ham product SPAM. The city in recent years saw a population and economic resurgence in part as immigrants from West Africa and Southeast Asia moved into the community, predominantly to work in meatpacking. Austin is also home to Hispanic immigrants. According to the 2019 U.S. Census, 17 percent of Austin’s population are immigrants up from 9.7 percent in



Kokou Christopher Fiafonou

2011.

The city’s demographic changes brought with it tension between the newcomers and native Austinitians. Sarah Kuichtoch, who is Black, moved to Austin in 2009 to find work while caring for her then-newborn. She is now preparing to sell natural hair products.

Although she likes having a support system in town, the racism makes her uncomfortable. “The downside is the longer you live here, you start seeing the race hate, the hatred for people of skin color,” said Kuichtoch. “I’ve actually had somebody actually pour gasoline on me in a car, and they pretended they were my friends.”

Kuichtoch’s incident is not isolated. In 2020, vandals burned the words “China Virus” onto the lawn of a home owned by a person of mixed Chinese-European descent near downtown. Although Austin city officials say he did not report the incident to the police, he interviewed with local media about it, after which he was subject to internet harassment.

Students of color who wanted to protest the incident involving Fiafonou said they experienced pushback from their White classmates. “[The White dudes] were just arguing with us about [protesting, saying] like why do you need to do that? We don’t even know the full results yet,” said Keliyah Greene, who moved to Austin from Chicago and is a senior at Austin High School.

As activists and family members gathered at the Kwik Trip after demonstrating downtown, they laid roses and artificial candles in the shape of a heart where Fiafonou inhaled his last breaths.

While protesters held space, another driver—this time, a White woman driving a red Ford Focus hatchback—tried to drive through the crowd, but was unsuccessful.



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'In 2022, Let's Tax the Rich': 10 billionaires added \$402 billion to their fortunes in 2021



Elon Musk, CEO of Tesla and SpaceX Photos: MGN Online



Joe Manchin

“Heading into 2022, the 10 wealthiest individuals in the world are all worth more than \$100 billion,” CNBC noted, citing the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, which tracks and ranks the fortunes of the planet’s richest people.

“History paints a bleak picture of what happens to extremely unequal societies.”

Rep. Pramila Jayapal (D-Wash.), the chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, said Jan. 2 that the staggering growth of billionaire wealth amid a worldwide public health emergency and economic crisis should compel Congress to finally redress the fundamental injustices of the U.S. tax system.

“In 2022,” said Jayapal, “let’s tax the rich and invest in our communities.”

At the top of the Billionaires Index at the close of 2021 was Tesla and SpaceX CEO Elon Musk, who added over \$121 billion to his wealth last year as the pandemic both took and completely upended lives, pushing tens of millions of people into poverty and intensifying preexisting inequities. Just behind Musk on the list was former Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos, who tacked \$5 billion onto his net worth in 2021, leaving him with a total fortune of \$195 billion.

In November, the head of the World Food Program (WFP) outlined a proposal by which Musk—now the richest man in the world—and other U.S. billionaires could donate just 0.36 percent of their pandemic wealth gains to help 42 million people facing starvation.

“The \$6.6 billion required would help those in most need in the following way: one meal a day, the basic needed to sur-

vive—costing \$0.43 per person per day, averaged out across the 43 countries,” the WFP said. “This would feed 42 million people for one year, and avert the risk of famine.”

The billionaires have not taken the WFP up on its modest plan to save millions of lives with a miniscule fraction of their pandemic profits.

The investigative outlet ProPublica reported in June that Musk, along with other U.S. billionaires, “paid \$0 in federal income taxes” in 2018. Late last year, Musk garnered widespread publicity for selling off a portion of his Tesla stock, triggering a significant taxable event.

But as Bob Lord, an associate fellow at the Institute for Policy Studies, observed in a recent blog post, Musk “has paid tax in 2021—lots of it—because doing so was by far his best option.”

“Did he pay more tax than any American in history, as he claims? Probably,” Lord wrote. “But he also received compensation of more than \$20 billion, which almost certainly dwarfs the compensation any other CEO in American history has ever been paid, from a company with profits not remotely commensurate with that level of compensation.”

The updated billionaire wealth figures come as Democrats in Congress are struggling to chart a path forward for their flagship social spending and climate legislation, which has been held up by corporate-backed Sen. Joe Manchin (D-Wa.).

The House-passed

version of the Build Back Better Act includes a surtax on millionaires and other measures to help fund the bill’s investments and reduce out-of-control inequality. According to the Washington Post, Manchin recently told the Biden White House that he would be willing to support “some version” of a tax targeting billionaires, an idea that the West Virginia Democrat criticized in October.

“While the specifics of what Manchin would support remain unclear, Senate Finance Committee Chairman Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) has unveiled a tax aimed at the accrued wealth of America’s approximately 700 billionaires,” the Post noted. “The measure is aimed at addressing the massive gains of the wealthiest Americans with a federal tax and probably would be unprecedented in how few people it affected ... Congress’ nonpartisan scorekeeper has estimated it could raise as much as \$550 billion over 10 years, or pay for more than one-quarter of the Democrats’ spending bill.”

In a social media post on New Year’s Day, the Patriotic Millionaires—a group composed of wealthy supporters of progressive taxation—warned that “history paints a bleak picture of what happens to extremely unequal societies.”

“For the well-being of rich and poor alike, it’s time to confront inequality and choose to tax the rich,” the group wrote. “If you don’t, then all the talk at Davos won’t change what’s coming—it’s taxes or pitchforks.”

—Jake Johnson, *CommonDreams.org*

Three African countries lose U.S. trade benefits over rights violations



Photo: UN.org

(GIN)—The Biden administration has cracked down on three African countries accused of serious rights violations, expelling them from AGOA, a duty-free trade program worth millions in benefits.

The three countries—Ethiopia, Mali and Guinea—had been warned in November of the threatened action which affects imports and exports of their products to the U.S.

“The United States has terminated Ethiopia, Mali



and Guinea from the AGOA trade preference program due to actions taken by each of their governments in violation of the AGOA Statute,” the U.S. Trade Representative’s office said in a statement.

President Biden warned Ethiopia of the cutoff in November, the duty-free trading program provided under the U.S. African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) due to alleged human rights violations in the Tigray region, while Mali and Guinea were targeted for recent coups.

The suspension of benefits threatens Ethiopia’s textile industry, which supplies global fashion brands, and the country’s hopes of becoming a light manufacturing hub. It also piles more pressure on an economy reeling from the conflict, the coronavirus pandemic, and high inflation.

The U.S. trade body continued: “The Biden-Harris Administration is deeply concerned by the unconstitutional change in governments in both Guinea and Mali, and by the gross violations of internationally recognized human rights being perpetrated by the Government of Ethiopia and other parties amid the widening conflict in northern Ethiopia.”

The AGOA trade legislation provides sub-Saharan African nations with duty-free access to the United States if they meet certain eligibility requirements, such as eliminating barriers to U.S. trade and investment and making progress toward political pluralism.

“Each country has clear benchmarks for a pathway toward reinstatement and the Administration will work with their governments to achieve that objective,” it added.

The Washington embassies of the three countries were not immediately available for comment.

Ethiopia’s Trade Ministry said in November it was “extremely disappointed” by Washington’s announcement, saying the move would reverse economic gains and unfairly impact and harm women and children.



Wound not healing two years after U.S. killed Iran's Soleimani

TEHRAN—"I come here not because of my duty, but out of my heart," Iman Abniki, a young member of Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC), said when attending an event to mark the second anniversary of an American drone strike in Iraq that killed Iranian General Qassem Soleimani.

Abniki, who didn't wear his uniform, entered the venue at Tehran's Imam Khomeini Mosalla more than an hour earlier than 2:00 p.m., when the Jan. 3 ceremony was scheduled to start. He silently sat down against a pillar and waited, with hands folded on his knees, and his head bowed.

"Soleimani was truly kind to those working with him, who returned him with love and respect," he said.

The U.S. assassination of him promoted the commander to become "a bigger hero," leading to greater solidarity among the soldiers, Abniki added.

Like the young soldier, a large crowd as well as top Iranian officials and military figures, such as President Ebrahim Raisi, gathered to honor the martyred general and mourn his absence in Tehran.

Soleimani, commander of the Quds Force of the IRGC, was assassinated along with his companions by the United States near Baghdad International Airport on Jan. 3, 2020, because he "helped mobilize grassroots movements against U.S. military presence in the West Asia region," as said by Iran's Tehran Times.

On online maps, the streets leading to the Imam Khomeini Mosalla all featured a red color, indicative of the number of people who had gathered to honor Soleimani's memory.

In the venue, many held the portraits of Soleimani and waved the Iranian flag. Children, dressed in mini military uniforms with red bandages on heads, were particularly eye-catching, especially when they waved taller-than-themselves flagpoles around.

With the crowd chanting slogans such as "Soleimani is a hero," Raisi boarded the podium. In an address to mourners, the Iranian president said U.S. officials have to beware of Iran's revenge for Soleimani's assassination if those involved in and behind the "criminal act" are not prosecuted through a just mechanism.

Raisi said former U.S. President Donald Trump and former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo must be "prosecuted for their criminal activity" through a fair mechanism and be punished.

The Iranian president added Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has correctly said that "Martyr Soleimani" is more dangerous to the enemy than "General Soleimani," because the likes of Soleimani will rise in the future.

Two days earlier, on the first day of this new year, Khamenei met with the family of Soleimani. He told them the reality of large crowds in Soleimani's burial ceremony shows that he "was and still is the most popular person in the nation." Two years ago, Khamenei wept while leading mourners in prayer for the funeral of the slain military commander.

Now in 2022, the sorrow persists. When Khamenei recalled his experience in the hospital waiting for Soleimani's grandchildren to undergo surgery, he once had to pause for a while to calm his emotions. Even though he was wearing a mask, the sadness can be found in his eyes and through the tone of voice.



Iranians attend Jan. 3 gathering to mark Iranian General Qassem Soleimani's second martyrdom anniversary in Tehran, Iran. Photo: Iranian Presidential Website/Handout via Xinhua

"Today, thanks to the blessings from that invaluable, innocent blood, the United States has fled from Afghanistan," the top leader of Iran said, adding that the "resistance and anti-imperialist movement in the region is moving forward in a stronger, more dynamic, more hopeful way than two years ago."

Also on Jan. 3, in Soleimani's home city Kerman, southeastern Iran, which has also come to host the general's burial place, thousands of people marked the second anniversary of Soleimani's martyrdom by holding a march and chanting anti-America slogans.

Over the past few days, various events featuring speeches, conferences and rallies have been held across Iran and even outside the country to commemorate the second martyrdom anniversary of Soleimani.

During the huge ceremony in Tehran, the

culmination of the commendations, the most emotional came when the crowd cried loudly with threnody. Grief echoed throughout the hall and surrounded the audience, including the Iranian general's daughter, Zeinab Soleimani.

During a vigil at the Baghdad airport on the eve of the martyrdom anniversary, she renewed her pledge to avenge her father's assassination.

"We vow to move closer, hand in hand and step by step, to the horizon of exacting 'harsh revenge' on enemies whose hands are stained with their blood," she stressed, adding that "the tears of sorrow would soon turn into joyous tears of victory when dear Iraq and all the countries in the region are purged of the filth of the presence of American invaders." (*Xinhua*)

Libya: Tensions as armed groups mobilize in Tripoli

The UN Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) expressed concern over the unfolding security situation in the capital, Tripoli, where forces affiliated with different armed groups have been deploying.

The development came as Libyans awaited news about the postponement of long-promised landmark elections, which was announced Dec. 23.

Appeal for dialogue

The current mobilization "creates tensions and increases the risk of clashes that could spiral into conflict," UNSMIL said in a statement.

"Any disagreements on emerging political or military matters should be resolved through dialogue, particularly at this stage when the country is navigating through a difficult and complex electoral process that should usher in a peaceful transition."

Libya has faced critical political



Graffiti on a wall in Benghazi, Libya, calls for elections and democracy. Photo: UNSMIL

and security challenges in the decade since the overthrow of former leader Muammar Gadhafi.

UN Secretary-General António Guterres has previously described the elections as "an essential next step on the road to peace and stability" in the country.

A delicate moment

UNSMIL warned that the develop-

ments in Tripoli "do not bode well" for ongoing efforts towards maintaining the stability, security and political conditions conducive to holding elections that are peaceful, credible, inclusive, free and fair.

The mission called on all Libyans to exercise restraint at what it called "this delicate moment."

They were encouraged to work together to create a security and political

atmosphere that preserves the country's progress and enables peaceful elections and a successful transition.

Engagement with stakeholders

Meanwhile, UN Special Adviser on Libya, Stephanie Williams, continues her engagement with stakeholders towards this objective.

Ms. Williams, who was appointed in December, had previously served as acting special representative and head of UNSMIL from March 2020 until this past January.

She was at the helm when the mission brokered a historic ceasefire in October 2020 between the two rival administrations battling for power in Libya.

The accord paved the way to a political roadmap and transitional government, and the historic presidential and parliamentary elections. (*UN News*)

600,000 Britons demand removal of Blair's knighthood because of his role in war crimes



Tony Blair Photo: MGN Online

More than 600,000 people have signed a petition calling for former British Prime Minister Tony Blair to have his knighthood removed days after Queen Elizabeth awarded him with the title despite his infamous involvement in war crimes during the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq.

Blair, a former Labor leader who was in power from 1997 to 2007, was awarded with the title of Knight Companion of the Most Noble Order of the Garter by the queen in her New Year's Honors list. It is Britain's highest honor and is awarded for outstanding public service and achievement.

Blair is one of three new appointments announced by the Buckingham Palace on Dec. 31. The royal appointment has regularly been bestowed upon past British prime ministers.

But the petition posted on the change.org website complains that Blair was the most controversial name in the queen's list because his role in the Iraq war makes him "personally responsible" for many deaths and war crimes.

"He was personally responsible for causing the death of countless innocent, civilian lives and servicemen in various conflicts. For this alone he should be held accountable for war crimes," it says.

It further stresses that Blair also "caused irreparable damage to both the constitution of

the United Kingdom and to the very fabric of the nation's society" while in office.

The poll's creator, Angus Scott, said that Blair "is the least deserving person of any public honor, particularly anything awarded by the queen."

The decision has been met with furious backlash, with anti-war campaigners branding it a "kick in the teeth" to the people of Iraq and Afghanistan.

Britons widely believe that Blair should be imprisoned rather than crowned with knighthood for his well-established militaristic role in the course of the brutal war on Iraq that started in 2003.

One signatory wrote, "Tony Blair should be prosecuted not knighted. Someone like this being honored shows how corrupt & vile the system is."

Blair has long faced criticism for sending troops into Afghanistan and Iraq, a decision which culminated in a devastating report by Sir John Chilcot in 2016 that found he overplayed evidence about the former Ba'athist regime of Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein's weapons of mass destruction.

The report also found that Blair's government had chosen to join the U.S.-led invasion before all peaceful options for supposed disarmament had been exhausted.

A total of 179 British soldiers and contractors died serving during the Iraq campaign, while a further 457 were killed during deployment to Afghanistan.

UK troops withdrew from Afghanistan after two decades of war in August last year. The Taliban were already in the process of retaking control of the violence-wracked Asian country. The developments also prompted the families of British soldiers to say they felt like their loved ones had laid down their lives for nothing.

Observers maintain that the petition is unlikely to result in Blair's knighthood being rescinded. Appointments are for life unless a Knight or Lady Companion offends against certain "points of reproach." (*PressTV.ir*)

Haiti PM flees under gunfire as Haiti rings in new year

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti—Haiti welcomed the new year with violence as Prime Minister Ariel Henry fled the northern city of Gonaïves following a shootout between his security forces and an armed group that had warned the leader not to set foot in the city.

Local media reported that one person died and two were injured in the gunfire that forced Mr. Henry and others to duck and seek shelter as they walked out of a cathedral Jan. 1, after attending a mass to celebrate Haiti's independence from France.

The prime minister's office, when reached by The Associated Press, said that "bandits and terrorists" made an attempt on Mr. Henry's life and accused the group of hiding behind walls to attack the convoy and of threatening the bishop by surrounding the church.

"That is intolerable," the office said, adding that it has issued arrest warrants.

A spokesperson for Haiti's National Police told the AP that police had secured the area.

The incident is a fresh blow to Mr. Henry's fragile interim regime that is struggling with deepening poverty and a surge in gang violence as he seeks to create a coalition to help run the country after the July 7 assassination of President Jovenel Moïse, with general elections scheduled for mid-2022.

Mr. Henry referred to the incident in a tweet by thanking the bishop of Gonaïves for having held the mass "despite the tense situation that was prevailing in the city."

The streets of Gonaïves were largely empty and so was its cathedral, Saint-



Haiti's Prime Minister Ariel Henry gives an interview at his private residence in Port-au-Prince, Sept. 28, 2021. Haiti welcomed the new year with violence as the prime minister fled the northern city of Gonaïves on Jan. 1, following a shootout between his security forces and an armed group that had warned the leader not to set foot in the city. Photo: AP Photo/Odelyn Joseph, File

Charles-de-Borome, for the traditional independence day celebrations. Mr. Henry was unable to deliver his speech as planned after gunfire forced him out of the city. In 2020, President Moïse skipped the trip to Gonaïves amid threats of violent protests.

In a statement in Haitian Creole shared on Twitter, Mr. Henry said, "Today, our enemies, the enemies of the Haitian people, are the terrorists who do not hesitate to use violence to kill people with all their might, or to kidnap, take away their freedom, to rape them. And do everything for money."

Mr. Henry has pledged to crack down on gangs that authorities have blamed for a spike in kidnappings and for blocking gas distribution terminals in a move that caused a severe fuel shortage in recent months and prompted the U.S. and Canada to urge its citizens to leave Haiti. (*AP*)

Grave violations surge against children in conflict

Armed conflict, inter-communal violence and insecurity continued to take a devastating toll on thousands of children throughout 2021, the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF), warned recently.

From Afghanistan to Yemen, and Syria to northern Ethiopia, UNICEF denounced grave violations against youngsters in both protracted and new conflicts.

'Dreadful disregard'

Four children were reportedly among the victims of a recent attack that killed at least 35 people—including two Save the Children staff—in Kayah state in eastern Myanmar.

In a statement, UNICEF Ex-

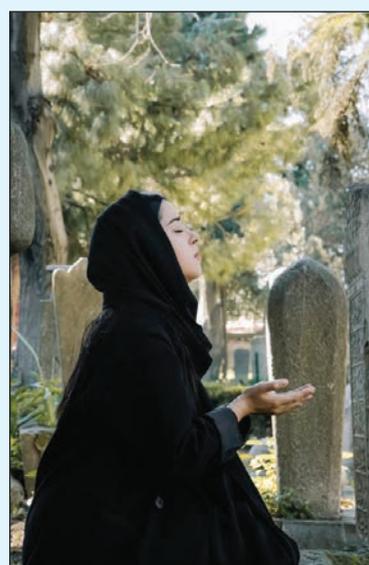
ecutive Director Henrietta Fore said, "Children are suffering, and children are dying because of this callousness. Every effort should be made to keep these children safe from harm."

New data

Data is not yet available for 2021, but the UN verified 26,425 grave violations against children in 2020.

The first three months of 2021 saw a slight decrease in the overall number of these grave violations but verified cases of abduction and sexual violence continued to rise at alarming rates—by more than 50 and 10 percent, respectively.

Verified abductions were highest in Somalia, followed by the Democratic Republic of the Congo and



Mother praying at her child's grave.

Photo: Pexels/Meruyert Gonullu

the countries of the Lake Chad Basin (Chad, Nigeria, Cameroon and Niger).

On the other hand, verified instances of sexual violence were highest in the DRC, Somalia and the Central African Republic.

Backward glance

This year marked a quarter of a century since the publication of Graça Machel's seminal Impact of war on children report, which urged the UN and international community to take action.

Over the past 16 years, the UN has verified 266,000 cases of grave violations against children in more than 30 conflict situations across Africa, Asia, the Middle East and Latin America.

While these cases were veri-

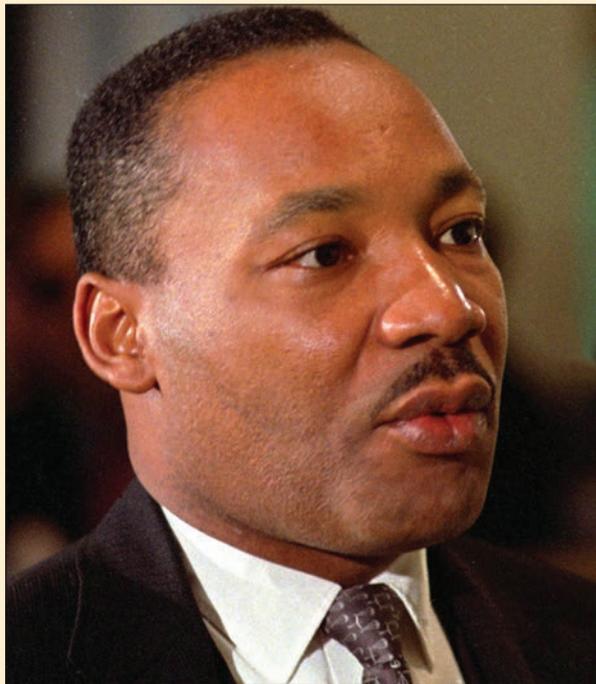
fied through the 2005 UN-led Monitoring and Reporting Mechanism, the actual figures are most likely much higher, according to UNICEF.

Afghanistan, for example, has the highest number of verified child casualties since 2005. With more than 28,500 incidents, the country accounts for 27 percent of all verified child casualties globally.

Meanwhile, the Middle East and North Africa has the highest number of verified attacks on schools and hospitals, with 22 verified in the first six months of the year.

Source: UN News





Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

“I’m afraid that the administration of our nation is more concerned about winning an unwinnable war in Vietnam than about winning the war against poverty right here at home.”

—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., speaking
May 17, 1967, at U.C. Berkeley

We shall overcome. Not skin color, but the content of our character with little Black boys and little White girls walking together, declaring free at last, free at last, thank God Almighty, we’re free at last.

Deplorable misrepresentations of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., can be expected with the observance of the King Holiday on Jan. 17. President Biden may issue a statement, send Vice President Kamala Harris to perform some symbolic act and those who want to strip Black people of their rights will misquote Dr. King to justify perpetrating evils the civil rights leader fought.

Don’t let the magicians transport you back to the 1963 March on Washington this year. Learn the truth of the man, what he stood for and why he was murdered.

“Beyond Vietnam” was a major message Dr. King delivered at New York’s Riverside Church on April 4, 1967. He condemned the war and called the United States “the greatest purveyor of violence in the world today.” Major media condemned him. Other civil rights leaders and onetime allies abandoned him. Agents with the FBI stalked him and tried to drive him to suicide. A year later, April 4, 1968, Dr. King was shot to death.

We don’t hear about the hell the drum major for justice endured in 1967 and 1968 after he took that unapologetic stance against the Vietnam War. Not only did Dr.

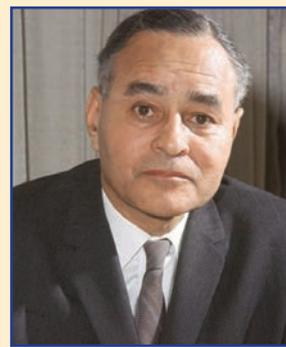
LIES DON’T HONOR DR. KING



J. Edgar Hoover Photo: AP



Carl Rowan Photo: Youtube



Ralph Bunche Photo: Diplomacy.state.gov

King speak out against the war, he organized against it—and planned to make ending the war a major issue for 1968 national elections.

In a speech titled “America’s Chief Moral Dilemma,” delivered on Sproul Plaza at the U.C. Berkeley in California, Dr. King declared: “It was estimated the other day that we spend \$500,000 to kill every enemy soldier in Vietnam. When you look at the other side it’s tragic, we spend only \$53 a year for every person that’s considered poverty stricken. Half of that goes for salaries for those who are not poor.”

“I never intend to adjust myself to racial segregation and discrimination. I never intend to become adjusted to religious bigotry. I never intend to adjust myself to economic conditions that will take necessities from the many to give luxuries to the few. I never intend to adjust myself to the madness of militarism,” vowed the freedom fighter, despite the pressure, the threats and the isolation he faced. Public opinion polls showed him out of favor and nearly 200 newspapers denounced him after the speech in New York. President Johnson rescinded an invite to the White House.

“Johnson, leaders of both parties, and most of the political establishment react with predictable fury and condemnation, not just at Dr. King’s opposition to the war but even more so to his placing the war in a broader context of colonialism that directly challenges the anti-Communist premise of Cold War foreign policy,” said the Civil Rights Movement Archive online.

“FBI Director Hoover tells the president that ‘Based on King’s recent activities and public utterances, it is clear that he is an instrument in the hands of subversive forces seeking to undermine our nation.’ Carl Rowan, head of the U.S. Information Agency and one of the highest-ranking Afro-Americans in the Executive branch, publishes a red-baiting article in Reader’s Digest—the most widely-read magazine in the nation—calling King an egomaniac under the sway of Communist agents.”

“Committed to the Democratic Party and its Cold War liberalism, NAACP and Urban League leaders rush to reaffirm—once again—that they do not stand with Dr. King. The NAACP Board of Directors adopts a resolution labeling any attempt to merge the civil rights and peace movements, ‘A serious tactical mistake.’ Ralph Bunche, the highest ranking Afro-American in the United Nations, a fel-

low Nobel laureate, and previously a King supporter, endorses the NAACP position and declares that King cannot be both a civil rights leader and an antiwar spokesman—he should ‘give up one role or the other.’ Former NAACP attorney Thurgood Marshall who is now LBJ’s Solicitor General and soon to be Supreme Court appointee, acknowledges King’s right to dissent on foreign policy, but ‘not as a civil rights leader.’ During

a personal encounter, Whitney Young of the Urban League accuses King of abandoning the poor for the antiwar movement. King retorts, ‘Whitney, what you’re saying may get you a foundation grant, but it won’t get you into the Kingdom of Truth,’” according to the Civil Rights Movement Archive.

So as your favorite politician, pastor or corporate community friend maker tries to spin you into King Holiday happy talk, reject it.

Look at your president’s spending: “Biden didn’t deliver a firm number on military spending on the campaign trail, but the strongest indication he gave was that he would keep spending flat. But Biden’s military budget request ended up being about \$12 billion more than Trump’s last, bringing total ‘defense’ spending to \$753 billion for FY2022. Congress proceeded to add about \$25 billion on top of that,” said analyst Stephen Semler. “So what we’re left with is almost \$40 billion more than Biden campaigned on for military spending, and nearly \$650 billion less than what he campaigned on for physical and human infrastructure.”

Billions of dollars feeding war machinery is totally opposed to the disarmament and end to war spending Dr. King called for and organized for. The same problems Dr. King wanted solved, hunger, homelessness, joblessness, inferior education, Black deprivation and the suffering of the poor are still with us.

“That beautiful image of Dr. King now on the Washington Mall looking out at us, in stone: That expression on his face will not ‘change’ because the condition of Black people in America has not changed. And for us to think and to say that Dr. King would be proud of the strides that America has made, when these statistics have not changed, in fact they have gotten worse; so, I don’t think that any American has the right to use Dr. King to put a ‘good face’ on an ugly situation that is getting more ugly by the moment,” wrote the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan in an article titled, “Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: Not a ‘Dreamer,’ but a Man Evolving Toward a Common Goal For His People.”

Honoring a man means honoring the truth of who he was and what he lived for, the enemy will never do that. We must define and honor our heroes ourselves.

Life lessons and the legacy of Young Dolph

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Crowd looks on at Dec. 16 public memorial service for slain rapper Young Dolph.

MEMPHIS—Affectionately known as “Main Main” to his family and close friends and “Young Dolph” in the entertainment industry, the impact of the slain rapper was felt nationwide, however, it felt much more personal in his adopted hometown of Memphis.

Born, Adolph Thornton, Jr., in Chicago, he moved to Memphis at the age of 4, where he eventually took the city by storm with his music and the establishment of his record label, Paper Route Empire (PRE), along with best friend Jeremel “Daddy” Moore. His music career started in the heart of his South Memphis neighborhood, Castilia Heights.

While many already loved and followed Young Dolph, his tragic passing opened a larger audience to his charitable works. News reports, personal narratives, interviews with friends and families filled the airwaves and print media, all echoing his great love of family and the extensive list of his philanthropic contributions, both public and private. Some of his good works included assisting victims of domestic violence, women suffering from addiction and homelessness and financial support to his former Hamilton High School for new sports equipment. The entrepreneur also supported the Ida Mae Family Foundation started by his aunt in honor of his grandmother as a legacy to her philanthropy, volunteerism, and service (the foundation’s website has since been updated to include the rapper’s legacy). Young Dolph donated money, cars and more. Many young entertainers in Memphis credited him with making them millionaires through either his PRE label or providing them with much-needed exposure. A public memorial was held Dec. 16 at FedExForum arena in Memphis to honor the life, legacy and impact of the beloved rapper.

Jermia (Mia Jaye) Jerdin was Young Dolph’s life partner and mother of their two children, 7-year-old, Adolph Thornton, III and 4-year-old Aria Ella Thornton. She shared the story of an instance when the rapper had given away all his cash to a group of admiring youth and a remaining child came forth. Young Dolph literally gave him the shoes off his feet because he had no money left to give and did not want any child left out of his generosity. That



Young Dolph with Min. Farrakhan, during the 2015 Justice or Else tour stop in Memphis. Photo: Final Call Archives

was the heart of Young Dolph.

Unnecessary tragedy and saluting a local hero

Young Dolph was tragically gunned down Nov. 17, two days before he was preparing for his annual turkey giveaway in his former Castilia Heights neighborhood. He was shot by two assailants as he was entering Makeda’s Cookies, a well-known Black-owned bakery he frequented. He was 36.

On Jan. 6 authorities announced that an arrest warrant was issued for a Tennessee man named Justin Johnson, 23, wanted in connection with the fatal shooting. Authorities state they are still searching for the second suspect.

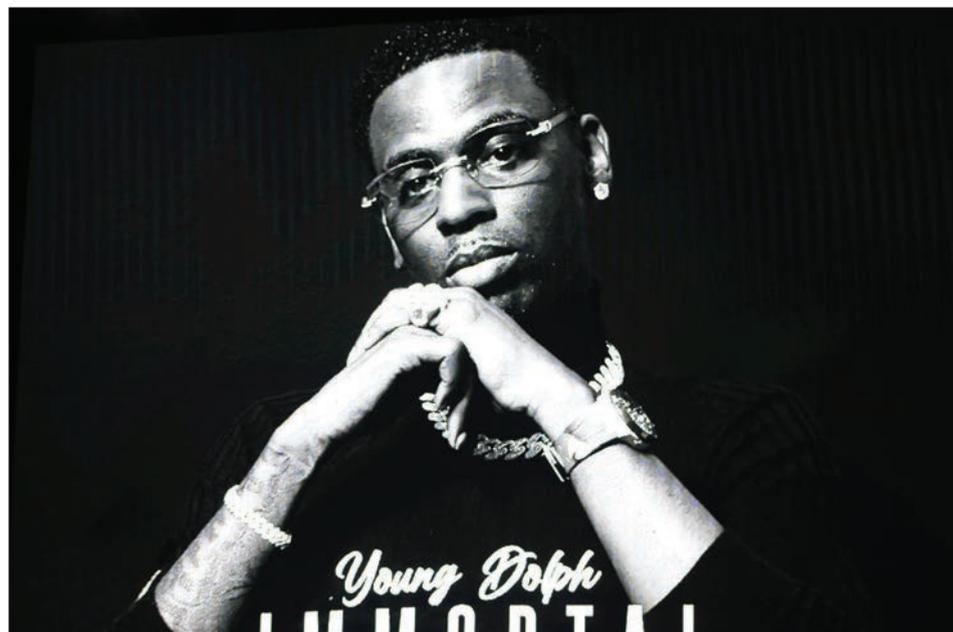
In appreciation for his contributions, Memphis City Councilman J.B. Smiley quickly moved to sponsor and have a resolution passed for a permanent marker in the form of an honorary street sign on Dunn Road, “Adolph ‘Young Dolph’ Thornton, Jr. Avenue,” which runs through Young Dolph’s Castilia Heights neighborhood.

“This opportunity is for us all to come together show support for a man who did great things not just for the community but by supporting the folks in this community,” said Councilman Smiley at the Dec. 15 unveiling, the day before the public memorial service.

Ms. Mia Jaye also shared words with those gathered for the occasion. “That’s what I’m

hoping for this community: Every time each and every person drive by the sign, they see ‘Adolph Robert Thornton, Jr.’ When you see that name that you’re inspired to just make a difference and to just make a change, a small change in giving and loving and just being a better person for the betterment of this community,” she said.

The State of Tennessee issued a proclamation designating Nov. 17 as Adolph ‘Young Dolph’ Thornton, Jr. Day of Service, presented by State Rep. Katrina Robinson during his public memo-



Memorial photo of slain rapper Young Dolph.

*“The police pulled me over for nothin’, just because she racist
Two minutes later, it’s five police cars, they got me face down
on the pavement*

Just ‘cause I’m a black man in America

That’s what give them permission to treat us terrible

They too smart, too ambitious, too dangerous and vicious

*Every day I wake up, I make rich n***a decisions*

The first person in my family to run up the millions

*You ain’t one hundred, ain’t got no morals, then I don’t want
no dealings”*

“The Land,” by Young Dolph, from the album Rich Slave



Young Dolph’s life partner, Jermia (Mia Jaye) Jerdin, along with their children, Adolph Thornton III, 7, and Aria Ella Thornton, 4, pay tribute to him during the public memorial service, Dec. 16th. Photos: Salahuddin Muhammad

rial service. “We all want that Dolph’s legacy to be marked by service, by loyalty and by commitment to our community, reaching back to elevate those around us,” she declared. An identical resolution was also adopted in Atlanta, Georgia.

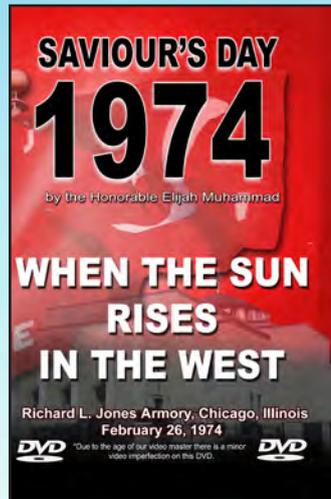
Accompanied by a delegation of Muslims from Mosque No. 55 and Holly Springs, Miss., Study

Group, Student Minister Muthakkir Muhammad, the Nation of Islam Midsouth Representative, spoke on behalf of the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan and Nation of Islam. “History will show that our brother was an evolving human being

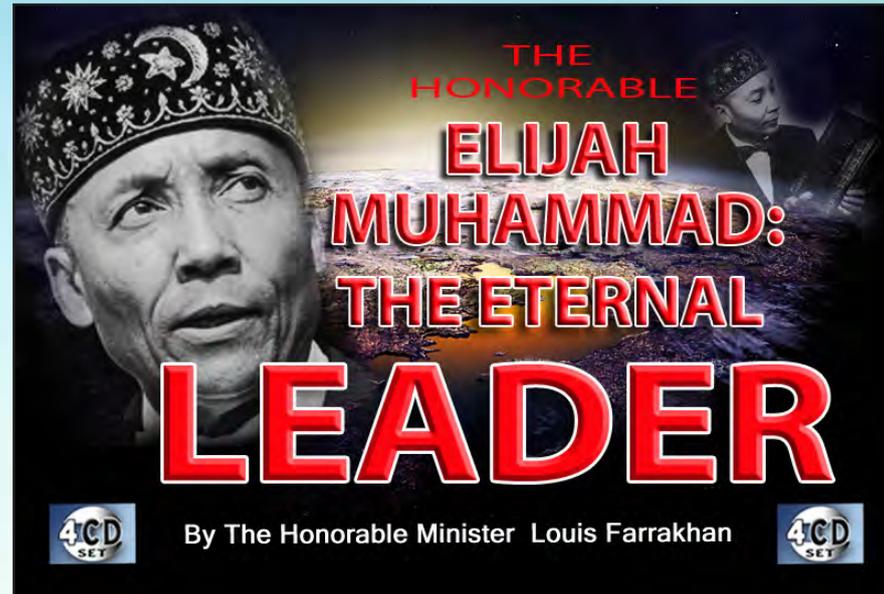
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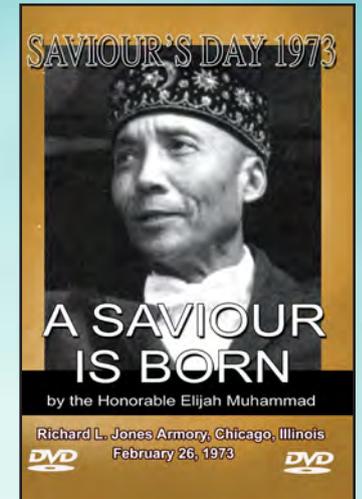
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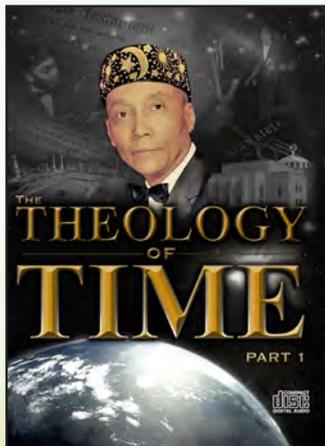
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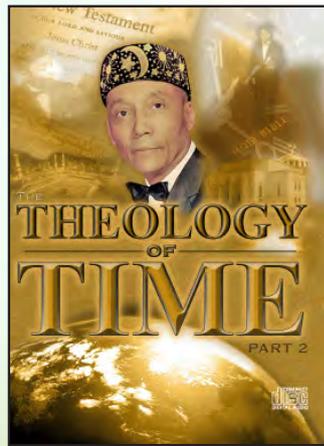
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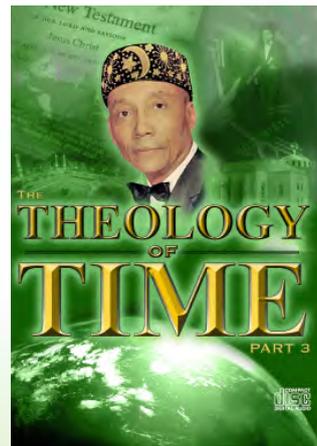
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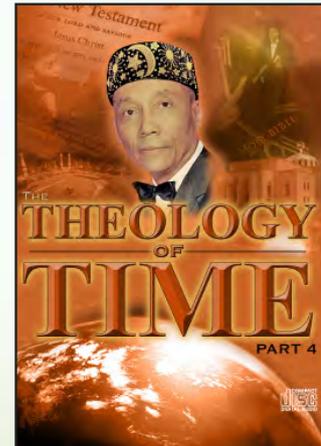
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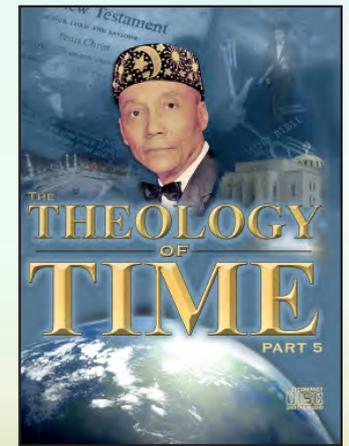
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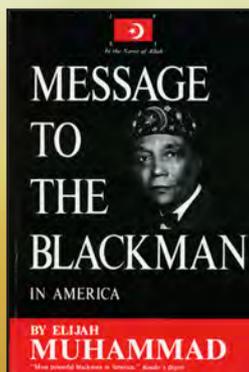
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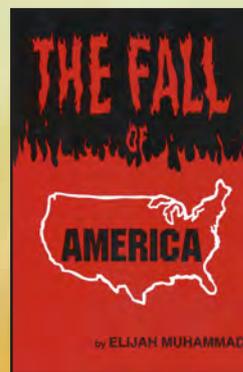
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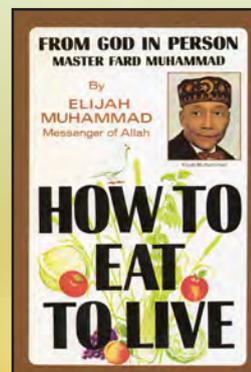
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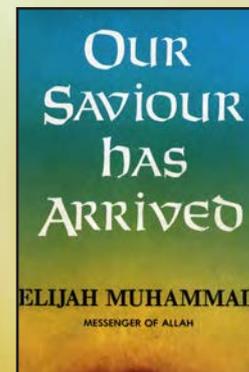
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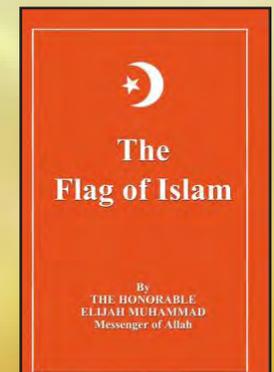
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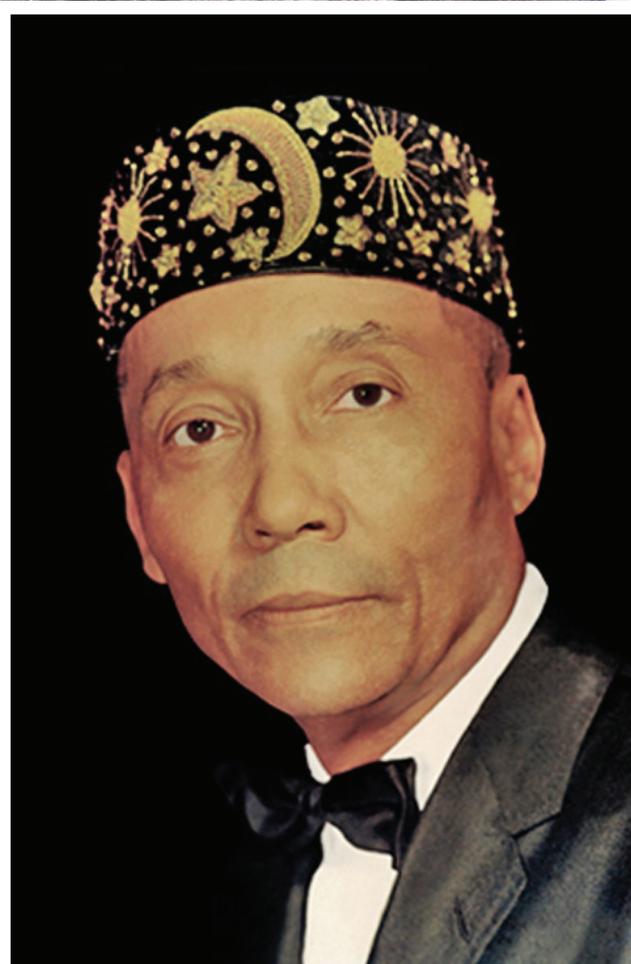
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by the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad



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we celebrate Thy praise and extol Thy holiness” (Holy Qur’an Sharrieff 2:30).

This devil race has and still is doing just that—making mischief and shedding blood of the Black nation whom they were grafted from. Your Lord said to the angels, “Surely I am going to create a mortal of the essence of black mud fashioned in shape” (Holy Qur’an Sharrieff, 15:28).

According to the word of Allah (God) and the history of the world, since the grafting of the Caucasian race 6,000 years ago, they have caused more bloodshed than any people known to the Black nation. Born murderers, their very nature is to murder. The Bible and Holy Qur’an Sharrieff are full of teachings of this bloody race of devils. They shed the life blood of all life, even their own, and are scientists at deceiving the Black people.

They deceived the very people of Paradise (Bible, Gen. 3:13). They killed their own brother (Gen. 4:8). The innocent earth’s blood (Gen. 4:10) revealed it to its Maker (thy brother’s blood crieth unto me from the ground). The very earth, the soil of America, soaked with the innocent blood of the so-called Negroes shed by this race of devils, now crieth out to its Maker for her burden of carrying the innocent blood of the righteous slain upon her. Let us take a look at the devil’s creation from the teaching of the Holy Qur’an.

“And when your Lord said to the angels, I am going to place in the earth one who shall rule, the angels said: What will Thou place in it such as shall make mischief in it and shed blood,

The essence of black mud (the Black nation) mentioned is only symbolic, which actually means the sperm of the Black nation, and they refused to recognize the Black nation as their equal though they were made from and by a Black scientist (named Yakub). They can never see their way in submitting to Allah and the religion Islam and His prophets.

The slave-masters’ every cry is to beat—beat—kill—kill—the so-called Negroes. Maybe the day has arrived that Allah will return to the devils—that which they have been so anxious to pour on the poor innocent so-called Negroes. Allah will give you your own blood to drink like water and your arms and allies will not help you against him (Rev. 16:6).

The heads and bodies of the so-called Negroes are used to test the clubs and guns of the devils, and yet the poor, foolish, so-called Negroes admire the devils regardless to how they are treated.

America is now under Divine Plagues. One will come after the other until she is destroyed. Allah has said it.

(Reprinted from “Message To The Blackman In America,” 1965.)

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr: Not a ‘Dreamer’, but a Man Evolving Toward a Common Goal For His People

by the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan

In the Name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

Greetings to you. I am Minister Louis Farrakhan, National Representative of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, that Great Preacher of Freedom, Justice and Equality to the Black man and woman of America and the Western Hemisphere, and the Aboriginal People of the Earth—the Eternal Leader of the Nation of Islam, and a Warner to the government and people of the United States of America, and the nations of the Earth. Once again it is my great privilege, honor and pleasure to bring to you another installment of this subject given to us by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad titled: “The Time and What Must Be Done.”

This subject is taken from the 103rd Chapter of the Holy Qur’an, which reads: “*In The Name of Allah, The Beneficent, The Merciful. By the time!—Surely man is in loss, Except those who believe and do good, and enjoin one another to Truth, and enjoin one another to patience.*”

“Time” is “the yardstick” of the measurement of our actions, and if our actions are not in accord with “The Time,” then we will suffer “loss.” So it is proper, it is right, it is meed and it is just, that the Knowledge of The Time be given to the whole Human Family; that we may measure our actions to see whether we are in accord with The Time! Because right now, surely man is suffering great loss, and it’s because we either don’t know “The Time” and refuse to believe in The Knowledge of The

[Editor’s note: The following article contains excerpts from the message delivered by the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan on June 15, 2013 as Part 23 of his 52-week Lecture Series “The Time and What Must Be Done” titled “We Must Unite To Save Our Youth.” Order this message in its entirety on MP3 Download or CD/DVD at store.finalcall.com.]



Dr. Martin Luther King recruiting “Poor” for march on Washington, D.C., at Batesville, Miss., March, 19, 1968. Photo: Jack Thornell/AP

Time—and act according to that belief. Or, we just don’t care to believe that this is “The Time” of “The End of The World of The Wicked,” and it is “The Time” that the Black Man and Woman of America, who have been in a state of bondage for 450 years in America, and in the Western Hemisphere should go free from their tormentors, and live according to the Way of God in a land of our own.

It is not a “time of integration into that which is doomed.” So the scriptures clearly state in the **Book of Revelation, Chapter 18, verses 4-5**: “*Come out of her, My people, that you may not be partakers of her sins and her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven. ...*” This is “The Time and What Must Be Done,” and this segment of this subject is titled “**We Must Unite To Save Our Youth.**”

It is an imperative that all of us who are in positions of leadership over organizations or churches: We have to come together as intelligent human beings to save a generation that will be lost unless we take the proper steps to save our youth. Our youth are suffering. And in truth, it is not their fault.

‘From school to a pipeline to prison’: Our youth, the future of this nation, are in trouble.

Brothers and sisters, when *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.* and the Civil Rights Movement opened a way for us to go into business establishments that we were denied entry into, or to sleep in motels or hotels, or dine in restaurants that we were not permitted to sleep in or dine in before, we took our money away from spending with *our own*, and building a future for *our*

own—and we began to spend our wealth with those who had denied us entry, for hundreds of years, into their establishments.

And so the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, in **“The Muslim Program”** that he put on the back page of the *Muhammad Speaks* newspaper and now on the back page of *The Final Call* newspaper, stated in **“Point No. 9 of What The Muslims Believe”**: **“WE BELIEVE that the offer of integration is hypocritical and is made by those who are trying to deceive the Black peoples into believing that their 400-year-old open enemies of freedom, justice and equality are, all of a sudden, their ‘friends.’ Furthermore, we believe that such deception is intended to prevent Black people from realizing that the time in history has arrived for the separation from the Whites of this nation. ...”**

As our subject a few broadcasts ago was **“What Must Be Done”**: ***America, you must let God’s People go!*** We have served you faithfully for 450 years as a slave, then as a free slave. We have fought in all of your wars, for your freedom and your independence—but we are still singing **“We Shall Overcome.”** You have denied us everything that it takes to make a people free, justified and equal. We pay taxes like every other citizen, but our taxes support a *school system* that does not feed us, does not educate us, and does not qualify us! We support a *political system* that has been against us from the very beginning. We fight for a *government* that has been an open enemy to The Liberation Struggle of our people. **It is not that we have been your “enemy,” but a government has been ours.**

Every step that we have made to better ourselves, we had to fight for **“little things.”** Just a drink of water on a fountain that says **“Whites Only,”** to relieve ourselves in a toilet that said **“For Whites Only,”** to be buried in a cemetery that said **“For Whites Only”** and for every **“advancement”** that we have made, we have had to suffer for that advancement.

In April 2013, a movie was released called *42*; it’s about that great brother of ours, baseball player *Jackie Robinson*. The movie didn’t tell the half of that man’s suffering. Yes, he opened the door for Black and Brown to become players in the American and National Leagues of baseball; but as he opened the way for Blacks to enter the major leagues, *the Negro League* closed down. And now our Hispanic brothers are coming out of Central America, and South America,



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and playing ball, and we don’t have the jobs that we used to have in baseball because we are mature enough to know that money should be paid to us for our abilities. But, our Latin brothers who are so happy to be in the major leagues: They are taken advantage of with weaker salaries—although all the salaries that sports people get put *serious disciplines* to shame.

Teachers have to have **“moonlight jobs”** because they can’t get a decent wage; yet, they are shaping the minds of the future. No wonder there’s no real teaching going on in the public school system. Here in Chicago, *49 schools* were closed [by Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the Board of Education]. Here in Chicago, and in the cities of America: **Our children are going from “school” into “a pipeline to prison.”**

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: A man of growing consciousness.

You know, you may think that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is a **“dreamer.”** I beg to differ with you. **“The Dream”** that Martin Luther King had in 1963 that he spoke of at the base of the Lincoln Memorial, the man wasn’t **“dreaming”** when he made a speech—**“The Crisis in America’s Cities: An Analysis of Social Disorder and a Plan of Action Against Poverty, Discrimination and Racism in Urban America.”** This plan was

presented by Dr. King to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, on August 15, 1967. [This speech is available on *The King Center Archives website*.] Look at what Dr. King wrote: **“[A million words will be written and spoken to dissect the ghetto outbreaks, but for a perceptive and vivid expression of culpability I would like to submit two sentences written a century ago by Victor Hugo: ‘If the soul is left in darkness, sins will be committed. The guilty one is not he who commits the sin, but he who causes the darkness.’ The policymakers of the White society have caused the darkness; they created discrimination; they created slums; they perpetuate unemployment, ignorance and poverty. It is incontestable and deplorable that Negroes”**—he used that term then, but we’ll say **“The Black man of America”**—**“have committed crimes; but they are derivative crimes. ...”**

What did he mean **“derivative”**? Dr. King goes on to say: **“[These crimes] are born of the greater crimes of the White society. [So] when we ask Negroes—or Black men and women—to abide by the law, let us also declare that the White man does not abide by law in the ghettos. Day in and day out he violates welfare laws to deprive the poor of their meager allotments. He flagrantly violates building codes and regulations. His police make a mockery of law. He violates laws on equal employment and education and the provisions for civil services. The slums are the handiwork of a vicious system of the White society; Negroes live in them but do not make them any more than a prisoner makes a prison.”** **That’s not the talk of a “dreamer.” That’s the talk of a bold preacher who confronted the reality of White racism.**

He went on to say: **“Let us say boldly that if the total sum violations of law by the White man over the years were calculated and were compared with the law breaking of a few days of riots, the hardened criminal would be the White man.”** Dr. King then went on to quote **“five reasons why”** we are in the condition that we’re in: 1.) **“The White backlash”**; 2.) **“Unemployment”**; 3.) **“General discriminatory practices”**; 4.) **“War”**; and 5.) **“Features peculiar to big cities: crime, family problems, and intensive migration”**).

Now mind you, brothers and sisters, Dr. King said this approximately *47 years ago*; he talked about the **White backlash**,” and then he talked about **“unemployment.”**

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Not a dreamer

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I would like to deal with *unemployment*, because unemployment is the basis for the criminal activity that abounds in the Black community!

Dr. King said: “*The second major cause is unemployment because it furnishes the bulk of the shock troops.*”

What did he mean by this? The things that our young people are doing are “shocking” to those of us who are their elders, but it is unemployment, mis-education, lack of proper education that is creating the “shock troops” that are now giving us and society a “shock.”

Dr. King went on to say: “*Government figures reveal that the rate of unemployment for [Black people] runs as high as 15 percent in some cities—and for youth up to 30-40 percent! It is not accidental that the major actors in all the outbreaks were*”—and are—“*the youth. ...*” Now, look at the figures used by Dr. King 47 years ago: The Black man’s unemployment rate in the cities, 15 percent; and it’s at that same percent right now, 47 years later. Also, for Black youth the “30-40 percent unemployment” rate 47 years ago is the same as today!

Beloved brothers and sisters, for our leaders to say “*Oh, we live in a post-racial America because we have put a Black man in the White House, and America has really changed. ...*”—that beautiful image of Dr. King now on the Washington Mall looking out at us, in stone: That expression on his face will not “change” because the condition of Black people in America has not changed. And for us to think and to say that Dr. King would be proud of the strides that America has made, when these statistics have not changed, in fact they have gotten worse; so, I don’t think that any American has the right to use Dr. King to put a “good face” on an ugly situation that is getting more ugly by the moment.

Dr. King saw our young people running amuck. Have you noticed every revolution that is taking place on the Earth? Look in the faces of those who are rising against their governments—that’s right: **It is disenfranchised young, jobless people.** Not only are young Black people in America



The Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad and Dr. Martin Luther King. Photo: AP

unemployed, young people are unemployed all over the world. When you look at the austerity measures going on in Greece, in Spain, in Italy, in France, look at who is rising up: It is the youth! If you look at Libya, if you look at Syria, if you look at Egypt, if you look at Tunisia, if you look in Bahrain—**wherever there’s revolution or strife against a constituted authority, it is the young who are rising up!**

In America today, “Occupy Wall Street” was young people that are fed up with the government’s *misuse* of young people; not preparing for young people, not having a future for young people! Over 280,000 college graduates are now working on jobs that they are over-ly-educated for! And many who have Master and Doctorate degrees are working in soup kitchens. Is this “the promise” of America? And if this “promise” is failing for middle and upper class White people, it never worked for Black people.

Go on back to the 1940s with the proposed “March on Washington” by A. Phillip Randolph; the cry was “Jobs!” and “Justice!” In 1963, in The March on Washington, the cry was “Jobs!” and “Justice!”—and 20 years later, in 1983, the cry was “Jobs!” and “Justice!” And what is the cry today? “Jobs” and “Justice.”

Brothers and sisters, I want to put before you some more of what Dr. King said, because most of America does not know *Elijah Muhammad*, they don’t know *Malcolm X*, and they don’t know *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Martin Luther King, Jr. was marching toward a goal. He was *evolving toward a goal*, and was assassinated before he reached

it. Where would Dr. King be today, if he were alive, to walk among us? And *Malcolm X*, like Dr. King, was 39 years old; he had broken from the Nation of Islam, and he was moving toward a goal. But, he was assassinated before he reached that goal! Where would *Malcolm X* be today? When *Malcolm* left the Nation of Islam, he spoke in Detroit, and his great speech was: “*Ballots or Bullets: The Right to Vote or Insurrection?*”

Martin Luther King, just weeks before he was assassinated, in a meeting with members of his staff, told Harry Belafonte he was melancholy because he feared that he was integrating his people into a “burning house.” Dr. King, two months before his assassination, sat with the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, and, like “two brothers,” they got along like two brothers should. They spoke frankly, honestly to each other; and Dr. King asked the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, “*Do you really think that all White people are ‘devils’?*” and Elijah Muhammad looked at Dr. King; he said, “*Both of us are from the South,*” he said: “*We know that there are snakes that are poisonous, and there are snakes that are not. The rattlesnake is poisonous, but the king snake is not.*” He was telling Dr. King, “We both are Georgia boys. We know that you have some White people that hate you with a passion, and you have some White people that will tolerate you, and even help you. But, ‘a snake is a snake.’”

I don’t know the final outcome of such a great meeting, but I do know this: They met in February just before our national Saviours’ Day Convention. And just a few months later, Dr. King was dead. **What would America have been like if**

Dr. King and Elijah Muhammad, if the Civil Rights Movement and the Nationalist Movement saw “the common ground”—and each of us worked together for the Common Cause which is the Total Liberation of Our People?

The Enemy’s plans of instituting police measures against youth in street organizations

Dr. King also said of government, quote: “*The demands in Congress and the administration for police measures as the primary solution are a sick echo of the solutions proposed as long ago as 1919 in the Washington riots. The Herald (Tribune)*”—a New York paper—“*called for a, ‘larger, better-drilled and more ably commanded police organization.’ [And] The New York Globe anticipated the current Congressional sentiment of, ‘not rewarding the rioters’ in stating on July 23, 1919, ‘There is nothing to be done but to quiet the rioters by force. We make no pretense nowadays of settling the race question; we simply keep it in abeyance.’*” They have not “settled the race question” to this moment. And right now, there are two congressmen from the state of Illinois who are showing that the mentality of government is the same today as it was then!

According to published reports, *Senator Richard “Dick” Durbin (D-Ill.)* and *Senator Mark Kirk (R-Ill.)* have come up with the idea to “solve the gang problem in Chicago.” They would like to arrest 18,000 so-called members of the Gangster Disciples and put them in prison. And they are working feverishly on how to do that. *Congressman Bobby Rush (D-Ill.)* has spoken against it, and so has *Father Michael Pflieger* (pastor of St. Sabina Catholic Church on Chicago’s Southside) ... **But today, we want to add our voice, and the Voice of The Nation of Islam, to such an horrendous plan of two senators from Illinois: That you would marshal the forces of the federal government, and come into our community and sweep 18,000 so-called members of the Gangster Disciples—and you’ve already carved out a prison that you could put them in?**

How many of you have ever sat down to think of how you can “solve the problem” by creating jobs and employment for the young people in the inner-cities of America, particularly Chicago and Los Angeles? Your thoughts are

the same—“force” *military force*. When Dr. King wrote what he wrote *48 years ago*, police carried “.38s”; but today, they are armed to the teeth like soldiers on a foreign battlefield. Is this what you plan to do: Come into our community and take our young people? *Hell no! We won’t permit it! We’re calling on all Black leaders, all Black organizations—this is an S.O.S. We have to rise up now, and come together as a united front to stop the madness!*

The Illinois senators are going before the Congress, asking for \$30 million. *For what?* To take our young men, and put them in prison? In **Part 21** of “**The Time and What Must Be Done**” **Lecture Series**, you heard me talk about “the prison industrial complex”! You heard me say that in the state of Georgia, 58,000 inmates are working for \$.23 cents an hour—working for Corporate America. People on “The Forbes 500” list are being serviced by young Black people in the prisons of America, training them to do great work *inside prison*. But when they come out on the streets as a “felon,” they can’t even get a job. Nor do you want to train them to work and get a decent living wage on the outside; but you put them in prison, under *schemes*, so that you can misuse them, and use them for slave labor! **This is why the calamities are increasing on America! This is the evil that you plan against a people that God wants to deliver from your hands!**

We know what to do for our people. But you won’t help us! As I stated in **Part 22**: *We proved it by going into dope-infested projects and cleaning up the people, and making it safe for the people, without killing our own brothers and sisters who were dealing with drugs. We know how to deal with our people!* You don’t love them, but we do! *We function from The Guidance of God.*

We want you to let us have them. And if you want to see what we can do, sit down with us and we’ll show you how this can be done. And let it be a “co-operative effort,” you and us—*the police and us, the government and us, the leaders and us.* It is not “hopeless.”...

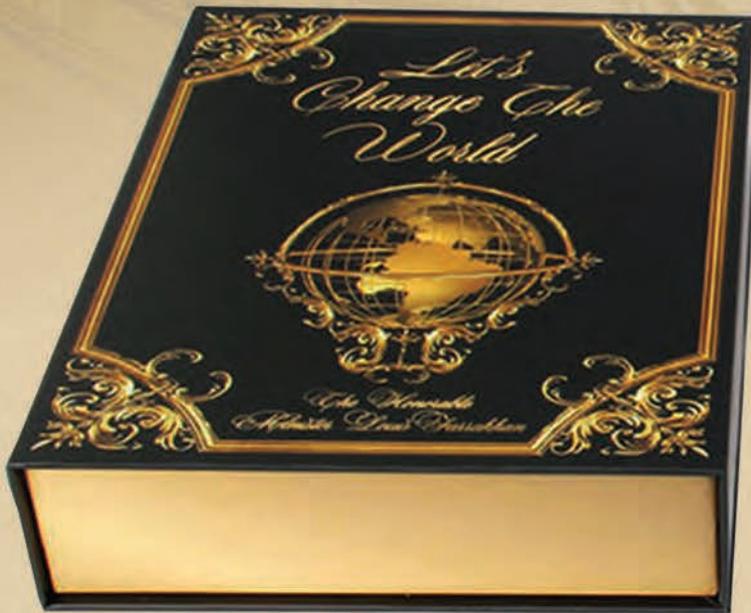
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Marshall Fire in Boulder County, Colorado.



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Virginia State Police recovering vehicles during dangerous driving conditions in snowy weather on January 6. Photos: MGN Online

Disasters

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we see is the beginning of our sorrows, as the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan said.”

In the book, “The Fall of America,” the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad stated, “The four (4) Great Judgments that Allah (God) promises to destroy America, with are now coming upon her...hail, snow, drought, earthquake. Allah (God) has reserved His treasures of snow and ice to be used against the wicked country America in the day of battle and war. These are some of Allah’s (God’s) weapons, the storms that we see going on.”

Ending the year 2021, on December 30 residents of Boulder

County in Colorado, barely made it out of their homes and out of harm’s way due to a raging wild-fire, known as the Marshall Fire. Over 45,000 people in the towns of Superior and Louisville were given instructions to evacuate immediately. Months of drought and winds at 110 mph, created the most devastating fire in Colorado’s history. Within a six hour time span, tens of thousands of people were displaced. There was a total of 991 structures destroyed and 127 structures damaged by the fire and 6,026 acres of land burned. An active investigation is going on to figure out the cause of the fire.

Chihoko Cullens told the Colorado Sun newspaper she did not receive any warning, except the smell of fire and thick smoke that billowed up to her house on Cherokee Avenue in the Sagamore neighborhood on the edge of Superior. In a matter of seconds, Ms. Chihoko got her three children in her old Dodge minivan and ran back inside to grab her phone. By the time she got back in the vehicle, she could no longer see her house through

smoke so thick it made her choke, reported coloradosun.com.

Yaleclimateconnections.org shared the story of Jonathan Vigh, a project scientist who lost his home in Superior. “The speed at which it progressed was so frightening,” the website reported. Mr. Vigh urged everyone to develop and practice a safety plan for whatever hazards frequent their area. “If you have a plan, drill it. We didn’t talk about our plan often enough,” he said.

One of the most painful property losses for Mr. Vigh was a hard drive, containing years of work, that he’d been keeping in his basement during the pandemic while scrimping on internet cloud storage. “If I’d had a checklist on a clipboard, I wouldn’t had lost my entire digital life, I would have grabbed that hard drive. I wasn’t thinking on all cylinders because of the time urgency of this emergency.”

The Community Foundation of Boulder County said it has approved a grant to begin immediately dispersing \$5 million in direct aid to those impacted by the Marshall Fire.

Meanwhile winter storm watches are being considered by the National Weather Service for additional parts of the country as it is experiencing or bracing for more inclement weather.

The severe weather appeared to be responsible for the deaths of two children. In rain-soaked Decatur, Georgia, a tree fell on a home and killed a five year old boy. In Townsend, Tennessee, a snow-covered tree fell on a home and killed a child who had been in their bedroom.

At Final Call presstime, wind chill alerts were in effect for over half a dozen states across the northern Plains as subzero temperatures were forecast, with wind chills possibly dropping to 45 degrees below zero.

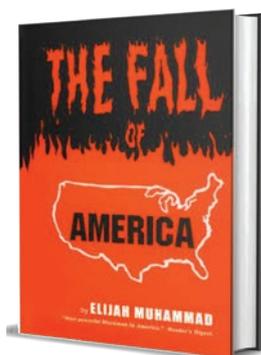
“The dangerously cold wind chills could cause frostbite on exposed skin in as little as 10 minutes,” the National Weather Service said, referring to areas of Montana, Minnesota, Nebraska, and the Dakotas.

At presstime the Pacific Northwest is slowly recovering from a series of storms that engulfed the region with rain and snow. Southwest Washington has experienced

its worst flooding in a decade and some rivers crested at more than 18 feet in early January, the National Weather Service said. Washington Gov. Jay Inslee issued an emergency proclamation Jan. 7.

Not including the devastating and deadly tornadoes that struck Kentucky and other states in December 2021. There were 18 weather disasters that cost the U.S. at least \$1 billion. As the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad forewarned, “the worse is yet to come.”

In the fourth installment of his historic online lecture series, “The Time and What Must Be Done,” Min. Farrakhan cautioned, “You don’t like what I am saying, and you wish I would stop. And some of you will try to stop me! That is entirely up to you. ... But remember! When you plan against me, the plan is already against you. And to prove it: He’s (God’s) going to increase the calamities shortly after you hear this message.” *Final Call staff and Associated Press contributed to this report. Shawntell Muhammad can be contacted at organicallybalanced@gmail.com*





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**From the Desk of: Brother Abdullah Muhammad
Nation of Islam Student National Prison Reform Minister**



“American people, particularly Blacks, must accept their natural responsibility to get up, unite, and pool their resources and do everything that they can to develop themselves, create institutions that serve their needs and make government responsible to create the atmosphere that will allow all of the citizenry to enjoy the principles of freedom, justice and equality,” by The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan, The National Agenda.

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FARRAKHAN: THE TRAVELER

BY JABRIL MUHAMMAD



[Editor's Note: This article is a reprint that was published online on July 21, 2003.]

Now we arrive at the concluding words of that part of a talk, by the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan, in which he took up the significance of: "As-Salaam Alaikum," nine years ago.

"And 'We' did this, and 'We' did that. We who? We, acting on Allah's will, we did it. We created the heaven and the earth. We adorned the Lord's Heaven with stars. We made man and we know what His mind suggests to Him. We who? We—original man—acting on the will of Allah, the Most High. We did this.

"So who are you? Collectively, you are Allah."

Do you agree with him? If not, what was the process by which you arrived at a different self-concept? Are you right?

Minister Farrakhan: "Well, since nobody comes to Allah except as an honored servant, what is the Lesson teaching you? **How to serve.**"

How well do we understand Minister Farrakhan's answer to the question he raised? That depends on what we bring to this question of prior knowledge; attitude; predisposition; experiences; desires; our reasoning power, and, *of course*, Allah Himself.

If we agree with his answer, then to what degree has that wisdom entered into our daily practice? He warned those in authority (as he has warned *all*) against that foul spirit—hated by Allah—which includes having "a chip on their shoulder." That idiom means: "a habitually hostile or combative attitude;" "an antagonistic disposition, a readiness to quarrel." In this state, some don't, or can't, even properly offer the greetings of peace.

He said: "You come humble, strong in

the Lord, strong for righteousness, but humble." Balance is an essential of humility. In Minister Farrakhan's study guide entitled "The Struggle For Balance" he wrote: "Let us analyze this situation: why do our relationships in life invariably bring discontentment, dissatisfaction, and in most instances, dissolve?"

"It is because our inclination towards other human beings is not a primary inclination; it is secondary. We cannot find fulfillment in any secondary need if we ignore the primary need. Our primary need is for Allah (God). Though He is the true Center of our existence, we have replaced Him with secondary needs, which cannot be successfully done. When we put our personal relationships ahead of our relationship with Allah (God), we are guilty of 'shirk,' which is the Arabic word for belief in more than one God. When we set up gods besides Allah, not only do we bring about the degeneration and destruction of those relationships, but we destroy our hope of a relationship with Him.

"Then what is the means by which we learn to love our Lord the way we should? How is any true love created, nurtured and brought to fruition? By repetition of those actions which increase the bond that is Love.

"The child sucks from the breast over and over again. Each time the child draws the milk and the satisfaction that comes with it, the child's love for its mother grows; her love for the child grows as she draws satisfaction from giving him the milk.

"Our love for Allah (God), is nurtured from repetition of acts of devotion to Him. Each time we pray and draw the incredible feeling of happiness and satisfaction that comes from prayer, our love for Him grows. Each thing we do in His way increases our Love. And as our love for Him grows, we recognize Him as the True Center of our existence and the source of balance for our lives. Once we are right with Him, and only when we are right with Him, do we have a

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"Each of us has experienced overcompensation, e.g., the human body needs iron. When the iron supply in the body is depleted due to one thing or another, the result is a condition known as anemia. In order to correct this imbalance, or iron deficiency, we ingest certain foods, which are particularly rich or abundant in iron, in order to restore balance.

"Mental imbalance results from the taking away of some component necessary to mental stability. In order to restore that imbalance, the missing component must be restored or compensated for.

"Black people are not balanced; nor is humanity in general. Allah (God) created us with a natural inclination towards Him. That inclination causes us to move in His direction from the very beginning of life to the end. But the journey to Allah (God) has been aborted because of Falsehood and the acceptance of Falsehood."

(Used rightly, these study guides are extremely valuable instruments in the healing of the wounds inflicted by the wicked. The wicked need them too.) A Sister, here in Phoenix, has *successfully* used Minister Farrakhan's study guides in her employment, where she helps others, for the last twelve years.)

"Allah says He will remove this group and bring one in the place of this group" ... and he continued with an effectively paraphrased statement of Surah 5:54 of the Holy Qur'an, which was (and is yet) so very fitting: "O you who believe, should any one of you turn back from his religion, then Allah will bring" another people, who will be "humble towards the believers," etc. But, as Minister Farrakhan said, so many act just the opposite of the excellent characteristics given in that verse.

This is Minister Farrakhan's work: to

turn this evil situation and condition around, with the backing of the Mahdi and the Messiah, who are working here and elsewhere. We must work better and harder to help him accomplish this most worthy work.

Except for one more point, Minister Farrakhan concluded: "I'm not putting us down. I'm trying to lift us all up. I want us to have peace. I want peace to be in the hearts of Believers for Believers. Peace to be in the hearts of our people. I want the peace of God to descend on each one of us, like a dove, because in that peace is the spirit and power of God. That's what I want for you."

Minister Farrakhan wants for us what the Mahdi and the Messiah want for us.

The above should be seen in the context of these relevant words of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

"Master Fard Muhammad aims to raise the Lost-Found (so-called Negro) into the knowledge and wisdom—the very ideas—of the Gods of the past. He also aims presently to raise His people into His own, i.e.:

"He aims not only to reveal His ideas for the present creation of the universe, but also to give to man the nature and the creative wisdom to produce creative ideas as The Father of Civilization. This is what was prophesied: that God would make man like Himself. He aims to make The Nation of Righteousness, who will rule in the Hereafter, with the potential knowledge of producing and bringing into action, or existence, that which He has been able to produce. We call this 'ideas.' He aims to make each one into a god."

More on these "wants" next issue, Allah willing

Allah the All-Eye Seeing from the heavens above to the earth below

Unveiling the Number 19

by Mother Tynnetta Muhammad

[Editor's Note: This article is a reprint and was published on October 5, 2003, and The Final Call will continue to publish articles from our late and dear Mother Tynnetta Muhammad.]

“And Allah’s is the unseen of the heavens and the earth. And the matter of the Hour is but as a twinkling of the eye or it is nigher still. Surely Allah is Possessor of power over all things.”

—Holy Qur’an, Surah 16, verse 77

As we continue in our studies on the development of Friendship Societies around the world with interconnecting links to international trade and commerce, we must always keep our focus on the Foundation of our work today.

This work is to manifest the Presence of God in everything that we think and do in our evolutionary development as a people and a Nation coming to birth in the midst of America, fulfilling the dreams and aspirations of building a New World Civilization of Righteousness and Peace.

For the truest meaning of Allah as the All-Eye Seeing, we must turn to the Holy Qur’an, where Allah is referred to as the All-Knowing, the Seer.

Every Surah or Chapter of the Holy Qur’an is full of wisdom. The word “Surah” literally means eminence or high degree, and

also refers to a step of a structure. Each verse conveys the meaning of an apparent sign or mark, which comes to mean a miracle. It also signifies a communication or a message from God or the revelation of a law.

The recent discovery of the mathematical code of the number 19 in the Holy Qur’an by the scholarly research of the late Dr. Rashad Khalifah, a native of Tanta, Egypt, through computer technology, overwhelmingly places the Holy Qur’an, by degrees of excellence, as the greatest Miracle ever revealed to man and mankind in our reckoning of the present time.

Dr. Khalifah proved through the use of the computer that every letter, every word, along with every verse and chapter, under close examination, contains an underlying structure based on the special number 19 being placed, foremost, over every Surah of the Holy Qur’an, with the exception of Surah 9.

The Mathematical Code of 19 was discovered written within and without, above and below in the Holy Qur’an’s Revelation as God’s Signature on the whole of His Divine Creation, which interacts throughout all Creation as The All-Eye Seeing Providential mark or sign of His Presence.

This miraculous discovery and



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my own ongoing research inspired me to entitle this column, “Unveiling the Number 19.” This continuous study also confirms our own definition of Islam as Mathematics and Mathematics being Islam given to us through the Divine Teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

There are 114 Surahs, steps or degrees of eminence revealed in the Holy Qur’an. When we add these numbers together, (1+1+4), we get 6. When 6 is divided into 114, the result is the number 19.

Now, keeping in mind that the Honorable Elijah Muhammad defined the whole scope of the Master’s Teaching to him as being Astronomy, when we apply these mathematical numbers to the structure of the heavens and the earth in the design of our entire Universe teeming with life, we would have to agree that Almighty, Allah, is indeed the All-Eye Seeing.

This symbolism can be likened to a revolving and evolving sphere within spheres of rotating matter coming from the center nucleus radiating outward, operating from darkness into light, which is constantly bringing up objects

into our view. This is the way in which our Universe was created and defines the law and the nature of all created things, from galaxies to pulsars to human beings.

In one of the student’s Lesson Assignments, we are taught that Allah is the God in the earth and in the heavens above, and is just and true, and there is no unrighteousness in Him. But is not unseen but is seen and is heard everywhere—for He is the All-Eye Seeing.

This answer is given to the question raised concerning how we are erroneously taught by the present world to see God as an unseen reality, which is thus refuted with the above answer. This Truth is markedly displayed in the design of America’s Great Seal which exhibits a 13-layered pyramid leading to an open space that contains the providential “All-Eye Seeing” symbolizing God’s Presence in the affairs of men and nations at all times.

“And Allah brought you forth from the wombs of your mothers—you knew nothing—And He gave you hearing and sight and hearts that you might give thanks.”

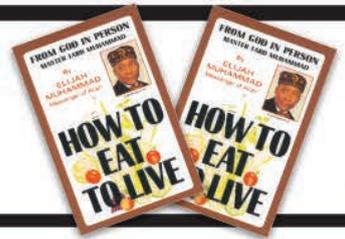
—Holy Qur’an, Surah 16, verse 78

To be continued.



How To Eat To Live

BY THE MOST HONORABLE ELIJAH MUHAMMAD



God of Right Prescribes Best Foods



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We must remember the god of this world (the devil) cannot be taken as a guide for health and life, because he is not such a guide.

We must remember the Biblical prophecy of a God coming to us, whose aim and purpose is to teach the way of life and the prolongation of life, accomplishing these things through the food that we eat (both physically and mentally) and the set times this food should be taken.

The Bible prophesies of His great work of giving to us longer life and the eternal happiness of life without being troubled with the enemy of life and the enemy's effect on life.

The god of this world (the devil) had to try to build a world and teach the people something different from what they had been accustomed to. This is why you see so much change in the way of good to the way of evil.

We must bear in mind that the god of this world was made of the essence of weakness, taught wickedness and trained by a wicked-minded god to destroy the life of the righteous and to change the natural religion of the righteous (the very nature of the righteous), so they would not follow the right course, but follow the wrong course.

He introduced the eating of swine flesh, snakes, reptiles, and all kinds of sea fish that can be considered nothing but scavengers of water, as the hog is a scavenger of the earth. Shrimp, crabs, oysters, catfish, eels (water snakes), and

many other species of the water; all types of beans, peas, and nuts were not produced by nature for us to try to use as a diet for our delicate stomachs to digest—not to mention the pig.

The enemy of the righteous has gone to the extreme in everything to shorten, waste, and change the way of right. In trying to make a different world and people from the right world of the original people (Black people), he made a hell for us all.

The foods that the God of righteousness prescribes are the best foods. Let us accept our own (the way Master Fard Muhammad—to whom praise is due forever—has taught us).

We cannot charge the White man with his way of life, and we follow it. If the White man eats poisonous foods and eats three or four times a day that is his business. We have now learned to distinguish the poisonous food from the non-poisonous. Why should we eat poisonous food? We have learned that eating too often causes us to suffer. So, why should we do so?

Eat one meal a day or one meal every other day, and see how much better you will feel.

There are many different kinds of food that the White man has grown and made. Eat the best of the food that will not destroy your health and bring about a short life. Eat one meal a day and one meal every two days and live.

(Reprinted from "How To Eat To Live," Book One, 1967.)





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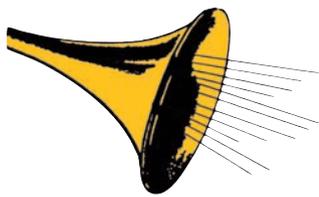
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November 29, 2021

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Sidney Poitier

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"His legacy in film, he had so much dignity and pride. His legacy will live on forever," said Mr. Harris.

Sidney Poitier's career started in 1949 with small parts that increased in the 1950's; but before he could really take off with White liberal filmmakers, he was confronted with Senator Joseph McCarthy's Anti-Communist campaign.

"Before I had learned enough about politics to get a fix on McCarthy, I found myself victimized by the indiscriminate gusts from his demagoguery. With a long arm that was never ready to help but always ready to hurt, the Senator smeared and paralyzed much of the area I had by now chosen to spend my life in. Before I could understand any of it, I was blacklisted. I wasn't able to work." Mr. Poitier explains in his 1980 autobiography "This Life."

"I couldn't really say for sure whether it was a blacklist or my Black face that was keeping me out of work."

This experience impacted him and the way he viewed the world. When McCarthy's tirade was over, Mr. Poitier was allowed to work again. He performed with celebrities like Harry Belafonte who became a best friend and often co-star in movies like "Buck and the Preacher," and "Uptown Saturday Night." During the 1960's they bonded as civil rights activists.

In 1964, Mr. Belafonte received a frantic call from Student Nonviolent Committee (SNCC) leader James Forman. The group would run out of money within the next 72 hours. Mr. Belafonte raised \$70,000 in two days. The only way to deliver the money was in person.

He and Mr. Poitier took the money stuffed into a doctor's bag to Freedom Summer volunteers in Greenwood, Miss. SNCC field secretary Willie Blue picked them up. However, they were ambushed by the Klan, who with guns blazing, used a pickup truck to try to run them off the road.

Mr. Poitier's activism also took him and Mr. Belafonte to the 1963 March on Washington, where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s delivered the historic "I Have a Dream" speech. In 1967, Dr. King said of Mr. Poitier, "He is a man of great depth, a man of great social concern, a man who is dedicated to human rights and freedom."

While Mr. Poitier was dedicated to human rights and freedom, his strong presence on film and in all he accomplished did so much more.

Mr. Belafonte said of Mr. Poitier, "I don't think anyone [else] in the world could have been anointed with the responsibility of creating a whole new image of Black people, and especially Black men."

That new image of Black men was seen in the 1967 film "In the Heat of the Night" where he played police detective Virgil Tibbs. Mr. Poitier delivers a classic line to the sheriff in the movie who refuses to address him properly. With dignity, determination and defiance, Mr. Poitier, playing police detective Virgil Tibbs, says, "They

call me Mr. Tibbs!" That same film contains another iconic scene when a wealthy White man slaps Mr. Poitier's character and he slaps him back. To date, the clip earned over 300k views on YouTube under the title, "the slap heard round the world."

Mr. Poitier's other classic films include, "Cry the Beloved Country," "The Blackboard Jungle," "Paris Blues," "The Defiant Ones," and "Patch of Blue." He received the Cecil B. DeMille award at the Golden Globes in 1982, the AFI (American Film Institute) Lifetime Achievement prize in 1992, the Kennedy Center Honors in 1995, the SAG (Screen Actors Guild) Life Achievement Award in 1999 and the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2009, from President Barack Obama.

Producer and founder of Mahdi Theatre Margaret Mahdi told The Final Call that Mr. Poitier's roles challenged the notion of Black men as "coons" and inferior to their White counterparts.

"We are immensely grateful to Allah that He has gifted us with great ones who have shown the world how to express God's talents and gifts in a supremely noble manner," she said. "To me, Mr. Poitier represented wholesomeness, class and dignity in his character portrayals," added Ms. Mahdi.

"His confidence and pride in being a dark-skinned Black man exuded throughout his portrayals. We didn't see an inferior complexed Black man in any of his films. We witnessed a Black man that celebrated his Blackness. His acting was also superior. We felt his passionate portrayals because he gave soul and

life through all his characters," she said.

"He was to Hollywood what Jackie Robinson was to baseball," said the Rev. Al Sharpton on MSNBC. "He broke the color barrier at the top level. The first Black to win an Oscar for acting. And I think that this country, this world and certainly the world of cinema could never pay the debt that is owed to Sidney Poitier."

Born to Bahamian parents March 27, 1927, Mr. Poitier could trace his family back to his great, great-great grandparents March Poitier and Emily Evans. He is survived by his wife Joanna Shimkus and his children, Beverly Poitier-Henderson, Pamela Poitier, Sherri Poitier, Gina Poitier, Anika Poitier and Sydney Tamiia Poitier.

Social media was flooded with sentiments expressed by those whose lives Mr. Poitier touched. Mr. Obama wrote on Facebook, "Through his groundbreaking roles and singular talent, Sidney Poitier epitomized dignity and grace, revealing the power of movies to bring us closer together. He also opened doors for a generation of actors. Michelle and I send our love to his family and legion of fans."

Actor Martin Lawrence wrote, "This one hits hard. My prayers and condolences go out to the family of the iconic and trailblazing Sidney Poitier."

"Luckily Poitier was there to show me that Black is beautiful & that I didn't need to aspire towards being anyone but myself," wrote Juan Michael Porter II on Twitter.

Division continues

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of men and women maimed and injured at will and left in their wake five people dead, and 50 injured police officers.

"What the extremists who roamed these halls targeted was not only the lives of elected leaders. What they sought to degrade and destroy was not only a building, hallowed as it is. What they were assaulting were the institutions, the values, the ideals that generations of Americans have marched, picketed, and shed blood to establish and defend," said Vice-President Harris in her remarks prior to introducing President Biden.

It was just recently reported by several news outlets Ms. Harris was evacuated from the Democratic National Committee headquarters when a pipe bomb was found that day.

"Harris' presence inside the building while a bomb was right outside raises sobering questions about her security that day. It also raises the chilling prospect that the riots could have been far more destructive than they already were, with the incoming vice president's life directly endangered," noted politico.com.

Many Republican lawmakers and leaders now pretend it never happened, appear to be in denial, and some have relegated the violent mob to mere tourists. Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina acknowledged Jan. 6, 2021, was a "dark day in American history." But he accused Mr. Biden of mining it for political gain. "What brazen politicization of January 6 by President Biden," he tweeted.



President Joe Biden speaks on anniversary of Capitol Insurrection.

Only about four in 10 Republicans recall the attack as very or extremely violent, compared with nine in 10 Democrats, according to a new poll by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

Of the thousands that were there that day and breached the Capitol, few arrests, charges and convictions have been made. Only 725 individuals have been arrested in nearly all 50 states for crimes related to the breach, including over 225 individuals charged with assaulting or impeding law enforcement, according to the FBI. The investigation remains ongoing, and more than 165 individuals have pleaded guilty to federal charges, including 22 to felony offenses

"It's really sad, because if we were talking about any other group, we would be talking about long sentencing," stated Dr. Opio Sokoni, Jacksonville, Florida activist, professor and filmmaker.

When four Puerto Ricans took over the Capitol Building in March 1954, they received harsh sentencing, he said. Likewise for the Black Panther Party, who was fighting against racism, he added.

"They had a whole government under the Counterintelligence Program of the FBI went against them and some of them from the 70s and 80s are still in prison today," stated Dr. Sokoni. What is being demonstrated is the lack of balance in America's criminal justice system, he added.

"What we're seeing in these short sentences and what's going with those who have taken over, under the guise of somehow making this country better, is really nothing more than the old idea that White supremacy is good, and it is throughout the criminal justice system, whether it's judges or prosecutors," Dr. Sokoni told The Final Call.

Many across the country reflected on what happened that day in terms of threats to democracy and implications moving forward. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Texas, vowed not to let the day's events be swept under the rug, reported NPR. "I'm ready to stand with all of you patriots," she said. "I'm ready to not forget," she said, according to NPR. For some, the emotions from a year ago are just as potent today. Democrats continue to push forward with the Jan. 6 Congressional Committee investigations while the GOP are holding fast to the "2020 election fraud" narrative.

"It says that we have two countries. We have a country that on one side doesn't mind White people destroying it. On the other side, we have that same mentality of people that want to fight against the country to make it better, but somehow, they're considered less than," stated Dr. Sokoni.

Student Minister Dr. Abdul Haleem Muhammad, Nation of Islam Southwest Region Representative, argued that America is in her current unraveling condition, as the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan warned in 2020.



The Washington, D.C. Metro Police and FBI have released wanted photos for people who participated in the U.S. Capitol riot. Photos: MGN Online

"This country is divided, red state vs. blue state, Democrat vs. Republican. It's divided by generation. It's divided by sex. It's now being divided by the vaccinated and unvaccinated. Everything that the Minister talked about in "Torchlight for America," if you look at it, it wasn't addressed, and it wasn't sustained," he said, referring to the 1993 book written by Min. Farrakhan.

America did not follow the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and Minister Farrakhan's gentle words of warning, and now the threatened Judgment of God comes to pass, said Min. Abdul Haleem Muhammad. "There's a correlation between those two in my opinion, a correlation between the unraveling of America and our ambivalence and outright rejection of the admonition, recommendations, advice and guidance offered in 'Torchlight for America,'" he added.

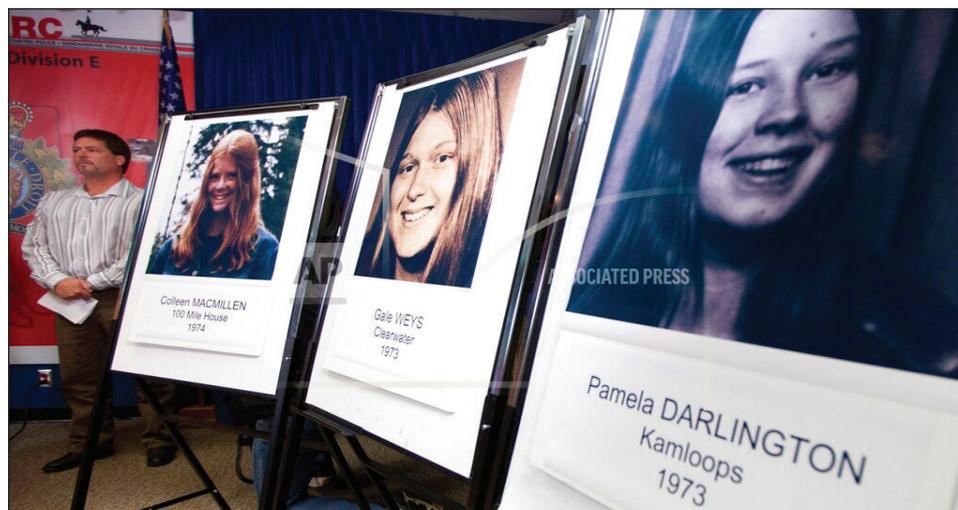
—Charlene Muhammad, National Correspondent, Final Call Staff and Associated Press contributed to this report.

U.S., Canada's War On Indigenous Women

SISTER
SPACE



by **Shawntell Muhammad**
Contributing Writer



Photos of murder victims are displayed during a news conference in Surrey, British Columbia, Canada, on Sept 25, 2012. Canadian police have linked a dead U.S. convict to one of 18 women who vanished along three highways in British Columbia over several decades, and authorities are investigating the man for possible links to five murders in the U.S. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police said Bobby Jack Fowler, who died in 2006, is a person of interest in 10 of the Canadian cases, and DNA has linked Fowler to the 1974 killing of teenage hitchhiker Colleen MacMillen. Photos: AP Photo/The Canadian Press, Jonathan Hayward

prisoned at rates that have surpassed Indigenous men, and these numbers continue to grow. Due to their central roles in communities, Indigenous women have been a target of the colonial agenda to eliminate Indigenous presence.

The criminal justice system in Canada has become one of the major components set up to assimilate and control Indigenous people.

“By removing the woman through incarceration, it’s blatant genocide. The woman carries the children, births the children, and teaches the culture. The crisis with missing and murdered Indigenous women specifically in Canada have been going on for over 50 years. Along Highway 16 that runs through northern British Columbia, now known as the Highway of Tears. The highway’s construction was completed in 1969, and in 1971 the Indigenous people started putting pressure on the Canadian government and that’s when an 18-year-old Indigenous woman went missing on that highway,” said Amatullah Muhammad, Chicago youth artist and activist.

She continued, “Doing further research, Indigenous women have been facing danger in that region, all the way back to the 1800s. When mining was going on, miners would go onto reservations and steal Indigenous women, assault them and murder them sometimes. Laws were put into place, but those laws protected the White man. In recent history, a correlation was found with the pipeline construc-

tion along that highway, and the construction workers were going onto the reservations and sexual assault cases rose. Once construction stopped, sexual assault cases dropped.”

To learn more about the Highway of Tears, go to highwayoftears.org/about-us/highway-of-tears.

The war on Indigenous peoples also includes the systematic and abusive treatment of children. And while the Canadian government recently announced, according to the New York Times, “it reached what it called the largest settlement in Canada’s history, paying \$31.5 billion to fix the nation’s discriminatory child welfare system and compensate the Indigenous people harmed by it,” is it enough to atone for the historic wrongs inflicted on the Aboriginal people?

“The agreement in principle forms the basis for a final settlement of several lawsuits brought by First Nations groups against the Canadian government. Of the overall settlement, \$40 billion in Canadian dollars, half will go toward compensating both children who were unnecessarily removed, and their families and caregivers, over the past three decades,” the newspaper reported.

“The rest of the money will go toward repairing the child welfare system for First Nations children—who are statistically far more likely to be removed from their families—over the next five years to ensure families are able

to stay together,” continued the New York Times.

Of those eligible for compensation, experts hired during the litigation have estimated that 115,000 children were separated from their families since 1991, said Robert Kugler, a lawyer who represented First Nations complainants on two different lawsuits, the article stated.

While less than eight percent of children under 14 in Canada are Indigenous, they make up more than 52 percent of those in foster care, according to 2016 census data.

Student Minister Abel Muhammad, stated, “The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan in 2015 brought to light the disparities, the conditions that exist on reservations that people aren’t aware of because it’s not on the local news. I think that it was really significant that Minister Farrakhan highlighted the plight of our Native brothers and sisters. There’s been a history, all the way to this day, of deliberate annihilation of Indigenous women through surgically removing the reproductive organs, out of fear of reproduction of our numbers rising.

“Also, the alcoholism and drug abuse takes place where there’s a concentration of Indigenous people, in particular Indigenous women. There is a focus, an attack on the woman. In Indigenous culture, the woman has always played a central figure in society and she has been given equal rights, and a strong voice in leadership. Some tribes have women chiefs and council leaders. There is absolutely a connection between commercialization and capitalist endeavors, these things, money hungry people and people who don’t value the woman.”

According to PrisonPolicy.org, “Native people made up 2.1 percent of all federally incarcerated people in 2019, larger than their share of the total United States population, which was less than one percent.”

Native women are particularly over-represented in the incarcerated population. They made up 2.5 percent of women in prisons and jails, while representing 0.7 percent of the United States population.

Sister Space is devoted to amplifying the voices of women as well as telling their stories and highlighting their accomplishments. We welcome your ideas and submissions. Please send any material to editor@finalcall.com.

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Activist: Sudan's kleptocratic military system won't stop the people's movement from rising



noted.

The so-called “transitional government” was predated by a 2018-2019 protest movement that led to the removal of President Omar el-Bashir, then recent protests “forced” Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok into resigning from the military controlled transitional government Jan. 2, she continued.

During a resignation speech on state TV, Hamdok said, “To our armed forces—the army, Rapid Support Forces, police, and intelligence services—I say the people are the final sovereign authority.”

“Hamdok was isolated from the beginning,” said Alex de Waal, British researcher on African politics and executive director of the World Peace Foundation at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. “I think he had two plans, one preventing further bloodshed because the protest movement didn’t accept his compromise proposals, and second he sees the economic precipice over which Sudan is headed into. He felt that he could engineer enough of an economic bailout to prevent the worst from occurring,” said de Waal, on Al Jazeera’s “Inside Story.” As a postscript, Hamdok failed miserably and lost all credibility with the demonstration movement.

Later in the show, de Waal said Sudan’s military regime in some ways is a very familiar one. “They put on the clothing of nationalism (including Sudan’s national dress).”

“One of the defining faces of the regime is the extent to which it has penetrated the economy and especially rural society. It has militarized much of the commercial sector and increasingly the rural sector as well,” he explained. And, the

researcher said, an extensive commercial enterprise is owned by “the Number Two in the regime, General Hemedti and his Rapid Support Forces, who are the de facto governing power in Darfur (and) in many of the rural areas.”

“And the depth of the kleptocratic control and the entanglement of this kleptocratic system in the regime, with Egypt, with the Gulf States etcetera, means that this is actually a different regionalized form of a kind of military government that will be hard to uproot,” he explained.

“And I think that this is what Hamdok, as a conventional economist that had a vision of Sudan resuming as a developmental trajectory, he was saying, ‘I cannot find a way back to the economic and social stabilization of Sudan.’ ” De Waal concluded, “We are in the grip of this monstrous transboundary military kleptocratic military system.”

During same show, Ahmed El-Gaili, a Sudanese attorney and legal commentator focusing on Sudanese politics, called Hamdok’s resignation a “consequential and irrelevant event.”

Despite all the headlines, he described the resignation as the most consequential “in Sudanese history.”

But as far as people on the street are concerned, Hamdok is irrelevant, he added. “The minute he went rogue and signed that agreement” with self-appointed Sovereign Council leader, Gen. Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, and Deputy Sovereign Council head and Rapid Support Forces General Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo (also known as Hemedti), the prime minister lost whatever credibility he had left.

“It is irrelevant because it was weeks in the making (he announced a possible resignation



Sudanese activist, educator Nour Tawir Aburass

two weeks before leaving) and at the same time it’s a consequential event mainly for the international community to move on from this event. It removes the last remaining fig leaf from the October 25 military coup,” said El-Gaili.

“Now people see it for what it really is, a full-fledged military regime,” he argued, adding, “It forces the international community to refocus and reengage.”

Sudan’s anti coup, pro-democracy movement, according to Aburass, is returning to the heights of its 2018-2019 action. It has the potential of going beyond those days, displays an unwillingness to compromise, and is armed with the experiences of the past, she said.

With patience rooted in a long history of “struggle” dating back to 1956, and further, to the colonial period of 1899-1956, she believes this revolution is the Sudanese peoples to win.

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Seven-thousand people listened to Dr. Martin Luther King's May 17, 1967 anti-war speech at U.C. Berkeley.

An Enemy of the State

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to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death," Dr. King warned.

He delivered the speech against the advice of his own staff. The press was given a written copy of the speech in advance.

"By the time he got done delivering it, the press knew everything he said. They had exact quotes, because they had copies of it. I raise that because he'd never done that before," Mr. Smiley said. "And by the time he got done giving that speech later that night and the next morning, they ripped him to shreds. The news media, the massive news media, the local media all across the country. They ripped him to shreds, and the headlines in these 'liberal papers,' these liberal publications, Time, Newsweek, The New York Times, The Washington Post, The LA Times ..."

In total, 168 major newspapers denounced Dr. King. The New York Times editorial board accused him of fusing "two public problems that are distinct and separate" and making "too facile a connection between the speeding up of the war in Vietnam and the slowing down of the war against poverty." The Washington Post editorial board said King had "diminished his usefulness to his cause, his country and his people."

After the speech, President Lyndon B. Johnson reportedly

questioned, "We gave him the Civil Rights Act of 1964, we gave him the Voting Rights Act of 1965, we gave him the War on Poverty. What more does he want?"

Not only was Dr. King vilified in the major newspapers of that day, but the Black media also spoke out against him.

"Carl Rowan, who was at that time one of the few Black national journalists, said he was disappointed in his speech. It wasn't just a firestorm that came from the White House and so forth," said Dr. Ray Winbush, director of the Institute for Urban Research at Morgan State University, to The Final Call. "I was surprised, and I remember that period, that Black folk, 'Why is he talking about the Vietnam War? He's supposed to be talking about civil rights and economics.' As if Dr. King only had one thing to talk about. He was talking about, throughout his whole life, the issue of justice."

Black civil rights leaders also turned on Dr. King. Roy Wilkins of the NAACP and Whitney Young of the National Urban League condemned him. Baseball player Jackie Robinson distanced himself. Colleges, universities and Black churches rescinded their invitations.

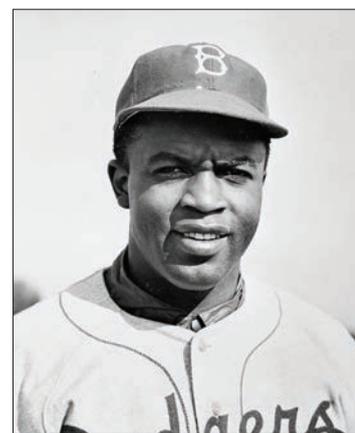
"Dr. King, up until that point, had never been treated so viciously by the mainstream media all at one time. King was the darling of the civil rights movement. He's a Nobel Peace Prize winner, but they all turned on him in a mo-



Lyndon B. Johnson Photo: Library of Congress



Executive secretary of the NAACP, Roy Wilkins. Photo: AP



Jackie Robinson Photo: MGN Online

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King anti war protest in NYC 1967

ment," Mr. Smiley said.

Dr. Winbush attributed Black people's treatment of Dr. King to the "White gaze."

"There's some people who feel that if you say something against White people's policies, government or whatever, they feel nervous about that, and they're under the White gaze. Dr. King wasn't under the White gaze," he said.

As America turned on Dr. King, he continued his work in advocating for the poor and oppressed. In 1968, he launched the Poor People's Campaign with the goal of tackling economic injustice. He planned to camp out on the National Mall until Congress made a concerted effort to address poverty, but he was assassinated before he saw his plans through.

"They weren't trying to hear him on Vietnam. They weren't trying to hear him on the Poor People's Campaign. There's a target

on his back. And lo and behold, one year to the day later, almost to the very hour ... they killed him," Mr. Smiley said.

After his death, Dr. King's wife, Coretta Scott King, and civil rights leader Ralph David Abernathy continued the Poor People's Campaign, setting up an encampment named "Resurrection City." The city housed thousands of people and lasted for six weeks until police forcibly shut it down, showing up in riot gear, evicting inhabitants and making arrests.

"You know, you may think that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is a 'dreamer.' I beg to differ with you," wrote the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan, in an article titled "Dr. Martin Luther King Jr: Not a 'Dreamer,' but a Man Evolving Toward a Common Goal For His People."

Though Dr. King spoke at the base of the Lincoln Memorial in

1963, the civil rights leader's views didn't end there, the Minister said.

He pointed to a different speech, "The Crisis in America's Cities: An Analysis of Social Disorder and a Plan of Action Against Poverty, Discrimination and Racism in Urban America," to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Atlanta on August 15, 1967.

In that message, Dr. King said, "The policymakers of the White society have caused the darkness; they created discrimination; they created slums; they perpetuate unemployment, ignorance and poverty. ... [So] when we ask Negroes—or Black men and women—to abide by the law, let us also declare that the White man does not abide by law in the ghettos. Day in and day out he violates welfare laws to deprive the poor of their meager allotments. He flagrantly violates building codes and regulations. His police make a mockery of law. He violates laws on equal employment and education and the provisions for civil services. The slums are the handiwork of a vicious system of the White society; Negroes live in them but do not make them any more than a prisoner makes a prison," Dr. King stated.

"That's not the talk of a 'dreamer.' That's the talk of a bold preacher who confronted the reality of White racism," said Min. Farrakhan, who spoke of Dr. King's courageous stand against the Vietnam War and America's global wrongdoing. Dr. King also pointed to a "White backlash" against justice and freedom for Black people, the Minister added.

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COINTELPRO and the Black Messiah

Along with the public campaign waging war against Dr. King's character, the U.S. government, through the FBI's Counterintelligence Program, viewed his life as a threat.

"I think the key to the final years of Dr. King's life can best be understood from how the U.S. government viewed him and how he was written of by J. Edgar Hoover in the COINTELPRO memos," said Memphis-based Nation of Islam author, researcher and Student Minister Demetric Muhammad to The Final Call.

In the program's memos, FBI director J. Edgar Hoover discusses the rise of a Black Messiah and the candidates who would fit the role. He named both Dr. King and the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, the Eternal Leader of the Nation of Islam, as candidates. The two great, Georgia-born Black men would meet each other on February 24, 1966.

"When he discussed the potentiality of Dr. King being a Black Messiah, he said that it would be dependent upon whether or not Dr. King would abandon White liberal doctrines," Demetric Muhammad said. "Well, in the last years of Dr. King's life, there are signs that he was abandoning so-called White liberal doctrines. Integration was a White liberal doctrine. And Dr. King, at a certain point, said that he had begun to see how at least a temporary separation might be necessary in route to a fully integrated society."

Demetric Muhammad penned an essay, "Was Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a Black Muslim," where he discusses Dr. King and the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. Like Dr. King, the Nation of Islam stood against the war on Vietnam, with Muslims, including Muhammad Ali, refusing induction into the draft. Dr. King supported the outspoken Ali's refusal to go into the armed services.

"When Dr. King began to make these kinds of statements, then J. Edgar Hoover began to oppose him more aggressively. They sent letters to Dr. King encouraging him to commit suicide. If he didn't commit suicide, they would make him the subject of a public scandal," Demetric Muhammad said. "They also



J. Edgar Hoover

sent letters to his wife, claiming that Dr. King had been unfaithful to his wife. Then, it came out that even at his assassination, there were agents and informants part of those who were close to Dr. King."

Dr. Winbush described how at that time Dr. King was considered to be the greatest threat to American democracy, almost like an "enemy of the state."

"He said, 'I fear that I am integrating my people into a burning house.' And the burning house was the United States," the professor said. "And when I look at all these ceremonies that will occur in a week or two, I say, man, King. What happened to the King that I knew? He was a rough brother. He shot pool. He hung out with people."

"People forget that he smoked, and that wasn't right. He shouldn't have been smoking. But now he's like Saint Martin Luther King or something. We should remember the King not that they're trying to get us to remember but the King that actually was," he continued.

Dr. King's condemnation of militarism

Throughout his life, Dr. King saw a triple threat facing American democracy: racism, poverty and militarism.

"The triple threat he raised then—racism, poverty and militarism—are still the same threats that face our democracy today," Mr. Smiley said.

"If King were here today, we'd be found wanting. He'd be sorely disappointed on the real work that's



The Lorraine Motel, where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated on April 4, 1968 in Memphis, Tennessee. Photo: MGN Online

being done, the real work that needs to be done on reducing poverty, eradicating poverty, ending racism, and reducing military threat in this country and around the globe," he said.

President Joe Biden recently authorized \$768.2 billion in defense spending, a five percent increase and \$25 billion more than what was initially requested. The recent increase in military spending echo back to Dr. King's words on budgets being moral documents.

"Dr. King was saying to the government of America, your annual budget is a moral document, and looking at where you have chosen to spend your

money is an indictment against your claim to be a moral authority on the world stage," Demetric Muhammad said. "So you put all of this money into the military, yet there are homeless people and people living under bridges. There are people who are living in poverty. There are people who are suffering. There are people who sincerely need assistance to be on a level playing field that they might have a chance to live the so-called American dream."

Dr. Winbush said it's amazing how presidents end their speeches with "God bless our troops," as President Biden recently did when addressing the Jan. 6 insurrection. "It sends a message out there: don't forget about us being the greatest military power on earth and all the money," Dr. Winbush said. "Your one cruise missile could fund the school budgets of several Black ar-

eas and towns in this country. One cruise missile. And that money is wasted."

As America ups her military spending, Dr. King's family is pressuring the president and lawmakers who have stalled on voting rights legislation. They are calling for no celebration of MLK Day without the passage of federal voting rights bills.

The family "will not accept empty promises in pursuit of my father's dream for a more equal and just America," said Martin Luther King III, the oldest son of Dr. King and Coretta Scott King, in a statement.

His sister, Dr. Bernice King, CEO of The King Center, stood in solidarity. She said if voting rights is still hanging in the balance by MLK Day on Jan. 17, "... instead of taking the King Holiday off, they should make it a 'day on' to pass the voting rights acts."

Learning the real Dr. King

Dr. Winbush was a 20-year-old college student when Dr. King was assassinated. He said he doesn't think White supremacy has changed, in terms of trying to suppress the history of Black people and people of color in America. People need to read Dr. King's words for themselves, he said.

"A lot of people don't know that he had a Chicago campaign, that he met with Malcolm, that he went to Africa and met with Nkrumah when Ghana became independent in 1957. They don't know that history because they haven't read anything about Dr. King. They look at news clips with him saying 'I have a dream,' 'I've been to the mountaintop,' and that's all they know," he said.

Demetric Muhammad said the reason the real story of Dr. King is

untold is because of the corruption of Black history and those who work to reduce the potency of that history.

"Meaning that you learn of Dr. King, but you may not necessarily be inspired as a revolutionary when you study Dr. King, because they don't give you all of Dr. King," he said. "They don't show you the evolution of the man. They don't show you his budding relationship with the Nation of Islam. So the reason that we don't see the Dr. King from '63 through '68 is because there are many young people who would be inspired in a revolutionary direction if they could learn that Dr. King was growing in a revolutionary direction."

Mr. Smiley said it saddens him to think that Dr. King died having no idea how his name would be lifted up years later.

"He was toxic. Nobody wanted to be around him. Everybody had abandoned him. He had no idea, could never have imagined when he died, when he was killed, that all these years later, he'd be a national and international hero," he said. "He could never imagine there would be a holiday named after him, or a monument in Washington on the National Mall where he was going to camp out with Resurrection City, his Poor People's Campaign. And schools named after him and streets and bridges and libraries."

People don't really know Martin King until they look at him in the last year of his life, added Mr. Smiley.

"It's easy when everybody's cheering your name and you're winning awards and you're on the cover of magazines and you're a hero to many people for leading this movement. It's easy when everybody's with you. But we come to know who we really are in the darkest hours of our lives," he said. "When everybody's turned against us, when standing in your truth becomes terribly uncomfortable, these are the moments when we learn who we really are, in our darkest hours."

"And in the dark hours of his life, when everything and everybody had abandoned him and isolated him, we see who King really is," he continued. "What we see is that he does not back down. He stands in his truth. He doesn't compromise. He doesn't give in. He doesn't give up. He doesn't give out. And he went down swinging."



Muslim mayor

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Census. The racial makeup of the city was 53.6 percent White (which includes people of Middle Eastern ancestry), 19.3 percent Black American, 0.3 percent Native American, 21.5 percent Asian, and 4.7 percent from two or more races. Latinos of any race were 1.5 percent of the population.

Local businessman Wessam Ali noted Hamtramck's growing immigrant population and increasing diversity has resulted in a changing of the guard. "For 99 years, every mayor of Hamtramck was of Polish descent. Now today, the Adhan (Muslim call to prayer) could be heard throughout the city in the moments leading up to this historic inauguration," he said.

During his speech, Mayor Ghalib shared an experience as a young immigrant that is encountered by many Black and Brown students. He recalled a conversation with his school counselor in his senior year of high school. "She looked at me and said, 'What do you want to study when you go to college? I answered without hesitance, 'political science!' She replied, 'You have an accent when you speak English, and your background [a Muslim immigrant] would not be in your favor.'"

The discouraged honor student took his counselor's advice to study his second favorite field of interest, medicine.

After 10 years of studying medicine and serving his community, he decided to come embrace his first love, politics.

Realizing he'd come full circle, the mayor told the audience, "I did not come back emptyhanded. I brought with me a lot of knowledge, skill, as well as crucial ethical principles that I learned in medical school."

Rashi Beydoun acknowledged the historic election was due, in part, to sacrifices made early on. "What we witnessed today was really years and years of struggle that was paved by others who made that journey [to America]. Access to the ballot is actually access to shaping your community and when you finally reach that milestone, you can see the exuberance everyone was feeling today in the audience," he said.

Mr. Beydoun shared how the mayor's being discouraged from pursuing public service by a high school counselor really resonated with him.

"Just hearing the stories, the struggles, the immigrant experience, as an educator myself, I know what it's like to see young people have these dreams finally fulfilled is truly beautiful," he said.

In closing, Dr. Ghalib pledged, "As the mayor of Hamtramck, I will ensure that all residents have the right to autonomy, and we will lend an ear to what they have to say. If I can't help you, I will never do anything to harm you."

"Although I can't promise that we may not always see eye to eye, I can promise that I'll never refuse to negotiate and learn from each other's differences," he added.

Shareefa Albanna, a startup venture success manager and economic development specialist with the University of Buffalo, traveled from Buffalo, N.Y., to witness the Muslim majority government being sworn in.

"I'm a longtime advocate for diversity, inclusion, equity and awareness. I'm here all the way from the state of New York in support of the city and all the local officials in this historic win," she said.

Ms. Albanna expressed pride in the added value the close-knit Yemeni community has brought to Hamtramck.

"The mayor spoke of benevolence and what the Yemeni American people have brought to this city, state and country. I hope to see more change and diversity," she said.

Dearborn and Dearborn Heights are suburbs located in the metropolitan Detroit area. Fifty-five percent of Dearborn voters elected 31-year-old former State Representative Abdullah Hammoud, making him the city's first Arab Muslim mayor of Lebanese descent. Dearborn's population according to the 2020 Census is 109,976. Mayor Hammoud will preside over the largest Muslim population per capita in the United States.

Meanwhile in neighboring Dearborn Heights, councilman Bill Bazzi was chosen by the city council in January 2021 to complete the remaining term of Mayor Dan Paletko, who died in office of Covid-19. Mr. Bazzi became the city's first duly elected Muslim mayor of Lebanese descent in November 2021 balloting, garnering 72 percent of the vote.

The precursor to the historic election cycle of 2021 is the 2015 election and 2019 re-election of Benton Harbor, Mich., Mayor Marcus Muhammad. Unlike the other cities, Benton Harbor is 186 miles west of Detroit with a population of 9,615. The city is 84.7 percent Black and mostly Christian. Mr. Muhammad made his



Marcus Muhammad is sworn in as mayor of Benton Harbor, Mich.



Abdullah Hammoud



Bill Bazzi

tory as the first Muslim mayor elected in Michigan. He's also a member of the Nation of Islam's Benton Harbor Study Group.

Mayor Muhammad, while looking at the growing number of Muslim elected officials, referred to a saying of Prophet Muhammad that "Islam began as something strange and will go back to being strange, so glad tidings to the strangers." And, Marcus Muhammad said, "Islam will come after everything else fails."

"We know that all politics start local. With that as a backdrop, foreign policy is the biggest issue that Muslim nations have with America," he observed. Highlighting a point made by the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan of the Nation of Islam, Mayor Muhammad underscored Muslim nations' issues are not with the American people, but U.S. foreign policy.

"If policies and attitudes on the local level change then that gives way for an opportunity for change at the state, federal and international level. The biggest fear that those who op-

pose the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan have is that his influence will spill over into the political realm and change America's foreign policy," said Marcus Muhammad.

As he embarks on his second term, Mayor Muhammad points out the benefits Muslim elected officials can provide constituents. "Freedom, justice and equality is given to every resident no matter creed, class, color or religion. That's the type of leadership city, county, state and federal governments need in a time of uncertainty; where we can put party, partisanship even religious ideologies aside. Where self-interests are surpassed by service, that's what residents and electorates will be looking for in candidates in the years to come," he commented.

In February 2020, during his Saviours' Day keynote address, Minister Farrakhan warned of the unraveling of the once great American nation.

Amid this unraveling, Mayor Muhammad sees Michigan in the seminal stage of what politics and government will be in the not too distant future. "Voters are dissatisfied. They deserve and are demanding better from their elected officials," he said.

Young Dolph

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and revolutionary in his own way," he shared. He closed with a call to action: "The time is now, dear family, for us to accept responsibility to change the reality of our community, to do our part in the community, to be role models as Young Dolph did."

"I am your brother and I am standing here on behalf of the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam and we extend our hand to anyone who wants to make our community a safer place to live. We want to work with you. All of us have responsibility to do something," said Student Min. Muthakkir Muhammad.

Prior to the program, Muslim women from the Nation of Islam presented Ms. Mia Jaye and Young Dolph's aunt, a plaque featuring a picture of the rapper and Min. Farrakhan taken during his 2015 Justice or Else tour stop in Memphis, which Young Dolph later posted on his personal Instagram page.

Memphis-bred comedian, Mario Bradley aka "GroveTown Hero," expressed during the tribute how the exposure given to him by Young Dolph took him from a state of having nothing to being able to provide for his family and extend charitable acts to others. Mr. Bradley is known for his Stop the Violence Block Parties, food giveaways, providing families with homes and more.

Young Dolph's shooting came at a time when Memphis is reeling from increased record high murder rates. On the day of his death, the city had already reported 241 murders, with 292 reported by Dec. 23, surpassing rates from previous years.

After losing her own brother to gun violence in 2021, Ms. Mia Jaye started a foundation under her brand MOM-E-O, called Black Men Deserve to Grow Old, another philanthropic initiative Young Dolph was heavily vested in. After his death, MOM-E-O, on the official Instagram page, stated "Protecting and nurturing our young Black boys is the first step of breaking this vicious cycle of intra-racial crime. That's why we are launching the Black Men Deserve To Grow Old Youth Sweater & Hoodie. Honoring Adolph's legacy and sending the message of how he deserved to grow old." The foundation's goal is providing financial and therapeutic support to families that have lost loved ones to gun violence. Though funeralized in a small private ceremony on Nov. 30, thousands gathered Dec. 16 at the Fedex Forum in Memphis for the public Celebration of Life Memorial Service.

The memorial service included a mix of live and videotaped tributes and performances from notables such as 2 Chainz, C-Murder, Gucci Mane, rap duo 8 Ball and MJG, T.I., Deion "PrimeTime" Sanders, Juicy J, and KeKe Wyatt. Heartfelt words were also shared from a variety of speakers including: Pastor Earle Fisher of Abyssinian Baptist Church,

R & B artist Monica, and Young Dolph's beloved Aunt Rita, who described him as the "glue that held the family together."

Former Memphis Mayor W.W. Herenton made an appeal to the crowd. "A man should not have to pay a price of death because he excels, because he has a lifestyle of his own. Because God gave him talent. He should not have to relinquish his life of being himself when he gives to others," he said. "We need to love each other and respect each other. And that's what Young Dolph was about," said Mr. Herenton.

The crowd was especially moved to tears by the words of Adolph Thornton, III, as he said shared how his father, "trained me up to be a good man when I grow up." The youngster added, "Since he had (died), I'm gonna make it up to the whole world and I'm gonna be the greatest person you'll ever know." Perhaps, still sensing the pain of the loss by those in attendance, he returned to the microphone and said, "Everybody, if you feel sad about my dad dying, I want to let you know that everything will be fine because I will become a great man, because my heart is like my dad."

Breaking the cycle of violence
Memphis native and Atlanta-based Grammy Award-winning producer and artist Drumma Boy and Dallas-based radio personality and producer, DJ BayBay shared with The Final Call their thoughts on the impact of Young Dolph's passing and what can be done to stem the tide of violence.

"I think this event, unfortunate—his celebration of life I'll call it—is bringing together people that wouldn't have been brought together and I think it's showing this youth and the generation what can happen, in circumstances of disagreements with one another," said Drumma Boy. "I think this will influence more young rappers to make music for love, to motivate us to love again, to motivate us to dance and inspire the youth to do something positive and say let's turn this city around and guys like myself, pioneers in the city of Memphis should come together and let's make better music and make a better Memphis," he said.

DJ BayBay expressed that a return to God was necessary to turn the situation around. "I feel, personally, I feel that God is speaking and until we acknowledge God then it won't change. We've got to admit God is a jealous God and when you don't acknowledge God, God will speak, and I feel our young men have to start tapping into a higher power and have some type of humility and some type of respect," he said. What young people are exposed to, how they are raised and fear are all factors, DJ BayBay continued.

"I fear no man but God, because I know whose I am and I am a son of His, so I acknowledge that and unfortunately nobody knows how God moves. He's an awesome God. So, as a young man growing up and meeting Dolph and just being able to speak to my younger brothers, you got to learn to be able to praise God even when you can't see him and that's what I feel like is the sole ingredient in changing our culture, changing our community," he added. "We

can't do it alone; we've got to depend on God and then add a little work. A whole lot of work."



(L-R): Student Minister Muthakkir Muhammad, Mid-South Representative of the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan; Student Minister Ilia Rashad Muhammad; Student Minister Demetric Muhammad and FOI of Mosque No. 55 attend Young Dolph Celebration of Life Memorial Service, Dec. 16 in Memphis. Photos: Salahuddin Muhammad



Student MGT Captain Stephenia Muhammad (2nd from left in yellow) attends Celebration of Life Memorial for Young Dolph, along with Muslim women from Mosque No. 55 and Holly Springs, Miss. Study Group.

Min. Farrakhan has previously criticized the profiteering and control of record companies regardless and the misuse of artists. "We're tired of allowing people to use our pain to get rich and then watch us die and then hold our masters and keep making money for themselves and their families at our expense," the Muslim leader said in remarks in 2003.

The Minister has also on numerous occasions counseled and spoken to hip hop artists on their responsibility to create uplifting and revolutionary content.

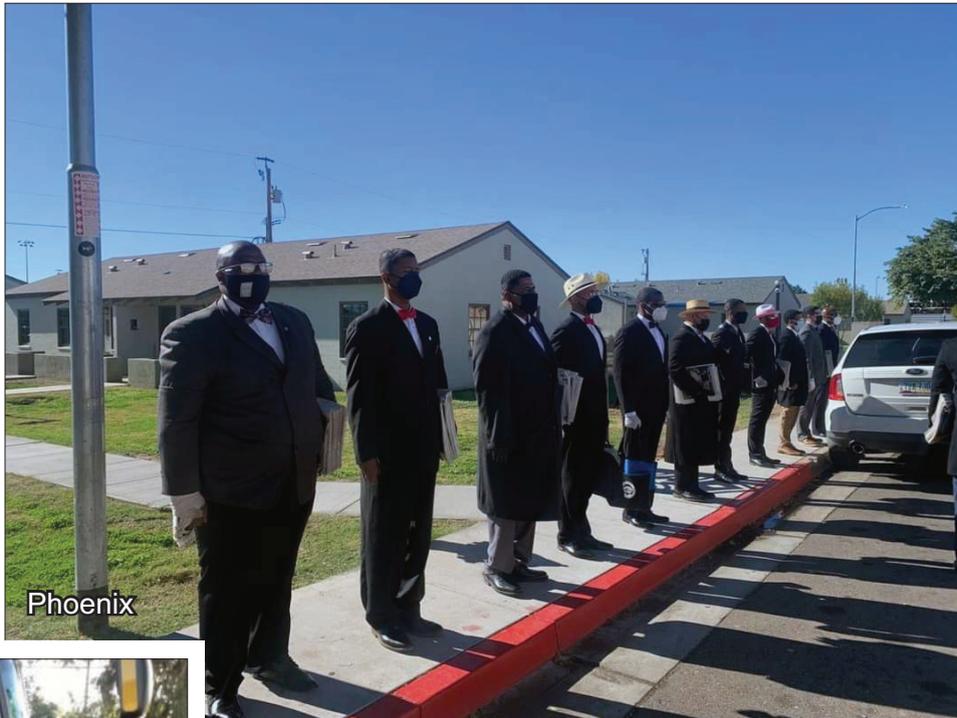
"One rap song from you is worth more than 1,000 of my speeches," Min. Farrakhan stated during remarks to hip hop artists at a summit in New York. "Will you accept your responsibility as a leader?" he asked. From all accounts, Young Dolph was willing to step up.

Ilyasah Muhammad contributed to this report.

The light, life and power of Islam

Even when “the going gets rough” the Fruit of Islam (FOI) strive to service people in cities around the country. The men who belong to the Nation of Islam have not slowed their mission in delivering the Teachings of the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad in the streets. These Muslim men are husbands, fathers, brothers, sons, friends, community servants and strive to propagate the faith of Islam in the communities they serve through distribution of The Final Call newspaper.

The brothers continue offering The Final Call and a kind word. They deliver and distribute the paper, wearing masks, gloves and following health and safety guidelines, so people can continue to be enlightened on the life, light and power of Islam.



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Bro. Miles of Mosque No. 26 shares information with bus driver.



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San Francisco

FOI in San Francisco prepare to hit the field as they receive instructions from Student Minister Abdul Rashidullah Muhammad (far left) of Mosque No. 26.



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Brother Amili and Brother Akida of Mosque No. 26 in San Francisco share Final Call newspaper with a brother and his children.

THE MUSLIM PROGRAM

What The Muslims Want

This is the question asked most frequently by both the Whites and the Blacks. The answers to this question I shall state as simply as possible.

1. We want freedom. We want a full and complete freedom.

2. We want justice. Equal justice under the law. We want justice applied equally to all, regardless of creed or class or color.

3. We want equality of opportunity. We want equal membership in society with the best in civilized society.

4. We want our people in America whose parents or grandparents were descendants from slaves, to be allowed to establish a separate state or territory of their own—either on this continent or elsewhere. We believe that our former slave masters are obligated to provide such land and that the area must be fertile and minerally rich. We believe that our former slave masters are obligated to maintain and supply our needs in this separate territory for the next 20 to 25 years—until we are able to produce and supply our own needs.

Since we cannot get along with them in peace and equality, after giving them 400 years of our sweat and blood and receiving in return some of the worst treatment human beings have ever experienced, we believe our contributions to this land and the suffering forced upon us by White America, justifies our demand for complete separation in a state or territory of our own.

5. We want freedom for all Believers of Islam now held in federal prisons. We want freedom for all Black men and women now under death sentence in innumerable prisons in the North as well as the South.

We want every Black man and woman to have the freedom to accept or reject being separated from the slave master's children and establish a land of their own.

We know that the above plan for the solution of the Black and White conflict is the best and only answer to the problem between two people.

6. We want an immediate end to the police brutality and mob attacks against the so-called Negro throughout the United States.

We believe that the Federal government should intercede to see that Black men and women tried in White courts receive justice in accordance with the laws of the land—or allow us to build a new nation for ourselves, dedicated to justice, freedom and liberty.

7. As long as we are not allowed to establish a state or territory of our own, we demand not only equal justice under the laws of the United States, but equal employment opportunities—NOW!

We do not believe that after 400 years of free or nearly free labor, sweat and blood, which has helped America become rich and powerful, that so many thousands of Black people should have to subsist on relief, charity or live in poor houses.

8. We want the government of the United States to exempt our people from ALL taxation as long as we are deprived of equal justice under the laws of the land.

9. We want equal education—but separate schools up to 16 for boys and 18 for girls on the condition that the girls be sent to women's colleges and universities. We want all Black children educated, taught and trained by their own teachers.

Under such schooling system we believe we will make a better nation of people. The United States government should provide, free, all necessary textbooks and equipment,



The Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad

schools and college buildings. The Muslim teachers shall be left free to teach and train their people in the way of righteousness, decency and self-respect.

10. We believe that intermarriage or race mixing should be prohibited. We want the religion of Islam taught without hindrance or suppression.

These are some of the things that we, the Muslims, want for our people in North America.

What The Muslims Believe

1. WE BELIEVE in the One God Whose proper Name is Allah.

2. WE BELIEVE in the Holy Qur'an and in the Scriptures of all the Prophets of God.

3. WE BELIEVE in the truth of the Bible, but we believe that it has been tampered with and must be reinterpreted so that mankind will not be snared by the falsehoods that have been added to it.

4. WE BELIEVE in Allah's Prophets and the Scriptures they brought to the people.

5. WE BELIEVE in the resurrection of the dead—not in physical resurrection—but in mental resurrection. We believe that the so-called Negroes are most in need of mental resurrection, therefore, they will be resurrected first.

Furthermore, we believe we are the people of God's choice, as it has been written, that God would choose the rejected and the despised. We can find no other persons fitting this description in these last days more than the so-called Negroes in America. We believe in the resurrection of the righteous.

6. WE BELIEVE in the judgment; we believe this first judgment will take place as God revealed, in America.

7. WE BELIEVE this is the time in history for the

separation of the so-called Negroes and the so-called White Americans. We believe the Black man should be freed in name as well as in fact. By this we mean that he should be freed from the names imposed upon him by his former slave masters. Names which identified him as being the slave master's slave. We believe that if we are free indeed, we should go in our own people's names—the Black peoples of the Earth.

8. WE BELIEVE in justice for all, whether in God or not; we believe as others, that we are due equal justice as human beings. We believe in equality—as a nation—of equals. We do not believe that we are equal with our slave masters in the status of "freed slaves."

We recognize and respect American citizens as independent peoples and we respect their laws which govern this nation.

9. WE BELIEVE that the offer of integration is hypocritical and is made by those who are trying to deceive the Black peoples into believing that their 400-year-old open enemies of freedom, justice and equality are, all of a sudden, their "friends." Furthermore, we believe that such deception is intended to prevent Black people from realizing that the time in history has arrived for the separation from the Whites of this nation.

If the White people are truthful about their professed friendship toward the so-called Negro, they can prove it by dividing up America with their slaves.

We do not believe that America will ever be able to furnish enough jobs for her own millions of unemployed, in addition to jobs for the 20,000,000 Black people as well.

10. WE BELIEVE that we who declare ourselves to be righteous Muslims, should not participate in wars which take the lives of humans. We do not believe this nation should force us to take part in such wars, for we have nothing to gain from it unless America agrees to give us the necessary territory wherein we may have something to fight for.

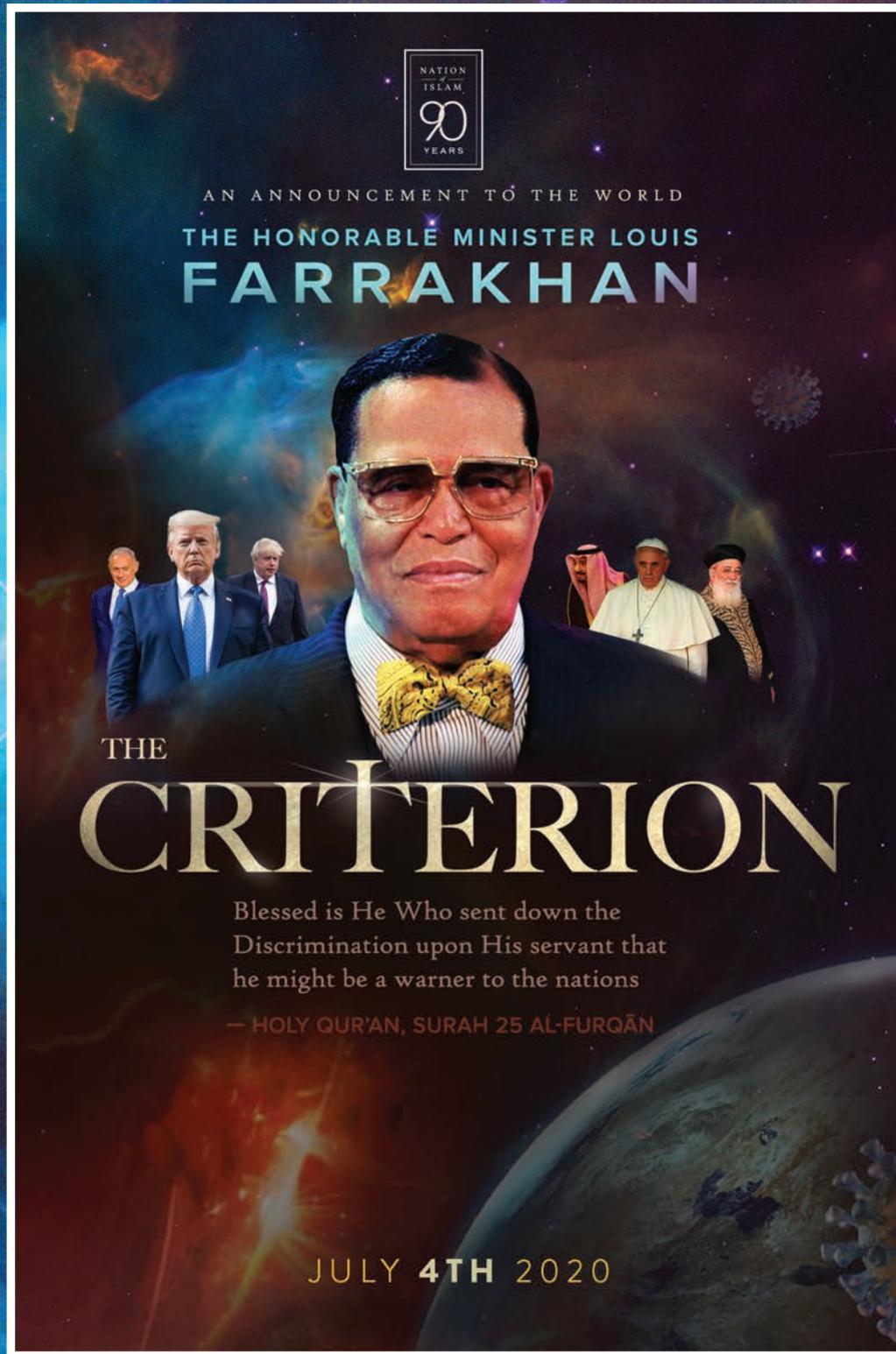
11. WE BELIEVE our women should be respected and protected as the women of other nationalities are respected and protected.

12. WE BELIEVE that Allah (God) appeared in the Person of Master W. Fard Muhammad, July, 1930; the long-awaited "Messiah" of the Christians and the "Mahdi" of the Muslims.

We believe further and lastly that Allah is God and besides HIM there is no God and He will bring about a universal government of peace wherein we all can live in peace together.

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