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*.... I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith
that was once for all entrusted to the saints. Jude 1:3 NIV*

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1 Corinthians 15:12-14 (NIV) *“¹²But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.”*

John 1:41 (NIV) *“The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, ‘we have found the Messiah’ (that is, the Christ).”*

Proverbs 30:5-6 (NIV) *“⁵Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. ⁶Do not add to his words, or he will rebuke you and prove you a liar.”*

A Brief History:

The Nation of Islam can be traced back to a man named Wallace D. Fard (or Farad). Fard, who changed his name to Wallace Fard Muhammad claimed he was born in Mecca in 1877. He taught that Asians, blacks in particular, were inherently good, and whites were inherently evil.

In the late 1950's and early 1960's the FBI had a misinformation campaign which claimed Fard was actually Caucasian. His real name was Wallace Dodd Ford, and he was born in Hawaii on February 25, 1891. His parents were the British Zared Ford and Maori Beatrice Ford of New Zealand. He also had been released from San Quentin on May 27, 1929, for selling heroin before moving to the predominately black section of Chicago and then to Detroit. Fard left the Nation after being arrested in 1933 and was succeeded by Elijah Muhammad (Elijah Poole, 1898-1975) in Chicago.

Under Elijah Muhammad's leadership, the movement went national. With Malcolm X (Malcolm Little, 1929-1965) as Elijah Muhammad's prized speaker, the Nation grew to perhaps 300,000. However, membership began to decline after Malcolm X left the Nation, altered his beliefs, became El-hajj Malik El Shabazz, and was finally murdered.

Elijah Muhammad was followed by his son, Warith (Wallace Deen) Muhammad, who changed the group to a form of Islamic orthodoxy.

In 1977, the honorable Louis Abdul Farrakhan broke away from the Movement to retain the original name and beliefs of the Nation as it was under Elijah Muhammad. Farrakhan a charismatic speaker, publishes his beliefs and opinions in *“The Final Call.”* (Kingdom of the Cults, Water Martin, General Editor, Ravi Zacharias)

Since it is a well-known fact that Farrakhan separated from the group to retain the original name and beliefs of the Nation when it was under Elijah Muhammad, we shall look at some of Elijah Muhammad's beliefs as clearly spelled out in his book, *“Message to the Blackman in America.”*

Consider the following Beliefs of Elijah Muhammad:

1. The White Race Is The Enemy of Allah (God)

"These enemies of Allah (God) are known at the present as the white race or European race who are the sole people responsible for misleading nine-tenths of the total population of the black nation." (page 68, paragraph 3)

2. Preachers Are Hindrances

"The Greatest hindrance to the truth of our people is the preacher of Christianity." (page 18, paragraph 4)

3. Christians Are Foolish To Be Looking For Jesus To Return

"You must forget about ever seeing the return of Jesus, who was here 2,000 years ago...you are really foolish to be looking to see the return of the prophet Jesus." (page 10, paragraph 2)

4. Wallace Fard Muhammad Was God

"I asked him, 'Who are you, and what is your real name?' He said, 'I am the one that the world has been expecting for the past 2,000 years.' I said to him again, 'What is your name?' He said, 'My name is Mahdi; I am God..." (page 17, paragraph 4)

5. Wallace Fard Muhammad On Christianity

"He said that Christianity was a religion organized and backed by devils for the purpose of making slaves of black mankind." (page 18, paragraph 3)

6. Wallace Fard Muhammad Is The Son of Man, Not Jesus

"Master W.F. Muhammad is that Son of Man whom the world has been expecting to come for 2,000 years, seeking to save that which was lost." (page 20, paragraph 1)

7. Various Attacks On Christianity

- *"Christianity is one of the most perfect black-slave-making religions on our planet. It has completely killed the so-called Negroes mentally." (page 70, paragraph 3)*
- *"...Islam has more to offer than white-controlled Christianity." (page 70, paragraph 5)*
- *"The devils have tried to deceive the people all over the earth with Christianity; that is, God the Father, Jesus the Son, the Holy ghost – three Gods into One God – the resurrection of the Son and his return to judge the world; or that the Son is in some place above the earth, sitting on the right hand side of the Father...." (page 11, paragraph 6)*

I could go on, but space does not permit. These are just some of the beliefs that Louis Farrakhan has chosen to cling to.

More recently, in *“The Final Call,”* the beliefs of the Nation of Islam are clearly stated for all to see. The sad thing is that the members of the Nation stand on corners with their black suits and bow ties, handing out *“The Final Call”* unsuspecting to Christians, who gladly take it and give them a smile and a donation.

The following beliefs were taken from *“The Final Call,”* dated September 2, 2014 **Volume 33, Number 47**

Belief #1 (God’s name is “Allah”) *“We believe in the one God whose proper name is Allah.”*

Belief #3 (The bible has been tampered with) *“We believe in the truth of the bible, but we believe that it has been tampered with and must be reinterpreted so that mankind will not be snared by the falsehoods that have been added to it.”*

Belief #5 (No physical resurrection) *“We believe in the resurrection of the dead – not in physical resurrection – but in mental resurrection. We believe the so-called Negroes are most in need of mental resurrection, therefore, they will be resurrected first.”*

Belief #7 (Separation of blacks and whites) *“We believe this is the time in history for the separation of the so-called Negroes and the so-called white Americans...”*

Belief #9 (Integration hypocritical) *“We believe that the offer of integration is hypocritical and is made by those who are trying to deceive the black people into believing that their 400-year-old open enemies of freedom, justice and equality are, all of a sudden, their ‘friends’ ...”*

Belief #12 (Wallace Fard Muhammad the Messiah, not Jesus) *“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...”*

All of the above beliefs of Elijah Muhammad, the Nation of Islam and/or Louis Farrakhan should send cold chills up and down the spine of any sincere Christian. It is very clear that the Nation of Islam Is a racist group that dislikes whites for no other reason than them being white. While it is true that racism is alive and well in the hearts of many white Americans, it is also true that it is alive and well in the hearts of many black Americans.

In Dr. Martin Luther King’s *“I Have A Dream”* speech delivered on August 28, 1963, he said something very profound that I think all Americans would benefit from. He said, *“I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.”* Most people look at this and apply to blacks only, however, I say it should be applied to whites also. That said, no man or woman should be judged by their skin color, whites or blacks, let their character speak for them. The Nation of Islam and/or Louis Farrakhan would do well to heed the words of Dr. King.

While I disagree with the Nation of Islam for their current dislike of whites, I would better understand it if we were back in the 50's or 60's when America was very different. However, today, while racism is still alive in America, there is a black man in the white house, something they either missed or choose to ignore. He was not there for one term, he's on his second term. What's the point? The point is that blacks make up approximately 12-16% of the population in America. Therefore, blacks alone could not have voted Barak Obama into office, he had to have the votes of whites and others as well. This fact alone should serve as an embarrassment to Louis Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam who have labeled all whites as evil and racist.

Even more embarrassing is what the “**Hadith**” teaches. The “**Hadith**” are traditions relating to the sayings and actions of the Islamic Prophet Muhammad. “**Hadith**” collections are considered to be important tools for determining the way of life for the Muslim. Most, if not all Muslims consider “**Hadiths**” to be essential supplements to, and clarifications of, the Quran. Therefore, we shall consult the “**Hadith**” to learn a couple of embarrassing things about the founder of Islam, the Prophet Muhammad.

Firstly, according to the Hadith, the prophet Muhammad was a white man. In the Hadith, In **Volume 1, Book 3, Number 63** (narrated by Anas Bin Malik) we read, “*While we were sitting with the prophet in the mosque, a man came riding on a camel. He made his camel kneel down in the mosque, tied its foreleg and then said: ‘Who amongst you is Muhammad?’ At that time the prophet was sitting amongst us (his companions) leaning on his arm. We replied, ‘This white man reclining on his arm.’*” In **Volume 2, Book 17, Number 141** (narrated by Anas Bin Malik) we read, “*The Prophet never raised his hands for any invocation except for that of istisqa’ and he used to raise them so much that the whiteness of his armpits became visible.*” Not only was the Prophet Muhammad a white man, according to the Hadith, he had a black slave, a fact that makes him no better than the white slave owners in America. In **Volume 9, Book 91, Number 368** (narrated by Umar) we read, “*I came and behold, Allah’s Apostle was staying on a Mashroba (attic room) and a black slave of Allah’s Apostle was at the top of its stairs. I said to him, ‘(tell the Prophet) that here is Umar Bin Al-Khattab (asking for permission to enter).’ Then he admitted me.*”

Clearly then, the Prophet Muhammad was a white man and he had a black slave according to the Hadith. However, since the nation believes the white man is the devil, doesn't that make the Prophet Muhammad a devil?

In short, the Nation of Islam and/or Louis Farrakhan have always opposed Christianity. How some pastors in good conscience, have allowed Louis Farrakhan to grace their pulpits boggles my mind. Personally, I believe that Louis Farrakhan, the charismatic speaker that he is, purposely talks more about Jesus and the bible than the Prophet Muhammad and the Quran in his speeches to mislead the unlearned and unsuspecting Christian into thinking he's talking about the Jesus of the bible, when he's not.

The real problem Christians should have with Louis Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam is their attack on basic Christian doctrine. Since space does not allow me to deal with all of their attacks, I'll deal with three of them, two of them that they publish in “**The Final Call**” for all to see, and one that was held by Elijah Muhammad.

In his book, *“Message to the Blackman in America,”* Elijah Muhammad says, on page 10, paragraph 2, *“you must forget about ever seeing the return of Jesus, who was here 2,000 years ago.... You are really foolish to be looking to see the return of the prophet Jesus”* However, the bible says something completely different on the subject, consider the following:

1. **The second coming of Jesus is the blessed hope of all Christians** **Titus 2:13** (NIV) says, *“While we wait for the blessed hope-the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ...”*
2. **Jesus will come back to rapture the saints of God** **1 Thessalonians 4:16-17** (NIV) says, *“¹⁶For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever”*
3. **The Angels said Jesus would return** **Acts 1:9-11** (NIV) says, *“⁹After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. ¹⁰They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹‘Men of galilee,’ they said, ‘why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.’”* (compare with **Zechariah 14:4**)

In **“The Final Call,”** Belief #3 says, *“...but we believe the bible has been tampered with....”* However, the only way to prove the bible has been tampered with is to produce the version that has not been tampered with and point out the passages that were changed from that version. To my knowledge, no such version exists, if it did, the Nation of Islam would gladly produce it to show Christians their errors.

The truth of the matter is that Muslims must cling to the idea that the bible has been tampered with, otherwise their beliefs fall apart since the bible clearly contradicts their beliefs about Jesus’ life, teachings, resurrection and second coming. For the Muslim its ***“when proven wrong by the bible, claim tampering.”***

Belief #5 in **“The Final Call”** says, ***“We believe in the resurrection of the dead – not in physical resurrection – but mental resurrection...”*** However, Jesus, whom the Nation Islam acknowledges as a prophet at best, prophesied about his death and physical resurrection in the same body he was to be crucified in. In **John 2:19-21**(NIV) Jesus said, *“¹⁹... ‘Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.’ ²⁰The Jews replied, ‘it has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?’ ²¹But the temple he had spoken of was his body.”*

The physical resurrection of Jesus is the very nucleus of Christianity. In **1 Corinthians 15:14**, Paul said, ***“And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.”*** Without the physical resurrection of Jesus, Christians have nothing!!!

With all of these facts in mind, it becomes very simple to answer the question, “Should Christians embrace the teaching of Louis Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam?” The answer is **absolutely not!!!!** Not only that, Christians should not give donations to the Nation of Islam who will use their donation to produce more literature to undermine their faith.

In closing, I’m reminded of a saying that I heard some years ago. It said, “*Either you stand for something or you go for anything*” it’s really time now for the true saints of God to stand up and defend their Christian beliefs the way others defend theirs, even when they’re in error. If we as Christian would begin to do for the truth what the cults do for their lie, we would make the world a different place to live for everybody.

God Bless,
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