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*IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, THE BENEFICENT, THE MERCIFUL. I BEAR WITNESS THAT
THERE IS NO GOD BUT ALLAH AND I BEAR WITNESS THAT MUHAMMAD IS HIS
MESSENGER.*

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As-Salaam Alaikum.

Dear Believers and Students:

May this letter find you in the best of health and spirit, going as deeply as you can into the study of the characteristic or quality of Humility.

It was brought to my attention by Sister Ava Muhammad that there was a degree of controversy in last week's discussion centering around the question: "Is Humility one of the Divine Attributes of Allah (God)?" Sister Ava informed me that opposing views and opinions were expressed, including the comment that Allah (God), "at a point in His development had to recognize His own defects" and reference was made to the fact that Master Fard Muhammad was "born of a woman just as the rest of us." She also informed me that one of the students referred her to pages 24 and 25 of Message to the Black Man as proof that Humility is an Attribute of Allah (God). My response to this very serious question is as follows:

Humility is a characteristic of the righteous. Allah (God) is the Light of Law and Allah obeys His own Law. He does what He pleases, but what He pleases is ever consistent with His Nature. All attributes are His and He is the Perfect Expression of all Attributes.

Master Fard Muhammad, to Whom all Praises are due forever, came to North America to raise us up to Life from a condition of death. He submitted Himself to conditions He could have easily overcome to teach Humility and Submission to His Servant, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

Words are not adequate to express Humility to a people who had to feign humility in order to survive. That feigned humility was not a virtue, but a device. Therefore, Master Fard Muhammad had to give His Servant a perfect demonstration of this quality in order that His Servant, a descendant of slaves, would learn the true nature and quality of Humility. So He (Master Fard Muhammad), permitted Himself to be arrested and

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“submitted himself with all humbleness to his persecutors.” (Message To The Blackman pages 24-25)

Master Fard Muhammad was ordered out of Detroit. Although He had Power over the minds of those who had ordered Him out, He allowed it and submitted, not because He had to, but to demonstrate to His Servant the True quality and characteristic of Humility that would save His (Honorable Elijah Muhammad) life and the life of his followers. He was teaching him respect for authority and the price of Redemption.

The **Bible** speaks of Him in this way: “And His brightness was like the light; He had horns coming out of His hand; and there was the hiding of His power.” (Habakkuk 3:4) Paul wrote in Philippians, “He made himself of no reputation and took upon Him the form of a servant...”

Brothers and Sisters, please remember this: Do not speak of Allah (God) ignorantly or foolishly and put Him on our cheap level, uttering words from our lips that are disrespectful to Him after knowledge of Him has come to us, lest you fall under His Chastisement.

I am trying to be the best example in your midst of the quality and characteristic of Humility. You find me walking among you, making myself of no reputation, being obedient and respectful to those in authority over me, whether they are of my faith or not.

When Allah (God) creates Creation, He creates it to depend upon Him. So it, Creation, has to have the quality of submission in order to be in harmony with the fact that it is dependent upon Him. Since there is no Power higher than Allah, the quality of Humility is not listed as one of the 99 Divine Attributes because He has no one to submit to.

Allah (God) invites us to willingly submit and if we do not, He has the Power to force us to submit. Therefore, He has the Attribute of “Al-khafiz,” which the scholars translate as “The Humbler,” “The Humiliator,” “The Abaser.”

The **Holy Qur’an** asks the question, “Can you find any crookedness in Allah’s creation? This tells us that even if there is, we cannot find it. Only He Who is Wise enough to have created it know all there is to know about it. And if He wants to perfect it, only He can. If He wishes to destroy it and bring in a new creation, only He can do it.

Again, as I wrote in the Study Guide, Humility is that quality or characteristic of the heart that causes one to see oneself in true perspective. It is one of the qualities that we

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must gain in order to bring about a better world and become redeemers of self and others.

May Allah (God) bless you to be diligent in your studies and the practical application of that which you are studying.

As-Salaam Alaikum,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Louis Farrakhan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a prominent initial 'L'.

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