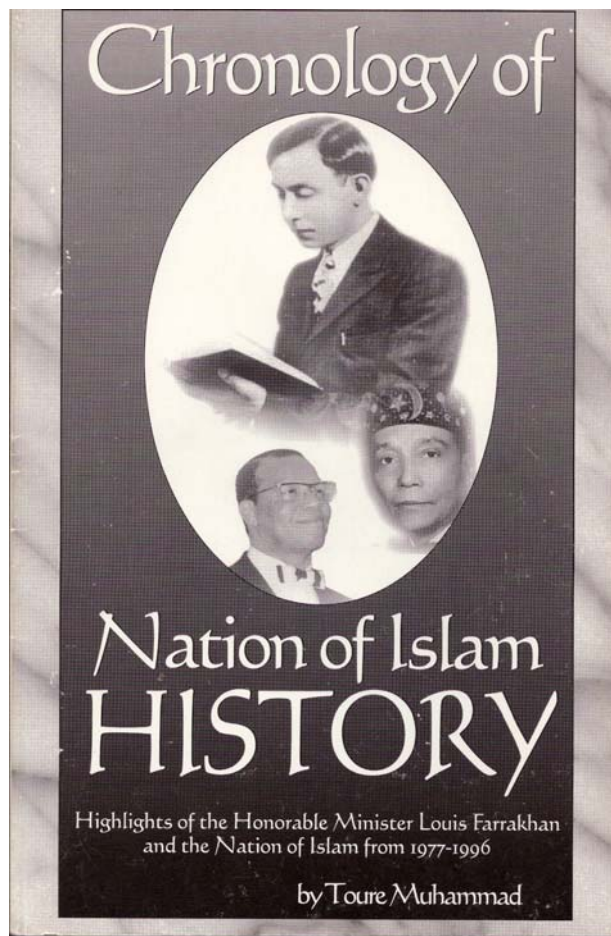


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## Preface

**Chronology of Nation of Islam History** is designed to provide a brief and convenient resource of important facts and information chronicling the work of the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam. The main source of material was compiled with the use of *The Final Call* newspaper. These occurrences—beginning when Minister Farrakhan first stood up to rebuild upon the foundation left by the most Honorable Elijah Muhammad, and culminating with the World Friendship Tour—have had a tremendous impact on the lives of Black people in America and throughout the world. The book starts with a brief history of the beginning of the Nation of Islam.

This book is dedicated to the entire Black Nation in hopes of playing some role in spreading the life, light and power giving teachings of the Hon. Elijah Muhammad as taught by his top student, Min. Farrakhan. Words cannot adequately describe the thanks and appreciation I have to Allah for appearing in the person of Master Fard Muhammad, and raising up the most Honorable Elijah Muhammad. I also thank Allah for the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan, because if were not for him, many of us would know nothing of Allah (God) and His Christ. I pray everyone enjoys this book as much as I enjoyed putting it together. May Allah bless us all with the light of understanding. Stay up and keep the peace.

As-salaam-alaikum

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**P.S. You can help.** We really want to hear from Nation of Islam members and their friends and family members. If you have any comments, corrections, additions, etc. please feel free to email me at to share any information [toure\(at\)beansouptimes\(dot\)com](mailto:toure(at)beansouptimes(dot)com). We are working on the second edition which will include history from 1930 to 2010.

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## Introduction

Northern winds off the coast of Africa blew into the sails of Slave Ship Jesus, captained by Sir John Hawkins—the dreaded English pirate. His ship floated closer and closer to the sandy shores of the Western hemisphere as he and his crew stood on deck imagining how to divide the future treasures they anticipated to receive from their lower-deck human cargo. A sinister grin of pride slowly grew on the face of the captain as he remembered how he easily loaded his first cargo of human beings. With a natural hatred of Black people and a plan, he traveled to the beautiful continent of Africa and set up a trading post in the middle of the jungle. He learned the language of the natives. Then, using trickknowledge (which is devilishment—telling lies, stealing and how to master the original man), he got curious, trusting and unsuspecting Black People to board his ship, which hypocritically, was named after a most revolutionary Black Man. This was the beginning of the Black Holocaust that has lasted to the very hour of this writing.

***By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yes, we wept, when we remembered Zion. We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof. For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song, and they that wasted us required of us mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion. How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?"***

***The Bible Psalm 137:1-4***

American history has been written in the blood, sweat and tears of the Black Nation ever since the first slave ship forced Black people to set the soles of their feet on European colonized soil in 1555. American history books pinpoint the year 1619 as the year that so-called Africans were first brought to these shores, but the Honorable Louis Farrakhan teaches us that the Elijah Muhammad said there was a 64 year period of hidden history where captured so-called Africans

were made into slaves. The torrential rains of slavery, suffering and death fell on Black heads leaving them buried under the cesspool of white supremacy. Forced captivity reduced men and women of dignity, intelligence and honor to the level of animals. The Original Man and Woman, the master builders of pyramids and the originators of math, science, reading, art, religion and all the disciplines of the earth were reduced to nothing.

**The fathers and mothers of civilization lost all knowledge, wisdom, understanding and high civilization.**

Parents were separated from children who were then reared with no knowledge of their homeland, no knowledge of Allah, and no knowledge of themselves. Everyone worked from can't see morning to can't see evening. But after 310 years, Black folks were "emancipated." Yes, the physical, chattel slavery ended, but the overall mental and physical bondage simply 'transferred.' Ku Klux Klan terrorists helped destroy all signs of Reconstruction of 1865, by kidnapping and raping Black women, burning Black folk's houses and hanging Black people. The Klan worked out of the unwritten laws of America while the Justice Department worked from the written law.

The aftermath of the antebellum south led the Honorable Marcus Garvey, leader of the Universal Negro Improvement Association (U.N.I.A.) to ask:

**"Where is the Black Man's government? Where is his King and his kingdom? Where is his president, his country, and his ambassador, his army, his navy, his men of big affairs?"**

Mr. Garvey knew there was no nationhood for the Black man of America and he pained over this fact. This motivated, pudgy West Indian Black man's "Back to Africa" movement and Black Nationalist doctrine inspired six million to join his

ranks. His ideology was self help and unity. "One aim, one purpose, and one destiny," he declared to Black folks who were completely robbed of name, languages, cultures, religion, God, traditions, folkways, norms, principles, values and all components of civilization.

As the Great Depression of the 1930s hit, despair reached an all-time high. There were no new jobs and Blacks were quickly laid off old jobs as everyone felt the pinch of the Great Depression. Education suffered as the building of new schools stopped and teachers were laid off. After

- working for 310 years with no pay
- 65 years of sharecropping
- fighting in the Revolutionary War
- the War of 1812
- helping the colonizers in thousand of skirmishes with Native Americans
- The Civil War (on both sides)
- The Spanish American War
- the French Indian War and World War I
- enduring the Slave Codes or old Dixie that hung Black men accused of having "a reckless eyeball," (meaning to look at a white woman) or charged with committing "disorderly thinking" (meaning you looked like you was thinking of looking at a white woman)
- after enduring all of this and still having enough heart to forgive and forget, Black folks felt they earned the right to be an American.

But still all religious, social, political, economic avenues that appeared to be open to Blacks had an invisible barrier of white supremacy that prevented Blacks from realizing the American Dream. **The avenues had signs of hatred that clearly read "No Negroes allowed."**

**For example,** in 1931, the poor Scottsboro Boys, nine young Black men, were accused of raping two white girls. They were convicted on extremely questionable evidence by an all-white jury, while whites caught in the act of killing Blacks received nothing more than a slap on the wrist, if that much punishment.

Theodore Roosevelt's New Deal was the same old deal for Black sharecroppers and factory workers. Neither the president, nor political parties made a sincere stand towards upholding the principles of the U.S. constitution, which should have protected Black people's right to freedom. Neither the Pope nor any humanitarian organizations took up the cause of justice for Blacks, and no European nation raised a political eye brow of concern for the fight of equality for Black Americans. African Nations were just learning of Black folks location. So as the Great Depression showered on white folks it was a monsoon on Black folks.

Marcus Garvey was imprisoned in 1923 on trumped up charges of mail fraud. In 1927, the president released Marcus Garvey from an Atlanta penitentiary and deported him, leaving his movement in shambles. Nobody, not W.E.B. Dubois, Booker T. Washington or any of the Black leaders could stop the downward condition of Blacks. The task of uplifting Black folk seemed like a lost cause. Blacks were beyond repair, irreconcilable, hopelessly lost, past praying for and impossible to save.

**But "the impossible for man sets the stage for the coming of God."**

This was the climate when a "strange" man from the Holy City of Mecca, Arabia entered America via Detroit, Michigan.



## Master Fard Muhammad

***And He said unto Abram, know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs. and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; and also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.***

***Bible-Genesis.***

On the same day that the last federal troops supporting Black Reconstruction left the South, Master Fard Muhammad was born in the Holy City of Mecca, Arabia, February 26, 1877. Allah came in the Person of Master Fard Muhammad to North America by Himself to show that in Him alone is the power to resurrect that which had been destroyed.

So while white America celebrated the establishment of America on Independence Day in 1930, He came seeking that which was lost to declare the independence of Black America. He came to restore the Black Nation back to their original glory. He came to clean the Black Nation up into The Word and Way of Himself, Almighty God, Allah. He came to make His word his bond, fulfilling the promise made to Abraham a long time ago.

Master Fard Muhammad was born with the predetermined idea to destroy the wicked and deliver the righteous from a world of sin. His mission is to bring us into the light of divine wisdom and to connect us to the Source of Power with power. At the tender age of 6-years-old He saw Himself "pushing the Duponts, the Rockefellers and all the rich, wicked rulers of this world into a lake of fire," the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan has said.

His father was a wise scientist, who got pieces of wisdom from all over the earth to prepare his son for His divine mission. He spent the first 42 years of his life

studying for His mission and, in fulfillment of prophesy, He searched the entire earth for the Lost and Found members of the Nation of Islam from the Tribe of Shabazz. He looked and traveled to the Isles of the Pacific, Central and South America, the jungles of Africa, all of Asia, North and South poles. He had no problem communicating to the many people He encountered because He speaks 16 languages and writes 10 perfectly. He even communicates with the animals!

He first entered America in 1910. He studied America, both Black and white. He even lived with a white family and attended a college on the west coast. He went in and out of the country several times before making Himself known. He came to the poorest community in Detroit called "Black Bottom." He went door-to-door peddling silk. After getting in the door, He captivated His prospects with stories of the Black man's history. He introduced himself as W.D. Fard and would ask his host to gather some friends so He could come back and share more with them. Once the living room got too small, He asked them to put some money together so they could rent out a bigger place to hold more people. That is how Temple No.1 started.

Within one year, He had approximately 25,000 followers who knew Him as Prophet W.D. Fard.

## **Elijah Muhammad**

***Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse. Bible: Malachi 4:5,6***

Born Elijah Poole on October 7, 1897 in Sandersville, Georgia, the son of William, a sharecropping, Baptist preacher. His grandfather was also a preacher.

He grew up not many miles from the rural town of Macon, Ga. His mother's name was Maria, which is the Spanish version of Mary. He was the 7th of 13 children and even as a middle child he showed leadership qualities as all his siblings went to him for advice and to settle disputes. His paternal grandfather named him and always addressed him as "Elijah the prophet." Elijah only went to the third grade and learned only the bare rudiments of reading, writing and arithmetic, because he had to quit school to work the fields helping the family. "At the age of 15, young Elijah was a foreman over a crew of men much older than him." \* In 1923 he worked as a ramrod foreman and builder for the Southern Railroad Company and Cherokee Brick Company in Macon, Ga. Elijah Poole, at the age of 25, married Clara and moved to Detroit in April of 1923. While in Detroit, the family struggled to make ends meet. Elijah Poole one day later would describe his condition as being "so deep in the mud of American civilization that only his eyeballs showed." He was so distraught that one day, his wife had to come get him off the railroad tracks where he had fallen in a drunken state. Clara Poole was a faithful wife, who would go out to work from white people to get money to care for the family when Mr. Poole was unable to find work.

In the fall of 1931, one of Elijah Poole's brothers named Charlie began telling him of a man he heard saying "new things." The man was teaching Islam. Being the son of a Baptist preacher, Mr. Poole believed Islam to be a "heathen religion." But something that Charlie said made Elijah want to come and hear this mysterious man. After further encouragement from his wife, going to a few meetings and missing W.D. Fard, on September 22, they finally met. According to reliable sources, Mr. Poole already suspected something divine about this man.

***"Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a***

***measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?***

***Bible Isaiah 40:14***

During the talk, W.D. Fard taught on the origin of things including the origin of the Black and White Nations. He spoke on the measurements of the earth; its weight, its rotation, diameter, circumference, its distance to the sun and to other planets. W.D. Fard discussed the future and the judgment of this world and the establishment of a new world order based on freedom, justice and equality. As Elijah Poole listened to W.D. Fard, he immediately determined that this was the man of the book that was prophesied to come and in deed had come, seeking that which was lost. An excited Mr. Poole was so impressed that he gave his only dime at the end of the lecture.

During the end of the meeting, Mr. Poole had the opportunity to shake the hand of the speaker. Elijah approached him, shook his hand and whispered into his ear, "I know who you are. You are the One that was expected to come at the end of the world." W.D. Fard responded—first looking around to see if anyone else heard what Mr. Poole said—then whispered back, "Yes. I am that One. But who else knows but yourself?" That was the beginning of a wonderful friendship. During this period, W.D. Fard unselfishly gave of His knowledge, teaching young Elijah whom He had given the surname of Karriem.

This grandson of slaves was an eager student and learned from W.D. Fard knowledge, actual facts, truths, principles and the Black Nation's glorious history. He learned the measurements of the universe, the proper foods to eat, and how He (God) would separate the righteous from the wicked. He learned the time and what must be done. He learned about self, other than self and about his teacher, Allah who appeared in the Person of a man. Master Fard Muhammad left young Elijah Karriem with wonderful examples of His sincerity, love, devotion and commitment to Black people. W.D. Fard loved Black people so much that He

even told Elijah one day that He would "walk a mountain 40 miles high and eat rattlesnakes just to teach one" Black person. He paid a tremendous price to show exactly what it would cost to save the Black Nation from the yoke of white supremacy.

W.D. Fard allowed Himself to be arrested and jailed by the enemy in 1932. He was ordered to leave Detroit on May 26, 1933. Later that same year W.D. Fard went to Chicago only to be immediately arrested. This time He sent for Elijah, who was able to see first hand the price for truth. "Each time He was arrested, He sent for me so that I might see and learn the price of truth for us, the so-called American Negroes (members of the Asiatic Nation). He was able to save Himself from such suffering, but how else was the scripture to be fulfilled? We followed in His footsteps suffering the same persecution." \* The message was clear as W.D. Fard exhorted Karriem to "take plenty." The Man who has all power showed his love by His willingness to suffer for his people. There even was an occasion when a man slapped W.D. Fard and when Karriem and others got ready to deal with him, W.D. Fard told the brothers to leave him alone because he would be a good one, one day.

Somewhere in the winter of 1932-1933, Master Fard Muhammad told Elijah, "Come on Karriem. We got about all we are going to get." Elijah Karriem broke down and cried, "Master, if you destroy them destroy me." This was a clear display of the extraordinary love that the Elijah Karriem had for Black people.

Prior to His leaving in 1934, W.D. Fard had a process of allowing his student ministers to select their own ministers from among themselves. They would always select the most articulate and charismatic person. For whatever reason, they never chose Elijah Karriem. One reason may have been his lack of command of the English language.

After the students made their choices for awhile, W.D. Fard said, "I've let you select yours for awhile. Now I'll select Mine," He said. "Hey you over there, Karriem!"

"Who me," said a humble, soft-spoken Elijah Karriem?"

"Yes, you Elijah Karriem. Come up here with Me," He said. Elijah walked to the front of the class to stand beside W.D. Fard. "From now on this is My Minister," Mr. Fard said to everyone with His right arm around Elijah's shoulder. He chose Elijah Karriem as Supreme Minister of the Nation of Islam. Around this same time, near his departure, he gave Elijah the surname Muhammad.

W.D. Fard gave Elijah Muhammad 104 books to find and read that would help him with his Mission. So after three years and about four months, W.D. Fard told little Elijah that He was leaving him with "the hardest job any man has ever had." Elijah Karriem cried when W.D. Fard left. Reports say W.D. Fard got on a train never to be seen again.

***"I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him." Bible Exodus 3:10***

As agreed upon before Master Fard Muhammad departed, Elijah told the followers and the world that W.D. Fard was not merely a prophet, but that mysterious man was in fact God in Person, the long awaited "Mahdi" of the Muslims and the "Messiah" of the Christians. He said that Man who taught them to "accept your own and be yourself," Master Fard Muhammad, was the Holy One spoken of in the Bible, that the entire world is looking for and has been expecting for the past 2,000 years. He also declared to all that he (Elijah) was the "Messenger of Allah." His declaration was not easily accepted by everyone.

Many followers and former student ministers disagreed. They could not believe that humble Elijah, who could not speak well, was chosen over them. They began disbelieving in the very teachings that had saved their life.

In 1934, Elijah Muhammad began publishing a weekly newspaper called *The Final Call To Islam*. The newspaper provided lessons and information regarding the coming of God, along with a question and answer section and Biblical and Qur'anic Scriptures proving all statements.

While he was busy spreading the Word, many fellow students and even members of his own family became envious and jealous of his exalted position. They could not accept Master Fard's Muhammad's choice, and their hatred became so intense that Elijah's life was in danger and he fled to escape the hypocrites' wrath. His fleeing, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad would explain later, was not due to fear of his own life, because he knew what God would do to his enemies. He fled to save the lives of those who sought to kill him, so he could turn around and teach them. From this point on, the drama to unfold was fueled by envy, jealousy, and ignorance which caused a falling away of the 20,000 followers. So, armed with only the Word, Elijah Muhammad had to rebuild the Nation of Islam.

Another occurrence in Detroit may also have prompted the Messenger to move. This same year, he was charged by the Michigan State Board of Education with "contributing to the delinquency of minors." The Messenger and several Muslim teachers and the Secretary of the Temple were jailed because the Muslim children were taught in Muslim schools by Muslim teachers. The courts expressed their dissatisfaction with the information that the Messenger was teaching concerning the American flag. The charges were dropped and they were released. The Messenger was given six months probation and ordered to put the Muslim children in a public school. He refused and moved to Chicago,

Illinois in September of 1934 where he set up the Nation of Islam headquarters, called Temple No. 2. "During the time the Messenger was visiting in Chicago in 1933, he first started teaching on the west side in churches and meeting halls," said Karriem Allah, one of the first in Chicago to hear Messenger Muhammad. "One such place was The Hall, Universal Negro Improvement Association, which was located at 1841 West Lake Street at 8 p.m. on Fridays, also a little church on Damen and Warren Boulevard." \*

The Messenger opened a school and faced similar "delinquency" charges in Chicago, but the charges obviously were dropped because no arrest was made and the school remained open. From 1935-36, the meeting place was at 3317 South State and 37th and State. \*

Keeping the hypocrites busy, Elijah kept on the move teaching Islam and establishing Temples and Study Groups in several cities in the Midwest and on the east coast for about seven years. He never spent more than two weeks at a time in a city but still managed to build Temples.

*"While running for seven years, I was going in and out of the Congressional Library daily to hide and study and read books on Islam and Muhammad of 1400 years ago. That is the way I spent a lot of my time. I roomed with poor people and wealthy people. I wanted to learn both classes of people,"* he said in his last public address of 1967 in Phoenix, Arizona. While in D.C. he lived with a Mr. Benjamin Mitchell, who later became Brother Minister Benjamin X of Muhammad's Temple No. 24 in Richmond, Virginia.

The following information was gathered from a biographical sketch of the Messenger's life compiled by Muhammad's University of Islam in Chicago, 1973:



"He came to my home in reply to a "Room for Rent" sign in my window. He introduced himself as Mr. Evans to my sister, who was attending to our home in the absence of my wife and I. He was permitted to see the room and informed my sister that he would return at 5 o'clock to discuss the matter with me. True, he did return at 5 o'clock and after being admitted he introduced himself and stated pointedly that he had seen the room, that it pleased him and asked if he could move in. When I replied, "Yes," he mentioned that he would like me to black out a glass transom over the door to the adjoining room. He explained that he would be using much light and would pay for the extra light, and did not wish to disturb us. I assured him that he could use all the light he desired and no pay was necessary."

Mr. Mitchell worked from 4 p.m. to 12 a.m., and each night when he arrived home, he would find "Mr. Evans" and his family still up talking, "He said he was doing 'missionary work among our people.' He said to me, 'Brother, I met with God and He gave me a message to give to my people.' "Astonished, Mr. Mitchell replied, "God'?"

"Yes," "Mr. Evans" said softly.

"You can't see God and live!" responded Mr. Mitchell. "What did he look like'?"

Calmly, Mr. Muhammad replied, "He is Black and He told me to tell my people to hurry and join onto their own kind because the end of this world has come."

After about seven days of this, Mr. Mitchell realized that he had not known him to go out for food. One Wednesday Mr. Muhammad asked Mr. Mitchell, "Brother, do you drink coffee?" How about 'putting my name in the pot the next time you make coffee?" said Mr. Evans.

"Yes sir," Mr. Mitchell replied eagerly. "I seized this opportunity to invite him to dinner," said Mr. Mitchell. "He accepted the invitation and he went out and bought all the food, took off his coat, put on an apron and taught my wife how to prepare the dinner. Imagine that!

"Brother, how are we going to eat all this food'?" asked Mr. Evans.

"Don't ask me! replied Mr. Mitchell. "I was wondering the same thing when I saw you bring it in here."

"Don't you have some friends that you could invite over to dinner'?" said Mr. Evans with a smile on his face. This was the beginning of weeks and months of talks between the two men. "He was a wonderful mystery to us," said Mr. Mitchell.

"One day after he had lived in and moved out of my home for a number of years, he said, 'Brother, I'll be out for awhile and I'm expecting a letter here, it may be in the name of I. Bogan.'"

Mr. Mitchell responded, "I thought you said your name is Mr Evans?"

Mr. Evans smiled and said, "If it comes, keep it for me."

Mr. Mitchell related the incident to his wife and they wondered what kind of man is this, carrying two names. But then a few weeks later, Mr. Evans told Mr. Mitchell that he was expecting another letter, this time in the name of Mohammed Rassoul."

A raid took place in Chicago at 51st and Michigan where the meeting place was from 1940-42. Then, on May 8, 1942, the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) head J. Edgar Hoover, arrested the Messenger on trumped up charges of failing

to register for the draft. At the time of arrest he was 45 years of age and the law pertained to those aged 44 and under. They apprehended him in D.C. where he spent time going to the Congressional Library reading the 104 books that Master Fard instructed him to read. While detained, the FBI seized the Messenger's bag and copied everything in it. They questioned him for approximately 14 hours then held him two and one half months in D.C. and 11 months in Chicago. While in prison he set up a Temple and held classes. He would teach on Wednesday and Friday evenings until the bugle sounded and it was time for bed. He also taught on Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m. The government actually was afraid of the Messenger teaching during the war, so he eventually spent more than four years in jail, without even a trial. Several other converts went to prison also, including his son, Emmanuel Muhammad and Raymond Sherriff, who would later become the Supreme Captain of the Nation of Islam.

About 70 Followers were sent to Sandstone in Minnesota, and others went to Milan in Michigan. While in prison, his wife would bring material for him and the other followers locked up to read. She even typed verses of the Holy Qur'an. Sis. Clara kept the family and the Temples together while her husband was locked up. She would handle all problems and if she could not handle them, she would ask her husband for the solution. "When my father and I were in prison," said Emmanuel, "the FBI approached my mother and told her that she would have to return the children to the devil's school. She told them she would rather die first."

\* The Messenger then told his followers to raise the \$5,000 necessary to get him out of jail and August 26, 1946 he was released, and returned to the meeting place which was then at 63rd and Cottage Grove. Then, they moved that same year to the first building the Muslims actually owned at 824 East 43rd Street.

In the winter of 1955, the Muslims purchased a building from a Jewish community at 5335 South Greenwood in Hyde Park that functioned as Temple and school. The Messenger also moved to 4748 South Woodlawn. "And you

should have seen it when he got it!" said Emmanuel Muhammad, a son of Messenger Muhammad. "It was in real bad shape. Whites had lived in it for a long time and it had all kinds of need for repair." \*

The Messenger went on a world tour in 1959 visiting many heads of state on the continent of Africa and the Middle East. This same year, he gave an historic lecture to 10,000 at Uline Arena in Washington, D.C. He was honored with a police motorcade and escorted down Pennsylvania Avenue in the same city where he was falsely jailed less than 20 years earlier.

Also this year, TV journalist Mike Wallace conducted the five-part television documentary called "The Hate That Hate Produced." Although the intentions were to destroy the small group of Black Muslims with false accusations, it did just the opposite, because membership enrollment steadily increased by the heightened awareness of the Muslims presence and doctrine. Shortly afterwards, Alex Haley did an article on the Muslims for *Reader's Digest*. At the beginning of the next decade, 1960, the Messenger established *Muhammad Speaks* newspaper with the help of Minister Malcolm X and Minister John Shabazz (now named Abdul Allah Muhammad) and others.

In 1961 C. Eric Lincoln wrote a history book on the Nation of Islam, that received much acclaim from those outside the Nation, but much criticism for inaccuracy from those in the Nation of Islam. Shortly afterwards, the Messenger and the Muslims purchased a new Temple at 7351 South Stony Island in June of 1972. At the dedication of the mosque he delivered his historical and well-respected series of lectures, titled "The Theology of Time."

Then, in 1975 time seemed to completely halt. On February 25, reports that the leader of the Nation of Islam died sent shock waves throughout the entire world. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad returned to Allah. **Jet** magazine in its report on

the funeral service had a headline that said "Muhammad Leaves Great Legacy of Pride and Respect."

The unexpected departure of the Messenger Muhammad caused widespread uncertainty, confusion, panic, controversy and mixed feelings.

The Believing community misperceived and misjudged the news about the Muhammad. Many in the Muslim back into total disbelief in Islam, others become "orthodox" Muslims. The only thing that could be just as shocking to the Muslim community as the news of Muhammad's death was when, a few years later, the Minister Farrakhan would announce that he believed that the Honorable Elijah Muhammad was alive physically. ([see February 22, 1981](#))

## **Minister Louis Farrakhan**

Louis Eugene Wolcott was born in the Bronx, New York City, on May 11, 1933. This was around the same time that Master Fard Muhammad was departing America. His St. Kitts-born Caribbean mother raised him and his older brother. His Garveyite father was a light-skinned handsome man from Jamaica, whom he never knew. When young Louis was three, his mother moved them to the Roxbury section of Boston, where he grew up. His mother, a beautiful, dark-skinned, Episcopalian church-going woman was on the fringe of the Garvey movement and would give her children the NAACP's *Crisis* magazine to read about the evil atrocities that whites committed on Blacks. He always pained over the circumstances that Black people were subjected to and would often cry himself to sleep at night as he listened to his mother and friends discuss the plight of Black people. He would later recall how he would lay on the ground looking up in the sky asking God why he would send help to other people but not to Black people in America? He even challenged his Sunday school teacher to answer this question.

One day, at the young age of 11-years-old, young Louis visited his uncle in New York City and saw the picture of a strong Black man hung on his uncle's wall. "Who is this man?" asked the inquisitive youth. "This is the man who came to lead and unite Black people," answered his uncle. His uncle helped him up into a chair that he may get a better look at the man. After studying the man and taking in his features, he asked his uncle, "Where is this man?" His uncle told him that the man was dead. Upon hearing this terrible news, Louis began to cry because he thought he had finally found the man he was looking for that could help Black people, but the man was gone. The man the youth cried over was the Honorable Marcus Garvey.

His mother sacrificed and took on extra sewing jobs so the two boys could learn musical instruments. Louis began playing the violin at age five and by the age of thirteen, he was good enough to win a competition on the Ted Mack Amateur Hour. After graduating from high school, he traveled down south, for the first time, to attend Winston-Salem Teacher's College in North Carolina. It was there he experienced the blatant racism he often read about first hand. He left in 1953, after his junior year to marry his childhood sweetheart, Betsy Jean and support their newly developing family. Show business was his livelihood. Louis achieved success and popularity in the Boston area as a vocalist, calypso singer and dancer, and a wonderful violinist.

In February of 1955 he became a headliner in a club on Chicago's Rush street called "Calypso Follies." This same year he was invited by an old friend from Boston to attend the annual Nation of Islam's National Saviours' Day Convention. It was being held at the newly purchased Temple at 5335 South Greenwood Avenue. By this time, his uncle had joined the Nation. As the Hon. Elijah Muhammad addressed the audience, Louis Wolcott was seated in the balcony thinking to himself that the Hon. Elijah Muhammad was not an eloquent speaker.

The entertainer was an excellent student of English and was criticizing the Messenger's use of the English language.

The next event shocked Mr. Wolcott who could not have possibly been prepared for what was to happen next. As the thoughts of the Messengers use of language crossed his mind, Elijah Muhammad looked up in the balcony, directly at him and said, *"Don't pay attention to how I say it, pay attention to what I say. Then you take it and put it into that fine language that you know. I didn't have the chance to go to school like you. When I got to school the door was closed."*

Little did the shocked musician know, but he was being given his first set of orders that he is still carrying out to the day of this writing. He sat in the balcony frightened that this man was obviously reading his mind, but before he left he and his wife accepted what they heard from the Hon. Elijah Muhammad to be the truth and good for Black people. Actually, his wife of two years known as Betsy Ross at the time was walking down the aisle to join before Louis had made his mind up.

Louis X was not in the Temple 30 days before an order came from the Hon. Elijah Muhammad that all musicians would either have to stop playing music or leave the Temple. While many of the musicians left, Brother Louis quickly made his mind up that, although the only thing he was good at and loved was music, Islam and the salvation of his people was more important than being recognized as the "Charmer," which was his stage name. He became a dedicated, faithful follower of the Messenger. In his first talk to the men during a F.O.1. class, he promised to help take the teachings of the Hon. Elijah Muhammad to the ends of the earth. He later, in the early sixties would produce plays, "Orgena" (a negro spelled backwards) and "The Trial" and produced several songs including; "White Man's Heaven is Black Man's Hell," "Look at My Chains," "Let Us Go," "We Need

Somebody," "The Messenger," "Go Down Elijah," It is no Secret," Let Us Unite," and "Elijah is Leading Us."

Brother Louis was extremely dedicated, humble and disciplined. This attitude allowed him to quickly rise through the ranks of the Temple in Boston. He served under Malcolm X in New York briefly before Malcolm recommended that he become the Minister in Boston. Min. Farrakhan held the post of lieutenant, captain, assistant minister, and then minister from 1956-1965. In May of 1965, three months after the assassination of Malcolm X, the Hon. Elijah Muhammad appointed Min. Farrakhan as Minister of Temple No.7. By 1967, he was known for his truthful, articulate, fiery lectures and was appointed National Representative to the Hon. Elijah Muhammad. He would speak on behalf of the Hon. Elijah Muhammad on radio, talk shows, and various places.

In the spring of 1972, under the leadership of Min. Farrakhan, the police attempted to attack the Temple in New York, but were unsuccessful because of a strong defense launched by the Muslims who viewed the police as intruders who entered the Temple "as a criminal and we went after him as an offender of our religious house of worship," said Min. Farrakhan. "We apprehended him and brought him down to the ground."

**In an official statement to the press, Min. Farrakhan made four demands:**

- **We demand an apology from the Police Commissioner and Mayor**
- **We demand that the charges be dropped against our innocent brothers**
- **We are asking that all white policemen be taken out of our area**
- **We want them replaced with Black officers under Black commanders**



The Minister's respect grew when he spoke against the police attack on the New York mosque in April of 1972. "They came in as brute beasts ... and we met them," said Minister Farrakhan as quoted in the *Muhammad Speaks* newspaper.

On May 31, 1974, Min. Farrakhan addressed 70,000 people at the Black Family Day celebration held on Randall's Island in New York. With Min. Farrakhan as the minister, New York flourished. They opened 17 businesses, 3 schools, 5 major Temples and a host of satellite temples all over the five boroughs.

Min. Farrakhan's enthusiastic, consistent and cheerful work for the Hon. Elijah Muhammad brought him well calculated and meaningful praise from his teacher. For example:

*"I want you to remember today that I have one of my greatest teachers here,"* said the Hon. Elijah Muhammad as he turned into the direction of the ministers who was seated to his right during his *Theology of Time* lecture series. He looked beyond them all and said to Min. Farrakhan, *"What are you hiding around the sycamore tree for, brother? Come on out here so they can see you. We have with us today our great national preacher, the preacher who doesn't mind going into Harlem, New York, one of the most worst towns in our nation's cities. It is our Brother in Detroit or Chicago or New York. But I want you to remember every week, he is on the air helping me to reach my people that I can't get out of my house to reach like he. I want you to pay good attention to his preaching. His preaching is a bearing of witness to me and what God has revealed to me. This is one of the strongest national preachers that I have in the bounds of North America. Everywhere you hear him, listen to him. Everywhere you see him, look at him. Everywhere he advises you to go, go! Everywhere he advises you to stay from, stay from! So we are thankful to Allah for this great helper of mine, Minister Farrakhan. And I say, continue to hear our Minister Farrakhan. Minister Louis Farrakhan is the man that would get the Nation safely across the river on his*

*shoulders. And when he gets you safely to the other shore, he won't say 'look what I have done,' but 'look at what Allah has done,' for he is a very humble brother,"* said the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad July 30, 1972. The Hon. Elijah Muhammad prayed for a helper who could speak his message in such a way that he would recognize it as his own when he heard it again.

In a most revealing discussion that the Hon. Elijah Muhammad had with Min. Farrakhan, the messenger told him that he had waited 38 years for him. There was a time when the Hon. Elijah Muhammad told Min. Farrakhan that, *"I am going away to study. I will be gone for approximately three years. What I have given you is just a wake-up message. Don't change the teachings while I'm gone. If you are faithful, I will reveal the new teachings through you on my return."*

There are still many living witnesses aware of various conversations that the Hon. Elijah Muhammad had with and about Min. Louis Farrakhan during the 1960s. Many of them occurred in the 1960s as the Messenger prepared for his departure. The following are some of the words the Hon. Elijah Muhammad said concerning Minister Louis Farrakhan:

"As Allah made me to take HIS place among the people, I am making you to a take my place," said the Messenger of Allah.

He also said that Minister Farrakhan would reach the pinnacle of success and honor in this world's life." On yet another occasion, he told his minister, I want your mind."

Concerning the value that Min. Farrakhan had to the Hon. Elijah Muhammad, he once told him, "Brother, you are more valuable to me than a truckload of diamonds and gold."

He also said, "Brother, you are more valuable to me than a thousand airplanes with a thousand head of sheep on every plane. Brother, you are more valuable to me than all the wealth that is in the earth, because the wealth of the earth I met when I came here and I shall leave it when I'm gone. But through you, I will get all my people," said the Messenger who was made by Allah not to speak an idle word. "You can sit over the Nation as the father when I'm gone."

On another occasion, roughly around 1968-69, the Hon. Elijah Muhammad said these words to the Minister Louis Farrakhan: "I did not make you brother," said the Hon. Elijah Muhammad.

"Oh yes you did, Dear Holy Apostle, Yes you did," responded a humble Minister Louis Farrakhan.

"Be quiet and listen. I did not make you. I taught you like I taught the rest. But only Allah made you able to put the teachings together in the unique way that you have of putting the teachings together. Allah prepared you for me," said Hon. Elijah Muhammad. At the last meeting that the Hon. Elijah Muhammad had with all his ministers, which was in December of 1974, the Messenger said that Min. Farrakhan was the best minister he ever had.

## **Conclusion**

The Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad, a man raised from the mud of civilization built a well-disciplined, organized body of Black men and women whose unity and hard work developed an \$80 million empire and forever change the mentality of Black people. He established an organization that provided food, clothing and shelter for Black Americans. The 35,000 acres of farmland purchased by the Nation of Islam in the states of Michigan, Alabama, Honduras and Georgia produced beef, lamb, produce, chickens, eggs and dairy products. The farmland led to beef slaughtering and packaging stores, a wholesale business of fresh

farm products, and a food processing cannery. These products were shipped via a fleet of Nation-owned trucks to various retail outlets, including bakeries, supermarkets, restaurants, and other Muslim and non-Muslim owned retail businesses.

The Hon. Elijah Muhammad's inspiration and motivation built an import and export business that traded with Middle Eastern and Asian countries. This included the Muslims becoming the largest importers of frozen fish in the first year of business. The farms also produced cotton, wool and hides, which led way to a clothing factory and store, and dry cleaning stores. He bought real estate to provide his followers with single dwelling homes and apartment buildings. He developed a health care program that allowed the Muslims to take all prescription drugs and medication out of their homes.

He inspired Black folks with Black-owned trucks rolling down the highway. Black people could look in the sky and see the plane owned by the Hon. Elijah Muhammad and the Muslims. He also gave Black folks a bank of their own called, Guarantee Bank that provided Black people with an opportunity to save their money and handle financial transactions free from abuse and racism.

The Hon. Elijah Muhammad also, produced the most progressive, truthful, insightful and revolutionary newspaper, *Muhammad Speaks* which grew to the point of selling one million copies a week. Realizing the importance of the children, the Hon. Elijah Muhammad also provided high level education for Black youth that not only taught reading, writing and arithmetic, but it gave them purpose for their studies by teaching them the knowledge of self, God and others. This provided Black children with a good, competitive education in a safe environment free from the mind-destroying methods of teaching by the oppressor.

He also produced thousands of men, women and children who were clean, disciplined, upright, united and prepared to fight with their lives if necessary for the liberation and salvation of the Black Nation. He did all this in spite of the government's attempts to stop him. The government harassed his followers and their non-Muslim family members, they attacked several mosques injuring some and killing others, putting men, women and children who were honoring God in harms way. He did all this in spite of ignorant Black folks who spit on and physically attacked brothers who went door to door selling the newspapers. He encouraged his followers to carry on despite Black people who got hostile at being called Black and attempted to stop him by their false accusations and slander against the Messenger of Allah.

The mighty F.O.I. and M.G.T. persevered through it all as they followed the lead of The Hon. Elijah Muhammad who delivered a word of redemption and resurrection and gave Black people an example of what a true man looks like. His success was not in the number of followers or the acquisition of material wealth. His success was his submission to Almighty God Allah, the Lord of the Worlds. His success was his practicing the principles of faith as taught to him by Allah who came in the Person of Master Fard Muhammad. His success rested in the fact he spoke the truth regardless of circumstances, fearing no God but Allah.

He was successful because he kept up prayer in a world that forgets God, and he spent out of what Allah had given him. He fasted, performed Jihad—holy struggle against sin and indecency and he read the Holy Qur'an and stood strong against opposition. He is successful because he obeyed his divine mission given to him directly by Almighty (God) Allah regardless to what the world thought.

For forty years, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad laid a foundation of work that would prepare the Nation for the next phase of the resurrection process taking the Muslims further into the deep science that was given to him.

On February 25, 1975, at the height of the Nation's growth, the Messenger departed. This sent shock waves throughout the entire world, but especially the Nation of Islam. Muhammad fore knew of his own departure and had prepared one to "share his burden with." The Hon. Elijah Muhammad fully prepared his students with volumes of information and inspiration.

*"I don't call myself big, but I hope to make you big. Then I'll get behind the door and peep at you to see how you react,"* he said in the *Theology of Time* series. It was time for the teacher to give his students a test. The success of the Nation of Islam rest comfortably in the Divinity of the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad's Commission and the program born from that. He was and is successful because he was and is on time, and backed by the Author of Time.

*\* Taken from research compiled by Muhammad University of Islam in Chicago, 1973.*

## **The Final Call: 1977-1983**

### **1977**

**January:** Minister Louis Farrakhan, after tolerating the changes in the structure of the Nation of Islam for almost two years, met with Warith Deen Muhammad in Washington, D.C., during the inauguration of President Jimmy Carter and announced his withdrawal from the Muslim community because he disliked the disregard of the teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and the changing course of the Nation of Islam. The National Representative remembered what the Hon. Elijah Muhammad said of him, but Min. Farrakhan, he later said, was just as shocked and devastated over what everyone believed at that time to be the surprising death of the Hon. Elijah Muhammad and did not know in what direction to lead the people. So instead of playing with the people, he admitted his reluctance of taking leadership.

\_\_\_\_\_ : After leaving religion alone, Min. Farrakhan traveled overseas, visiting Uganda's head of state Idi Amin, and Cuba's head of state Fidel Castro.

**September:** In early September, while in Hollywood, CA, Minister Louis Farrakhan met with Bernard Cushmer (later known as Jabril Muhammad) to discuss his desire to rebuild the Nation of Islam. The Minister was contemplating a career in show business. Bernard gives the Minister a book which he reads and solidifies his desire to rebuild his father's house. After 30 months (2 years, 7 months), Minister Louis Farrakhan stood up to rebuild the Nation of Islam, with neither money nor staff; only a vision, a burning desire, the scriptures of both Bible and Holy Qur'an and the Revelations given to the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, by Master Fard Muhammad.

## **1978**

**October 29:** Minister Farrakhan discussed "Black Self-Reliance" at the State of the Race Conference.

**November 19:** Minister Farrakhan gave a historic lecture titled, "First National Address To An Oppressed People" at Martin Luther King High School on Chicago's southside. In attendance was Haki Madhubuti, Lu Palmer, and Rev. Charles Koen, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Prince Asiel Ben-Israel, Rev. Al Sampson, Father George Clemens, Dr. Bobby Wright, and (Khallid Abdul Muhammad, then known as Malik Rushiddin). The event was sponsored by the National Conference of Black Lawyers.

\_\_\_\_ : The Honorable Elijah Muhammad Educational Foundation was founded this year, by Tynnetta Muhammad (wife of the Hon. Elijah Muhammad) as a tax exempt charitable foundation to further the aims and purpose of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad to retrain and re-educate the Black Nation into the rich knowledge of self.

\_\_\_\_ : As the Minister began to rebuild the Nation, he repurchased the periodicals of the Nation of Islam: Holy Qur'ans, "Message to the Black Man," "Fall of America," "Our Saviour Has Arrived," "How To Eat To Live Parts I and II," "Flag of Islam" and the "Muslim Prayer Book," which were all in the possession of the American Muslim Mission.

## **1979**

**May:** While working from his basement, on 94th and Damen, in Chicago, Min. Farrakhan retraced the footsteps of his teacher by launching *The Final Call* Newspaper, naming the publication after the first official publication of the Nation of Islam, *The Final Call to Islam*, which the Hon. Elijah Muhammad produced in the 1930s. This act continued the rich legacy started by the Honorable Elijah



Muhammad, who published Muhammad Speaks newspaper. Beginning as a monthly publication, *The Final Call*'s purpose appeared on the front cover: "A monthly message dedicated to the resurrection of the Black man and Woman of America and the world." The Minister chose the trumpet for the symbol, because the Hon. Elijah Muhammad told him, "Brother, if there were any sign or symbol that I would choose to represent my work it would be the trumpet...for the trumpet is the sign of the resurrection of the dead." The first edition of *The Final Call* newspaper was 16 pages long and sold for 50 cents a copy. The headline read: "The Ultimate Challenge: The Survival of the Black Nation" and was written, produced and published by the Minister with little help. An edited version from his November 19, 1978 speech was included.

**October 7:** The Minister gave a tribute to the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, titled "Second National Address to An Oppressed People," at Medinah Temple in Chicago, Illinois. The event was sponsored by the National Conference of Black Lawyers Community College of Law. In unity with Min. Farrakhan was Rev. Al Sampson, Prince Asiel Ben-Israel, Rev. Charles Koen, Minister John Muhammad, Father George Clemens, Alvenia Fulton, and Bob Lucas.

\_\_\_\_ : Minister Louis Farrakhan spoke at the Los Angeles Bonaventure Hotel. Also, during this time the Minister would travel throughout the South, teaching in small places. Everywhere he spoke, a few people would decide to stand up with the courageous Minister whose faith had been restored.

## **1980**

**January 19:** The Minister taught at "The Black Woman's Forum" held at the Ambassador Hotel in Oakland, CA.

\_\_\_ : The Nation of Islam's Study Group began. The main source of communication for the Believers was via conference calling, which were held throughout America.

**May 18:** Min. Farrakhan spoke at Nat Holman Gymnasium for the first time in New York City since he left in June 1975. His subject was "Liberty or Death, Part 1." The Minister also released the double album set, "Heed The Call Ya'll: A White Man's Heaven is a Black Man's Hell," which also included his speech, "Where's Your Head?," delivered at Atlanta's "Jack-The-Rapper Family Affair" convention.

## **1981**

**February 22:** In a historic move that signaled the return of the mighty F.O.I. and M.G.T., the first Saviours' Day under the leadership of Minister Louis Farrakhan convened in Chicago, IL in only four years after the Minister stood up to begin the second phase of the building of the Nation of Islam. The subject was titled "A Saviour Is Born For The Black Man And Woman Of America." In the lecture he made a startling announcement as he declared that the Most Hon. Elijah Muhammad is the modern day Jesus of the Bible and is physically alive! "I know you think that Elijah Muhammad is dead. But I stand to proclaim to the world that He is alive, well and in power. ... You evil conspirators thought you had killed Him. You damnable hypocrites rejoiced at what you perceived as His death. Now die in your rage, for Elijah is back!" said the Minister. The Minister spoke on the death plot of the Hon. Elijah Muhammad and how he escaped the plot of his enemies.

**March:** Working like a thief in the night, the Minister began a national 43-city speaking tour this month, covering some 300,000 miles teaching on the themes "The Time And What Must Be Done" and "In Christ, All Things Are Possible."

**August 29:** "The Reality of the Power of God" was Minister Farrakhan's subject in St. Thomas Virgin Islands, which was the first leg of his tour.

**August 9:** "Dissatisfaction Brings About A Change" lectured Minister Farrakhan in Detroit, MI

**August:** Two highlights of this month was "Warning To The Government" speech at Washington, D.C. Convention Hall and a speech at New York's 369 Street Armory where 18,000 attended.

**October 3:** Minister Farrakhan declared that "In Christ All Things Are Possible" at Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church in Chicago, IL.

**December 20:** Minister Farrakhan discussed "The Life of Jesus" at the Fuller Building in Chicago, IL.

## **1982**

**January 3:** Minister Farrakhan kicked off the year speaking on the sickness of "Envy And Jealousy."

**February 26-28:** The theme of the three-day Saviours' Day convention, held on these dates, at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago was "Black Survival In These Uncertain Times." The convention included 12 workshops on subjects such as religion, politics, law, military science, economics, health, education, culture, communications, counter intelligence, history; law enforcement, and international relations. To many of these present from throughout the U.S. and the Caribbean, it was a sign of relief and joy because the 7,000 that attended assured all present that the Black man and woman eagerly desired to accept and follow the teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, through his national representative, Minister Farrakhan. Muslims, Nationalists (ie. Kwame Ture),

Hebrews (ie. Prince Asiel Ben-Israel), Pan-Africanist (ie. Queen Mother Moore), Socialists, and Integrationists, actors, athletes, and businessmen like Jim Brown and Bernie Casey came to voice their support of the Minister's historic efforts to raise the Black man and woman of America with the divine teachings of the Hon. Elijah Muhammad. Min. Farrakhan closed with remarks lecturing on the subject, "Has America Entered Divine Judgment?"

**March 14:** At Christ United Methodist Church, in Chicago, the Minister talked about "A Motherless Child In The Wilderness."

**May 2:** Minister Louis Farrakhan removed all Laborers titles: All Believers are instructed to relate to one another as "brother" and "sister." "We in the Nation of Islam, under the leadership of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, the Messenger of Allah, and the Exalted Christ, have of our own free will, put aside all titles to accept the responsibility of intensive study to qualify ourselves for such titles and positions that await us on completion of our course of study and labor," said Minister Louis Farrakhan. This was done to teach the spirit of humility. The Hon. Elijah Muhammad "told us, 'I have called you Minister, not that you are that, but I have set you aside that I may qualify you to become that.' Oftentimes before many of us were qualified, we began to try to teach Him, and as a result, instead of being humble to our teacher and learning our lessons and mastering our assignment, pride crept in, and then destruction came after pride," he said. He also included an excerpt from the "Original Rules of Instruction to the Laborers of Islam," from the Department of Supreme Wisdom.

**May 21-22:** The All-African Peoples Revolutionary Party (AAPRP) sponsored the 24th observance of African Liberation Day (ALD), held in Washington, D.C. Kwame Ture, leader of the AAPRP, was the main speaker. He emphasized in his address that Black people must organize. "Don't sit back and criticize other organizations if you're not doing something in a group that's positive for Black

people," the resilient leader said. Mr. Ture encouraged Blacks to join the Nation of Islam or his organization to work towards the liberation of Black people. The rally was highlighted by vendors from all over the country.

In New York the African Liberation Day rally took on a different shape as it involved thousands who marched from Harlem to the United Nations on May 22 to charge the Reagan Administration with "Black Genocide." The theme of the march was Reaganism: Black Genocide." Dr. Manning Marable, who at the time, was the director of Fisk University's Race Relations Institute, said, "Ronald Reagan is not important, there is a specter that is haunting Black people all over the world called "genocide." The New York rally was coordinated by the Support Committee for African Liberation Day (SCALD), and sponsored by over 250 community-based organizations in America, Asia and Africa.

**March 5:** President Saddam Hussein and the Iraqi government, Ibrahim Ebeid, the Arab Bath Socialist Party of the country of Iraq, and the Iraqi-American Friendship Committee invited six Black Americans representing three organizations on a state visit to the Arab Nation of Iraq in the Middle East on March 5-13. Representing the All-African People's Revolutionary Party were Mukasa (Willie Ricks) and Kwaku Mitchell, Khallid Abdul Muhammad (then called Harold X) and Akbar Muhammad (then called Larry X) who represented the Nation of Islam and Ron Herndon of Portland and Jitu Weusi who represented the National Black United Front.

**June:** The Minister introduced President Sekou Toure of the African Nation Guinea to a student body at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

**JUNE:** In the volume 2, number 6 edition of *The Final Call* Newspaper, Bro. Khallid (Harold X) wrote about the visit to Iraq. He reported of overwhelming evidence that proved Iraq is not the Mystery Babylon of the scripture. The scripture points to a future city and people, Bro. Khallid ascertained after his visit

to Iraq. As the delegates left Iraq, the team obviously knew they were leaving Babylon (Iraq) to Babylon (America), reported *The Final Call*.

**September 12:** Sixty months of "wandering in the wilderness of North America," being mocked and ridiculed for suffering from "homelessness" was rewarded this historical day. After five years of dedication to re-establishing the Nation of Islam, Min. Farrakhan dedicated this "small version of our Father's house,"—The Final Call Administration Building located at 734 W. 79th Street in Chicago.

The building was dedicated to the Teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. "This building, The Final Call, is dedicated to life," wrote Min. Farrakhan in *The Final Call* newspaper. Minister Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam humbly thanked all those who took them in when they had no home. People who helped were Haki Madhubuti and the Institute for Positive Education; Rev. John Porter of Christ United Methodist Church (who even allowed Islam to be taught on Sundays side by side with his faith), Others were Dr. Charles Knox and the National Conference of Black Lawyers Community College of Law; Rev. Al Sampson of Fernwood United Methodist Church; Wali Siddiq and Pride Community Center; Dr. Don Bailey; Drs. Anderson Thompson and Conrad Worrell of the Center for Inner City Studies of Northeastern University, It was once a bank, but when the stock market died, the bank died. When the bank died, the funeral parlor was born. Then, purchased by Minister Farrakhan, who mortgaged his home to secure the building, renamed it the Final Call Administration Building.

"This is the Final Call. This means you as Black people in America are never going to hear the voice of another one from God ever again before this country and this world goes under the Judgment of Almighty God." he said. Minister Farrakhan's leadership allowed the Muslims to secure a home without any bloodshed. The trustworthy Minister bought all the paint and refused to accept any money from the Muslim community for the building's purchase, because he wanted to show them he wasn't no "damn thief," he later explained. The Minister, immediately going to work in the building, launched a 52-week

"Respect for Life" series of lectures in which the leader assured the people that if they pay attention, they would have absolutely a better life than they were having at present.

**September 24:** Minister Farrakhan explains, "How Injustice Makes A People Silly and Savage" in Cleveland, Ohio.

**Winter:** Minister Abdul Rahman, a powerhouse teacher and representative of the Nation of Islam, who served under the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad returned to the Nation of Islam this year. Min. Rahman thanked Allah for "bringing me back out of the grave of ignorance." He also expressed his appreciation to Min. Farrakhan for helping him to return to the fold of Islam. "I want to thank Bro. Louis Farrakhan for his understanding of me in my fall from the pinnacle of success that I reached as a follower of Messenger Muhammad," said Min. Rahman in the volume 2, number 7 edition of *The Final Call*. In that same address in the newspaper, "The Rock" as he is affectionately called, questioned the whereabouts of the other "warriors of Muhammad."

This is a brief excerpt: "So, now I wonder, where are the other warriors of Muhammad? I remember one day the (Messenger's Ministers) were all at the dinner table of the Messenger, and he told us many wonderful things. He told us that His Teaching would lead us all over the world, and it did. He told us—Bro. Karriem from Los Angeles, Bro. John from San Francisco, Bro. Hamzah of Cleveland, Bro. Jeremiah of Philadelphia, Bro. James of Newark, Bro. Lonnie of Washington, Bro. Farrakhan from New York—that one day we would all leave him. We jumped up from the table and told him, "Dear Holy Apostle we will never leave you." But we all left him and accepted a lesser teaching. I want to say to them now, they (we) can all kick themselves (ourselves) in the behind for not standing up for the Honorable Elijah Muhammad when others were speaking ill of Him in His absence .... I want to say to all the Muslims in North America: If we

aren't about the business of saving our people from their downtrodden condition, then we aren't about anything."

Also this year Minister Louis Farrakhan toured many colleges and universities throughout United States recognizing the value of the college students in the overall struggle of the Black Nation. During the Minister's visits at the college campuses, he would enlighten both students and teachers.

## **1983**

**February 16:** Ten days before Saviours' Day, the Minister taught on "The Purpose for Knowledge" in Boston, MA.

**February 27:** Minister Louis Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam hosted the third annual Saviours' Day which, which for the first time was held outside of Chicago, in Gary, Indiana. Mayor Richard Gordon proudly welcomes the Muslims to Gary, as Min. Farrakhan told the crowd that, "A Saviour Is Born For The Black Man And Woman In America." Min. Farrakhan announced that all Black people are Saviours' of themselves and their communities and signifies the announcement by moving the apostrophe making the word Saviour plural. He reiterates, publicly his belief that the Honorable Elijah Muhammad is still physically alive.

**April 13:** While visiting Buffalo, the Minister speaks at Holy Angeles Catholic Church discussing "The Protection Of The Black Community."

**April 20:** The Minister discussed "Abortion," at the Final Call Building in Chicago.

**April:** During a speech at the Final Call Building, Min. Farrakhan endorses Mayor Harold Washington who later became Chicago's first Black mayor.

**May 21:** Min. Farrakhan began 13-city tour with the theme: "Christ's Imminent Return: He Makes All Things New!" in Washington, D.C. at Bibleway Baptist



Church. Many Christians are surprised, assuming that Muslims did not believe in Christ.

**May 8:** Min. Farrakhan spoke on "The Manifestation Of Hypocrisy" at The Final Call Administration Building in Chicago, IL.

**May 12:** Min. Farrakhan spoke on "The Disease Of Hypocrisy Part II" at The Final Call Administration Building in Chicago, IL.

**July 3:** The Minister discussed "Divorce" at the Final Call building, in Chicago.

**August:** Min. Farrakhan (National Representative of the Hon. Elijah Muhammad) and Iman Mohammed (president and leader of the American Muslim Mission) reached an agreement to promote a peaceful respect between the two men and the following each represents. Both leaders released joint statements published simultaneously in each community's newspaper. Also this month, Min. Farrakhan speaks at the 20th anniversary of the 1963 "March on Washington."

**October 21:** In Albany, New York at Albany State University, the Minister taught how to "Return to the Source."

**November:** Min. Farrakhan delivered keynote address at National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) gala in Washington, D.C. and became a lifetime member of the NAACP. He expressed his respect for the organization and how, as a child, he would cry himself to sleep reading about the injustices committed against Black people that was published in the *Crisis* magazine, published by the NAACP.

**December:** Min. Farrakhan, Rev. Jesse Jackson traveled to Damascus, Syria to negotiate the release of downed Black American pilot Robert Goodman and

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ultimately win his release. Nation of Islam and Operation P.U.S.H. put forth unity efforts to work together.

## **Lights, Camera, Action! 1984-1989**

### **1984**

**January:** Min. Farrakhan, Rev. Jesse Jackson, and some Black clergy attended a White House briefing with President Ronald Reagan and Vice President George Bush to announce the safe return of Lieut. Goodman.

**February 5:** The Minister spoke on "The Honorable Elijah Muhammad as Messiah" in Chicago, IL.

**February 10:** Washington, D.C. Mayor, Marion Barry, proclaimed: Minister Louis Farrakhan Day, "in recognition of his service as an instrumental force in working out the necessary arrangements for the release of Navy Lieut. Robert Goodman, Jr. from Syria." This same day Min. Farrakhan spoke on "The Black Youth: Our Future Nation" at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

**February 25:** Amidst lots of controversy, Minister Farrakhan announced his support of the candidacy of Rev. Jesse Jackson for president of the United States to ten thousand attend a rally at Richard L. Jones Armory in Chicago. On November 3, Rev. Jackson announced his candidacy for president and eight days later, on November 11, 1983, a newly formed group called Jews Against Jackson ran an ad in the *New York Times*, which said, "Ruin Jesse, Ruin ... Jesse Jackson is no good for Jews, for Israel or for America. Stop him. Ruin Jesse, now." Members of the Jewish community were displeased with Rev. Jackson's relationship with Yasar Arafat. Since the word ruin means, "total destruction or disintegration," Rev. Jackson's supporters believed the ad would create a climate in which Rev. Jackson could be assassinated. Responding to death threats towards Rev. Jackson, Min. Farrakhan warned the perpetrators. "I

warn you in the name of Allah, if you harm this brother, he will be the last one you do harm." The Minister instructed the Fruit of Islam to secure Jesse Jackson.

The courageous protector of the Black Nation defended Rev. Jackson through the press: "I'm saying to the Jewish people who may not like our brother, it is not Jesse Jackson that you are attacking," said Min. Farrakhan. "Remember this now. You're not attacking an individual. Jesse's gone past that now. When you attack him, you attack the millions that are lining up with him. You're attacking all of us. That's not an intelligent thing to do. We know that Blacks and Jews have had a good relationship in the past. We've gotten along well, because you're a suffering people and so are we. But my dear Jewish friends, you understand that everything comes of age. We cannot define our self interest in terms of your self interest. Why attack our champion? Why hurl stones? Why feed the press so that they can create a climate into which hatred and bitterness and strife can be poured creating the same kind of climate that led to the assassination of John Kennedy, the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X and Bobby Kennedy. Press, don't you realize what you are doing?" This defense of Jesse Jackson officially began the mass media campaign against Min. Farrakhan, who admonished the media on unbalanced reporting and ethics.

**February 26:** Saviours' Day titled "Unity: A Weapon More Powerful Than a Nuclear Bomb" was held at Richard L Jones Armory in Chicago. It was an interfaith convention, where Chicago's first Black mayor, Harold Washington issued a letter and proclamation in support of the Honorable Louis Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam.

**February 27:** Nat Hentoff, a Jewish leader and columnist for the *Village Voice* participated in a New York radio call-in show and characterized the Muslim leader as a "Black Hitler."

**March 11:** Members of the press accused Min. Farrakhan of praising Hitler when he actually said Hitler was "wickedly great," just as the Bible refers to "Babylon the Great." Min. Farrakhan responded to the insult in a radio broadcast from Chicago: "So I said to members of the press, Why won't you go and look into what we are saying about the threats on Reverend Jackson's life? Here the Jews don't like Farrakhan and so they call me 'Hitler.' Hitler was a very great man. He wasn't great for me as a Black man, but he was a great German and he rose Germany up from the ashes of her defeat by the united force of all of Europe and America after the First World War. Yet Hitler took Germany from the ashes and rose her up and made her the greatest fighting machine of the twentieth century, brothers and sisters, and even though Europe had deciphered Hitler even after knowing his plans in advance, Now I'm not proud of Hitler's evil toward Jewish people, but that's a matter of record. He rose Germany up from nothing. Well, in a sense you could say there is a similarity in that we are rising our people up from nothing, but don't compare me with your wicked killers," said Min. Farrakhan. The Minister went on to say, "Israel has not had any peace in 40 years and she will never have any peace for there can be no peace structured on lying, murder, and injustice, using the name of Allah (God) as a shield for your dirty religion." After this lecture, Jewish leaders attacked Rev. Jackson and his alliance with Min. Farrakhan to destroy the candidacy of Rev. Jackson. Newspapers would begin erroneously reporting that Min. Farrakhan called Judaism and "gutter religion."

**April 29:** The Minister, at The Final Call Building in Chicago, teaches on the "New World Order."

**May 6:** The Minister, at The Final Call Building taught on self-improvement. His subject was "After Difficulty Comes Ease."

**May 8:** Returning to the Final Call Building, the Minister taught on "He Makes All Things New."

**May 13:** Teaching on how to love the Black woman, the Minister explains how "Heaven Lies at the Feet of Mother," at the Final Call Building.

**June:** Rev. Jackson repudiated Min. Farrakhan to keep his campaign alive at the demand of Vice-President Mondale and the Democrats threat to deny him the opportunity to speak at the then-upcoming Democratic convention. Also, the Senate voted 95-0 to censure Min. Farrakhan.

**June: 17:** The Minister visited Boston's Muslim community to discuss "The Black Community's Need of a Strong Black Man."

**June: 20:** The Minister explained "The Sin of Child Molestation" at the Final Call Building in Chicago, IL.

**June 24:** The conflict with the Jews continued to erupt over a remark by Minister Farrakhan in which he called the present Jews practice of Judaism as "dirty" following his return from Libya on this day. The Jews misquoted this remark saying Minister Farrakhan called Judaism a gutter religion and labeled him an anti-Semite. The leader of the Nation of Islam criticized the Jewish takeover of land in Palestine by force and the policies and actions of some racist, Jewish Israeli Zionist that have led to death, war and destruction. This is an excerpt of what Min. Farrakhan actually said: "Now, that nation of Israel, never has had any peace in forty years and she will never have any peace because there can never be any peace structured on injustice, thievery, lying and deceit and using the name of God to shield your dirty religion under His holy and righteous name. "

**July 14:** A sea of over 4,000 Black people gathered in Harlem at 135 street, between Adam Clayton Powell Boulevard and Lenox Avenue, to hear the outspoken Minister. Many held placards with bold letters saying, "Unity is the Key," "Allah (God) is With Minister Farrakhan," and "Black People Must Unite."

"I am not trying to say anything to excite anybody, but America is the number one criminal nation of this earth. She has robbed and exploited Black, Brown, Red, Yellow, and even fellow white nations around the earth. So the problem of the world today is not China, not Russia, not Libya. The problem of the world today is what to do about the United States of America's terrible foreign policy," said the Minister.

**July 30:** Speaking before 4,200 America's most distinguished journalists, the Minister warned America that she faces divine chastisement from Almighty God if she does not solve the 400-year-old problem of Black people with justice. As the most repudiated man in America; Min. Farrakhan told the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. concerning his relationship with Jesse Jackson, that "You hated our love and friendship and our mutual desire to defend and protect another. You prevailed upon my brother to repudiate me on the basis of your lies . . . You desire to destroy our unity-and friendship completely. Why? It is ... because you know that our unity will give us the power to throw off the yoke of slavery and you will have to relate to us as men," said the Minister.

**August:** Farrakhan addressed the United Nations.

**September:** Continuing friendly relations with Muslim countries, Min. Farrakhan participated in Libya's 15th anniversary Celebration of the First of September Revolution. The Minister's keynote address, "War is Coming," gave the National Representative of the Hon. Elijah Muhammad the opportunity to spread the teachings of the Hon. Elijah Muhammad abroad. Also, this year, risking the appearance of looking crazy, in *The Final Call* newspaper, Min. Farrakhan

stated, "I, Louis Farrakhan, am saying to the world that the Honorable Elijah Muhammad is not physically dead. I am further stating that he was made to appear as such as written in the Bible and in the Holy Qur'an, in order that the Scriptures might be fulfilled. We stand ready, as any time, to pay for the exhuming of that "body" of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and we stand ready to pay for the two dentists who worked on His teeth to compare their dental records with dental records obtained from the examination of the "body." We also will pay for two other dentists to make an examination and give their findings. I am willing to go before the world to be seen as one whose belief that the Honorable Elijah Muhammad is physically alive is false, or, be manifested as the true representative of the Mahdi, the Messiah, the Christ that the world is now looking for whose return is imminent." As of the writing of this book, no one has challenged Minister Farrakhan on this most critical point.

**November 11:** The Minister tells the Believers and guest at The Final Call Building that "We Must Produce to Survive."

**November 18:** Min. Farrakhan speaks on "Your Hand Must Produce the Kingdom" in Chicago, IL.

## **1985**

**January:** The visionary Minister launched People Organized and Working for Economic Rebirth (P.O.W.E.R.) during a lecture in Detroit, Mich. The POWER program begins with interested parties acquiring an audio cassette lecture of his remarks that described the overall goals of the program. "Your contribution represents the beginning of a mass movement for economic rebirth of Black people into our former industrial and commercial greatness," said the Minister.

**January: 20:** The Minister discussed "The Children of Adam" at The Final Call Building in Chicago, IL



**February 24:** The International Saviours' Day, convened by the Minister and the Nation of Islam at the Richard Janes Armory in Chicago was, "Power: At Last ... Forever." Convention highlights included remarks from Algeria's freedom fighter Ahmed Ben Bella, Ghana's president Flight Lieutenant Jerry John Rawlings and Col. Muammar Al Qadhafi of Libya, who addressed the convention crowd of 15,000 via satellite. President Qadhafi congratulated Min. Farrakhan for his work and affirmed that Black people should no longer be under the yoke of oppression. As an aid to their cause, he suggested that Black people move toward armed struggle and his country would help if asked. In the Saviours' Souvenir Edition of *The Final Call*, the Minister thanked his followers and said, "To my dear Muslim brothers and sisters, Allah, His Christ and you are the firm rock upon which I stand." This Saviours' Day was considered a declaration to the heads of all the Nations that the tiny Nation of Islam was on the rise.

**March:** The Minister held a press conference at Howard University Inn in Washington, D.C. to thank Col. Qadhafi for participating in the Saviours' Day Convention and politely rejected his offer for arms. "Economic power leads to political empowerment which will give us strength to help restructure the foreign and domestic policies of the United States," said Min. Farrakhan.

**May:** Min. Farrakhan departed for a tour of the Near East and Africa. He traveled first to Libya to thank Qadhafi for the \$5 million loan to launch the P.O.W.E.R. program.

**May 13:** Philadelphia police, SWAT teams and FBI agents under the direction of Mayor Goode, a Black man, bombed the house of MOVE, a Black liberation organization, killing most of the inhabitants—mainly women and children and destroying an entire Black neighborhood.

**June 2:** The Minister discussed "The Affairs of the Middle East: How They Effect Black America," at The Final Call Building in Chicago.

**June 7:** "The Five (5) Principles of True Religion," was the Muslim leader's subject matter at The Final Call Building in Chicago.

**July:** Min. Farrakhan spoke to 11,000 in Washington, D.C. at the Washington Convention Center.

**August:** Minister Louis Farrakhan completed his first full Hajj (Pilgrimage) to the Holy City, Mecca in Arabia.

**September 17:** While in a small Mexican village, (96 months after deciding to uplift the name of the Hon. Elijah Muhammad) Minister Louis Farrakhan received a vision during which he was beamed up on board a spacecraft, that he believes was the mothership that the Hon. Elijah Muhammad taught of, and heard the voice of the Hon. Elijah Muhammad who exposed a military plot involving Pres. Reagan and his joint chiefs of staff. He was instructed to go to Washington, D.C. to tell the world of the planned attack on a small Muslim nation. Other profound and crucial information is revealed to Minister Farrakhan and from that time to the present, the fuller meaning of this vision expands his teachings, and messages and warnings to Black America and the world.

**September 19:** A great earthquake struck Mexico City and was felt in the town of Cuernavaca where Min. Farrakhan was staying. That earthquake brought the vision forcibly to his mind which he spoke for the first time to my wife, Khadijah Farrakhan, and Sister Tynnetta Muhammad.

**October 7:** The first October Saviours' Day is added to the Nation Of Islam's calendar. "Power! At Last Forever!" was held at Madison Square Garden in New

York City. Over 30,000 broke doors and many threw away cameras and tape recorders to hear Min. Farrakhan in New York City at Madison Square Garden. Some people who could not get in even cried. "They lost control of the doors. The black people broke the doors down, they were standing in line with their tape recorders, with cameras and when they were told they could not bring that in, they went and threw that in the garbage pail rather than lost their place in the line." Min. Farrakhan SD 2010 Sunday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> The Time and What Must Be Done, United Center.

About 20,000 listen in the main arena and another 5,000 hear the fiery Minister in an adjacent forum as he announced that Saviours' Day would also be celebrated on the birth of the Hon. Elijah Muhammad because "He saved us." Clean-N-Fresh products, a Black-owned line of personal products were announced. John H. Johnson Corporation (owner of *Ebony* and *Jet Magazine* and Fashion Fair Products) initially agreed to produce the Nation's products, but pressure from the Jewish community would lead Mr. Johnson to withdraw the agreement. Also, an apparent death plot on Minister Farrakhan by the enemies of the righteous at the Garden fails.

**October 16:** Mark Siljander (R-Mich.) introduced to the U.S. Congress "a resolution condemning the anti-Semitic and racist statements of Louis Farrakhan." He unsuccessfully sought the support of the Congressional Black Congress as a co-sponsor of his resolution.

**October 30:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "The Cycles Of Life" at The Final Call Administration building in Chicago, IL

**December 1:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "The Making Of A God" at the Final Call Building in Chicago, IL.

**December 29:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Ignorance And Fear: The Worst Enemy Or The Oppressed" in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands.

**December 30:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "The Resurrection of the Dead: What it Really Means in St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands.

**December:** The Minister began his world tour. He traveled to the Caribbean Islands, including Jamaica, where he paid homage to Marcus Garvey and presented the P.O.W.E.R. program in a speech at a Jamaican stadium. In an interview in *The Final Call*, Min. Farrakhan reflected of the success of the "Overwhelming Event" in New York at Madison Square Garden. He also discussed "Phase II" of his work: "In Paul's teachings in the New Testament, he talks about two kinds of preachers. One is the Evangelist, and the other is the Pastor. The zeal of the evangelist rouses the people by the hundreds and the thousands, but he turns them over to a pastor who nurtures them in the faith that the evangelist has inspired. They then can become true practitioners of what they have confessed a belief in. For eight years I have been in the rebuilding effort, the evangelist. And through my evangelical preaching thousands upon thousands of people believe in what I am teaching, and have accepted what I teach from the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. But that is not enough. I am concerned that the charisma of an evangelical preacher will be lost if the pasturing effort is not present to back up that evangelical preaching. I do not want us to be seen as a cult, following the charismatic preaching of Louis Farrakhan, so if something happens to Louis Farrakhan a movement dies. Then all of my evangelical teaching will be considered vanity.

"So Phase Two of my work has come, and I will allow the younger men and women who have been training under my direction for these past eight years to go out and do that which God has blessed me to do, while I now concern myself with the pasturing aspect of this work. We must raise up a Nation of Muslims that the world will recognize as true believers and practitioners of the

faith of Islam. We must take the preaching and make the word bond by concretizing the word into a manifest reality that the people can feel and touch and experience and be benefited by. That is the work that we call Phase Two," he said.

Also this month, the Minister accomplished part of his mission—the acquisition of all the Nation's property prior to 1975—by securing the homes of the Hon. Elijah Muhammad in Chicago and Phoenix.

## **1986**

**January:** Min. Farrakhan challenged the entire Black Nation to accept responsibility of beginning to "do something for themselves" in 1986, or suffer great loss. "The 430 year long sojourn of Black people in America is over, as we move into 1986," said the leader at the beginning of this year. "January 1, 1986, is the 430th year of our enslavement here in America, which means that we have fulfilled what God has asked us to do, serving a strange people in a strange land."

**January 3:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Racism in Religion" in Bridgetown-Barbados.

**January 5:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "The Importance of Panama: The Liberation Struggle of Black People" at Colon, Panama.

**January 7:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "The Future of Belize: A New Powerful Nation Rises From Colonialism" in Belize-British Honduras.

**January 20:** During the controversial movie, "The Color Purple," the Muslim leader gave incite on "The Children Of Adam" at the Final Call Building in Chicago.

**January 22:** The Minister gave incite on relations as he talked about "Behind The Scenes Of The Color Purple" at the Final Call in Chicago, IL.

**January 26:** The Minister delivered an educational lecture on the origin of race relations in "The Sons of God and the Daughters of Men," in The Final Call Building in Chicago.

**February 2:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "The Upliftment of the Black Man" at The Final Call Building in Chicago, IL.

**February 5:** Minister Louis Farrakhan began yet another world tour. He visited the Caribbean, Central and South America, Africa and the Middle East. Before leaving, he gave a press conference warning President Reagan about his foreign policy ban on Libya while in Washington D.C. The fearless Minister, followed his instructions given by the Hon. Elijah Muhammad and rebuked the government's ban on U.S. citizens traveling to Libya, and the sanctions imposed on the tiny Black Muslim country. He also denounced the re-deployment of the American Sixth Fleet into the Gulf of Sidra off the coast of Libya.

"In early February, 1986, I was invited to participate in and be the spokesman at a press conference initiated by the Libyans in cooperation with Kwame Toure of the All African Peoples' Revolutionary party and the representatives of approximately 15 groups of Blacks, Native Americans, Hispanics and Whites, in essence, to state to the government of the United States: "Hands off Libya." While I was speaking at the press conference, the lights of the television cameras in the back of the room brought back the vision of the press conference that I was to hold in Washington, D.C., and I wondered to myself, "Could this be it?"

**February 6:** On his way to Lagos, Nigeria, Minister Farrakhan is detained for nearly 14 hours at London's Heathrow airport by authorities under the "Exclusion

Act." He was previously scheduled to speak to a Black group in East London, but since he was barred from the country, he notified the British government he would be stopping in Heathrow to catch a connecting flight to the African continent. The Minister finally arrives in Nigeria, where after holding a press conference; a scheduled speech at a large auditorium is canceled by armed soldiers due to a misinformation campaign launched by Western agents.

**February 11:** President Jerry Rawlings and the Ghanaian people warmly welcome Min. Farrakhan to Ghana: While in Ghana, Minister Farrakhan addressed religious leaders, police and army officers at the request of Ghanaian Chairman (now President) Flt. Lt. Jerry Rawlings.

**February 12:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "The Black People of American and Africa: Building a Bridge of Unity" in Accra, Ghana.

**February 18:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Islam, Christianity, and Africa Tribal Religions" at Accra, Ghana. He also addressed the Ghanaian Army in Accra, Ghana on this day.

**February 19:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Address To The Ghanaian Police Force" at Accra, Ghana.

**March 16:** Minister Farrakhan was guided to address the Second World Mathabah Conference of Third World revolutionaries in Tripoli, Libya, to introduce Colonel Muammar Ghadafi. "From Tripoli, speaking before the representatives of approximately 80 nations, I told the vision publicly, sending back to the United States a warning to President Reagan and Secretary of State George Schultz," recalled Min. Farrakhan. The leader warned the Libyan government of Reagan's "secret" planned war. "In the Name of Allah, I warn President Reagan of the folly and the extreme danger of this course of action for

it will ultimately lead to a wider war—World War III—which is destined to reduce America, Europe and Russia and most of the world to a state of total ruin,” said Min. Farrakhan. (Farrakhan made the trip despite and Executive Order by Pres. Reagan effective Feb. 1, 1986, which banned travel to Libya). (See Feb. 5, 1986).

**March 29:** Initiated by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and continued by Minister Farrakhan, The Provisional Constitution was ratified by the National Board of Laborers on this day.

**April 15:** The United States bombing of Libya (code-named Operation El Dorado Canyon) comprised the joint United States Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps air-strikes against Libya on April 15, 1986. The attack was carried out in response to the 1986 Berlin discotheque bombing.

**May 5:** From the United Arab Emirates, Min. Farrakhan called The Final Call Building to give a special message to Nation of Islam members via conference call over loud speakers. Minister Louis Farrakhan asked the Nation of Islam to observe Ramadan with the Muslim World. He said that fasting strengthens discipline and is a prescription for society. The Hon. Elijah Muhammad established December as a month of fasting to keep his followers from participating in the frivolity that takes place that month in the name of Jesus, a holy and righteous man of God.

**May 15:** These are excerpts from a speech by the Minister to a group of Qur'an students at the Islamic Call Society in Tripoli, Libya: "Every Muslim has a mission and every Muslim should feel that the mission of Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, is our own mission. ... So I have taken the mission of the Holy Prophet on my shoulders in the United States." It was printed in *The Final Call* of this date.



**June 25:** Min. Farrakhan, taking advantage of his Constitutional right, sued President Ronald Reagan for his attempts to jail the Muslim leader for visiting the country of Libya.

**June 28:** Despite strong opposition by the Jews, Min. Farrakhan made his word bond, and unveiled the first line of Clean N Fresh products as he made his first appearance since returning from his 11 month tour of the mother land. About 5,000 come to hear his first address. Clean N Fresh personal care product line, a subsidiary of People Working for Economic Rebirth (P.O.W.E.R.) products are unveiled. He addressed thousands of supporters at Chicago's Hilton and Towers hotel. The program designed to produce economic prosperity in the Black community.

"Through the manufacturing and distribution of our own products, we can begin to achieve economic self-sufficiency. Only then will we be able to provide jobs for our people, and improve our quality of life. We hold the key to our own salvation through the control of our buying power. Let's break the chains of fear, ignorance and dependence," he said. Min. Farrakhan delivers 'welcome home' speech titled "America: Are You Any Better Than Your Fathers?" after returning from his tour of Africa speech.

**July 4:** On the 56th anniversary of Master Fard Muhammad coming to America, the Hon. Louis Farrakhan stood with the Navajo and Hopi Indian tribes at Big Mountain Indian reservation to prevent government's effort to evict the Indians.

**August 3:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "The Black Man's Fear" in Chicago, IL.

**September 21:** Min. Farrakhan announced the beginning of the self-improvement study course during a lecture in Phoenix, Arizona. In attendance were Bro. Jabril Muhammad, Tynnetta Muhammad, Don Muhammad, members

of the Chicano and American Indian communities. "I have chosen for my subject, 'Self-Improvement: The Basis For Community Development.' Now, there are many, many developers who buy land and develop that land into communities, towns and cities; placing on this land magnificent structures costing hundreds of millions, even billions of dollars. . . . However, to those who spend those hundreds of millions and billions of dollars building structures; unless we build people; unless the human potential of people is developed; then man, in his underdeveloped state, will ultimately destroy the cities that he has built because of revolution and war," said the insightful Minister. Sparked from this lecture study guide materials were developed that focused on the process of Self-Improvement which is composed of Self-Examination, Self-Analysis and Self-Correction.

**October 7:** Min. Farrakhan and Imam Warith Deen Mohammed—who spoke to the audience—shared the dais on Saviours' Day in tribute to the Hon. Elijah Muhammad at the Pavilion at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Approximately 9,000 people come to celebrate the 89th birthday of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. Various leaders, including Kwame Ture attended and spoke honorably of the Hon. Elijah Muhammad.

**October 26:** Speaking live from the home of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, Min. Farrakhan expressed his gratitude "to have this privilege and opportunity to share with you more of the teachings and the wisdom of God, revealed to the Honorable Elijah Muhammad," he said as he spoke to the listening audience on radio station WBEE and throughout the country and Caribbean by way of a national radio-telephone-hook up. The Minister introduced the topic "The Will Of God Part One." "From this home, you may expect that particular guidance that will raise us from a dead level and infuse us with a new mind, a new spirit, a new direction. It will also cause the resurrection of the totality of humanity. In the soul

searching lecture, the Minister caused the listeners to look at seven things that adversely affect the Will of man: 1) fear 2) vanity 3) pride 4) envy 5) lust 6) anger 7) greed.

**November 2:** "Greetings to you. I am Minister Louis Farrakhan, representative of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, the preacher of freedom, justice and equality to the Black man and woman of North America and, really, -a-leader, teacher and guide for all of humanity," said Minister Farrakhan before he spoke again by radio and radio-telephone-hook up to the country and discussed "The Will Of God Part Two."

**November 9:** Still expounding on the same subject, the Minister further educated his listeners with, "The Will Of God" part three.

**November 30:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Self-Empowerment: The Last Call For A Black United Front" in Chicago, IL. .

**December 8:** Religious leaders must "take the responsibility" for the social and economic problems of the Jamaican people and inspire them to "produce" for themselves so that they can "rise as a free nation and a free people," Minister Farrakhan declared at Jamaica's National Arena in Kingston.

**December 14:** Discussing the same subject as the second study guide, the top student of the Hon. Elijah Muhammad informed those present "How To Handle Mixed Feelings And Controversy" in Chicago, IL.

**December 19:** The leader of the Nation of Islam issued a letter to introduce the Muslim community to the new study guide material, which included the topic, "Mixed Feelings And Controversy: How Do We Handle It?" "This speech, (given Sept. 21) in my judgment, formally ushers in that which is the launching pad of a

worldwide movement," said the Minister. "Each study session is designed on the guidance of Allah to produce: self-examination; self-analysis; self-correction; and, to quicken in each of us, the self-accusing spirit. For, it is only when we are awakened morally that we have to face the self-accusing spirit which leads to our resurrection. "Resurrection is that process that begins with the self-accusing spirit and does not end until we become one in perfect harmony or peace with Allah and His Creation."

\_\_\_\_ : Mother Tynnetta Muhammad's book, "The Comer By Night," is published.

## **1987**

**January 2:** Continuing his character building, self improvement study course, the Hon. Elijah Muhammad's honor student spoke on "Overcoming Difficulty" in Chicago, IL. This was the official start of the Study Group classes on Friday also.

**January 26:** Public Enemy, also known as PE, the Hip Hop group consisting of Chuck D, Flavor Flav, Terminator X, and Professor Griff and the S1Ws released "Yo! Bum Rush the Show." The influence of Min. Farrakhan was clear.

**January 31:** Minister Farrakhan warned then-President Reagan to "CEASE AND DESIST FROM YOUR EVIL PLANNING AGAINST ME AND THOSE WHO ARE WITH ME. I WARN YOU, MR. REAGAN, DO NOT LISTEN TO THE JEWS WHO ARE ADVISING YOU AND INCITING YOU AGAINST ME. ... SO BE CAREFUL, MR. REAGAN. YOU ARE IN ENOUGH TROUBLE AS IT IS (emphasis Min. Farrakhan's)." This statement was published in The Final Call newspaper of this date.

Also, in that edition of *The Final Call*, the editor, Abdul Wali Muhammad reported that a Japanese pilot saw a giant "U.F.O. that was twice the size of an aircraft carrier. The size and shape of the crafts, as described by the captain and crew of the jet involved, leaves no doubt that the so-called U.F.O.'s sighted were

the Mother Plane and two of the "baby planes" which the Hon. Elijah Muhammad taught about throughout his 44-year mission in America, reported Editor Abdul Wali Muhammad.

This edition of the paper also included an editorial by the Minister which can be summed up in one word; STUDY! The studious Minister said, "My appeal to every Muslim and to every member of the Lost Found Nation of Islam in the West, is that we jump from the bed of slothfulness, lethargy, mental death and dependence and get on with the aim and purpose for which life was given; that is, to do something for ourselves everyday that we live and breathe. **NO EXCUSE WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM ANY OF US FOR ABSENCE FROM THIS COURSE OF STUDY. Anyone who says that he or she is with me and will not take this course is out of luck with us and you will not be allowed to continue as a registered follower of The Honorable Elijah Muhammad under my direction. LET NOTHING OR NO ONE COME BETWEEN YOU AND THIS STUDY. Move hell and high water. Don't let rain, hail, snow or even earthquakes keep you from this study. Tell death to take a vacation! We can't die now; we are too ignorant! (smile)** (emphasis Min. Farrakhan's).

**February 6:** After completing the ninth week of study and practical application, Minister Farrakhan said, "we should begin to see changes in our pattern of thought, reflecting itself in changes in our behavior."

**February 15:** The Muslim leader delivered a powerful writing in *The Final Call* of this date titled, "The Will of God." This article became a part of the "Study Guides Self-Improvement: The Basis of Community Development" packet. "The Honorable Elijah Muhammad has taught us that the brain of Man is "infinite." I want you to think on it—THE BRAIN OF MAN IS INFINITE. If the brain of Man is infinite, then Man can bring into existence whatever he conceives in his mind; the repository for Allah (God) to dwell. God is infinite in the brain of Man," he said.

**March 8:** Continuing the Hon. Elijah Muhammad's tradition of honoring the Black woman, Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Respect For Womanhood: Acquiring The Mind Of God" at The Final Call Building in Chicago, IL.

**April 5:** Minister Farrakhan talked about "Human Sexuality: The Origin Of Male-Female Relationships" in Chicago, IL.

**April 8:** In The Final Call Administration Building, Minister Farrakhan told the captivated audience about "Satan And The Mastery Of The Sexual Urges" in Chicago.

**April 18:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "The Resurrection Of Jesus" at Muhammad Mosque No. 32 in Phoenix, AZ.

**April 24:** "Fear restricts. Guilt restricts. ... Get rid of fear. Only the Fear of God is necessary. All other fear can and should be conquered," said the Minister as he encouraged the Muslims to renew their commitment to the self-improvement study via a letter sent across the country.

**May 1:** Ten years after the Minister began building the foundation left by the Hon. Elijah Muhammad, the Nation of Islam observed Jumu'ah Prayer for the first time.

**May 27:** Minister Farrakhan lectured on "Disappointment in Leadership" at Muhammad Temple No. 27 in Los Angeles, CA.

**June 5:** As the Minister addressed the Muslims soon after Ramadan, he expressed the importance of the study of the knowledge of self and God, "which is really one," he said.

**June 20:** Minister Farrakhan launched his, "Politics Without Economics Is Symbol Without Substance" tour with a crowd of 4,000 packed into Tabernacle Baptist Church, in Chicago.

**June 26:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Unearthing The Power And Beauty In Yourself" in Chicago, IL.

**June 21:** Minister Farrakhan discussed "The Need For Leadership: When Did It Begin?" in Chicago, IL.

**July 29:** The Minister issued a letter encouraging the Muslims to properly "digest" the "meat" of the study guides. He also compelled the Muslims to go "beyond the immature expression of the wisdom of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad."

**September 25:** The Minister, in a letter to the Muslims discussed perception and how it should change with growth. "Dear Believer, how we perceive any set of facts reveals us, because based upon our perception and faith, we react accordingly," he said.

**September 28:** A capacity crowd of over 14,000 people jammed the Los Angeles Convention Center to hear a message on economic empowerment delivered by Minister Farrakhan. The theme; "Politics Without Economics Is Symbol Without Substance" was originally scheduled for August 8. The meeting evoked a furor when Mayor Bradley was accosted by Irv Rubin, leader of the militant Jewish Defense League, at a July 22 press conference and pressured to "repudiate" Min. Farrakhan's upcoming visit. Mayor Bradley complied and city officials called on the people of Los Angeles to reject the message, but the people showed strong support of the message and the messenger. Min. Abdul Allah Muhammad

spearheaded a petition drive securing thousands of signatures from L.A. citizens in favor of hearing Min. Farrakhan.

"I am so thankful to Almighty God Allah for the blessing of having met with the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, my teacher, a man who was greatly misunderstood," said the Minister during his remarks. "They called him a hater, they called him anti-American and anti-white. They called him just about anti-everything. But before he left us, the same persons who condemned him were issuing proclamations giving days and weeks of honor for the great work of reform he had done among us," said Min. Louis Farrakhan.

**October 7:** "Allah Offers Abundant Life" was the title of the Minister's article in this edition of *The Final Call*. In the article he discussed how Master Fard Muhammad gave to the Hon. Elijah Muhammad "the very law of life itself," which if obeyed, would lead to an abundance of life.

**October 13:** The Nation of Islam monthly fast is established on the first Thursday of every month, as the Minister Farrakhan instructed in the "Price of Redemption Study Guide."

**October 25:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "The Decline of the Dollar" at The Final Call Administration Building in Chicago, IL.

**November 8:** Six hundred well wishers honored Min. Abdul Akbar Muhammad in Chicago following two heart attacks which doctors attributed to stress. "Akbar touched all of our lives in a meaningful way. I would see a vision and Brother Akbar would organize it and make it real. It pleases me to sit here tonight to see you honor him. In honoring him we honor all those who are in the struggle for justice," said the Muslim leader as he commented on his 25-year-old friendship with Bro. Akbar. Those present included U.S. congressmen, municipal officials,



preachers, activists, and Muslims from the Nation of Islam and the American Muslim Mission.

**November 9:** Students in upstate New York rally for Min. Farrakhan as he spoke to a standing room only crowd at Goldstein Auditorium at Syracuse University.

**November 28:** Tawana Brawley, an 15-year-old Black youth from Wappingers Falls, NY is kidnapped, brutally raped and sodomized over a four-day period. She was dumped by the side of a road in a plastic bag smeared with dog feces and racial epithets scrawled on her body, and left for dead. She accused local police as her assailants. In what turned into a long ordeal of controversy, New York politicians and the legal system attempted to discredit Tawana's charges as a "hoax." Minister Farrakhan, the first nationally recognized leader to address the case, along with Reverend Al Sharpton and other Black leaders held a rally to support Tawana and her family. A special prosecutor is called and after a lengthy investigation, the charges against the officers are dropped.

**November 30:** In the always timely articles by Minister Farrakhan, *The Final Call* published, "The Black Man Must Turn Inward." "Let all Black scholars, scientists, preachers, teachers and leaders turn within to develop ourselves and our people so that we may rise as a people," the Minister encouraged.

**December 12:** Min. Farrakhan participates in a march and-rally held in support of Tawana Brawley held in New York.

\_\_\_\_\_ : Minister Farrakhan's national "P.O.W.E.R." lecture series began.

\_\_\_\_\_ :Mass Media campaign headed by Jewish organizations continued to provoke a confrontation between Jesse Jackson and Minister Farrakhan. "Some

of his (Minister Farrakhan's) positions are anti-Semitic" Jesse Jackson, said as he bowed to Jewish pressure.

\_\_\_\_\_ : In 1987 the *New York Times' Sunday Magazine* and the front page of the *Atlanta Constitution* reported that the "President had met with the Joint Chiefs of Staff and planned a war against Libya in the early part September 1985," confirming the validity of the message that Minister Farrakhan received from the Honorable Elijah Muhammad in his vision on September 17, 1985. This was one of many events to come that were a result of the Minister's meeting with the Hon. Elijah Muhammad, and one in a series of events proving that the Hon. Elijah Muhammad is still physically alive. "In 1987, in the *New York Times' Sunday Magazine* and on the front page of the *Atlanta Constitution*," said Min. Farrakhan, "the truth of my vision was verified, for the headlines of the *Atlanta Constitution* read, 'President Reagan Planned War Against Libya.'"

## **1988**

**January 16:** The Minister and the Nation of Islam signed a contract with Warith D. Muhammad and the American Muslim Mission to purchase The National Center for the retraining and reeducating of the Black man and woman (Mosque Maryam and Muhammad University of Islam). The mosque was acquired for \$2.175 million. Muslims, registered and non- registered, friends, and sympathizers strove hard to contribute \$1,000 each. Many sold tapes, books, Final Call Newspapers and Clean N Fresh products to meet the goal. The mosque was first purchased by the Hon. Elijah Muhammad in 1971 from orthodox Greeks. During that time, it was the seventh finest church of the Christians and the tenth finest in the country.

**January 15:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "How to Master Misfortune" in Houston, TX.

**January 22:** Excerpts from a interview conducted by then-Editor Abdul Wali Muhammad with Min. Farrakhan appeared in The Final Call Newspaper on this day.

**January 23:** Min. Farrakhan traveled to Ontario, Windsor, Canada and called 200 Canadian Muslims to action. Invited by the Arab Main Conference, the Minister said, "Muhammad was a man for the oppressed, for the poor, the orphan, the widow; he spoke up for the rights of women and pulled down leaders who ruled in selfish avarice and greed. Where are you in that arena? I stand boldly in America, without an army, with no guns, and I speak against the wickedness of the United States Government. Instead of you asking me am I a Muslim, my Islam should challenge you to rise up wherever you are and stand up like Prophet Muhammad for the oppressed wherever you are," said the consistent Minister to a thunderous applause.

**January 24:** The tireless Minister stopped in Detroit to talk to mosque NO.1 on "The Decision of Life" following his talk with the Arabs in Canada.

**February:** The Minister quieted critics with a lecture at the University of Wisconsin. He spoke to 6,500 saying, "I did not come here to divide human beings. I came to create a basis for understanding and mutual respect, but it can't be built upon hypocrisy and lies," the straight-forward Minister warned. "By the time we leave here tonight, you'll know a little more about Black people, you'll know a little more about Louis Farrakhan ... and why Black people love me so much."

**February 20:** In *The Final Call* of this date, Min. Farrakhan focused on education of Black America. "The Black man and woman can never expect to be truly free and independent unless we have a free and independent education," he said. The drive continued to complete the payment of the National Center. "Education

is no better than the philosophy that guides it. Western education is guided by the philosophy of white supremacy; therefore, it seeks to unfold the gifts of the Creator in the Caucasians for the glory of themselves and their civilization, while at the same time inflicting upon Black people who come under its sway, the mentality of inferiority and service to white civilization," said Min. Farrakhan. Also, the Dopebusters, with not even a penny from federal or local officials, Muhammad Mosque No.4., transformed two projects, Mayfair Mansions and Paradise Manor into drug and crime free zones.

**April 14:** Rap group Public Enemy released "It Takes a Nation of Millions to Hold Us Back."

**April 15:** In this edition of The Final Call, Min. Farrakhan--in an article titled, "We Must Depend On Allah And Ourselves," said, "Let every Muslim get up with a mind to work! Let every Believer determine there is no help for us but the help of Allah (God) and ourselves. And let us show the world that Allah (God) is sufficient for the Believers. On Him let the Believers rely!"

**April 24:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "The Need For Islam in America" in Chicago, IL.

**May 21:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "The Dopebusters: An Exercise In The Dynamics Of Power" in Washington, D.C.

**May 23:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Will Racism Destroy America" at Minnesota University in Minnesota.

**May 25:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "How To Kill The Appetite For Drugs" in Brooklyn, N.Y.

**May 30:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "The Black/Jewish Relationship" at Northwestern University in Chicago, IL.

**May 27:** Min. Farrakhan spoke out against the attack on Steve Cokely in this edition of *The Final Call*. Mr. Cokely is recognized as an expert paper trailer of Jewish evils and atrocities.

**June 16:** The Nation of Islam Dopebusters Program first established as a drug treatment program housed at the Washington D.C. Mayfair Mansion Apartments, adopted a special patrol of the community to keep it drug free. The Dopebusters Program received national recognition and acclaim when Mrs. Bush presented the program with a special citation for its efforts in the war on drugs. The Dopebusters Program later evolved into N.O.I. Security Agency and opened chapters and franchises around the country. With not even a penny from federal or local officials, Minister Alim Muhammad, Captain William Muhammad and the Dopebusters of Muhammad's Mosque No.4, transformed two projects; Mayfair Mansions and Paradise Manor into drug and crime free zones, reported *The Final Call*.

In this same edition, Min. Farrakhan published an open letter to Black Mayor Wilson Goode on behalf of Louise James, Laverne Sims and the family of MOVE. "Since the county grand jury has found your actions of May 13, 1985 morally reprehensible, though not legally culpable, I appeal to you on moral grounds to help the victims of the MOVE tragedy. Arson is a crime. Murder is a crime. State arson and state murder were perpetrated against citizens of the United States and the City of Philadelphia. Eleven members of the MOVE organization are dead and the one survivor of that holocaust is in prison on false charges of complicity in the burning and killing of her own family. "Will you heed the cry of this family for justice?" said Min. Farrakhan, who called for the mayor

to: "(1) Move the city office out of the home of Mrs. Louise James and allow her to move in. (2) Pay Mrs. James the rent money that she is due for the time the city has occupied her home. (3) See to it that the proceeds from the fire insurance are paid to her as it was paid to every other resident of Asage Avenue whose home was destroyed. (4) Lastly, help those who are incarcerated for no crimes except believing and following John Africa, whom we have not understood and therefore could not fully appreciate his values. "As your brother, I appeal to you to correct the wrong done by accepting your responsibility in this tragic event and seeing that justice is done."

**June 30:** Min. Farrakhan warned the Believers of "smart, crooked, deceivers, like snakes, (who) are coiling themselves around weak laborers in the Nation of Islam, offering them a 'little money' as an inducement to get them from deviating from the straight path" by participating in "crooked schemes."

**July 17:** Min. Farrakhan challenged the Democrats to respond to the Black Agenda in a speech he delivered in Atlanta to 4,000 people crammed into Wheat Street Baptist Church. "I am here to present a Black Agenda ... upon which all of us can form a unified front of all Black leaders and organizations that will allow us to address the critical needs of our people .... We desire to make it known that we will no longer permit the election or appointment of Black government officials to be deemed as one and the same with correcting our overall condition," said Minister Farrakhan. "The basis of the Black Agenda is the desire of freedom, justice and equality." In attendance were Queen Mother Moore, Rev. Ben Chavis, Fulani Sunni-Ali, Rev. Charles Keen, Attorney Lewis Myers, Dr. Lenora Fulani and a representative of Kwame Ture.

**October 1:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "The U.S. Government: Open Enemy To Black America" in Chicago, IL.

**October 3:** Minister Farrakhan's centerpiece *Final Call* article dealt with "The Price of Redemption," which is part of the Self Improvement Study Guides.

**October 7-9:** The Seventh Annual Saviours' Day event was held in Chicago. The event, with 12,000 in attendance was described as "The Overwhelming Event." The Mosque's renovations were not yet complete so the annual Saviours Day Convention was held outside: The Believers were still happy and victorious knowing they completed the goal by securing the flagship National Center mosque and school. At the main event on the 9th, Min. Farrakhan gave Tawana Brawley, the name Maryam Muhammad.

**October 29:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Message To The Black Youth: Do You Know Who You Are?" in Plainfield, N.J.

**November 11:** To assist people in developing better relations, Min. Farrakhan discussed the "Problems In Relationships, Part 1" at Mosque Maryam in Chicago, IL.

**November 20:** The Minister continued his lecture, on the "Problems With Relationships, Part 2" at Mosque Maryam in Chicago, IL.

**November 18:** Mother Sumayyah Farrakhan, the mother of the Minister, returned to Allah at 88-years-old. She was an wonderful example of supreme love and motherhood. That same day, 3,000 Howard University students gave Min. Farrakhan a two-minute standing ovation, which literally shook the rafters, before he began his talk, in which he encouraged the Nation to commit to a process of purification and self-improvement.

**December 25:** The Minister delivered a very deep and revealing lecture on the "Meaning of Mary-Christ Mas" where he broke down the meaning of Christmas

as well as the meaning of the traditions surrounding the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ.

**December 13:** The Muslim leader made an announcement during a press conference held in the recreation center of the Mayfair Mansions apartments, urging the government to fund the new "Dopebusters" drug treatment program. "We are calling this press conference to announce the presence of a drug abuse clinic and program to aid us in utilizing the teachings of the Hon. Elijah Muhammad to help solve the problem of drug abuse among our people," said the Minister.

## **1989**

**January 7:** Dopebusters, after continued success, move into a Baltimore Black neighborhood.

**January 15:** The Minister discussed "Allah's Promise: Friendship In All Walk Of Life Part 1." "One of the greatest evils that our former slavemasters and their children are guilty of is robbery of the Black Man and Woman of America and the western hemisphere of the knowledge of self and others," he said during the lecture.

**FEBRUARY 10:** Continuing the same subject, the Muslim leader talked again about "Allah's Promise" "The Honorable Elijah Muhammad was indeed a friend of the Black man and woman. He worked, suffered, studied and constantly prayed for our rise. He sacrificed his own personal life to devote 44 years to the rise of our people," said Min. Farrakhan.

**February 26:** "The Dawn of a New Beginning." The Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad's Mosque and school facilities is rededicated to the rightful owners. The Minister renamed the Mosque-Mosque Maryam and 15,000 attend the



National Center and listened attentively as Min. Louis Farrakhan said, "As pure gold is in the dome of this house, let the pure knowledge and wisdom of God flow from us."

**February 28:** "Our problems in life are not drugs or alcohol, our problems generate from relationships that do not give us satisfaction or pleasure," said Min. Farrakhan during a lecture titled "Problems Of Relationships."

**March 5:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "The Crucifixion Of Jesus: The Destruction Of Black Leadership" at Mosque Maryam in Chicago, IL.

**March 29:** "Vicious," "provocative" and "savage" can't adequately describe the behavior of state, county and park police, University of Maryland security officials as well as many Jewish protesters during a speech by the Minister on the campus, reported *Final Call* editor Wali Muhammad in the April 21, 1998 edition.

**April 21-23:** Minister Farrakhan spoke at the 20th anniversary of a building takeover by Black students at Cornell University. The event drew 12,000 people. This same weekend he spoke at the African American Summit: "Time dictates agenda. When you know the time, you know what must be done. What must be done is the agenda. It is predicated upon a good understanding of time. If you do not know the time, or do not believe in the understanding of the time, then you will not adopt the right agenda. And if you do not adopt the right agenda, then surely man is in loss," he said.

**May 4:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on, "To Build A New World—We Must Make Anew Woman" in Baltimore, MD.

**May 11:** The first satellite of Minister Farrakhan on Mother's Day was accomplished this day. The lecture was, "A Celebration Of Mother: Why The

National Center Was Named After The Mother Of Jesus." The Minister bought roses for all the female attendants.

**June 25:** Minister Farrakhan addressed nearly 1,200 youth, many of them street organization leaders at Mosque Maryam in Chicago. Operating off information he received while on the wheel (his 9-17-85 vision), he told them of the governments conspiracy to destroy Black youth. "Today, I asked to speak to the Youth Leadership .... The Government of the United States of America is planning an assault on the Black community, specifically aimed at our youth. ... And the conspiracy is so deep and diabolical that many of you will not even believe that at this very moment. ... Your lives hang in the balance .... Brothers, you are playing into the hand of your enemy and he is using you to set up your destruction,' said the Minister.

**July 26:** Min. Farrakhan spoke to about 1,400 jail inmates who warmly received him at the Cook County Jail. The Minister was a guest of the Director Spencer Leak. Min. Farrakhan told the inmates that they are not criminals, but "are the victim of a criminal conspiracy. ... You have never been told that you are victims of a destructive and injurious action that produced a happening that produce a happening that produced a whole sphere of activity that you cannot get out of until you have the knowledge and power and will to get out of it."

**August 20:** Minister Farrakhan told about 1,000 federal, state, and local government employees that, "the government for which you work is the number one enemy of the Black man of America and the world," during the closing sessions of the Blacks In Government (BIG) 11th Annual National Training Conference held in Washington, D.C.

**September 6:** Under the leadership of the Minister, the Muhammad University of Islam opened with Directress Shelby X Moody (now Shelby Muhammad) serving

as its principal. The school included 1st through 10th grades and a licensed Early Childhood Learning Center for children ages 2 through 4 years old. Later this month, the school expanded to include 11th and 12th grades.

**September 20:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on, "Dr. Kwame Nkrumah: God's Man for Africa" at Dunyah Theater in Accra, Ghana.

**September 30:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "A Day for Jesus" in Robbins, IL.

**October 6:** "We can never stop them (police) from killing us until we stop killing ourselves," Min. Farrakhan admonished 17,000 in L.A. who came to honor a slain Muslim. The Muslim leader urged them to have a "respect for life."

**October 14:** This edition of *The Final Call* featured the Minister addressing the increased reality of police brutality. "In 1957, J.B. Stoner, the Arch Leader and Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan (who later was connected to the bombing of the Birmingham, Alabama church in which four young Black girls were killed), wrote the Hon. Elijah Muhammad a letter stating that the members of the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) would be joining the law enforcement apparatus of the United States to be used against the rise of our people. "It appears that J.B. Stoner's words are now a reality. Being a part of the KKK does not necessarily mean holding membership in that organization and the wearing of a sheet. It is a mentality that is spreading over many members of the white race," said the Muslim leader.

**October 14:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Perceptions: Who Do They Say I Am?" at Hope Tabernacle Church in Chicago, IL.

**October 23:** Saviours' Day: "Stop the Killing" was held in Washington, D.C.

**October 24:** Minister Farrakhan held a press conference at the J. W. Marriot Hotel in Washington, D.C. titled, "The Announcement: A Final Warning to the U.S. Government," with the expanding revelation of his vision in 1985, Minister Farrakhan announced and exposed that President Bush has met with his joint Chiefs of Staff, under the direction of General Colin Powell, a Black man) to plan a war against the Black people of America, the Nation of Islam and Louis Farrakhan, with particular emphasis on Black youth, under the guise of a war against drugs, drug sellers, drug users, gangs and violence-all under the heading of extremely urgent national security," Minister Farrakhan explained. The outspoken Muslim leader told America, "The calamities that America is presently experiencing will increase in number and intensity that you might humble yourselves to the warning contained in this announcement. ... Leave Black people alone. This was a final warning." The following is part of his announcement at the press conference: "In a tiny town in Mexico, called Tepotzlan, there is a mountain top of which is the ruins of a temple dedicated to Quetzalcoatl-the Christ-figure of Central and South America-a mountain which I have climbed several times. However, on the night of September 17, 1985, I was carried up on that mountain, in a vision, with a few friends or mine. As we reached the top of the mountain, a Wheel, or what you call an unidentified flying object, appeared at the side of the mountain and called to me to come up into the Wheel. Three metal legs appeared from the Wheel, giving me the impression that it was going to land, but it never came over the mountain.

"Being somewhat afraid, I called to the members of my party to come with me, but a voice came from the Wheel saying, 'Not them; just you.' I was told to relax and a beam of light came from the Wheel and I was carried up on this beam of light into the Wheel. "I sat next to the pilot; however, I could not see him. I could only feel his presence. As the Wheel lifted off from the side of the mountain, moving at a terrific speed. I know I was being transported to the Mother Wheel, which is a human-built planet a half-mile by a half-mile."

**November 12:** Father Michael Pfleger opened the doors of St. Sabina Church to the Minister who delivered his first 'sermon at a Catholic mass. Father Pfleger, a Caucasian, received criticism from Cardinal Bernadin for extending the invitation to the outspoken Muslim leader. Min. Farrakhan's subject was "Resurrection." "Why is resurrection necessary?" he asked. "We can only understand the resurrection in the context of death. If there is no death, there is no need for resurrection. Since our hope is to be raised again to life, when did death come and how shall we be raised."

## One Million Plus Strong 1990-1999

### 1990

**January 26:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "The Reunification Of The Black Family: Progression To The Year 2000" in Tacoma, Washington, Also, the Minister issued a letter introducing Study Guide Number 14, titled, "Respect for Authority."

**January 28:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "The Washington Post Interview" in Washington, D.C.

**January 30:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "The Fall of The American Educational System" in Northern Illinois University.

**February 21:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "The Murder Of Malcolm X: The Effect On Black America 25 Years Later" at Malcolm X College in Chicago, IL.

**February 25:** This Saviours' Day lecture was delivered at Mosque Maryam. The Muslim leader expounded to over 2,000 people on "Why Do We Believe That Allah Came In The Person Of Master Fard Muhammad: The Sun Rising From The West." This is Point No. 12 of What The Muslims Believe of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad's Program. Thousands more listened via satellite throughout the U.S.

**March:** Minister Louis Farrakhan opens up to the press more so than in the past. He met with national newspapers and magazines and is interviewed on the *Phil Donahue Show*, *Prime Time Live with Sam Donaldson*, *The Larry King Live Show*.

**March 7:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "The Sickness Of Envy" at Muhammad University of Islam in Chicago, IL.

**March 14:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Envy: How It Leads To Hypocrisy" at Muhammad University of Islam in Chicago, IL.

**March 18:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "The Proposition Of Separation" at Mosque Maryam in Chicago, IL.

**April 10:** The iconic rap group Public Enemy released "Fear of a Black Planet."

**April 21:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "White Supremacy And The Solution To The Problems Of Race" at Illinois State University.

**April 24:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "How To Produce Black On Black Love."

**April 28:** Minister Farrakhan told Atlanta to "Add It Up" at the Omni, referring to what is owed to the Black Nation. In the eighth installment of the revolutionary 'Stop the Killing' tour before over 20,000 at the Omni Convention Center in Atlanta, The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan outlines the greatest historical justifications for reparations due the Black man and woman in America to repair the damage of 310 years of chattel slavery and over 100 years of involuntary servitude.

**May 13:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "The Oppression of Women in Religion" at the National Center in Chicago, IL.

**June 5:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "The Law of Redemption" at Mosque Maryam in Chicago, IL.

**June 6:** The Minister explained to Buffalo, N.Y. how to "Respect And Protect The Black Woman," at the Buffalo Convention Center.

**June 7:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "The Mentality of Death in the Black Community" in Baltimore, M.D.

**June 15:** Minister Farrakhan introduced Study Guide Number 16, which he titled, "The Law of God."

**June 20:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "How To Heal The Wounds Of Black Male-Female Relationships" at Muhammad University of Islam gym in Chicago, IL.

**June 25:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Youth, Gangs, Violence, And Drugs" at Mosque Maryam in Chicago, IL.

**July 4:** This day marked the 60th year since Master Fard Muhammad came to America to teach the Black Nation the knowledge of themselves, God, the enemy of themselves and the time.

**July 9:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "What Does America Owe The Black Man And Woman" in Greenwood, M.S.

**July 13:** The New Orleans City Council proclaimed this day: "Louis Farrakhan Day."

**July 14:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Rise of the Black Man in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century."



**July 15:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Rituals In Religion: The Meaning Of The African- Catholic Worship Service" in New Orleans, LA.

**July 21:** On the "Stop the Killing" tour Minister Farrakhan stopped in Kansas to speak to 9,000.

**July 28:** Farrakhan spoke to packed crowd in Macon, Ga.

**July:** Minister Farrakhan attended the trial of D.C. Mayor Marion Barry in a show of support. Minister Farrakhan and Bishop George Stallings of the Imani Temple were initially barred from attending the trial because the presiding Judge claimed their presence would be "disruptive." The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) would file charges on their behalf, questioning the constitutionality of the judge's decision. The decision would be reversed, and Minister Farrakhan would attend the trial.

**August 4:** Min. Farrakhan called on Miami Blacks to "Stop the Killing" and he championed the cause of detained Haitian. About 9,000 Black Americans, Black Caribbean's, and Black Haitians were present as the Muslim leader embraced Hebrew leader Yahweh Ben Yahweh.

**August 18:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "The Conspiracy To Destroy The Black Community."

**August:** In a poll of its readership, "Who Speaks For Black America," Black Enterprise magazine learned that Min. Farrakhan ranked second only to Jesse Jackson according to their poll. In 1980 Min. Farrakhan was not even ranked. The survey suggested that Black America's trust in Min. Farrakhan grew over the years after watching his uncompromising position for Black liberation.

**September 8:** Minister Louis Farrakhan spoke in Seattle, Washington, on "The Re-Making Of The Human Being."

**September 15:** The Minister spoke on "The Black Male: An Endangered Species" at Jackson State University in Jackson, MS.

**September 21-23.** Attempting to end the division afflicting the Muslim communities, Min. Farrakhan, Warithudin Muhammad (formerly known as Wallace Muhammad) and Imam Sirraj Wahaj, three leaders of Muslim communities in America embraced and showed love and unity during a luncheon at the Second General Assembly of the Continental Council of Masjid of North America held in Chicago. "This is probably one of the most important conferences that I have ever been invited to attend because of the critical nature of Islam in the world .... Today Muslims have become enemies of Muslims and are shedding the blood of Muslims. Unfortunately, many leaders have forsaken the Book (Holy Qur'an) and have put the book behind their backs," lectured Min. Farrakhan. Since Min. Farrakhan stood up to rebuild the work of his teacher, the Nation of Islam became divided concerning the validity of the Hon. Elijah Muhammad work and the truth of his teacher, Master Fard Muhammad. With a backbone developed by years of studying the teachings of the Hon. Elijah Muhammad, Min. Farrakhan addressed the sensitive issues which caused the division. "You who work in and around the Black community know the condition of our people and you know nothing has been able to reform our people and make them better but the presence of Islam ... , But nobody came to the aid of the Black man and woman in America until One came to us from Mecca, Master Fard Muhammad. I don't bring this up for argument...but these are the things that have divided us. If we don't bring them up and into the open, how can we have meaningful dialogue and discussion," explained the courageous leader.

**September 27:** During the 20th Annual Congressional Black Caucus Legislative Weekend, held in Washington D.C. delivered before a Reparations Workshop, the Minister said, "We believe that reparations in the next 10 years will be the most important struggle that we could wage in the United States of America .... Reparations is payment that is justly due for injury done to an entire people. It has to be sufficient enough to be able to repair the damage done. If you have an accident with your automobile, you may not be qualified to understand the depth of what is necessary to repair the damage. ... If we do not understand the depth of the damage, we cannot properly estimate the cost to repair such damage."

**September 28:** More than 10,000 people came to Chicago's International Amphitheater to hear Min. Farrakhan address how Black people can "Stop the Killing." Several Black elected officials and various community activists voiced their support of the Minister's message before he addressed the eager audience. "Something is wrong. All over the United States, Black men are killing Black men in unprecedented numbers. We don't believe this is by accident. We believe this is by design," articulated the outspoken Minister.

**October 12-14:** This three-day Saviours' Day convention included two days of workshops, awards banquet, and fashion show, rap concert, and culminated with the keynote address, given by the compassionate leader of the Nation Of Islam, who urged Detroit to "Stop the Killing," The rally was held at Cobb Hall/Ice Louis Arena on Sunday, Oct. 14. The courageous Minister, in front of 20,000 persons, warned then-President Bush that a Gulf War will destroy the power of the U.S. This was his first public address concerning the Persian Gulf crisis. "If America wants soldiers to die in the Gulf, I say to Mr. Bush: Send your son! I say to the warmongers in Congress, send your children ... let the rich die for the rich," exclaimed the resilient leader.

**October 29:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "The Hidden Hand Of The U.S. Government."

**October:** The Nation of Islam opened an information center in Accra, Ghana to officially begin the Nation of Islam Ghana Mission. The center will serve "as a bridge between Africans in the Diaspora and our brothers and sisters at home," explained Minister Abdul Akbar Muhammad, the newly African Representative of the Nation of Islam as he spoke to an eager crowd of Ghanaians including government officials and students. The center will offer the books, audio and video tapes of the Hon. Elijah Muhammad and Minister Louis Farrakhan, *The Final Call* Newspaper as well as a variety of Black literature. Min. Akbar was a wise choice for the position, in part, due to his vast international traveling experience and his large knowledge of Black history, and his long, committed stand with the Hon. Elijah Muhammad and Minister Farrakhan.

**November:** For probably the first time, Nation of Islam leaders ran for political office. Dr. A. Alim Muhammad, Atty. George X Cure, (now A. Arif Muhammad) and Brother Shawn X Brackteen run for offices of Congress, Delegate to Congress and School Board-at-large respectively, in Washington D.C.

**November 18:** Minister Farrakhan spoke in Portland, Oregon.

**December 8:** Minister Farrakhan urged 40,000 to "Save The Family" at the L.A. Coliseum. This was to be Minister Farrakhan's last public appearance in L.A. It would be the uniting of the street organizations (Gang Truce) that would lead to the Minister's return to L.A. to honor the Peace Treaty at the Saviours Day Convention in October of 1993.

**December 9:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "666: Count The Number Of The Beast For It Is The Number Of A Man" in Compton, CA.

## **1991**

**January:** Minister Louis Farrakhan addressed International Scholars Conference in Baghdad, Iraq. Approximately 400 Muslim scholars from over 20 nations offered support to Saddam Hussein, as the Muslim scholars called for "Holy War" and labeled the U.S. Government, "the great Shaitan." Minister Farrakhan taught and reasoned with these scholars that their current crisis is due to their deviation from the teachings of Prophet Muhammad.

**February 24:** Saviours Day: "Who Is God?" held at Christ Universal Church, in Chicago. The Minister explored the teachings of the Hon. Elijah Muhammad as he taught on the reality of Allah (God).

**March 3:** The American people watch in horror as Rodney King is beat mercilessly by members of the Los Angeles Police Department.

**March 29:** "I have prepared this Study Guide for you, "Rising Above Emotion Into The Thinking of God," for a specific reason," said the Minister. "I wish to share that reason with you to increase your chances of success in handling this subject matter properly and passing the test that the Nation of Islam failed in the past. The devastating effect of the Domestic Life of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad is at the root of the fall of His family and the fall of the Nation of Islam."

**May 26:** As the domestic violence news filled the media, Minister Farrakhan discussed "Domestic Violence: Its Causes And Solutions Part 1" at Mosque Maryam in Chicago.

**May 29:** The Minister returned three days later to deliver part 2 of his subject on domestic violence.

**June 29:** In San Francisco, the Minister discussed how to "Save The Black Family," at the San Francisco Convention Center.

**July 14:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Black Independence: Myth Or Reality?" at Mosque Maryam in Chicago, IL.

**June 16:** Minister Louis Farrakhan delivered "God's Healing Power" and revealed how prayers cured a man of AIDS.

**July 22:** Recognizing the large amount of obesity in the Black community due to poor eating habits resulting in death; Minister Louis Farrakhan declared "war on obesity," during a lecture at the National Center.

**August:** Nation of Islam delegation traveled to Kenya on AIDS treatment fact finding mission.

**September 23:** Dr. Khallid Muhammad debated a white Christian attorney who wrote an editorial in a local newspaper that stated that Jesus was a white man, in New Orleans. The topic of the debate was: The Reality Of Jesus As A Black Man.

**September:** AIDS treatment found in Africa! The Nation of Islam meets Dr. Davy Keoch and the Kemron Treatment in Kenya, West Africa. *Final Call* Editor Abdul Wali Muhammad, Dr. Abdul Alim Muhammad and Dr. Barbara Justice on a trip to Kenya, discovered the Kemron AIDS treatment, developed by Dr. Davy Koech of the Kenyan Medical Research Institute. Wali Muhammad described it as "an effective treatment for AIDS." In the October 7 edition of *The Final Call*, Bro. Wali reported extensively on their findings which included an interview with Dr. Keoch, and valuable information on AIDS.

**October 7:** This Saviours' Day, a tribute to the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, was titled "The Black Man Must Do For Self Or Suffer The Consequences!" Min. Farrakhan delivered the keynote address and called for a healing of the Nation. He also announced a 334 page book compiled by the Research Department of the Nation of Islam titled, "The Secret Relationship between Blacks and Jews." Following the wisdom of the Hon. Elijah Muhammad, who said, "Out of all our studies, history is best qualified and most attractive to reward all research because it provides the springs and motives of human activity," Min. Farrakhan told the audience of 10,000 that the Nation of Islam compiled "historical evidence to provide an historical perspective for intellectual debate" on the relationship between Blacks and Jews. The researchers successfully took great efforts to present evidence of the Jewish involvement in the Black holocaust from the "most respected of the Jewish authorities whose works appear in established journals or are published by authoritative Jewish publishing houses. A substantial body of evidence that supports the findings was excluded by the editors and deemed to be from sources considered anti-Semitic and/or anti-Jewish,"

He also announced the re-establishment of the Three-Year Economic Program, "We stand face to face with a forced reality that we must do something for ourselves or suffer the consequences," said Min. Farrakhan. "If you would trust me enough to set aside \$10.00 a month and sent it to: The Three-Year Economic Savings Plan ... Time is running out on me and you."

**December 26:** Abdul Wali Muhammad, editor of *The Final Call* Newspaper, and friend to the Min. Louis Farrakhan unexpectedly passed. PHOTO HERE

**December 31:** Min. Farrakhan gives eulogy for former editor of *The Final Call* Newspaper; Abdul Wali Muhammad. People from all over the world attend the funeral.

## 1992

**February 23:** About 4,000 men, women, and children welcomed Min. Farrakhan, the popular leader of the Nation of Islam to the rostrum with a deafening roar at Christ Universal Temple, while thousands more in five different locations across the country, equally cheered the premier leader of the day via satellite transmission. All listened eagerly as Min. Farrakhan discussed the topic, "Black And White: A Solution To The Race Problem," reported *The Final Call*. Speaking to the hurt and pain of Black people, the Minister said. "We don't have to waste time discussing whether racism exists. Racism is so pervasive, it has corrupted religion, politics, education, science, and economics, and every vital function of life." Offering the illuminating wisdom of Hon. Elijah Muhammad as the solution of our problems, the leader explained, "That white people in the mind that they have and Black people and the mind that we have will never be able to integrate and find brotherhood. ... Therefore, the Hon. Elijah Muhammad said, 'Separation is the best solution.' If the white man doesn't want to change and the Black mans stays in this condition, there will never be a meeting of the minds.

"However, if as Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'If you are willing to be born again,' or if you are willing to die in the mind of the world and become new in your mind with a new idea that's not based on race and color, but that's rooted in God; then we pass out or race and from finite to infinite, from mortal to the immortal, from life present to life eternal by going back to God," he explained. Also, Dr. Alim Muhammad and the Nation of Islam announced exclusive rights to market the AIDS treatment named Kemron: Alpha-Interferon as Immunex.

**March 22:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Settle Your Differences: The Way To Make Peace" at Mosque Maryam in Chicago, IL.

**April:** Minister Louis Farrakhan revealed on "The Shock Of The Hour" that the Nation is in for three hard years.



**April 11:** Minister Farrakhan discussed "Jesus, Moses And Muhammad: A Sign Of The Black Messiah" at Fifth Regiment Armory in Baltimore, MD.

**May 23:** The Muhammad University of Islam held its first graduation. Of the 10 graduates, 7 graduated with honors, four are mentioned in "Who's Who of American High School Students." All ten pledged to go to college and return to the N.O.I. and help in the building of the Black Nation.

**May 25:** Washington, D.C. Police and local drug dealers attacked N.O.I. security officers at Mayfair Mansions. Police claim that they were responding to a call of disturbance they received which was actually made by N.O.I. security that were under attack by the drug dealers. The police officers joined the drug dealers in attacking N.O.I. security officers.

**June 13:** Candidate Bill Clinton denounced the lyrics of rap activists Sister Souljah at a Rainbow Coalition Forum held to canvas support for his bid as president. Min. Farrakhan defended the outspoken female fighter.

**June 21:** Several members of various Los Angeles youth organizations, the Crips and Bloods, visited Mosque Maryam and heard a special Father's Day message titled, "Where Is The Black Father?" delivered by Minister Farrakhan. Afterwards, they visited the home of the Hon, Elijah Muhammad to dine with Minister Farrakhan.

**June 22:** The following day, the men visited *The Final Call* newspaper and gave an interview discussing the gang truce in L.A. and other concerns of the Black youth.

**July:** "Now is the time for Africa to turn to her sons and daughters in America," said the Minister as he hosted a Niger delegation at his home in Chicago. As

they discussed the condition of African politics, the insightful leader of the Black Muslims said that the first form of government in every human society has always been authoritarian and every society needs to grow politically by evolving and maturing from dictatorship to democracy on its own.

**July 11:** Washington, D.C. Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelley proclaimed this day "Abdul Alim Muhammad Day" which coincided with a fundraiser for the Abundant Life Clinic. The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) voices protest and puts pressure on Mayor Kelley stating Dr. Alim is anti-Semitic. Mayor Kelley later bowed to Jewish pressure and condemned Dr. Muhammad for anti-Semitic statements.

**August 11:** Abdul Wazir Muhammad, the Nation of Islam's National Accountant, died.

**August 15:** "Make *The Final Call* newspaper the most widely read paper in the world!" demanded Min. Farrakhan as he addressed a host of Muslims and supporters during festivities honoring the late editor of *The Final Call*, Abdul Wali Muhammad. His son, Akmal Muhammad was honored with the duty of unveiling a street sign in front of The Final Call Administration Building named after the great man, who showed how the pen can be mightier than the sword.

**August 14-15:** The second annual Muhammad University of Islam Banquet and Conference held in Chicago. Minister Farrakhan spoke on the theme: "Why We Should Control The Education Of Our Children." "We cannot have power without knowledge. Power is the ability to remove impediments in the way of what we want to do," Min: Farrakhan told 800 people in the ballroom of the Chicago Hilton and Towers Hotel. Plates were \$100 to raise funds for a school which featured four students in "Who's Who among American High School Students." The event opened with a performance by noted violinist, Noel Pointer. Present were Chicago [school] board president, Florence Cox, Educator Hannibal Afrik, Rev.

Maxine Walker, Chicago State University Professor Kitty Kidd Robinson, Father Michael Pfleger, former Mayor Eugene Sawyer, Aldermen Dorothy Tillman, Danny Davis, Allen Streeter, Robert Shaw, and funeral home owner. Spencer Leak. Black psychologists Nathan and Julia Hare spoke at workshops discussing controlling and developing the minds of Black children, and Minister and psychologist Ahvay Muhammad; gave a presentation on Black identity and its relationship to academic achievement in Black students.

**August 30:** An appeal to support the 3 Year Economic Savings Program to acquire more farmland, establish factories and businesses to employ our people, clinic and hospitals to provide true health care and independent education that addresses the specific needs of our children and others.

**September 2:** Andre Jones, son of Muslim Minister Charles X Quinn, is found hanging in a Jackson, Mississippi jail. Authorities claim it is a suicide. Approximately 38 more hanging cases would be suspect under the same claims.

**September 30:** "Why is there an apparent conspiracy to destroy the youth? ... In 1992 our fearless Black youth are ready to move for liberation," said Min. Farrakhan at The Final Call Administration Building. This marked the first speech delivered by the popular Muslim leader in The Final Call since the Nation of Islam re-acquired the National Center, headquarters of the Nation of Islam. "The reason the police fear the gang is because the police have been the only gang in town and they have ganged up on us so much, but now something is coming that they fear. What I am suggesting is that what we want to do is turn a negative thing into a positive force, not destroy what God himself is allowing to be created," said the Minister.

**October 18:** In the midst of controversy created by Jewish groups, Min. Farrakhan addressed the theme: "A Torchlight For America," as he spoke in

Atlanta, Georgia at the Georgia Dome to over 55,000 people in attendance. The crowd listening to the fiery Muslim missionary outdrew the Atlanta Braves' World Series being played a few blocks away. *The Final Call* reported that both Mayor Maynard Jackson and Governor Zell Miller bowed to Jewish pressure and rescinded routine letters of welcome from their offices. As knowledge of the rescinded letter became public, the mayor issued an open letter in which he welcomed Min. Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam. In that letter, he suggested that the Nation of Islam "condemn anti-Semitism" and meet with Jewish leaders to develop "a mutual agenda of cooperation and shared respect."

**November:** Spike Lee and Warner Bros. Films released "X" a controversial film about the life of Malcolm X. Minister Louis Farrakhan silenced the Nation of Islam from publicly speaking and commenting about the film for 90 days.

**November:** The department of Housing and Urban Development reneged on a Nation of Islam security contract in Los Angeles because of pressure by the Anti-Defamation League.

## **1993**

**January:** Jabril Muhammad published *This Is The One: The Most Honored Elijah Muhammad, We Need Not Look for Another*

**January 3:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "The Purpose For Knowledge: How To Discover Your Gifts" at Mosque Maryam in Chicago, IL.

**January 25:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "A Torchlight For America: The Need For True Education" at Executive House Hotel in Chicago, IL.

**February 21:** Minister Farrakhan spoke at Saviours' Day on "The Honorable Elijah Muhammad And Malcolm X, 25 Years Later: What Really Happened?" Minister Louis Farrakhan publicly displayed the picture of Master Fard Muhammad for the first time. He also defended the domestic life of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and introduced the world to four of the Hon. Elijah Muhammad's wives who spoke on their own behalf. They denounced the slander that has plagued the domestic life of the Hon. Elijah Muhammad for 25 years. The 90 days of silence, during the premier of Spike Lee's "X" is broken.

**February 26:** This day marks the 116<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Master Fard Muhammad.

**March 28:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "(The Return to Kean College) Healing the Wounds: America—A Country in Need of Right Guidance" at Kean College in Union, NJ.

**April 7:** Minister Farrakhan delivered message on "The Problem of Suicide and the Causes of Homosexuality" at Muhammad University of Islam in Chicago, IL.

**May 3:** Minister Farrakhan gave "A Torchlight for America" press conference at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.

**May 8:** The San Francisco and L.A. offices of the ADL are raided by the FBI. Documentation of illegal spying on thousands of U.S. Citizens and activists groups (the Nation of Islam among them) is discovered.

**May 11:** Looking as youthful as ever, Minister Farrakhan recognized his 60 years on the planet. In honor of his birthday, Minister Farrakhan gave the gift of music in a violin concert. The Minister displayed a high level of performance in his presentation which was a rendition of Mendelssohn—a Jewish violinist. Members

of the Jewish community would misinterpret his gesture as Minister Farrakhan's attempt at extending an "olive branch" to them. This would lead into a controversy with members of the Black community questioning Minister Farrakhan's position and whether he had "changed directions." Minister Farrakhan, despite being consistent, strong, and in the forefront of the movement for all these years, was patient and "motherly" enough to be willing to clarify his positions in many lectures and speeches throughout the remainder of 1993.

**May 26:** Then, on the West Coast of Africa, Min. Farrakhan explained "The Characteristics of Humility: The Struggle for Unity" in Libreville, Gabon.

**May 27:** Minister Louis Farrakhan addressed the assembly of Black leaders at the African, African-American Summit in Gabon, West Africa on "One People, One Destiny: The Vision of a United Black Africa and Black America" in Libreville, Gabon.

**June 12:** While in the Deep South, the Minister gave jewels of wisdom to Little Rock, AR on "Strengthening the Black Family."

**June 19:** Minister Farrakhan called for "The Wrath of God!" during a lecture at Jackson State University in Mississippi. He called for Allah's wrath to come down on the Mississippi, because of the untold number of years of white Mississippi's brutality against Blacks, especially with the current cases of alleged jail hangings, the majority of the victims being young Black males. Minister Farrakhan also called for God's wrath because of Black people's lack of response to the call of Allah.

**June:** Continuing to follow the legacy of the Hon. Elijah Muhammad, Min. Farrakhan published his first book, "A Torchlight for America." The book details the problems that plague, not only Black people, but the totality of America. The

outspoken Minister offered the teachings of the Hon. Elijah Muhammad and the Nation of Islam as the solution to these problems that is quickly sending America to a terrible fall.

**July:** After Minister Farrakhan warned Mississippi of the impending danger due to racial injustice; the Mississippi River flooded effecting at least six states.

**July 6:** Minister Louis Farrakhan met Nelson Mandela, in Chicago at a fundraiser for Mandela's African National Conference (ANC). The Nation of Islam donated \$10,000. "The world hungers for light in the midst of darkness; the world hungers for justice, in the midst of injustice; and the world hungers for freedom, because human beings have been deprived of true freedom. Where will the voice come from? ...Directly from God himself," said the Minister.

**July 11:** Min. Farrakhan decided to address the public concerning an innuendo fed by the media's portrayal of him since his April violin concert and an offer of dialogue made to his Jewish detractors. The media attempted to paint the outspoken, straight-forward Muslim leader as beginning to compromise and change direction. The Minister, who had worked for 40 years for the Black community responded very clearly: "You have a spokesman here whose knees will never bend. Not because my knees can't bend, but there is a God that keeps my knees from bending." During the lecture, he reminded the people of what the Hon. Elijah Muhammad said of him: "This is one of the strongest national preachers that I have in North America. Everywhere you hear him, listen to him. Every where you see him, look at him. Every where he advises you to go, go. Everywhere he advises you to stay from, stay from."

**July 15:** Skinhead death plot is exposed, with Minister Louis Farrakhan, Rev. A1 Sharpton, Danny Blackwell, Rodney King and Chip Murray targeted in the plot.

**July 17:** Min. Farrakhan, with the ability to effectively speak to youth, addressed a street organization summit in St. Paul, Minnesota calling them the most powerful generation our people have produced since slavery.

**July 18:** On this day, the Hebrews and Muslims celebrate a "Day of Unity." Minister Farrakhan invited the Spiritual Leader of the Hebrew Israelite Nation, Rahbee Ben Ammi, to deliver a special address at Mosque Maryam.

**July 21:** After traveling to Ghana and seeing a young man with a tumor growing out of his face, the compassionate Muslim leader compelled Dr., Abdul Alim Muhammad to organize a coalition of black surgeons who successfully perform historic surgery on Ghanaian youth.

**August 28:** After first extending an invitation to Minister Louis Farrakhan to speak, at the 30th Anniversary of the March on Washington, the co-chairs of the March, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Coretta Scott-King, Rev. Ben Chavis, Walter Fauntroy, Bill Lucy and William Gibson, withdrew their invitation at the behest of the Anti-Defamation League, Brother Leonard Farrakhan, the Nation of Islam chief of staff, would attend the March and confront the co-chairs and the ADL leader who was exposed to be the one who wrote the committee chairs a letter vowing to withdraw Jewish support if the Minister Farrakhan was allowed to speak. Brother Leonard would be quoted as saying to this Jewish Leader, Rabbi David Sapperstein, "Leave these Negroes alone!"

**August 28-September 5:** Min. Farrakhan addressed the Parliament of the World's Religions Conference held in Chicago, although several Jewish organizations protested and eventually withdraw from the event. Organizers intended to allow Min. Farrakhan to participate and after his talk to heads of a host of diverse religions, all received his message warmly and many honored Min. Farrakhan.



**September 4:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "The Meaning of Nation of Islam" in Chicago, IL.

**September 5:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "The Clash of Truth and Falsehood" at Mosque Maryam in Chicago, IL.

**September 8:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Economics: Program and Position" at Muhammad University of Islam in Chicago, IL.

**September 16:** With roughly 3,000 in attendance, Minister Farrakhan addressed the Congressional Black Caucus (CBO) at the 23rd Annual Legislative Weekend. The town hall meeting theme was "Race in America," where leaders pledged to work together. Minister Louis Farrakhan spoke on a panel with Rep. Kweisi Mfume, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Rep. Maxine Waters, and Rev. Ben Chavis of NAACP. Rev. Ben Chavis apologized to the Minister for snubbing him at the March. Rep. Mfume pledges to enter a covenant with the Nation of Islam as the CBC did with the NAACP. All parties agree to meet in a close door session to hash out their differences. With closing remarks that helped to heal wounds, Rev. Chavis admitted that "it was a mistake not to have Minister Farrakhan speak at the March on Washington. We (NAACP) have the courage to say that, but it was a mistake for your publication (*The Final Call*) to denounce brothers who did not prevent you from speaking," he added. (*The Final Call* front page headline read, Let My People Go! and pictured several March organizers who complied with the decision to disinvite the Minister.) Min. Farrakhan accepted Rev. Chavis' remarks, and responded "It was more than a mistake, it (*the disinvite*) was an error. I have never used my words or my speech or my pen to attack other Black leaders, but I feel that it was necessary to write what I wrote, and if that writing stirred us to a point where we will go into a back room and iron out our differences, then Black people will be all the better."

**September 22:** In an open letter, Min. Farrakhan celebrated the truce among street organizations in Los Angeles, CA, by announcing that he chose L.A. as the place to celebrate Saviours' Day to honor the peace among the gangs. "We chose the city of Los Angeles because we desired to honor the Bloods and the Crips for the truce that they have made and for the peace that they desire to bring to our troubled community. We honor them for heeding the call of Allah (God) to stop the killing and the senseless violence that we are perpetrating on one another."

**October:** Min. Farrakhan delivered a national address to the Street Organization Peace Summit at Mosque Maryam. The Minister lets the press in for the first time. Rev. Ben Chavis and Min. Ben Ammi present.

**October 9:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "A New Day In L.A." Roughly 16,000 celebrate street organization truce at Saviours Day in L.A.

**October 10:** The National Building Fund was launched to build Salaam Restaurants and Bakery.

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**October 24:** Rev. Ben Chavis delivered keynote address at Mosque Maryam, fulfilling a unity pledge he made on behalf of the NAACP with the Nation of Islam.

**October 29:** Muslim heavyweight boxer Michael X Brent defeated Tommy Morrison in World Boxing Organization Championship title in a 93 second TKO.

**November 2:** Mayor Dinkins, NYC's first Black mayor is defeated in a re-election bid by Rudy Giuliani. Mayor Dinkins and other Black leaders asked Minister Farrakhan to postpone his scheduled September 1993 speaking engagement at

Yankee Stadium to avoid controversy in the November elections. Mayor Dinkins felt that his chances of winning the elections would be better if Minister Farrakhan did not visit New York City at that time. Mr. Dinkins would lose the election by a margin many believe would have been met had the Black voter turnout been greater.

**November 11:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Blessed Are The Peacemakers" at Muhammad University of Islam in Chicago, IL.

**November 11:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Self First" at Mosque Maryam in Chicago, IL.

**November 12:** During a lecture to 3,000 people at Bethel A.M.E. Church, Min. Farrakhan urged the residents of Baltimore to transform their communities by transforming themselves, and by having a greater respect for the Black woman. Rev. Ben Chavis was also present and announced that there had been no retreat from the recent covenant made between Black leaders who assembled at the September 1993 Congressional Black Caucus Legislative Weekend held in Washington, D.C.

**November 24:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Resisting the Devil" at Muhammad University of Islam in Chicago, IL.

**November 5:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "The Meaning Of Life: How To Protect, Preserve And Live It" at Gatlins Memorial Service in Chicago, IL.

**November 5:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Our Duty to Allah" at Mosque Maryam in Chicago, IL.

**December 18:** Minister Farrakhan addressed New York City at the Jacob Javitz Center. This would be his first major public address in New York City since Saviours' Day 1985. The theme was "Stop the Killing" at Jacob Javitz Center which drew an overflow crowd. It was this lecture that Min. Farrakhan first announced the desire for a Men's only meeting and for the Million Man March. (He would later reveal that he had not planned to make that call, but it just came out). He promised to return in 30 days to speak to the men. The Minister then began touring the country speaking to men only. Many detractors, mostly Jewish and a few women protested in nearly every city, but the men came out in droves everywhere.

## **1994**

**January 9:** New York Police attacked Muhammad's Mosque No.7 in Harlem claiming they were responding to a robbery call and did not know that it was the Mosque. Eight police officers are injured and Mayor Rudolph Giuliani called for arrest of the Muslims. The community rallied to support the Muslims and to question the protocol of the police in dealing with a religious organization.

**January 14:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Who Are You Good For?" in Honolulu, Hawaii.

**January 15:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "How To Bust-Up The Mind Of White Supremacy" in Honolulu, HI.

**January 17:** L.A. experienced a major earthquake, registering 6.6 on the Richter scale. The Western Regional Headquarters, Muhammad's Mosque No. 27 suffers structural damages.

**January 23:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Address To The Coalition For The Remembrance Of The Honorable Elijah Muhammad (C.R.O.E.)" at C.R.O.E.,

which houses much history of the Nation of Islam prior to 1975. C.R.O.E. is located in Chicago, IL and was founded by brothers Munir and Halif Muhammad, and Shahid Muslim.

**January 24:** About 16,000 came to learn principles of manhood from the premier man of the hour, as Minister Farrakhan kicked off the first of his "Let us Make Man Part 1" series of "men only" lectures in New York, N.Y. at the 369th Armory. Unfortunately, due to overcrowding, 4,000 had to be turned away.

**February 3:** Minister Farrakhan called for "A Time Of Separation" at press conference. Minister Louis Farrakhan responded to Kean College "controversy" over a Khallid Muhammad speech in Washington, DC on Feb. 3, 1994. The Minister said he agreed with the truth of the lecture, but not the "mean-spirited" manner in which Bro. Khallid spoke the truth.

**February 11:** Minister Farrakhan gave an interview to Black Entertainment Television (BET).

**February 12:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "The Defamation And Slander Of The Legacy Of Harold Washington" at Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church in Chicago, IL. He publicly defended Congressman Bobby Rush and Alderman Dorothy Tillman who removed a derogatory picture of Harold Washington from a public art showing.

**February 27:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Saviours' Day '94: The Guide And The Guidance For These Troubled Times" at the U. of I. Pavilion in Chicago, IL.

**February:** Min. Farrakhan accepted a peace offering from Silas Muhammad in an open letter in *The Final Call*.

**March 3:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Proper Preaching: The Way To Revive And Restore The People Of God" at a church hosted by Rev. Clay Evans of Fellowship-Baptist Church in Chicago, IL.

**March 4:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "What Time Is It!" in West Palm Beach, FL

**March 6:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Speaking For A Higher Cause: The Message Of Min. Louis Farrakhan" at Christian Vision Church in Chicago Heights, IL.

**March 6:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Allah (God) The Avenger And Destroyer Of The Wicked"-Saviours' Day '94 Part 2" at Mosque Maryam in Chicago, IL.

**March 9:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "The Controversy With The Jews: The History Of Slavery In The Americas" in Amhurst, MA.

**March 10:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on Let Us Make Man-Part 2 "The Black Community: Set- Up For Death And Destruction" at the Strand Theater in Boston, MA.

**March 15:** Nation of Islam officials—sick and tired of the media's slander of Minister Farrakhan—filed a \$4.4 billion defamation lawsuit against the *New York Post* newspaper for publishing the headline, "Widow pins Malcolm X Murder on Farrakhan."

**March 18:** Minister Farrakhan spoke To The Fresno Local T.V. Media Channels" in Fresno, CA.

**March 18:** Minister Farrakhan gave an interview to Ray Appleton Of Fresno Radio KMJ in Fresno, CA.

**March 18:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Hypocrisy In Religion" at Fresno Hilton Hotel in Fresno, CA.

**March 19:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "The Condition Of America: Somebody Is Perpetrating A Fraud!" in Fresno, CA.

**March 20:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "The Wisdom Of The Hon. Elijah Muhammad: On This Man Have I Laid The Key" in Fresno, CA.

**March 21:** Minister Farrakhan discussed "The Black Man: A Threat To White Male Supremacy" (Let Us Make Man-Part 3) at the D.C. Armory in Washington, D.C.

**March 23:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Jews, Christians And Muslims: Who Is The True Seed Of Abraham'!" at Progressive Community Center in Chicago, IL.

**April 3:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "The Crucifixion Of Jesus: The Imprisonment Of Minister Farrakhan" (Easter message) at Mosque Maryam in Chicago, IL.

**April 11:** Minister Farrakhan told 35,000 Black men in Houston, Texas (Let Us Make Man-Part 4) "How To Overcome The Pain Of Being A Black Man In White America" Thousands packed a large church and many hear via satellite and television monitors, while others hear over the radio.

**April 24:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "How To Re-New The Mind Of A Slave" at Fresno Temple of God and Christ in Fresno, CA.

**April 24:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Nurturing Our Potential" at Life Center Church in Chicago, IL.

**April 25:** Minister Farrakhan told the Black man that "To Build A People-You Must Make A Man" (Let Us Make Man-Part 5) in Dallas, TX.

**April 29:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Success Based On Truth: How The Muslims Reduce Crime In The Black Community" in Toledo, OH.

**April 30:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "The Destruction Of The Black Mind" at Toledo University in Toledo, OH.

**May 2:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "The Wicked Plan Of The Government: Kill The Black Man-Spare The Black Woman" (Let Us Make Man Part 6) at New Orleans University in New Orleans, LA.

**May 5:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "How We Can Escape God's Judgment Of America" at Memorial Auditorium in Columbus, Ohio.

**May 23:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Oh' Black Man, Let God In Your House (Let Us Make Man Part 7) at the Omni Arena in Atlanta, GA.

**May 25:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "The Wicked Plan Of The-Government" in New Orleans, LA.

**June 4:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on how "Truth And Unity Will Insure Our Success" at University of Nevada in Las Vegas.

**June 10:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Stop The Killing" in Richmond, Virginia.



**June 12-14:** Minister Farrakhan spoke at "The NAACP National Black Leadership Summit 1994" in Baltimore, Maryland. Despite protests denouncing the NAACP for inviting Min. Farrakhan to the summit, a media onslaught and the death threats, the meeting was a success. "I feel vindicated that the process is going so well," said Rev. Benjamin Chavis. "To all the naysayers and detractors, we've proven them wrong. Never again will we allow any external force to the African-American community attempt to dictate who we can meet with, where we can meet and what we can meet about. Never again, never again." In his first public talk at the summit, Min. Farrakhan addressed the protests during a mass rally of 1,000 June 12 at Bethel A.M.E. church: "I am hurt that I should be used as a litmus test as to whether the NAACP should be supported by corporate America. If my rhetoric is too strident...if I need to be brought in line or refined, who better to do that than the members of my family? We don't get in your family business; you stay out of ours."

**June 19:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Special Father's Day Message" at Mosque Maryam in Chicago, IL.

**June 22:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "God Will Never Change Your Condition Until You Change Your Heart" at Muhammad University of Islam in Chicago, IL.

**June 25:** Minister Farrakhan spoke at his first "women only" meeting at The World Congress Center in Atlanta, Ga. His subject was, "A Nation Can Rise No Higher Than Its Woman." An estimated 12,000-15,000 women attended the meeting and heard Min. Farrakhan who said, "There is no such thing as a no-good woman and where you find a no-good woman there is a no-good man that made her that way." The Minister gave a lecture that condemned the misinterpretation of scripture to justify sexism and the exploitation of women and he encouraged the women to communicate—better with their mates, help

cultivate a man that is worth the investment and strengthen their connection to Allah (God). "He's trying to give us something and show you a way we can get this (violence and youth) under control. I've never seen this many Black women in my life in one spot cooperate like this. I really think he did a beautiful job," said a 30-year-old Atlanta beautician, wife and mother of two children. Before and during the lecture many Black men expressed their support by watching their children, holding banners and signs, reported *The Final Call*.

**June 26:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "The Meaning of the Number 19" at United Methodist Church.

**June 27:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "The Black Man's God: O.J. Simpson And The Making Of Black Idols" (Let Us Make Man! Part 8) in Baltimore, MD.

**July 1:** Minister Farrakhan gave a "Question & Answer Session" at Mosque Maryam in Chicago, IL.

**July 2:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "How To Overthrow The Mind Of Satan In The Black Man" (Let Us Make Man-Part 9) at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit, MI.

**July 11:** At the La'Dentente Restaurant in Queens, New York, the Minister taught on the subject, "A Celebration Of The Black Woman."

**July 23:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "What Is The Meaning Of Life And Death'?" at Charlotte Convention Center in Charlotte, N.C.

**July 25:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "America The Beast: Riding The Jack-ass Masses Of The People" (Let Us Make Man Part 10) in Buffalo, N.Y.

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**July 26:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Lifting The Veil Of Ignorance From The Black And Hispanic Brother" (Let Us Make Man Part 11) in Hartford, Connecticut.

**July 27:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "A Nation Can Rise No Higher Than Its Woman" (Women Only Meeting) in Boston, MA.

**July 30:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "The Division In Religion: The Major Problem In The World" at Norfolk Scope Arena in Norfolk, VA.

**July 31:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on (They Want to Know) "Why Do People Listen To Farrakhan?" at Miami Arena in Miami, Florida.

**August 17:** *The Final Call* Newspaper reached a record breaking 500,000 copies.

**August:** Muhammad University Islam honored their first 13 and 14-year-old high school graduates under the leadership of Farrakhan, and Directress Shelby Muhammad.

**August 21:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "The Second National Black Summit: The NAACP Firing Of Rev. Dr. Ben Chavis" in Baltimore, MD.

**August 26:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Are Black Organizations Really Ours" in Columbus, OH.

**August 27:** Minister Farrakhan explained the circumstance of those who fired Rev. Benjamin Chavis, who was the Executive Director of the NAACP. His subject matter, "Are Black Organizations Really Our Own?-Part 2 sets the standard for Black organizations. This lecture was given at The Greater Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio.

**September 11:** After speaking to the men on April 11, Minister Farrakhan returned to speak to the entire family at the huge "Family Day" celebration hosted by Min. Robert Muhammad and the Muslims held in the Houston Astrodome. Some of the Black America's most popular entertainers come to share the moment with a crowd of over 20,000 and help spread the message of preserving the Nation were Ice Cube, Public Enemy, Gerald and Eddie LeVert, Stephanie Mills, Johnny Gill, Bill Bellamy, Tommy Davidson, Fesha, Chicago-based rapper D.A. Smart and Kenny X. The event was sponsored by The Shrine of the Black Madonna, the National Black United Front, S.H.A.P.E. community Center, Ta-Seti (an African historical society), and the Nation of Islam. During the Minister's keynote address that closed the event, he discussed the sacredness of the family, the importance of education, the respect for women, the need for discipline, the importance of husbands and the necessity of parents accepting their responsibilities. "When God instituted family, he also instituted laws to protect the family, for anything that erodes family, erodes, community and nation. When God gave the law to Israel, he punished with death any act that interfered with family. That's how sacred family is to God," said the insightful preacher of freedom, justice and equality.

**September 18:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "How To Escape The Last Plague: Death" at Mosque Maryam in Chicago, IL.

**September 19:** Minister Farrakhan asked "Who Is Farrakhan And Why Is He Considered Dangerous?" (Let Us Make Man" Part 12). He spoke at the Memphis Convention Center in Memphis, Tennessee.

**September 21:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "How To Escape The Last Plague: Death" (Part Two) at National Center in Chicago, IL.

**September 24:** Minister Farrakhan, while in Philadelphia on his "Stop The Killing" tour asked them, "Who Is My Neighbor?" at the Philadelphia Civic Center.

**September 29:** In Atlantic City, New Jersey, Minister Farrakhan taught on "Problems In American Society: Who Will Rescue Her From Her Hell?"

**September:** Nation of Islam purchased the first of 10 in a fleet of Peterbilt trucks.

**October 6-9:** First international Saviours' Day held in Accra, Ghana, Minister Farrakhan fulfilled the vision of Hon. Elijah Muhammad had of the Black man and woman from America reuniting with the Black man and woman from Africa, as he calls for the United States of Africa. On the sixth, he delivered "The Opening" at the Accra International Conference Center. Keynote address is given on the 9th, with the topic "Fulfilling The Vision Of The Honorable Elijah Muhammad" Saviours' Day 1994." The event was held at the Black Star Square in Accra, Ghana.

**October 23:** Minister Farrakhan discussed "Belief In Allah" at Mosque Maryam in Chicago, IL.

**November 6:** At Mosque No. 27 in Los Angeles, the Minister told the attendees that "You Are Gods."

**November 16:** At the V.A. Drug Rehab Center in Chicago, Minister Farrakhan encouraged the audience in "Building The Will: You Can Overcome Drugs." Also, later that day, he gave the Muslims in Chicago, "Our Agenda For The Year 2000."

**November 27:** Minister Farrakhan delivered an insightful message on "Why I Preach Jesus" at Iconium Baptist Church in Atlanta, GA.

**November 17:** The First Lady of Ghana, Mrs. Nana Konadu Agyeman Rawlings visited Chicago during the celebration of her 46th birthday. Her visit was hosted by the first lady, Khadijah Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam. Sis. Khadijah took Mrs. Rawlings on a tour of The Final Call building, where she received a bed of flowers in the shape of the Ghanaian nag. She viewed the progress of Salaam restaurant, which was not yet complete, and Muhammad University where she was pleasantly surprised to hear the students sing the Ghanaian national song in her native language.

**November 26-28:** At dawn, on a rainy morning Nov. 28, Min. Farrakhan repurchased 1,600 acres of land in Georgia. He was accompanied by Min. Abdul Rahman Muhammad, Southern Regional Min. Jamil Muhammad, International Representative Minister Akbar Muhammad, Supreme Captain Abdul Sharrieff Muhammad and Counselor Min. Abdul Arif Muhammad. "I'm going down to Dawson to tell them I want my father's land back," said the Minister to over 2,500 Muslims during his visit to Atlanta. ... Our inner cities are dying and we want to use the farm as a link between the Nation of Islam and all Black people. We can provide not only good wholesome food to our people with this farm, but also jobs."

**December 9:** At the New Concept Development Center in Chicago, IL, Minister Farrakhan talked about "1995: The March Of A Million Black Men."

**December 10:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Making History In '95" at St. Stevens Church in Chicago, 1L.

**December 14:** In Volume 14, Number 4 edition of *The Final Call* newspaper, on this date Minister Farrakhan for the first time reported in the newspaper calls for the Million Man March. This idea grew during the Ministers "men only" lectures

given all over the east, west, north and south ends of the country. In the paper, Min. Farrakhan said, "For 440 years the Black male has been the object of scorn, ridicule and abuse, worse than that suffered by any people in the annals of history. The Black male is so destroyed, that Allah (God) Himself has to do today what He did in the beginning, and that is to declare His involvement in the process of the remaking of man. We, as students and followers of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, are calling on all able bodied Black men to set aside a day, to be announced shortly, for an historic March on Washington to declare to the Government of America and the world, that we are ready to take our place as the head of our families and our communities and that we, as Black men, are ready to shoulder the responsibility of being the maintainers of our women and the children and the builders of our communities. ... It is the thinking of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad that has inspired this call, in particular to Black men, that we must now show the world our resolve; for it is we, Black men, who cleaned the under brush, laid the tracks for the railroad, built the homes in the south for the slave masters. It is we who plowed their fields, helped build their roads. It is we who fought in all of America's wars for a freedom we have yet to enjoy. "So now the God of Justice has declared that it is time for us as Black men and as Christians, Muslims, Nationalists, Agnostics, young and old members of every fraternal, civic, and political organization to stand together as one to declare our right to justice and our right to determine the future of ourselves and our people."

## **1995**

**January 11:** Government agents contacted Supreme Captain Abdul Sharrieff Muhammad requesting a Jan. 12, eleven a.m. meeting to discuss a U.S. government nine count indictment of Qubilah Shabazz, a daughter of Malcolm X in a murder-for-hire plot against Min. Farrakhan. Due to the importance of the information, the Supreme Captain insisted that the meeting be held immediately. The government agents decline, but do agree to push the meeting up two hours the following day.

**January 12:** The same morning that Supreme Captain Sharrieff Muhammad met with officials, Minneapolis U.S. Attorneys held a press conference announcing the indictment alleging that she made eight phone calls and gave an unnamed hit man a down payment for the murder of Min. Farrakhan. "I find it very disturbing that U.S. Attorneys would plan to make a major public announcement involving Minister Farrakhan and they would only want to notify us a few hours before the announcement," said Chief of Staff Leonard F. Muhammad. Min. Farrakhan was never previously warned by the government that his life was in danger, reported *The Final Call*.

**January 13:** In a press conference to respond to the indictment, Minister Ava Muhammad, an attorney, acknowledged a prior briefing of alleged plotters of a Muslim extremist group, but not an ongoing threat. Many Black leaders believed that Ms. Shabazz was entrapped by the same counterintelligence programs (COINTELPRO) of the 1960s that was used to cause dissension, disunity and murder among Black organizations and "prevent the rise a black 'Messiah' who could galvanize, electrify and mobilize" the Black community. The fact that Ms. Shabazz was released on only \$10,000 bond showed the minor level of threat she represented, they said.

**January 17:** Minister Farrakhan told the government to "Open The Files" during a press conference at Mosque Maryam in Chicago. Min. Farrakhan responded to the Qubilah Shabazz indictment. He exposed the governments' hand in the assassination plot and demanded that Blacks file a class action suit to open the files on the murder of Minister Malcolm X and all other prominent Black leaders. "I personally am saddened over the indictment and arrest of Qubilah Shabazz. The same forces that denied Malcolm X protection after his house was fire-bombed as a result of a hostile environment created by the government, have now exposed Malcolm's daughter Qubilah to a similarly hostile environment,"



said Min. Farrakhan to the some 3.000 people jammed in to the National Center sanctuary and school, reported *The Final Call*. Betty Shabazz, the widow of Malcolm X in response said, "I was totally surprised at the extent of his humanity of understanding that my daughter had nothing to do with this." She also told reporters that she never fed her children a diet of "anti-Farrakhanism." The alleged government informant, Michael Fitzpatrick was a member of the violent Jewish Defense League (JDL) and was convicted in 1978 for the bombing of a New York bookstore that sold Russian literature. He later became an informer on a planned bombing of an Egyptian tourist agency which led to the arrest of two JDL members. He then entered the government witness protection program under the name Michael Summers, where-he moved to Minneapolis and allegedly infiltrated an anarchist group and tried to get its members to commit violent acts. Members were suspicious of his actions and kicked him out.

Min. Farrakhan told the audience, full of supporters and reporters that, "We believe our leaders should force the government to open all the files concerning the charges against Qubilah Shabazz and all the files related to Malcolm X and his assassination." He also urged the filing of a class action suit to open government dossiers on Black groups from Marcus Garvey's 1920 Back to Africa movement to the Black Panther Party, Congress Of Racial Equality, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and the Nation of Islam. All classified documents related to the Hon. Elijah Muhammad, Pres. Kohn F. Kennedy, Robert Kennedy and Dr. King must also be opened, he said.

**February 21:** Minister Farrakhan spoke at "The Historic Opening Dedication Of The Fabulous Salaam Restaurant—The Palace For The People" During the Saviours' day weekend, Min. Farrakhan opened and dedicated Salaam Restaurant. The event was held at Salaam Restaurants in Chicago, IL.

**February 22:** Minister Farrakhan spoke during "The Gala V.I.P. Reception."

Prominent guest from all over the country attended the reception.

**February 25:** Minister Farrakhan addressed "The 1st National Vanguard Graduation," in Chicago at Mosque Maryam, in the morning, during the Saviours' Day weekend celebration. Then that afternoon, he taught the Believers on "Lying And Stress," at Christ Universal Temple.

**February 26:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Jesus Saves: Who Will Save The Black Man! The Million Man March And Why" at the International Amphitheater in Chicago, IL. In this lecture, Minister Farrakhan exposed the secret plot of the international bankers.

**March 19:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "I Will Be The Winner Living Or Dead: Jesus Saves" part II, at Mosque Maryam in Chicago, IL. Before the Minister spoke, top aides blasted a recent series of biased, negative news reports maligning the Nation of Islam, its AIDS program and privately-owned Muslim businesses. The *Chicago Tribune* ran a four-day series of articles full of half-truths, distortions, and out right lies.

**March 23:** *The New York Post* issued a ruling not to exempt Min. Farrakhan from appearing in court in the suit N.O.I. officials filed against the newspaper.

**March 27:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Why Do They Blame Farrakhan For The Assassination Of Malcolm X!" (Let Us Make Man Part 13) at the Civic Center in Philadelphia, PA.

**April 1:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "The Conspiracy Of The International Bankers" at Springfield Symphony Hall in Springfield, MA.

**April 2:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Doing For Self Gets You The Help Of God: The Historic Opening Of Mosque 13 And Unity Mall" in Springfield, PA.

**April 27-30:** Health Minister Dr. Abdul Alim Muhammad and staff host the first National Health Conference in Chicago, reported *The Final Call*. During the conference the call was made for a birthing center to help produce "a Nation of Gods."

**April 28:** Minister Farrakhan delivered his address on "A Nation Is No Greater Than Its Service To The Weak, Poor And Disadvantaged Of That Nation," in Newark, NJ.

**May 6:** "Free Qubilah," said the Minister at the Apollo Theater during a fundraiser aimed at defraying costs associated with Qubilah's trial, in New York, N.Y., where he publicly met with Betty Shabazz during a program on behalf of the Shabazz family and Qubilah Shabazz, the daughter of Malcolm X allegedly accused in a murder-for-hire plot against Min. Farrakhan, reported *The Final Call*. This plot by an admitted government Jewish informant became an opportunity for the Min. Farrakhan and Betty Shabazz to mend 30-year-old wounds.

"There are some issues, circumstances and situations that propel us beyond ordinary agendas. The entrapment of my daughter, Ms. Qubilah Shabazz is a prime example. I am pleased to acknowledge and thank you for our discussion; I found it most helpful. Please convey to Minister Farrakhan my appreciation," said Dr. Betty Shabazz in a letter to Leonard F. Muhammad and Haki Madhubuti.

In a letter to federal prosecutors on April 20, Min. Farrakhan said, "I sincerely hope and pray that this young lady's confusion, pain, and fears manipulated by a paid informant will not be used to sentence her to prison. If she is found guilty in a trial and sentenced to prison this will only add more injury to the family of Betty Shabazz. As you are well aware, the Federal Bureau of

Investigation, under the direction of J. Edgar Hoover, worked day and night to help create the atmosphere that allowed Malcolm X to be assassinated. Must this evil continue?"

In an historical statement, Min. Farrakhan said, "Dr. Betty Shabazz, the widow of Malcolm X and I have become symbols which reflect concerns and issues to Black America far greater than our individual lives. At this point in time we must deal with these greater concerns—government entrapment and misconduct, attacks on Black leadership and justice for Qubilah Shabazz. At some point healing of wounds, self-inflicted or inflicted by others, must begin. Resolution of conflict must begin. Even though we believe Qubilah Shabazz is a victim of government entrapment, I also believe that Allah (God) permitted these circumstances to give us and opportunity to do that which would allow the healing process to begin."

**May 7:** In New York's Mosque No.7, Minister Farrakhan taught on "A Sense Of Betrayal: The Drama Of Malcolm X And The Nation Of Islam."

**May 20:** The Minister gave an "An Interview With The British Broadcasting Corporation" at the National Palace in Chicago, IL.

**May 22:** As the Million Man March neared, the final men's only meeting is held in Chicago, titled "As A Man Thinketh In His Heart, So Is He" (Let Us Make Man Part 14).

**June 3:** On Muhammad's Farms in Dawson, Ga., over 80 brothers from around the country traveled to the 1,500 acre farm to pick the farm's first crop. Meanwhile, in Phoenix, Arizona at the Symphony Hall, the Minister discussed "Making A Safe Community," as he gave his first public address there in five years. About 3,000 were in attendance to hear the popular Minister taught on the fall of America and the world and the need for better communities.

**June 6:** A team of attorneys from the Nation of Islam, which included Ava Muhammad and Arif Muhammad, won a year long attempt by *New York Post* attorneys backed out of a court ordered deposition of Min. Farrakhan.

**June 9-11:** At Texas Southern University, the Minister talked on June 9th during The Town Hall Meeting of the 4th African American Leadership Summit, asking the question, "What's Wrong With Us." The entire three days consisted of The National African American Leadership Summit (NAALS) announced support of the Million Man March and their intentions of working with the Nation of Islam for the mobilizing of the March, reported *The Final Call*.

**June 16:** Following an "orchestrated effort" by Jewish special interest groups, the N.O.I. Security Agency was removed from a D.C. housing development and replaced with D.C. police officers on this day, *The Final Call* reported.

**June 18:** On Fathers' Day, under the dome of Mosque Maryam, Minister Farrakhan gave an inspirational lecture on "A Very Special Father's Day Message."

**July 5:** In this edition of *The Final Call*, the public was informed that Rev. Benjamin Chavis was named the national director of the March. "The Million Man March will be the pivotal event of African Americas for this century, if it is carried out successfully," he said.

**July 13:** At the Cathedral of Holy Bible Baptist Church in Chicago, the Minister discussed, "Independence: Building African Centered Institutions."

**August 16:** *The Final Call* newspaper reported on Min. Farrakhan and activists cry for justice in the death row case of Mumia Abu-Jamal. "It is our contention

that Mumia Abu-Jamal has been denied due process. It is our judgment that our Brother is entitled to be tried by a jury of his peers before an unbiased judge with effective and zealous assistance of counsel. In our opinion, this has been denied to our Brother," said Min. Farrakhan in a letter to Pennsylvania's Governor Tom Ridge. Also in this same edition, the Minister, in an open letter urged the Muslim world to help Bosnian Muslims suffering because of warfare in Eastern Europe. "Regardless to what America does, the Muslim Nations have an obligation to help their Brothers and Sisters in Bosnia. We have an obligation to speak against the carnage that is going on there and to marshal the strength of all Muslim Nations and bring that strength to bear on an unjust situation," said the compassionate Minister.

**August 6:** Both Min. Farrakhan and Rev. Chavis appeared on "Muhammad and Friends," a talk show hosted by National Archivist Munir Muhammad, business manager of the Coalition of the Remembrance of Elijah Muhammad as support for the March gathered steam.

**September 7:** Min. Farrakhan and Rev. Benjamin Chavis began a two day tour of Atlanta, GA gathering support for the Million Man March. During the tour he met with former mayor Andrew Young, SCLC President Dr. Joseph Lowery, the National Football League Players' Association President Ron Bronard, legislators, City council members, and clergymen, reported *The Final Call*. The Minister also met with the Concerned Black Clergy at historic Ebenezer Baptist Church.

**September 13:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Countering The Plan Of Genocide Against The Black Male In America" at Bethel A.M.E. church in San Francisco, CA.

**September 15:** Maulana Karenga of Us and Chilton Alphone of the Black Panthers, Los Angeles now-defunct branch reconciled differences after 26 years in the spirit of the Million Man March.

**September 19:** In Washington, D.C., at Rankin Chapel on Howard University campus, a diverse group of Black religious leaders declared the upcoming march to be a "Holy Day." "As religious and spiritual leaders and minister of faith to our people, we call upon all our people to repent, to atone, and reconcile ourselves to the God of our creation and salvation," read the declaration. "We, as people of color, as the sons of Africa, are rising up and taking ownership and control over our own destiny," said Archbishop George Augustus Stallings of the African American Catholic Congregation. "We will determine for ourselves what we need to do to be restored back to our God, with our community, with one another and, especially, with our women."

**September 27:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Making The New Jew" at Carver Baptist Church in Dallas, TX. Also, in *The Final Call* of this date, in an article also reported in *The Final Call*, the great mother of the civil rights movement, Rosa Parks endorsed the Million Man March. The 81-year-old woman who sparked the civil rights movement by her defiant sitting in the front of a bus in Montgomery, Alabama sent a statement to the Million Man March internet conference and said, "The Million Man March in October of this year will be the first effort in my lifetime of that many men getting together. It sends a strong message to our government and our families that men want the responsibility and will accept it to lead us into the next century. I think it is a great symbol of courage and I will support it by sending our 'Pathways to Freedom' male students ages 11 to 17, of the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self Development. I wish the March all the success and I pray our men will renounce all negativity and return to their various homes with enthusiasm and a renewed commitment to life."

Also, in this edition of *The Final Call*, the Minister made an appeal to the spiritual leaders of the world. "Sin is not a Muslim, Christian, or Jewish problem. Sin is a human problem that alienates human beings from Allah (God) and from our fellow man or woman. A Day of Atonement is good for all. I, not wishing to be insulting or to be disrespectful, declare that the Pope of Rome and the Arch Bishop of Canterbury and every respectable high religious leader in the world has sinned," said Minister Farrakhan, as he gathered more support for the March.

**September 28:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "The Black Man And Woman of America—The New Scapegoat" at Pleasant Grove Church in Houston, TX.

**September 29:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "The Face Of Black America: The New Enemy Set-Up For The Slaughter" at New Bethel Baptist Church in Detroit, MI.

**October:** During the 25 Annual Legislative conference, the Congressional Black Caucus endorsed the Million Man March.

**October 2:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Farrakhan; The Marked Man For Death!" at Mount Zion Baptist Church in Miami, FL.

**October 3:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "How To Change The Bestial Image Of The Black Man In America" at Bethany Baptist Church' in Brooklyn, NY.

**October 16:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "CNN's Larry King Live Interviews" in Washington, D.C. before the Million Man March.

**October 16:** After winning the hearts and minds of many in Black America by traveling throughout the country on the 1990s Stop The Killing tour, which was



followed by the Men Only tour, and after winning the hearts and minds of many Black leaders—The Million Man March was an overwhelming success! In what the Minister would later describe as a glimpse of heaven, nearly two million men (and a few women) attend the march, exceeding everybody's expectations. There are no reports of incidence as the men take a day without smoking, drinking or disrespecting each other.

All socio-political-religious differences are irrelevant as Black men from all classes express communal brotherly love. **The world saw Black men from a different perspective following the March's success.** During the Minister's lecture he defined the motivating factors of why he called the march and he defined atonement, explained where it is in the scriptures of the Bible, and gave and eight stage process that leads to atonement. At the end of the lecture he led the men in a pledge to improve the community.

**This is an excerpt from this historic 'speech at the mall in Washington, D.C.** "We're talking about moving toward a perfect union. Pointing out fault, pointing out our wrongs is the **first step**. **The second step** is to acknowledge. ... To acknowledge means to admit the existence, the reality or the truth of some reality. ... The **third step** is that after you know you're wrong and you acknowledge it to yourself, who else knows it except you confess it. ... What happens after confession? There must be repentance. **(fourth)** When you repent, you feel remorse or condition or shame for the past conduct which was wrong and is wrong and sinful. It means to feel contrition or self-reproach for what one has done or failed to do. ... But, atonement means satisfaction or reparation for a wrong or injury. It means to make amends. It means penance, expiation, compensation and recompense made or done for an injury or wrong. So, atonement means we must be willing to do something in expiation of our sins. ... If we make atonement it leads to the sixth stage. And the **sixth stage** is forgiveness. ... Forgiveness means to grant pardon for, or remission of, an

offense or sin. It is to absolve, to clear, to exonerate and to liberate. ... And then, that leads to the **seventh stage**. ... The seventh tone, the leading tone that leads to the perfect union with God is reconciliation and restoration because after forgiveness, now we are going to be restored to what? To our original position. ... And so, the **eight stage** is a perfect union with God."

All of these eight steps take place in a process called time. And whenever a nation is involved in sin to the point that God intends to judge and destroy that nation, He always sends someone to make that nation or people to know their sins, to reflect on it, to acknowledge, to confess, to repent and to atone that they might find forgiveness with God. America, oh America. This great city of Washington is like Jerusalem. And the Bible says "Jerusalem, oh Jerusalem, you that stoneth and killeth the prophets of God.

The following is a partial list of people and organizations who endorsed the Million Man March convened by Minister Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam:

- Dr. Rev. Benjamin Chavis and National African American Leadership Summit
- Dr. Conrad Worrill and the National Black United Front
- Washington, D.C. Mayor Marion and Cora Masters Barry
- Mrs. Rosa Parks-the mother of the civil rights movement
- 97-year-old Queen Mother Moore-the mother of Pan-Africanism
- Dr. Betty Shabazz-widow of Minister Malcolm X,
- Rep. C. Delores Tucker,
- Dr. Dorothy Height and the National Council of Negro Women,
- Poet Mayo Angelou,
- Kwame Ture and the All African People's Revolutionary Party
- National Association of Black Political Scientists
- The Hartford, Conn. School Board
- Detroit City Council
- City of East St. Louis, 111., St. Louis, Mo. City Council,

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- Alpha Phi Alpha
- Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity,
- The Association of Black Psychologists
- The African Methodist Episcopal Alliance of Greater New York and Vicinity
- African Sisterhood Exchange of the University of Missouri
- Amy Jacques Garvey Institute
- Black Firefighters of Memphis
- Black Graduate Students Association of the University of Memphis
- Black Student Association of Long Beach State
- Black Student Association of University of Missouri-Forest Park
- Coppin State College
- Improved Benevolent Protective Order of the Elks of the World
- International Blue Student Alliance, Inc.
- Iota Phi Theta fraternity
- Omega Psi Phi fraternity
- , Los Amigos, Inc.,
- Liberian Support Group,
- National Association 01'2500 Positive Black Men,
- New Orleans City Council
- , Blacks in Government,
- National Association of Black Nurses,
- National Bar Association,
- National Black Student Government Association,
- National Hook-Up of Black Women,
- National Medical Association,
- National Association of Black Social Workers,
- Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce,
- National Association of Black Veterans,
- National Black Chamber of Commerce,
- National Black Police Officers Association

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- National Conference of Black Lawyers
- National Pan-Hellenic Council
- Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
- World Conference of Mayors
- National Society of Black Engineers
- Maryland State United Missionary Baptist Convention
- District of Columbia Baptist Convention
- National Newspaper Publishers' Association
- National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice
- International Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice
- International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters
- National African American Student Leadership Association
- Hannibal Afrik and the Afrikan National Rites of Passage United Kollektive
- National Association of Black Political Scientists
- Pan-African Association of Tennessee, Inc.
- Pan- African Research Organization of the University of Missouri-Forest Park
- Pan-African Research Collective at Long Beach State
- Pan-African Student Youth Movement
- Prince George's County Schools
- Provisional Government of the Republic of New Africa
- Provisional Student Government Association at the University of Missouri-Forest Park
- Toledo Public School System
- Universal Negro Improvement Association
- African Communities League of Woodson Banneker
- Division 330
- Illinois Senator Carol Moseley Braun

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- Rev. Jesse and Jacquelyn Jackson Sr. and the Rainbow Coalition and Operation PUSH
- Rev. Joseph Lowery and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference
- Dr. Maulana Karenga and Organization Us
- Mayor Omar Bradley of Compton Calif.
- Mayor Gordon D. Bush of East St. Louis, IL
- City Council of Boston, Mass.
- Spartanburg, S.C.
- Chicago City Council
- Detroit Board of Education
- Illinois General Assembly
- Portsmouth, Va., Springfield, Mass.
- Jackson, Miss. City Council
- City of Hartford, Conn.
- Memphis City Council
- Bloomfield, Conn. City Council
- Representative Donald Payne
- Rep. Cardiss Collins
- Rep. Bobby Rush
- Rep. Ron Dellums
- Rep. John Conyers
- Rep. William Clay
- Rep. Cynthia McKinney
- Congressional Black Caucus
- National Political Congress of Black Women
- Rep. Kweisi Mfume
- John Muhammad-a brother of the Hon. Elijah Muhammad
- Boxing promoter Roc Newman
- Mothers in Action
- Concerned Black Clergy of Atlanta

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- Hosea Williams
- H. Khalil Khalifah-CEO of United Brothers and United Sisters Inc.
- National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America (N'COBRA)
- Rev. Albert Sampson
- Archbishop George Augustus Stallings and the African American Catholic Congregation
- Rev. Terry Wingate
- D.C. Mayor's Office of Religious Affairs
- Rev. Willie Wilson and Union Temple Baptist Church
- Rev. Maxine Walker
- Rev. Tyrone Crider
- Andrew Young
- Rev. James Demus III
- Dick Gregory
- Dr. Cornel West
- Rev. James Bevels

**October 17:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "The Mind Of White Supremacy In The Lieu Of 400,000" at Vista Hotel in Chicago, IL.

**October 18:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Exodus Politics" Organizing The Third Power" at Operation Big Vote Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

**October 20:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Good Morning America Interviews" at the National House in Chicago.

**October 22:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Danger On The Horizon: Fear Of The Black Man's Rise" at Mosque Maryam in Chicago, IL.

**October 23:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "When God's Help And Victory Comes--Power In The Right Hand!" at Mosque Maryam in Chicago, IL.

**November 16:** Beginning a six lecture mini-tour of Washington, D.C., Minister Farrakhan spoke on "The Real Power To Our Liberation: Love Ye One Another" at Imani Temple in Washington, D.C.

**November 16:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Live Your Teachings: Moral And Spiritual Renewal" at Howard University in Washington, DC.

**November 17:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "The National Abundant Life Health Care Agenda" at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

**November 17:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Getting Our House In Order" at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

**November 17:** Minister Farrakhan spoke at "The Town Hall Meeting Of The National African-American Leadership Summit" at Lincoln Theater in Washington, D.C.

## **1996**

**January 3:** In one of the few interviews Minister Farrakhan gave after the historic March, the Minister gave an "Interview With The Press" hosting members of the press at The Palace in Chicago, IL.

**January 7:** "Discontented Nigerians must be given a chance to voice their concerns, and the Nigerian must address their concerns with justice," said the Minister to the Nigerian Institute for International Affairs, while in Nigeria during his World Friendship Tour. The Minister added that those voices must not allow themselves to be stooges for wicked forces that seek to de stabilize one of the

strongest countries on the African continent as he discussed sensitive issues that had Nigerians killing Nigerians. Bringing attention to the possibility of hidden forces, Min. Farrakhan said, "There are outside forces that manipulate circumstances in every government in Africa to help them to stay weak so they can never gain control of themselves. If you wipe out Nigeria, then all of Africa becomes a playground again for Europe in the 21st century."

During the Minister's visit he spoke to both sides: the ruling president Sani Abachi and the man many believed won an annulled 1993 election, Chief Mashood Abiola. While Min. Farrakhan was in Nigeria, Representative Peter King continued his vicious attack on the Minister and the Nation of Islam by charging that Minister Farrakhan may have violated U.S. regulations in recently visiting Libya. He demanded that the leader be subject to a congressional inquiry and charged with violating federal laws.

A report was made by the Congressional Research Service, at the urging of Rep. King titled "Laws Potentially Violated by Reported Agreement Between Louis Farrakhan and Muammar Ghadafi (Libya's Muslim Head of State)," but it carried no legal weight. Min. Farrakhan's friendship tour secured allies for the Black Nation and ensured that the whole world would be watching to see just how the American government handles Min. Farrakhan in the future. All the benefits the Muslim leader secured for Black America are at the time of this writing still being revealed. Members of the delegation included Khadijah Farrakhan, Final Call Editor James Muhammad, Rev. Al Sampson, Sarah Moten of the National Council of Negro Women, former Gary, IN Mayor Thomas Barnes, N.O.I Chief of Staff Leonard F. Muhammad, International Rep. Akbar Muhammad, Min. of Health Dr. Alim Muhammad, and Gus Savage.

**January 14:** Minister Farrakhan spoke on "Love Ye One Another—Even As I Have Loved You" at the Life Center Church in Chicago, IL.



**January 17:** After much reflecting on what is the next move after the success of the Million Man March, Min. Farrakhan decided to embark on the World Friendship Tour with a delegation that included Nation of Islam officials, former congressmen, former mayors, and spiritual leaders. Two of the reasons that the Minister took the trip were to one: promote the spirit of the Million Man March, which was atonement, responsibility and reconciliation and two: to establish, re-establish and perpetuate friendships with foreign countries for the betterment of the Black Nation. The tour touched Africa and the Middle East which included:

- Accra, Ghana
- Abuja-Lagos, Nigeria
- Dakar, Senegal
- Banjul, Gambia
- Libreville, Gabon
- Kinshasa, Zaire
- Windhoek, Namibia
- South Africa
- Maputo, Mozambique
- Harare, Zimbabwe
- Dar-Es-Salaam, Tanzania
- Entebbe, Uganda
- Khartoum, Sudan
- Mecca, Saudi Arabia
- Yeddah, Saudi Arabia
- Abu Dhabi, Dubai (UAE)
- Baghdad, Iraq
- Tehran, Iran
- Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Istanbul, Turkey
- Damascus, Syria
- Djeda, Tunisia.

In every country the delegation visited, the first thing the people said was, "We saw the Million Man March," reported Min. Farrakhan.

**January:** Min. Farrakhan spoke to 5 million Muslims in Iran during the 17th anniversary celebration of the modern Islamic Revolution in Iran. It also coincided with the anniversary of the death of Ali, a companion of Prophet Muhammad and a highly revered martyr among Iranian Muslims. "We are here to pay tribute to one of the greatest revolutions in the world," said Min. Farrakhan, speaking to five million at Azadi (Freedom) Square and to tens of millions more watching via television throughout the country.

**January 31:** The mother of the South African liberation struggle, Winnie Mandela, welcomed Min. Farrakhan to her Soweto home, telling the minister that she drew "strength and pride" from the Million Man March. She told the minister that his tapes would comfort her when her spirits were down. Min. Farrakhan said the warm welcome of both Mr. and Ms. Mandela made his visit to South Africa as "sacred as visiting the Ka'ba at Mecca" in Saudi Arabia.

**February 25:** The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan responds to critics who suggested that his World Friendship Tour Number One, which included visiting countries that the U.S. government did not like.

**May 31:** The 1995 Million Man March became the first ever public march to provide an independent Financial Audit of its operations. The complete audit, conducted by Bolling & Hill, LLP can be found at:

<http://www.millionsmoremovement.com>.

## RESOURCES

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Out newspaper, and N'Digo.

## What's next?

As Salaam Alaikum!!

In the Name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful. Thank you so much for reading this book. I am thankful to the many Believers and Supporters throughout the country that purchased the print edition when released in 1997. Many people tell me they still cherish the autographed copy they bought and have it proudly displayed on their coffee tables, book shelves and mantles. All praise is due to Allah!

Well, for years, from many people, including staff at The Final Call where the book was in hot demand, I have been asked the same question? "Brother Toure! When are you coming out with a new edition? Well, I hear you.

We are working on it right now and expect to have the second edition released in February 2010. This book, **Chronology of Nation of Islam History: Highlights from 1930 – 2010** will go back to chronicle some of the major occurrences as well as come forward to 2010.

Anyone who'd like to contribute can reach me via my blog at <http://www.nationofislamhistory.wordpress.com/>.