

The Transition to 2026: Moving from Understanding to Action

Evolution of the Mission: Maturing into the Mind of God

STUDY GUIDE

LECTURE: MATURING INTO THE MIND OF GOD

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SUMMARY

This lecture, recorded on the final meeting of 2025, features a powerful two-part presentation centered on spiritual vigilance and the evolution of divine leadership.

Opening Minister: Student In The Ministry Joseph Muhammad

Student In The Ministry Joseph Muhammad opens the session by urging the audience to reflect on their growth as they transition into 2026. He emphasizes the **importance of humility**, citing the "check procedure" at the mosque as a sign that a person has the discipline to allow themselves to be guided. Drawing from the teachings of the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan, he warns against the dangers of **"hypocrisy and conspiracy,"** asking the audience to consider if they are unknowingly facilitating their own downfall by keeping "bad company".

Key highlights from his address include:

- **The Power of Fellowship:** Using an analogy from Malcolm X, he explains that like coals in a fire, believers stay "hot" and strong only when they remain together; once removed from the brotherhood, their spiritual fire goes out.
- **The Final Call:** He identifies *The Final Call* newspaper as a critical tool for staying connected to divine truth in real-time.
- **Internal Battle:** He reminds the audience that the "devil" they must truly work to overcome is the one of **ignorance sitting inside themselves.**

Keynote Minister: Student Regional Minister Rodney Muhammad

Student Regional Minister Rodney Muhammad delivers a profound lecture on the **theology of the "Helper"** and the maturation of the Nation of Islam's mission. He utilizes the Quranic and Biblical account of Moses asking God to **"expand my breast"** to explain the need for increased inspiration and understanding to meet the demands of an expanded mission.

Key highlights from his address include:

- **The Evolution of the Mission:** He explains that a true helper, like Minister Farrakhan, does not simply repeat or "duplicate" the work of the founder but **complements and builds upon the foundation** to bring the mission to fruition.
- **Moving Beyond "Baby Language":** Minister Rodney challenges the believers to move past an "immature understanding" of the teachings, noting that initial lessons were often given in "pictures" that must now be unraveled to find the deeper principles of truth.
- **Spiritual Electricity:** He describes the words of divine guidance as the **highest form of electrical energy**, serving as a "jump start" for those whose spiritual and moral batteries have been drained by the world.
- **Call to Purpose:** As the year ends, he encourages everyone to find a **life purpose**, stating that a human being should not live without a reason to wake up every morning.

To understand the necessity of this spiritual evolution, think of **the growth of a tree**: the roots (the foundation) are essential and unchanging, but if the branches do not continually reach higher and expand toward the sun (the expanded mission), the tree will never bear the fruit it was destined to produce.

Study Guide: Student In The Ministry Joseph Muhammad

1. Why does Student Minister Joseph Muhammad find it significant that Master Fard Muhammad came to America himself?

◦ **Answer:** He emphasizes that Master Fard Muhammad broke traditional methods by coming in person rather than sending a messenger or prophet. This act places a "tremendous emphasis" on the **value and importance of the people** in the diaspora to God Himself.

2. How does the Minister define a state that is "worse than death"?

◦ **Answer:** He describes being kept alive artificially by **breathing apparatuses, wires, and tubes** as a state worse than death. In contrast, he explains that actual death is simply like "going to sleep and not having those dreams".

3. What does the "check procedure" at the mosque signify regarding a believer's personal growth?

◦ **Answer:** The check procedure is described as a test of **humility**. Submitting to the procedure shows that a person has grown from a past of reactionary behavior to a present where they have the discipline to allow themselves to be guided and respected within the mosque structure.

4. According to the lecture, what is the primary spiritual value of reading *The Final Call* newspaper?

◦ **Answer:** The Minister states that "God is in this paper," and reading its words is equivalent to **God talking directly to the reader**, much like reading the Holy Quran. It serves as a tool to stay informed of modern events in real-time so that believers are not "swayed or dismayed" by the enemy's media.

5. In the context of "Study Guide 17," what are the definitions provided for "facilitation"?

◦ **Answer:** To facilitate means to make a process **easier or less difficult** or to help forward an action. Psychologically, it refers to the lowering of resistance in a neural pathway; more generally, it means making something free from difficulty.

6. Where does Joseph Muhammad suggest the "devil" is located that believers must work hardest to overcome?

◦ **Answer:** He suggests that instead of looking outward, believers must realize the devil they need to "kill" is **inside themselves**. He identifies this internal enemy as **ignorance** and the dissatisfaction one feels when they think God is being too slow to provide rewards.

7. What analogy is used to explain the necessity of staying in fellowship with the Brotherhood?

◦ **Answer:** Drawing from an analogy once told to him by Malcolm X, he compares believers to **coals in a fire**. When coals are grouped together, they help each other stay hot, but if a single coal is removed and left alone in the world, its fire will eventually go out.

To understand the Minister's point on the danger of bad company, think of a **smart device's battery**: even if you aren't actively using a "bad" app, just having it open in the background can silently drain your power until you find yourself unable to function when you need it most.

Study Guide: Regional Student Minister Rodney Muhammad

1. 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.

11. **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

1. What does it mean for a leader or helper to have their "breast expanded"?

◦ **Answer:** Drawing from the prayer of Moses, Minister Rodney Muhammad explains that an expanded breast allows a person to take in more "oxygen," which symbolizes receiving greater **inspiration, understanding, and power**. This expansion is necessary to grant a leader the broader compassion and sensitivity required for an **expanded mission**.

2. How does the Minister define "baby language" in a religious context?

◦ **Answer:** He identifies "baby language" as an **immature understanding** of divine words. While initial teachings often use "pictures" to reach people who are "in the dark," a maturing believer must move past the picture to extract the actual **principles of truth** contained within it.

3. What is the specific role of a "Helper" to a divine Messenger?

◦ **Answer:** A true helper does not simply "duplicate" or redo the foundational work already laid by the master. Instead, the helper's work **complements the initial foundation** by building upon it and bringing the mission to its full fruition in an expanded way.

4. According to the lecture, who or what is the "chief devil" that must be overcome?

◦ **Answer:** Minister Rodney Muhammad states that while people often focus on external enemies, **ignorance is the greatest enemy** and the "chief devil". As consciousness and knowledge increase, external threats lose their power to menace the believer.

5. How is divine guidance compared to "electricity" in this lecture?

◦ **Answer:** He describes the words of God as the **highest form of electrical energy**. He suggests that when a person's spiritual or moral batteries are "dead," listening to divine guidance acts as a **"jump start,"** provided the listener is "plugged into" the current of the teacher.

6. Why do some followers "fall off" or stop following a leader as time progresses?

◦ **Answer:** This happens because the leader is **constantly evolving** through different stages—from a "seminal" stage to a "clot" or "child" stage, and finally to maturity. If a helper or follower does not **evolve along the same lines**, a gap develops between their old understanding and the leader's new phase of development.

7. What is the difference between "believing" in God and "knowing" God?

◦ **Answer:** The Minister teaches that God did not come simply to be believed in, but to be **made known**. He argues that a "wide awake man" is one who knows God, and once a person truly *knows*, they can no longer be talked out of their conviction or become a disbeliever.

8. What does the "Mirror of Truth" represent for the believer?

◦ **Answer:** The "mirror of truth" allows a person to see the "spots" or effects that 400 years of "spiritual sleep" have had on them. However, he notes that while the mirror can **reveal the condition**, it cannot remove the spots; the believer must personally apply the **self-improvement study course** to change themselves.

9. What is the significance of "constitutional fitness" for a divine mission?

◦ **Answer:** He explains that a leader is often chosen thousands of years before birth and formed in the womb under specific circumstances. This equips them with the **basic material and constitution** (physical, spiritual, and psychological) necessary to handle the "burden" of their specific assignment without breaking.

10. How does Minister Rodney Muhammad describe the "Man of Fire"?

◦ **Answer:** He refers to the current power structure as a "man of fire" that seeks to control "fire" through agencies like the ATF (Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms). He argues that this "fire" exists in the atmosphere and in human relations as **anger and road rage**, which can only be balanced by the "spiritual oxygen" of divine understanding.

11. What is the "transition period" between 2025 and 2026 described as?

◦ **Answer:** It is described as a period of being "**in between**"—where something has ended but the new thing hasn't fully started yet. He warns that this is a "dangerous" time because people often make **rash judgments** based on a person's transitional state rather than what they are moving to become.

12. What is the Minister's final advice for finding personal fulfillment in the New Year?

◦ **Answer:** He urges everyone to **find a life purpose**, stating that a human being should not live without one. Having a purpose fills the "emptiness" in life and provides a concrete **reason for waking up** every morning.