

SUNDAY LECTURE STUDY GUIDE

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Nation of Islam Study Guide: Excerpts from "Pasted Text"

Quiz:

Instructions: Answer the following questions in 2-3 sentences based on the provided excerpt.

1. **What is the significance of the speaker's comparison of Master Fard Muhammad's arrival to a "love at first sight" experience?**
2. **How does the speaker characterize the state of Black people before the arrival of Master Fard Muhammad?**
3. **What specific phrase does Elijah Muhammad use to identify Master Fard Muhammad, and what is the significance of this phrase?**
4. **What anecdote does the speaker share about Minister Louis Farrakhan in a barbershop, and what lesson does it illustrate?**
5. **According to the speaker, what is the primary cause of most illnesses?**
6. **What analogy does the speaker use to illustrate the importance of developing strength and patience before breaking free from limitations?**
7. **What is the central point the speaker aims to convey by stating that "gender came up"?**
8. **According to the speaker, why is the Nation of Islam security check procedure important?**
9. **How does the speaker compare the experience of attending study groups to indulging in vices?**
10. **What does the speaker suggest individuals do when someone approaches them with gossip or negativity?**

Answer Key:

1. The "love at first sight" comparison highlights the immediate recognition and profound connection Elijah Muhammad felt upon encountering Master Fard Muhammad's teachings. This suggests the fulfillment of a deep longing and the arrival of a long-awaited guide.

2. Black people are described as being in a state of death - not physical death, but spiritual, social, economic, and political death. This emphasizes the depth of their oppression and the seeming impossibility of their situation.
3. Elijah Muhammad says, "I know who you are." This statement signifies a certainty and depth of understanding beyond mere speculation, pointing to Master Fard Muhammad's true identity and mission.
4. The speaker recounts Minister Farrakhan advising against gossip by asking if the gossip would edify anyone involved. This emphasizes the destructive nature of idle talk and encourages constructive communication.
5. The speaker claims that 99% of illnesses are thought-driven, highlighting the connection between mental state and physical well-being. This underscores the importance of positive thinking and self-image.
6. The speaker compares individuals to baby birds trapped in shells, needing to develop strong beaks before hatching. This analogy stresses the importance of cultivating inner strength and patience before breaking free from limitations and achieving true independence.
7. By stating "gender came up," the speaker emphasizes the equality of men and women in their inherent divinity and capabilities. This challenges traditional hierarchies and highlights women's crucial role in societal progress.
8. The speaker explains that the security check ensures safety and prevents disruptions during meetings. This highlights the potential for strong emotional responses to truth and the importance of creating a secure environment for learning and reflection.
9. The speaker compares attending study groups to indulging in vices, highlighting the addictive nature of truth and its ability to create a desire for more. This encourages consistent engagement with the teachings.
10. The speaker suggests directly confronting those who spread negativity, urging them to consider the potential harm of their words. This encourages accountability and promotes a culture of mutual respect and upliftment.

Essay Questions:

1. Analyze the speaker's use of biblical references and religious language in conveying their message about Master Fard Muhammad and Elijah Muhammad. How do these references contribute to the speaker's overall argument?
2. Examine the speaker's description of the relationship between Elijah Muhammad and Master Fard Muhammad. What insights does this description offer into the Nation of Islam's understanding of mentorship and spiritual guidance?
3. The speaker emphasizes the importance of positive thinking and self-image. Discuss the implications of this concept within the context of the Nation of Islam's teachings and goals for Black empowerment.

4. Analyze the speaker's use of the "dead Black man and woman" metaphor. How does this imagery function within the broader narrative of Black liberation and the Nation of Islam's role in achieving it?
5. The speaker suggests that individuals have a responsibility to confront negativity and promote a culture of upliftment. Discuss the challenges and potential rewards of enacting this responsibility within personal relationships and broader society.

Glossary of Key Terms:

- **Master Fard Muhammad:** Recognized as the founder of the Nation of Islam, believed by members to be Allah (God) in person.
- **The Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad:** Leader of the Nation of Islam from 1934 to 1975, considered a prophet and messenger by members.
- **Minister Louis Farrakhan:** Current leader of the Nation of Islam, known for his powerful oratory and activism.
- **Mufti:** An Islamic scholar who interprets and expounds Islamic law.
- **Divest:** To rid oneself of something.
- **Edify:** To instruct or improve someone morally or intellectually.
- **Naysayers:** People who habitually express negative or pessimistic views.
- **Optimal being:** Achieving one's full potential, both spiritually and physically.
- **Rostrum:** A raised platform for public speaking.

This study guide provides a framework for understanding the main ideas and arguments presented in the provided excerpt. Engaging with the quiz, essay questions, and glossary will further solidify comprehension and encourage deeper reflection on the Nation of Islam's teachings as presented in this lecture.

STUDENT IN THE MINISTRY LINDA MUHAMMAD

Submitting to the Will of Allah: A Study Guide

Quiz:

Instructions: Answer the following questions in 2-3 sentences based on the provided excerpt.

1. **According to Student Minister Linda Muhammad, who is Master Fard Muhammad and what is his significance?**
2. **How does Student Minister Linda Muhammad connect Master Fard Muhammad to the Honorable Elijah Muhammad?**

3. **What is the role of the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan, according to Student Minister Linda Muhammad?**
4. **Explain the two key definitions of "submit" and "will" presented by Student Minister Linda Muhammad.**
5. **According to the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan, how does one strengthen their inner voice of Allah?**
6. **What does the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan mean by "the will that is within you is God's gift"?**
7. **Explain the analogy of the "Wizard of Oz" in relation to the will of God, as used by the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan.**
8. **According to the excerpt, what is the consequence of choosing to exercise free will instead of submitting to Allah's will?**
9. **How does Student Minister Linda Muhammad relate the story of Moses and Pharaoh to the concept of submitting to Allah's will?**
10. **What is the ultimate reason, as explained in the excerpt, for Allah choosing Black people to form a nation?**

Answer Key:

1. Master Fard Muhammad is presented as God in the Person, who appeared to save those lost in North America. He is the one who taught the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.
2. Student Minister Linda Muhammad states that Master Fard Muhammad taught the Honorable Elijah Muhammad "face to face," implying a direct lineage of knowledge and authority. She further suggests that Elijah Muhammad has ascended to become God.
3. The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan is presented as the current leader, the "Jesus now Messiah," acting as the door to the teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.
4. "Submit" is defined as yielding to the will of Allah and accepting His authority. "Will" refers to the faculty of making conscious and deliberate decisions, implying a choice in aligning one's will with Allah's.
5. The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan states that feeding on truth and seeking right guidance from Allah strengthens the inner voice, allowing it to potentially develop into the mind of God within oneself.
6. This statement emphasizes that the capacity for willpower is a divine gift from Allah, implying that it should be used to follow His path.
7. The "Wizard of Oz" analogy highlights that while outward appearances might suggest grandeur, the true power lies in the unseen force behind it, which in this context is equated to the will of God.

8. Choosing free will over submission to Allah's will can lead to regret, disappointment, and dissatisfaction, ultimately resulting in difficulties and problems as one deviates from the straight path.
9. Student Minister Linda Muhammad draws a parallel between Pharaoh's refusal to free the Israelites and the potential resistance individuals might have towards submitting to Allah's will, emphasizing that defying Allah's will ultimately leads to downfall.
10. Allah chose Black people due to their undeserved suffering, aiming to elevate them from nothingness and establish a nation that reflects His glory.

Essay Questions:

1. Analyze the significance of lineage and authority within the Nation of Islam, as depicted in the provided excerpt. How does Student Minister Linda Muhammad establish this lineage, and what is its importance in relation to the concept of submitting to Allah's will?
2. Explore the multifaceted definition of "will" as presented in the excerpt. How do both free will and submission to Allah's will factor into the discussion of spiritual growth and achieving peace?
3. Critically examine the excerpt's portrayal of the United States government. How does Student Minister Linda Muhammad utilize historical and religious references to convey her message about the relationship between Black people in America and Allah's will?
4. Discuss the role of fear in the excerpt. How does fear hinder submission to Allah's will, and what solutions are offered by Student Minister Linda Muhammad and the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan?
5. Analyze the concept of "justifying one's existence" as presented in the excerpt. How does Student Minister Linda Muhammad connect this idea to the teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and the overall message of submitting to Allah's will?

Glossary of Key Terms:

- **Master Fard Muhammad:** Considered by the Nation of Islam to be God in Person, who appeared in North America to redeem Black people.
- **Honorable Elijah Muhammad:** The leader of the Nation of Islam who received teachings directly from Master Fard Muhammad.
- **Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan:** The current leader of the Nation of Islam, seen as the guide to the teachings of Elijah Muhammad.
- **Submit:** To yield completely to the will of Allah, accepting His authority and guidance.
- **Will:** The faculty of making conscious and deliberate choices; in this context, aligning one's will with Allah's.
- **Inner Voice of Allah:** The inherent guidance within each individual that can be strengthened through seeking truth and right guidance from Allah.

- **Free Will:** The capacity for humans to make independent choices, which can either be aligned with or opposed to Allah's will.
- **Straight Path:** The righteous path in life that aligns with Allah's will, leading to peace and fulfillment.
- **Propheesied Time:** The period of suffering endured by Black people, interpreted as a necessary stage before their liberation by Allah.
- **Nation of Islam:** A religious and social movement founded in the United States, focused on the upliftment and empowerment of Black people.