Min. Farrakhan speaks on The Divine Value of Women

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As-Salaam Alaikum! (Peace be unto you!)

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Dear Friends and Supporters of The Nation of Islam,

I pray this letter finds you in the best of health and spirit.

The time has come to address the condition of Black women in our communities. Black women and girls are our nation’s most valuable resource and should be respected and protected. However, instead of flourishing in our communities, many Black women are leading single family households. Black women have the highest rate of HIV among all women and are most at risk to die from breast cancer. We are suffering from violence in the streets, and Black girls are being abused every day. Our girls are six times more likely to be expelled from school; we have one of the fastest growing imprisonment rates in America, and many of us are living below poverty. What has happened to our women and girls? We must take action now to save our girls.

The present condition of the Black community reflects the need for the female to become acquainted with her limitless and immeasurable value so that she can realize her true potential and rise to her proper place as the mother of civilization. It is particularly important that this knowledge is instilled in the minds of Black youth who are the future of our world. What we instill in them today will determine the strength of our community tomorrow. When you teach a woman, you teach a nation. We all must be made to know that Black lives matter.

In an effort to address the issues that are plaguing the Black community, we are very happy to announce that on Saturday, April 18, 2015, The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan will deliver a very special message to women and girls titled, “Save Our Girls: A Nation Can Rise No Higher Than Its Woman.” This program will also include exciting presentations and beneficial information to improve our condition. On behalf of The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan and the women of the Nation of Islam, we cordially invite women and girls from Black communities across America to be our special guests for this unprecedented and historic event. This promises to be a life-changing experience for all who attend.

The goal of this event is to motivate, inspire, uplift and empower young women and girls in our communities and equip them to face today’s challenges. This will help us to build a better future for ourselves, our families, our communities, and our nation. Once we save our girls, we can save our world.

We invite you to encourage young women and girls to share in this wonderful opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of their self-worth in their journey toward achieving their true potential. The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan will deliver this message at Mosque Maryam located at 7351 South Stony Island Avenue in Chicago, Illinois. It will also be broadcast nationwide at various locations throughout the country. Please visit your local Muhammad Mosque or Study Group for more information on this event in your area. You may also call us at 773-324-6000.

It is our hope and desire to share this occasion with the women and girls in Black communities across the country. We look forward to seeing you on April 18, 2015.

Your sister and servant,
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The Divine Value of the Female

Time for women to take divine place as mothers of new civilization

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CHICAGO—The enemy’s aim has been to devalue the woman transforming her into a sexual plaything instead of treating her with the reverence and honor she deserves as a serious co-creator with God, said The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan in an important and sobering message delivered at Mosque Maryam, the international headquarters of the Nation of Islam.

“No matter what your race, color or ethnicity, you have never looked at yourself as a part of The Divine. That will change today,” Min. Farrakhan told the packed auditorium and those viewing live Sept. 11 via internet webcast.

Minister Farrakhan’s special message wrapped up three days of spiritual and physical renewal for young women of the Nation of Islam as Muslim women and girls from all across the United States and as far away as Montreal, Canada attended the three-day 2011 National Vanguard Retreat at the beautiful Indian Lakes Resort in Bloomingdale, Illinois and included a meeting and visit at the Minister’s farm in Michigan.

Uniformed sisters of the MGT & GCC Vanguard—a
specialized unit composed of Muslim females age 16-35—filled the entire sanctuary of Mosque Maryam and the lower level prayer room to hear guidance from the Minister on the divine nature and value of women.

“We live in the creation of God and whatever God creates is of himself, and if God is the author and source of divinity, how could He create a universe and that universe not be divine? You can’t improve on anything that he created. He created it perfect,” said Min. Farrakhan.

Human beings are the only things created after God’s image and likeness, said the Minister even though some Muslim scholars do not want to accept the fact that humans can reflect God’s qualities. Minister Farrakhan dispatched their position with two questions.

“How could you be in his image and after his likeness and not have his divine nature? Why are you justified in wearing the attributes of God if you cannot reflect those attributes that are divine?” he asked.

Speaking to the few men in the sanctuary and those who filled the gymnasium of Muhammad University of Islam adjacent to the mosque, Minister Farrakhan said aspects of this special message were for men; however the focus on the day would be on women.

“God cannot make us the head if the woman is not lifted. If God does not lift the woman, the man will never come up, so if God is going to make a new world and a better world, He is going to make that world coming through a woman,” said Min. Farrakhan.

Prophecy fulfilled

In brief opening remarks prior to the Minister’s arrival, Mother Tynnetta Muhammad, world traveler, researcher and wife of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, added to the special significance of the three-day retreat by telling the audience about “Table Talks” discovered by his great-grandson, Sultan Rahman Muhammad, in which Mr. Muhammad—talking to a gathering of Nation of Islam Muslim Girls Training and General Civilization Class officials—saw women coming together in the future “in large numbers to form a convention of women, thousands and thousands together.”

She said the Honorable Elijah Muhammad envisioned women in all fields of endeavor representing the highest levels of the divine word of God. The date of this table talk conversation was Sept. 11, 1973. Thirty-eight years later, Minister Farrakhan, as he has so many times before, walked directly into the fulfillment of his teacher’s desires.

Mother Tynnetta Muhammad said her husband looked to leadership to take on the “great responsibility of raising our young women as the leaders of a New World Order walking beside our men that the Honorable Elijah Muhammad said that he could make us so beautiful and so well trained that he could send us out to the world in com-
Allah, Himself, has said that we cannot return to our land until we have a thorough knowledge of our own selves. This first step is the control and the protection of our own women. There is no nation on earth that has less respect for and as little control of their woman as we so-called Negroes here in America.

Even animals and beasts, the fowls of the air, have more love and respect for their females than have the so-called Negroes of America.

Our women are allowed to walk or ride the streets all night long, with any strange men they desire. They are allowed to frequent any tavern or dance hall that they like, whenever they like.

They are allowed to fill our homes with children other than our own. Children that are often fathered by the very devil himself. Then, when the devil man decides to marry her, the so-called Negro press and magazines will make it front page news. The daily press will not print a so-called Negro man marrying into their race, but you seem to think it is an honor to your own nation when your daughter goes over to your enemies, the devils.

Our women have been and are still being used by the devil White race, ever since we were first brought here to these States as slaves. They cannot go without being winked at, whistled at, yelled at, slapped, patted, kicked and driven around in the streets by your devil enemies right under your nose. Yet you do nothing about it, nor do you even protest.

You cannot control or protect your women as long as you are in the White race’s false religion called Christianity. This religion of theirs gives you no desire or power to resist them. The only way and place to solve this problem is in the Religion of Islam.

It is a pleasure to Allah to defend us from our enemies. In the religion of Christianity, the White race has had us worshiping and praying to something that actually did not even exist.

Islam will not only elevate your women but will also give you the power to control and protect them. We protect ours against all their enemies.

We protect our farms by pulling up our weeds and grass by the roots, by killing animals and birds, and by poisoning the insects that destroy our crops in order that we may produce a good crop. How much more valuable are our women, who are our fields through whom we produce our nation.

The White race does not want us to destroy their race by inter-marrying with them. They will even kill you to protect their women. Can you blame them? No, blame your foolish self for not having enough respect for your own self and your own nation to do likewise. Stop our women from trying to look like them. By bleaching, powdering, ironing and coloring their hair; painting their lips, cheeks and eyebrows; wearing shorts; going half-nude in public places; going swimming with them and lying on beaches with men.

Have private pools for your women and guard them from all men. Stop them from going into bars and taverns and sitting and drinking with men and strangers. Stop them from sitting in those places with anyone. Stop them from using unclean language in public (and at home), from smoking and drug addiction habits.

Nothing but Islam will make you a respectable people. We Muslims are your example, living here in your midst.

There is no delinquency in Islam. Are you with us to put our people on top of the world?

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

There will never be a Righteous Kingdom until and unless there is a Righteous Woman. Where there are no decent women there are no decent men. For the woman, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad teaches the Black woman in particular, is the Mother of Civilization. So I want to talk about The Divine Nature and Value of Women.

No matter what your color, or race or ethnicity, you have never looked at yourself as a part of The Divine. After this message today that view of yourself will change. We live in the Creation of God. Whatever God creates is of Himself. If God is the Author and Source of Divinity, how could He create a Universe and that Universe not be Divine? You can’t improve on anything that He created, for He created it perfect. He didn’t create the Sun “in His image”; neither the Moon, nor the Stars. He created nothing in His “image” or “likeness” but the human being, so how could you be “in His image” and “after His likeness” and not have His Divine Nature?

I want you to think with me! Some of my brothers and sisters who are Islamic scholars: They don’t want to think that the human has Divine qualities. We can wrangle over that with any scholar in the world by asking the question: “Why are you justified in wearing The Attributes of God if you cannot reflect those Attributes that are Divine?

We want to acquaint you today with your Divinity. And then call on you to be yourself.

The Essence (Character) of One Who Belongs to God

In the Holy Qur’an there is a Surah (Chapter) titled “The Women” (Surah 4). But that isn’t the only one dedicated to women for there is a whole chapter in the Qur’an dedicated to Mary, the Mother of Jesus (Surah 19: “Maryam”). In that chapter, The Angels were in dispute among themselves as to who would have charge of Mary. Mary, according to the Qur’an, was the best of women. Not the mother of Abraham, not the mother of Moses, not the mother of Muhammad, but the mother of Jesus.

Now let me help you to know why Mary is an example for women: She was not an unchaste woman, even though the Jews charged her with fornication and even referred to her offspring as an “illegitimate child.” Mary had to be secretly put away because the Jews, at that time immersed in the Law of Moses: If they saw the woman pregnant, but not a man, they would have charged her and killed her. So God protected her, and the Qur’an says, “Jesus and his mother were a sign.” A
“sign” is pointing to something bigger than itself.

In the 4th Chapter of the Qur’an, the first verse reads like this: “In The Name of Allah, The Beneficent, The Merciful. O people keep your duty to your Lord Who created you from a single being and created its mate of the same (kind), and spread from these two many men and women.” Some translations of the Arabic don’t say “being,” but instead uses another word called “essence”: “Surely God created you from a single essence, and created the mate of the same.”

Well, what is the essence of something? According to the dictionary, the essence of a thing is the “intrinsic nature,” or “indispensable quality” of that thing; especially something abstract that determines its character. Here’s God, now, creating a human—the first human—from a single essence, and created the woman of the same. If God created us from the same essence, then what is that essence that determines our character? The essence of you is God Himself. The essence, that which determines your character, is your connection to The Creator of the heavens and the earth, Who is also your and my Creator.

You have never looked at yourself as “belonging to” God; you only see yourself in the light of what The Enemy has made you to see yourself: As “ex-slaves” or “Black people of no worth or value or purpose in life.” The Enemy never taught you the true knowledge of who you are. And, I don’t blame him because he was given power to rule. But his time is up, and your time has come! And now God has come to bring you back to yourself! You must be introduced to your intrinsic nature; the essence that determines your character, which is God Himself.

The meaning of “character” is “the mental and moral qualities distinctive to an individual (human being).” That’s very, very heavy! Because if your moral character and your mental character is of God, then you have to ask yourself: “What happened to us as a human being that our morals are not where God wants them to be? That our mental qualities have been curtailed, brought down—or even killed?” “What happened to women and men that we are so far down and away from the essence of our own being where we, now, are not even a caricature of what God intended?” Here is where I want you to study the Book of Genesis.

I know you love the Bible, but you don’t read it enough. It is not a book that should be in your house as if it’s something that you put up to “keep devils away.” It is a book to be read! It is a book to be studied! It is a book to be acted upon!

The Book of Genesis is telling us about “the beginnings” of things—and that is what “Genesis” means, “Beginning.” This first chapter starts with the creation of the world and every living creature in it. It records the first marriage, the first sin; the first consequences of sin, and the first reference to God’s Future Plan to redeem humanity. And after it recounts the stories of “The Flood” (Chapters 6-8) and “The Tower of Babel” (Chapter 11), Genesis also tells the story of “The Birth of a Nation” (Chapter 22).

We are now in our Genesis. So in reading these things from the Bible, it helps us to see our Divine Nature.

Male and Female Both Created in God’s Image

In the New Living Translation, Genesis 1:27 teaches: “God created human beings in His own image. In the image of God created He them; male and female He created them.” So when you’re looking at Adam as the “offspring of God,” look again at yourself, because it wasn’t just man that was created, it was man and woman.

And if you go to the Genesis 5:2 it teaches: “Male and female created He them and called their name Adam,” so when we talk about “man,” you can’t even talk about a man unless a woman is present, because there would be no man without a woman!

Now let’s deal with this: When God created this man and this woman, He gave them assignments. He didn’t tell them “go to the nightclub,” “hang out in the bar,” “get drunk and fornicate.” He gave you instructions that come out of the very nature of your creation: “Be fruitful and multiply.”

What do you think that means? If He created the cattle, and they reproduce cattle; the birds reproduce birds, the fowl reproduce fowl, the beasts of the field reproduce beasts of the field, what did He create “man and woman” to do? Well, as with everything else that He created, He created the human being to reproduce themselves! But if you are in the image and the likeness of God, then He, too, is being reproduced every time you properly reproduce!

God tells the male and female: “I’m giving you dominion”: “And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.” You can’t be “stupid” and rule.

God vs. The Enemy: Whose Desire Will the Black Woman Obey?

God never intended for a woman to be ignorant! He never intended for a woman to be unlearned, uneducated—because if you are unlearned and uneducated, you cannot fulfill your destiny.

The Enemy wanted you dumb! The Enemy wants you to think nothing of yourself, so The Enemy strips you of your real nature. He has denatured the female—and the male! And anytime somebody de-natures you, they have de-valued you! So right now as a Black woman or as a Black man: You are not valued. And the worst part of that is you don’t value yourself because The Enemy has made us to think so little of who we are.

My dear sisters: We are the children of slaves. The slave-master had a purpose for us that was not the Aim of God. When we were on the plantation, the slave-master had freedom to go in and out of us, sexually. Whether we wanted to give ourselves or not, he took it from us, right?

When you look at yourself on the screen today in Hollywood, and other places, how does Hollywood portray not only Black women, but White women as well? According to what I have read from one Jewish author who described in his book about how “Jews invented Hollywood,” they keep the Black woman looking like a “tart.” Do you know what a “tart” is? It’s something sweet and nice; delicious, delectable, delightful, as in an “after-dinner tart.”

What they want to make of you, a woman that was created in the image of God, is to make you in such a way that you will come down—way down; and bring your man down with you. And they also want you to teach your children in a way that they, too, will be down. They want you to look at yourself in your na-

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Kindness, and enjoy seeing yourself in a degraded state.

Consider what I have stated about our beautiful sisters Rihanna, Beyoncé or Nicki Minaj: When you think that your bosom and your backside is your “stock and trade” that makes you “valuable,” then when you will strip down and show “miss booty.” In 2008 when President Obama was elected, there was a Black woman in the papers who talked about the First Lady of the nation, Michelle Obama; that, “She’s got back.”

What in the world are we thinking about that we measure the Value of a Woman by the shape of her backside? Is this who you are? Is this what you want to be? Or do you want something better than what the White man has made of you?

The Divine Nature and Value of a Woman

What does it mean when you see a man get down on his knee, get out his ring, and propose to a woman? It means that in that act the man recognizes your Supreme Value. For a man to get down on his knee, with honor and respect, indicates that you are so valuable.

He wants you to come to him; he wants you to give yourself to him, so he will act in a way to make you give yourself. But a man should never “have you” just to have you! He’s got to be worthy of you, or he’s not worth having you! And there is hardly a man out here today that’s worthy of you giving away yourself to him.

Now, there are some out there that are worthy; but if you’re not looking for “worthy,” you’ll get what you get! Sisters, you don’t look for somebody who is worthy of you because you have no self-worth; so any man that “looks good,” any man that “talks good” can get you to lie down with him.

Almighty God created everything out of the Dark Womb of Space—everything; and He gives you a womb that resembles the Darkness of Space out of which everything is created. Man doesn’t have a womb—it’s you, woman. And what is your womb for? Your womb is the Workshop of God. Every king, every ruler, every prophet, every wise man or woman, every scientist, every general, every person of value came through The Womb of a Woman.

And the Most Precious Womb was the Womb of Mary. Her womb was the Worship of God because God from her womb produced that one which would reconcile the whole of humanity back to Himself. Your womb is a special place. The vaginal tract of the female is The Entry to The Womb, and that is sacred. That tract is protected by a thin piece of flesh, and it’s not easily accessible. There’s pain and there’s blood when you enter that Sacred Chamber.

I know you have never heard any preach-er preach like this; and as my father Elijah Muhammad said, “They couldn’t preach it because they didn’t know it.” But today, you will know that I have a Teacher that I am a Student of, who loves you so much that he is training us, as men, to protect you with our lives!

This Sacred Passageway … If you look at the Panama Canal: It took billions of dollars to create from the Isthmus of Panama a canal that would link the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean so that the travelers would not have to go all the way around the tip of South America. So that channel is so valuable, that armies protect that channel … Geopolitically, gulf and other strategic waterways are so valuable that people will fight for the advantage to be in those places so they can govern, monitor, control and even keep ships—that they don’t like—from using those waterways. That’s how valuable channels are.

The Channel to the Womb is a Sacred Channel that must be guarded. The Qur’an says, “Guard your chastity”—guard it!—because when you leave that canal, that channel, “unguarded,” you may open yourself up to diseased men; people that don’t care or have any value for you! But will just use you as a “pleasure tool,” and then throw you away!

Some of you do not think that you’ll get a man unless you lay down and open your knees to that man! If you have to open your knees to get a man, he is no “man” and he is not worthy of you!

When you are “easy” for a man to get, you are not the woman that he will want to marry and spend his life with. He is the man you will come to when he wants pleasure, but he is not the man that will give you the type of love, honor and respect that you yearn for. And you will never get it if that Channel is like a “free” Channel.
mittees, with that training and the world’s attention would be on our women. Whether it was in China—these are his words from those table talks—or any part of the world and the people would come and say ‘who is this?’ and want to know where did we come from and they would recognize us by our expression of love, joy, etiquette, cleanliness, good manners, having the knowledge like a bright star in our heads,” said Mother Tynnetta Muhammad.

“As you are so beautiful in outward appearance, let us shine up the inside of the house. Let our hearts be as beautiful—or more beautiful—than our outside appearance, and walk with our men into heavenly paradise, the light of the Hereafter.”

A celestial sign follows a strong message

Minister Farrakhan reflected on the stern tone of the message he delivered just one day earlier on Sept. 10 to the women who visited his farm in Michigan for a special Saturday meeting as part of their retreat. The Minister, like a strong and caring leader and father, delivered loving yet firm words that drew cheers and applause from the audience that packed a huge tent set up for the day’s activities. (See photos pages 16 and 17.) More acknowledgment of the Minister’s divine message came later that evening as dozens of aircraft (commonly called UFOs) appeared in the sky above his farm in New Buffalo, Mich., as a sign after the retreat participants had left the property.

“It was like an exclamation point to my talk to you, and it was as though God was smiling on you for accepting the role of a woman and accepting righteousness as your way of life. There will never be a righteous kingdom until and unless there is a righteous wom-
an. Where there are no decent women, there are no decent men for the woman—the Honorable Elijah Muhammad teaches—the Black woman in particular is the mother of civilization,” he said to the audience at Mosque Maryam.

Scriptural foundation

The Minister pointed out that the Holy Qur’an has an entire chapter dedicated to women. Chapter 4 is titled, “Al-Nisa: The Women.” Additionally, Chapter 19 is named after the mother of Jesus—Maryam, which is the Arabic form of Mary. Mary according to the Holy Qur’an was

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referred to as “the best of women” and the angels were in dispute as to who would have charge of her. She is an example for all women, he said. Despite the critics who claim Islam oppresses women, there is nothing equivalent in the Holy Bible, though there are great women mentioned in the Bible.

“She (Mary) was not an unchaste woman even though the Jews charged her with fornication and even referred to her offspring as an illegitimate child,” Min. Farrakhan explained. “She had to be secretly put away because the Jews at that time, immersed in the Law of Moses, if they saw the woman pregnant and no man, they would have charged her and killed her, so God protected her and the Qur’an says ‘Jesus and his mother were a sign.’ A sign is pointing to something bigger than itself.”

Minister Farrakhan defined character as “the mental and moral qualities distinctive to that individual.” He then defined essence as “the intrinsic nature or indispensable quality of that thing, especially something abstract that determines its character.”

Speaking to men and women he asked, “What happened to us that our morals are not where God wants them to be, our mental qualities have been curtailed, brought down, even killed?”

Men and women in society have fallen so low, they no longer represent what God intends for them to be, Min. Farrakhan continued. The Minister said the essence of man and woman is God Himself and the essence that determines character is the strength of their connection to The Creator.

In the book of Genesis in the Bible, Minister Farrakhan pointed out that God created male and female and “called their name Adam,” showing that there is no man without a woman. God then gave man and woman assignments emanating from the very nature of His creation “to be fruitful and multiply.” God then gave them dominion giving them the very knowledge needed with which to rule.

“You can’t be stupid and rule! He (God) never intended for a woman to be ignorant; he never intended for a woman to be unlearned and uneducated because if you are unlearned and uneducated, you cannot fulfill your destiny,” said Minister Farrakhan. “The enemy wanted you dumb. The enemy wants you to think nothing of yourself, so the enemy strips you of your real nature. He has denatured the female and the male and anytime somebody denatures you, they have devalued you. So right now as a woman or as a Black man, you are not valued, and the worst part of that is, you don’t value yourself.”

Men and women are so devalued in this society that the word “b---h” is a commonly used expression by men and women to refer to women. Women have now been turned into “toxic denatured females” and sex objects stripped of their clothes in order to stimulate men and to be considered “sexy” by this world’s standards, he said.

“You have made yourself a dog and you are bringing the dog out of men!” added Minister Farrakhan. “Everything the enemy puts before you is to make you sexually attractive to a man, and that’s why you are in so much pain because you attracted a dog! You attracted a man that acts like a dog and he made a b---h out of you!”

Speaking of popular female entertainers such as Rhianna, Beyonce and Nicki Minaj, Min. Farrakhan said women in general, and Black women in particular, are portrayed as sexual playthings. This reduces the mother of civilization to a degraded state in which the shape of her body determines her worth and creates a society of degenerates, he explained.

“What in the world are we thinking about that we measure the value of a woman by the shape of her backside? Is this you who are? Is this what you want to be or do you want something better?” he asked.

The Divine womb
Minister Farrakhan said God gives the woman a womb that resembles the darkness of space out of which He created everything. Referring to the womb as “the workshop of God,” Min. Farrakhan lamented the way women give up their virtue and chastity to men without a commitment or proof the men are worthy.

“You are so valuable that a man should never have you just to have you. He’s got to be worthy of you or he’s not worth having you!” said the Minister. “There is hardly a man out here that’s worthy of you giving away yourself to him. Now there are some out there worthy, but if you are not looking for worthy you will get what you get and you do not look for somebody worthy of you because you have no self-worth—so any man that looks or talks good gets you to lie down with him.”

The act of sex is an act of responsibility. Many women have now become “party mammas” allowing anyone to impregnate them giving birth to children that are raised by grandparents, who pay for the irresponsible actions of their own children. The womb is a “sacred passage-way” that should not be easily accessible, said the Minister.

“The chamber to the womb is a sacred chamber that must be guarded,” he stressed.

Using an example from geopolitics, Minister Farrakhan described how much money is spent by nations to defend access to channels and strategic waterways between land masses.

“These geopolitically (canals) are so valuable that they fight for the advantage to be in those places so they can govern, monitor, control and even keep ships they don’t like from using those waterways. That’s how valuable channels are. The channel to the womb is a sacred channel that must be guarded. The Qur’an says ‘guard your chastity.’”

A new economic reality
Another critical area Minister Farrakhan outlined was the central role of women in the creation of a new economic and social reality. “Did you know Elijah Muhammad said that the woman is the field through which we produce our Nation? He describes you as earth. Earth is fundamental in everything and so are you,” said Min. Farrakhan. “You are the earth; you are the foundation of civilization.”

Women used to be taught home economics classes which gave them fundamental knowledge of how to sew clothes and cook. This base knowledge not only helped save money because women knew how to make their own clothes, but the knowledge of what type of food to buy and how to properly prepare it resulted in saving money, and healthier people.

He told the audience how Master Fard Muhammad, the Great Mahdi and teacher of the Hon. Elijah Muhammad, emptied out the medicine cabinets of his early followers, saying “your kitchen is your hospital.” Grandmothers and great-grandmothers used simple things from the garden to treat ailments, said Min. Farrakhan.

“The earth itself has everything in it that we need,” said Min. Farrakhan. “They studied the nature of what was around us and when we got sick there was no hospital, they went into the field and picked something up and came in and made some tea for us and we got well. We’ve lost that power!”

The Jewish people should be studied and used as an example of how a people working together in unity, with a common goal can become powerful, rich and influential, the Minister said.

“In the Babylonian Talmud, Jews are all told ‘you must acquire land.’ So Jewish people, no matter where they are in the world, you’ll always find them having land, real estate, and cash that they invest,” said Min. Farrakhan.

Their acquisition of land opened the way to embark on trade and commerce and banking and now, the entire world has to go through them.

Black people suffering “indescribable pain” through sharecropping were misused and kept in perpetual debt. Fleeing the skillfully deceptive merchants of the South and the arduous work, many sharecroppers left Southern farms for Northern factories. They did not know, however, that the people who owned factories up North were connected to those running farms down South. Ultimately, this abusive and painful experience diminished the collective Black desire for land ownership.

Cotton comes from the land then is made into clothing that is sold on the market for revenue. Vegetables come from the land and can be eaten and sold for revenue as well. It is a simple formula, essential to the teachings of the Hon. Elijah Muhammad, that has worked for others in the past, the present and can work for the collective Black nation now and in the future.

“Today, you will know that I have a teacher that I am a student of, who loves you so much that he will absolutely train us and is training us to protect you with our lives,” Minister Farrakhan told the women in the audience.
**What The Muslims Want**

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

1. **WE BELIEVE** in the One God Whose proper Name is Allah.
2. **WE BELIEVE** in the Holy Qur'an and in the Scriptures of all the Prophets of God.
3. **WE BELIEVE** in the truth of the Bible, but we believe as others, that we are due equal justice as human beings. We believe in freedom to accept or reject being separated from the slave master’s children and establish a land of their own.
4. **WE BELIEVE** that Allah’s Prophets and the Scriptures they brought to the people.
5. **WE BELIEVE** in the resurrection of the dead—not in physical resurrection—but in mental resurrection. We believe that the so-called Negroes are most in need of mental resurrection, therefore, they will be resurrected first.
6. **WE BELIEVE** in the judgment; we believe this first judgment will take place as God revealed, in America.
7. **WE BELIEVE** this is the time in history for the separation of the so-called Negroes and the so-called White Americans. We believe the Black man should be freed in name as well as in fact. By this we mean that he should be freed from the names imposed upon him by his former slave masters. Names which identified him as being the slave master’s slave. We believe that if we are free indeed, we should go in our own people’s names—the Black peoples of the Earth.
8. **WE BELIEVE** in justice for all, whether in God or not; we believe as others, that we are due equal justice as human beings. We believe in equality—as a nation—of equals. We do not believe that we are equal with our slave masters in the status of “freed slaves.”
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10. We do not believe that after 400 years of free or nearly free labor, sweat and blood, which has helped America become rich and powerful, that so many thousands of Black people should have to subsist on relief, charity or live in poor houses.
11. **WE BELIEVE** our women should be respected and protected as the women of other nationalities are respected and protected.
12. **WE BELIEVE** that Allah (God) appeared in the Person of Master W. Fard Muhammad, July, 1930; the long-awaited “Messiah” of the Christians and the “Mahdi” of the Muslims.

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

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

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

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