



## Editorials

In 1987, We All Must

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MIN. FARRAKHAN'S MESSAGE TO THE NATION

There can be no successful community development on our part, unless each one of us makes a determined effort to improve ourselves and the quality of our lives.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad taught us and the *Holy Qur'an* bears him witness, that we were not created without an aim and a purpose.

Allah, the All-Wise Creator, does not waste time, nor does He take a pastime. Nor does He love us if we waste valuable life essence that He has so bounteously given us, on riotous living, sport, play and trifling behaviour.

Allah demands of us, in the nature in which He created us, that we do something for ourselves. This aim and purpose in the nature of us must be looked at by each of us and we must ask ourselves the question: **What are we doing today for ourselves?**

Did we read a newspaper that we may be informed of what is going on in the world about us? Did we read a book of value, feeding our minds positive thoughts and ideas? Did we work to perfect some skill, talent or gift that Allah (God) gave to us? Did we do something to aid a member of our family, our community, or even a stranger? Did we make a step towards the betterment of our personal, economic, social, educational, spiritual and political well-being?

Or, did we waste time today—time that we shall never get again—on foolishness, trivia, soap operas, cheap literature, sport and play?

If you answer "No" to the former questions and "Yes" to the latter questions, we are in serious need of spiritual resurrection, for we are living, yet dead.

My appeal to every Muslim and to every member of the Lost Found Nation of Islam in the West (Black people numbering over 30 million), is that we jump up from the bed of slothfulness, lethargy, mental death and dependence and get on with the aim and purpose for which life is given; that is, to do something for ourselves every day that we live and breathe.

This course of study that Allah is guiding me to put the Nation, is of such importance to you, as well as to myself, that I will not tolerate any interference with it.

**NO EXCUSE WILL BE AC-**

**CEPTED 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.

I warn all of the Laborers to get involved in this study or get out of the field of labor. There must be a transformation in our lives as an example for our poor, lost-found people who are tired of talk and not action. No wonder: Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works (example) and glorify our Father which art in heaven."

Every day that we live from this day forward, we must ask the question: What did I do for myself to improve myself and my condition? This is not to make us selfish in our thoughts or actions, but it is to say that if we are doing nothing for ourselves, we cannot do anything for anyone else. We must help self as a prerequisite for the sincere help of others.

To the Believers: **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 to ignorant! (Smile)

The *Holy Qur'an* warns us to die not unless we die the death of a Muslim. And if we are not improving ourselves and we are not producing, then we are not yet Muslims [those doing the Will of Allah (God)]. As Paul said, "Faith without works is dead."

Thank you for honoring me by reading these few words.

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*Allah (God) Has Brought Aim and Purpose to you, in me ...so come and follow me and learn the new education for the Black Man. The new education for the Black Man is not designed for you, the Black Man in America alone, it is for Black People all over the earth.*

—Honorable

Elijah Muhammad

