The Architecture of Resurrection

Self-Improvement, the Basis for Community Development

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Opening. Student in the Ministry David Hassan explains what we mean by "divine Messiah" and "Muslim," then asks the Minister's question: what are we doing with God's time? From Holy Qur'an Surah 103 he teaches that belief is joined to doing good. "You don't need permission to do good. Good is already in your seed."

Lecture — Student in the Ministry Linda Muhammad, "How Strong Is Our Faith?". We were only asked for faith as a grain of mustard seed, but no one can borrow it. She warns against going to God on our own terms, teaches that Allah gives what we need rather than what we want, and shows faith in action from Noah's ark to the Million Man March.

Keynote — Student in the Ministry Joseph Muhammad, "The Architecture of Resurrection: Self-Improvement, the Basis for Community Development". He traces the study guides to the scroll the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan saw on the Wheel and anchors the course in Surah 96: read in the name of your Lord. Any community development that doesn't begin with transforming the individual is doomed to collapse, and material growth without moral growth builds "a sophisticated graveyard." He walks through self-examination, self-analysis and self-correction, the distorted self-image behind the violence in our streets, and Study Guide 19B, the key to the kingdom of God. Reading the Minister's 1987 letter "We Must Study," he calls everyone to the Friday study group: "Tell death to take a vacation. We can't die now. We are too ignorant."

Close. Brother Joseph gives the invitation. Student Regional Minister Rodney Muhammad takes up the offering for a building where our children can learn, announces the Nov. 14 program on Fidel Castro at Mother Bethel Church with Student Minister Abel Muhammad, and introduces next Sunday's guest, Brother Salaam. Brother David closes with announcements and prayer.



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SPEAKERS

Student in the Ministry
David Hassan
Opening

Student in the Ministry
Linda Muhammad
Lecture

Student in the Ministry
Joseph Muhammad
Keynote

Student Regional Minister
Rodney Muhammad
Offering and announcements

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STUDY GUIDE: STUDENT IN THE MINISTRY DAVID HASSAN AND LINDA MUHAMMAD

5 QUESTIONS

1 What does Student in the Ministry David Hassan mean by "divine Messiah"?

"Divine" only means of God and from God. We've been taught that God is something spooky and invisible, yet scripture says man was made in His likeness and the Qur'an speaks of "the person of thy Lord." So the Messiah is "a man in whom is the indwelling spirit of God, a man raised by God, taught by God, and sent by God," and for over 90 years the Nation of Islam has taught that God is a man.

2 How does Brother David answer the Minister's question, "What are we doing with God's time?"

Surah 103 says man is in loss except those who believe and do good, and enjoin truth and patience. Belief and doing good are joined by a conjunction, so "you cannot say you believe and then don't do good." Once you know the truth, you can't shut your door while people die for lack of knowledge. "You don't need permission to do good. Good is already in your seed."

3 Why does Student in the Ministry Linda Muhammad say faith can't be borrowed?

We were only asked for faith as a grain of mustard seed, but faith isn't bought and returned or borrowed like a cup of sugar. When the hypocrites in the Holy Qur'an asked the believers to wait so they could borrow their light, they were told to turn back and seek a light. "Don't try to stand on my faith. You and I must build faith for ourselves."

4 What does Sister Linda warn about going to God on our own terms?

We say "I woke up this morning" as though we did it without Allah, who takes our souls at night and sends back those He has not decreed to die. When a prayer isn't answered, we decide God couldn't do it, when we should ask whether it was in accordance with His will. Allah gives what we need, not necessarily what we want: "it may be that you dislike a thing while it is good for you."

5 How is faith built and proven, according to Sister Linda?

The Minister teaches that faith is a gift God gives every human being, but like a mustard seed "it must be fed" until it becomes the construct of your life. Even a hungry baby shows faith. Noah built an ark on dry land, Abraham's love for God outweighed his love for his son, and the Minister's call for a million men couldn't be called back. "When we put our complete faith and trust and hope in Him, you will never be disappointed."

STUDY GUIDE: STUDENT IN THE MINISTRY JOSEPH MUHAMMAD (KEYNOTE)

12 QUESTIONS

1

How did Master Fard Muhammad choose the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, and what does it teach us?

The eloquent ministers in the class straightened their jackets, sure they'd be chosen, but Master Fard Muhammad looked to the back of the room and asked, "Will you accept Kareem?" He was looking for a man with enough of the right substance to receive his mind and "not break, not falter, nor leave his post." God knew what He had deposited in His man.

2

How was the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan called to the Honorable Elijah Muhammad's seat?

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad asked, "Brother, what you doing over there behind the sycamore tree?" and called him up front, "here, in my seat." The Minister felt the daggers of envy as he walked up. Brother Joseph adds that in the Nation of Islam nobody volunteers for a post; someone asks "are you fit for duty?" and you answer "yes, sir."

3

Where did the self-improvement study guides come from?

After his vision-like experience on the Wheel, the Minister said a scroll rolled down before his eyes in cursive writing while the Honorable Elijah Muhammad spoke to him, and he believed it was deposited in his mind and heart. The study guides followed, so they aren't "some concoction of a brother who loves us"; they come from God. Study group is every Friday.

4

What does "improvement" mean, and why must it start with us?

Improvement is making something better, a change to a state superior to the one before, and no one in the room claimed to have arrived. "A lot of the problems that we have, it's not somebody else, it's us." When we look in the mirror of truth and see ourselves, the problems around us start to change.

5

Why does Brother Joseph anchor the lecture in Surah 96, Al-'Alaq?

Its first command, "Read in the name of your Lord who creates," is not just about ink and paper but a command to decode reality, examine the self, and rise from a clot through divine knowledge. The pen represents accountability, memory and structured thought. So any community development that doesn't begin with educating, purifying and transforming the individual "is an artificial construct doomed to collapse."

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What does Brother Joseph say about the education of our children?

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad called the schools "the killing field" and said the fall of America would show in the destruction of its educational system. Parents spend thousands on graduations for children who can't read, or can't understand what they read. The Minister says our people must be re-educated.

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Why is the Minister not in favor of a reparations check?

"If your mind isn't right, in two years or less you'll be broke anyway," and the Honorable Elijah Muhammad said the same, adding "if not dead," from trying to live like the rich and famous. The enemy has made us believe more money means more success, yet many people with money are unhappy and on drugs "because their spirit is broken." Self-improvement is the answer to our broken-heartedness.

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What is the "sophisticated graveyard"?

In his 1986 introductory letter, the Minister warns that horizontal growth (farms, factories, banks and homes) without vertical growth in morality creates a sophisticated graveyard. Brother Joseph links it to narcissism, "I got mine," and to the Minister's teaching that no leader can rise above the condition of his people. He says every politician needs self-improvement to see past the scales of selfishness.

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What are the stages of transformation, and why is pain part of the process?

Self-examination, self-analysis and self-correction quicken the self-accusing spirit, and practice refines the theory. By the law of usage, "if you don't use it, you lose it." People quit yoga or boxing once they see the work involved, but we came here through the pain of birth, and "it's only through pain that we can grow and develop to the next stages."

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How does a distorted self-image lead to the violence in our streets?

We wouldn't be killing each other if we had a proper view of ourselves. Allah created Himself in triple darkness, and the womb repeats that process, so the Honorable Elijah Muhammad said that when he looks at a black man or woman, he's looking at God. But we're told from home to school that we "ain't nothing," which is "sticking a needle in the brain of a child." The vices the course maps out (fear, insecurity, vanity, pride, envy, lust, anger and greed) destabilize families and drive community violence.

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What is Study Guide 19B, "The Key to the Kingdom of God"?

It completes Volume One and is anchored by the opening letter of the late Student Minister Ava Muhammad, who taught that knowledge is lifeless without execution. It teaches that the kingdom of God is an internal state of total submission to God's will. Clearing out the vices of chapters 1–9 prepares us to serve as "an active instrument of Allah's creative will."

12

What does the Minister's 1987 letter "We Must Study" require of us?

Each day we must ask: did we read a newspaper or a book of value, perfect a skill, help someone, or waste time on soap operas and play? If we wasted it, "we are living yet dead." The Minister wrote that "no excuse will be accepted from any of us for absence from this course of study" and told the believers, "Tell death to take a vacation. We can't die now. We are too ignorant." Brother Joseph adds Minister Jabril's warning: "If you don't study, you will turn hypocrite."