

STUDY GUIDE

LECTURE: TRUST IN ALLAH

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KEYNOTE:

STUDENT IN THE MINISTRY DAVID HASAN

SUMMARY

This lecture provides a roadmap for navigating modern upheaval through **trust in God**, **self-improvement**, and the **knowledge of self**.

Student Minister Joseph Muhammad opens the service by addressing the pervasive **stress and anxiety** of modern times, which he identifies as the Quranic "**shock of the hour**". He notes that global trauma is amplified by climate impacts, economic tariffs, and the unsettling influence of social media and Al. To counter this imbalance, Joseph introduces the "**Refuge Prayer**" as a spiritual mechanism to find peace amidst chaos. He offers the insight that God allows us to undergo stress not to break us, but to manifest the divine gifts and nature He has placed within us.

Keynote speaker **Student Minister David Hasan** focuses on the **evolution of man into God**, urging the audience to move away from "spooky" religious concepts and toward the **reality of God as a man**. He asserts that the **"greatest mistake"** of the Black man in America is failing to think for himself while instead seeking the validation and love of his former slave masters. Hasan posits that **unity can solve 95% of our problems**, yet this unity is only possible once individuals achieve a knowledge of their true origin as direct descendants of the Creator. A central pillar of his message is the necessity of the **"death of the ego"** as a prerequisite for spiritual growth.

Student Regional Minister Rodney Muhammad concludes the lecture by reinforcing the need for **moral evaluation** over political or military might. He provides historical context for why the Honorable Elijah Muhammad called for a **fast in December**, explaining that it serves to separate the community from the "**spiritual darkness**" and commercial traps of a holiday season designed to stimulate human desires for profit. Rodney further interprets the scriptural "**pale horse**" as a representation of a **beast-like intelligence** that is fundamentally opposed to the will of God and spreads "death" wherever it goes. The lecture ends with a celebration of the community's progress, specifically the official approval of **Brotherhood Day** as a nonprofit organization.

Study Guide: Student In The Ministry Joseph Muhammad

- I. Why does Allah send messengers to the human family? Allah sends a messenger, warner, or prophet whenever the human family strays or falls from its "lofty position". This is considered an act of mercy that occurs before He brings total destruction as a consequence of human disobedience.
- 2. Who is the "Georgia born giant" mentioned by Joseph Muhammad, and what was his unique responsibility? He refers to the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad, describing him as the greatest human being in history. He was tasked with the unique responsibility of raising the "dead" Black man and woman back to the pinnacle of success.
- 3. How does the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan influence Joseph Muhammad's view of religion? Minister Farrakhan is described as the man on the scene today who is **removing the "scales"** from Joseph's eyes. He helps Joseph understand religion from a **realistic rather than a "spooky" standpoint**, teaching that God is not a "spook or spirit," and neither is man.
- 4. What is the "check procedure" at the mosque, and why is it considered a "science"? The check procedure is a science of self-evaluation that should be performed before even leaving home to ensure one is "upright". It is used at the temple because the "weight of truth" can be difficult to process, and the ministry wants to ensure no one acts in an unstable manner due to a lack of understanding.
- 5. How does Joseph Muhammad define "stress" in the modern era? Joseph defines stress as an imbalance between perceived demands and one's ability to cope. He identifies modern triggers for this stress—referred to

as the "shock of the hour"—including escalating climate impacts, economic tariffs, and the influence of **Al and social** media.

- 6. According to Joseph Muhammad, why does Allah allow us to undergo trials and stress? He teaches that while it may seem Allah is doing something to us, He is actually doing it for us. These trials are a mathematical necessity used to manifest the "gift" He has placed within our nature, which can only be revealed under the pressure of this world.
- 7. What is the purpose of the "Refuge Prayer" introduced during the lecture? The Refuge Prayer is a tool used to balance out spiritual imbalances caused by the world. Through it, one seeks protection from anxiety, grief, lack of strength, laziness, cowardice, and being overpowered by debt or the oppression of men.

Study Guide: Student In The Ministry David Hasan

- I. According to Student Minister David Hasan, what is the most vital question that religions often fail to agree on? The most important question is "Who is God?". Hasan explains that while the world is divided over whether God is a man, a spirit, or an invisible force, the Holy Quran and the coming of Master Fard Muhammad clarify that God is a real being with shape, form, and dimension.
- 2. What does Hasan identify as the "greatest mistake" of Black people in America? Drawing from the teachings of the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad, Hasan states that the greatest mistake is failing to think for self first. He notes that many Black people mistakenly seek the love and validation of their former slave masters instead of focusing on their own divine potential.
- 3. How much of the community's problems can be solved through unity? Hasan asserts that unity would solve 95% of the community's problems. He explains that unity is the "straight path" that frees people from their enemies and brings them back to life.
- 4. Why did Master Fard Muhammad come to teach "do for self" rather than just changing physical conditions? He came to provide the education necessary for people to help themselves because, as a result of slavery, Black people were made "mental slaves" who did not know how to build for their own future. Consequently, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad's mission was to build the foundations of a nation, not just a religion.
- 5. What is the significance of the "grease fire" analogy used in the lecture? Hasan uses this analogy to illustrate that zeal without knowledge is dangerous. Just as throwing water on a grease fire causes an explosion because oil and water do not mix, trying to solve community problems without a knowledge of history, the enemy, and the "science of God" can lead to further destruction.
- 6. What does Hasan teach regarding the actual birth date of Jesus? He mentions that the Honorable Elijah Muhammad taught that Jesus was actually born in September. He cites the scriptural evidence of sheep grazing at the time of the birth, which would not have been possible in the winter climate of December.
- 7. How does David Hasan define the "savage"? A savage is defined as someone who has lost the knowledge of himself and is consequently living a "beast life". This loss of self-knowledge leads to people acting "animal-like" toward one another through envy and distrust.
- 8. What is the "death of the ego" and why is it necessary? Hasan explains that the death of the ego is a prerequisite to becoming God. The ego is a barrier that prevents individuals from seeing their own faults, as it always seeks to blame others ("him," "her," or "them") rather than practicing self-analysis and self-correction.

- 9. What is the "original man" according to the lecture's teachings? The original man is the Asiatic Black man, the maker and owner of civilization and the "cream of the planet Earth". Hasan posits that being a direct descendant of God puts the Black man back on a divine evolutionary course.
- 10. Why does Hasan reject the theory of Darwinism? He rejects the idea that humans descended from monkeys, calling it a lie that has a negative effect on the human mind. He argues that the human being is the "glory of God" and the greatest of His creations, not a byproduct of lower animals.
- II. How is the human journey compared to a seed in the earth? Hasan compares the human spirit to a seed planted in darkness. Just as a seed must crack and push through the "rubbish" of the soil to reach for the sun that called it forth, humans must rise through the darkness of ignorance to return to their divine source.
- 12. What should be the ultimate goal of a believer's self-improvement? The goal is to move beyond "spooky" religious concepts and strive to be like Allah God. Hasan teaches that because man is made in God's image and likeness, we should exercise the "God within" to master our own lives and environments.

Study Guide: Regional Student Minister Rodney Muhammad

- I. How does Student Regional Minister Rodney Muhammad describe the historical impact of the "script" placed upon Black people in America? He explains that Black people were brought to America under a script that was never intended for them to value themselves. He notes that for 400 years, effort was spent ensuring that Black people were anything but equal to white people.
- 2. According to Rodney Muhammad, what is the "great equaliser" for the human family? He identifies God as the "great equalizer" and encourages individuals to turn to a force that has the power to make them equal. He asserts that real betterment requires making a demand on oneself in the name of God.
- 3. What is Rodney Muhammad's definition of true equality in a professional or commercial sense? He argues that one is not equal to another man simply because that man provided a job in his company. Instead, true equality is only achieved when an individual possesses and operates a company of their own.
- 4. What was the historical significance of the boycott led by Medgar Evers in 1963? The boycott, which was 99% successful among Black people in Mississippi, was so effective that it "crushed" the white business world. Rodney Muhammad notes that Evers was eventually murdered not just for voter registration efforts, but because of the severe economic damage he caused to those commercial centers.
- 5. Why did the Honorable Elijah Muhammad choose December as the specific time for fasting? He called for the fast in December to help his followers successfully separate themselves from "spiritual darkness". Rodney Muhammad explains that it was intended to prevent the community from worshipping a "dead prophet" during a month characterized by commercial stimulation, reckless living, and moral deficiency.
- 6. What does the "X" in "Xmas" represent mathematically and spiritually in the lecture? In mathematics, "X" is a symbol representing an **unknown quality and quantity**. Spiritually, Rodney Muhammad suggests that "Xmas" shows that the masses have gathered to worship that which they do not know.
- 7. How does Rodney Muhammad interpret the "pale horse" mentioned in scripture? He interprets the pale horse not as a four-legged animal, but as a **person in human form** who has not developed beyond the level of a beast. He explains that "death" is the rider of this horse, meaning that this beast-like intelligence is fundamentally opposed to the will of God and spreads death wherever it goes.

- 8. Why is the consumption of horse meat forbidden according to the teachings? The Honorable Elijah Muhammad forbade eating horse meat because the horse is considered the most intelligent among domestic beasts. Rodney Muhammad explains that out of respect for this high level of intelligence, the flesh of the horse should not be eaten.
- 9. What is the significance of the serpent symbol found in medical facilities? Rodney Muhammad relates this to the "Scepter of Moses Law," noting that the serpent wrapped around the scepter at clinics represents the **poison** found within those facilities. He asserts that medicine itself is a form of poison that can take a life if not used correctly.
- 10. What is meant by "moral evaluation" in the context of global affairs? Rodney Muhammad teaches that every kingdom is currently being weighed in the balance based on a moral evaluation by God. This evaluation is not based on political sagacity or military might, but on the ability to do right in a world that is "hell bent on doing wrong".