

In the name of Allah
THE BLACK GOD:
Lord of all worlds
AN ANTHOLOGY OF TRUTH



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The Original Man is God



The Original Woman is the Earth



*...The BABIES are the
Greatest*



Introduction

Peace,

Shortly before completing my doctoral dissertation, I envisioned assembling a book of information that could change the world...and if not change the world, change a community...and if not change a community, change a mind. If you learn something –anything- from this text, then it was worth it.

This anthology is simply a collection of essays from individuals who know how to keep it simple and teach it real. The purpose of this work is to enlighten original people from here in Atlanta, Georgia to as far as this book will make it.

If you're not sure about whether you're the type of individual who would benefit from reading this anthology, I'll give you a few hints on how to tell.

This book is meant for you if:

- ☐ You've always been intelligent, but hated school because they only teach bullshit.
- ☐ You've questioned your religion, or abandoned it altogether because it didn't make sense.
- ☐ You see the injustices and wrongs going on all around you, and it's driving you nuts.
- ☐ You want to change something in the world or in yourself, but haven't figured out how.
- ☐ You know you're not just another "nigga."
- ☐ You're trying to turn your life around, but without church or the military!
- ☐ You're not waiting on Jesus to come back and save you.
- ☐ You wonder why other people are such followers and hypocrites.
- ☐ You know there's more to life than *this*.
- ☐ You're ALWAYS questioning things.

If you answered "yeah" to *any* of these questions, then do yourself a favor and read this from cover to cover. If nothing in here sparks your mind, either you know it all already, or you're braindead. More likely though, you're going to want to seriously pursue getting the Knowledge of Self after you read this. These essays are a reflection of what we teach. The authors are representations of what our culture produces. In this culture, everyone from the teenagers to the college students to the drug dealers and killers becomes God. Sure, it takes time. But if you've ever met a True and Living God, you know this ain't no game. We don't produce no suckas or fruitcakes. We produce strong, intelligent, dedicated men, and righteous, sincere, beautiful women. Be one. If you answered yes to the items above, it's already you anyway.

Finally, the life-giving teachings of the Nation of Gods and Earths are found in their purest form in two mediums: (1) from the mouths of actual Gods and Earths themselves, and (2) in our Lessons. If you want to seriously undertake the study of yourself and the world as it really is, contact the Gods and Earths in your city. If there's no contact information at the end of this book, finding Gods and Earths is as easy as doing a search on the Internet or Myspace.

Peace,

Dr. Supreme Understanding Allah

What We Teach

1. That Black people are the original people of the planet earth.
2. That Black people are the fathers and mothers of civilization.
3. That the science of Supreme Mathematics is the key to understanding man's relationship to the universe.
4. Islam is a natural way of life, not a religion.
5. That education should be fashioned to enable us to be self sufficient as a people.
6. That each one should teach one according to their knowledge.
7. That the Blackman is God and his proper name is ALLAH. Arm, Leg, Leg, Arm, Head.
8. That our children are our link to the future and they must be nurtured, respected, loved, protected and educated.
9. That the unified Black family is the vital building block of the nation.

What We Will Achieve

1. **National Consciousness:** National Consciousness is the consciousness of our origin in this world, which is divine. As a nation of people we are the first in existence and all other peoples derived from us. National Consciousness is the awareness of the unique history and culture of Black people and the unequalled contributions we have made to world civilization, by being the fathers and mothers of civilization. National Consciousness is the awareness that we are all one people regardless to our geographical origins and that we must work and struggle as one if we are to liberate ourselves from the domination of outside forces and bring into existence a Universal Government of Love, Peace and Happiness for all the people of the planet.
2. **Community Control:** Community Control of the educational, economic, political, media and health institutions on our community. Our demand for Community Control flows naturally out of our science of life, which teaches that we are the Supreme Being in person and the sole controllers of our own destiny; thus we must have same control on the collective level that we strive to attain on the individual level. It is prerequisite to our survival that we take control of the life sustaining goods and services that every community needs in order to maintain and advance itself and advance civilization. Only when we have achieved complete Community Control will we be able to prove to the world the greatness and majesty of our Divine Culture, which is Freedom.
3. **Peace.** Peace is the absence of confusion (chaos) and the absence of confusion is Order. Law and Order is the very foundation upon which our Science of Life rest. Supreme Mathematics is the Law and Order of the Universe, this is the Science of Islam, which is Peace. Peace is Supreme Understanding between people for the benefit of the whole. We will achieve Peace, in ourselves, in our communities, in our nation and in the world. This is our ultimate goal.

PEACE

Why is the Black Man God?

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Introduction

The following booklet is a brief attempt to present and explain the godhood of the Black man for contemporary readers. I have made significant effort to limit the technical vocabulary, so as to ease the pace of reading, and to avoid clogging the passages with overly technical details and footnotes. The following arguments are summaries, and not meant to cover the immense body of knowledge and wisdom available on these topics. Although some references are provided, the reader is encouraged to seek further information on their own. Good questions produce good answers. To be fair, I have also included a few of the common counter-arguments I have heard, as well as brief responses. The reader is encouraged, above all, to read with an open mind.

The Black Man is the Original Man

It is important that we first establish that the Black man is the first man, or the original man. Several major anthropological studies have documented this widely accepted fact. All peoples descend from him, either naturally or unnaturally. Europeans have even created fake fossils like the Piltdown man to try to discredit and distort the origins of humanity and place the first man in Europe. The earliest fossils of man have been found in South Africa and East Africa. Further information can be found in *The African Origin of Civilization* by Cheikh Anta Diop. *Forbidden Archaeology: The Hidden History of the Human Race* by Michael Cremo contains a wealth of evidence detailing the earliest existence of highly-advanced humans throughout the world, far predating even the earliest accepted date of three million years ago.

Original means the origin of all that follows. In stating that the Black man is the original man, many of the references that appear in the following pages, referring to "man," can be understood to refer to the archetype of man himself, the Black man. Some authors have advocated that the true human is the hue-man, or man of color, and that mankind refers to the "kind of man" that followed.

The Black Man is the Father of Civilization

Blacks developed the first civilizations. Throughout the ancient and prehistoric world, Blacks have been the founders of all known civilizations. Examples include:

- the first dynasties of ancient China,
- the pre-Hellenic Minoan and Mycenaean civilizations which birthed ancient Greece and Rome,
- the ancient Egyptians of course,

- the pre-Semitic Chaldeans, Babylonians, Sumerians, and their other middle Eastern neighbors,
- the Kushites and other obviously Black civilizations in the continent known as Africa,
- the Olmecs, the early Mayans and other Black pre-Columbian civilizations of the Americas (including the Black Indians Columbus met upon his initial voyages here),
- the ancient Black civilizations of the Indus river valley in India,
- and the Black civilizations of ancient Europe.

Evidence of these claims can be found in, *African Presence in Early Asia* edited by Runoko Rashidi, *African Presence in Early Europe*, *African Presence in Early America*, and *They Came Before Columbus* by Ivan Van Sertima, and *The African Origin of Civilization* by Cheikh Anta Diop. Further evidence can be found on numerous articles, available on the internet, authored by Clyde Ahmad Winters or Runoko Rashidi. Much of this information, and more, should also be available online at the Global African Presence website at <http://www.cwo.com/~lucumi/runoko.html>



The Black Man is the Source of the World's Learning

Until the contemporary attempts by Europeans to discredit the capabilities of Blacks, the Black man has been regarded as surpassing all people and nations in his wisdom and intellect. Visitors from far-off lands studied among the Black teachers of Ancient Egypt in the Mystery Schools. Socrates and other Greeks regarded as the fathers of European philosophy were trained at these schools by Blacks. Plato, Socrates' student, challenged the Greek concept of God, which was in fact a Europeanized version of the Black gods of Egypt. Plato, not having met the true and living Gods himself, appeared disgruntled with the human flaws of the otherwise supreme Greek gods.

The Greeks were, until the era of Plato, still praising and worshipping the Black men of Egypt. These facts are documented in George G. M. James' *Stolen Legacy* and Martin Bernal's *Black Athena*. Examples include Zeus and Hercules, who were modeled after Osiris and Horus, and the Black god Imhotep, who is revered in the primary creed of medicine, the Hippocratic Oath.

These Black individuals were not mythical figures, but historical men of note. After Plato, the idea of a transcendent, immaterial deity became popular. This is known as Neo-Platonic thought. Most of the religious traditions of this region (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam) were influenced heavily by this way of thinking.

Other examples of the Black man's reputation as the source for the wisdom of sages are the famed Library of Alexandria in Egypt (burned by Europeans), and the Universities of Timbuktu. Also important is the learning of the Black Moors, who ruled Spain for 700 years (711-1492 AD) and taught the Europeans much of what they know now. It was in fact the Moors who brought Europe out of its Dark Ages, much as it was Blacks who brought Europeans out of the caves to teach and civilize them some four thousand years ago. Books on these topics include Ivan Van Sertima's *Golden Age of the Moor* and Paul Lawrence Guthrie's *Making of the Whiteman*.

The Black Man is the Supreme Being

All living matter is subservient to the Black man's rule. Given the premise of Darwin's theories regarding the survival of species, it is evident that all life until this point has culminated in the development of the supreme Black man, beginning with the simplest one-celled organism. All living things are bound to the universal laws of mathematics, the language in which God, as the creator, wrote the universe, and in which God, as man, speaks and lives.

The Black man is Dominant

The Black gene is dominant. Most unbiased human biology textbooks will explain this assertion in detail. The Black man's genetic legacy, even after generations of imposed race-mixed, have consistently proven him physically superior. Any observer of contemporary sports can testify to that fact. God upon designing a home for himself (the universe, and specifically the Earth), chose a supreme vehicle in which to inhabit it. Although flesh, the Black man's physical body was designed to be the original and greatest form possible. This is where the phrase "the physique of a Greek God" came from. Keep in mind that the true Greek gods were Black men from Egypt.

God is REAL, not UNREAL

The term "Supreme Being" suggests two things, one that God is Supreme, and the other, that He is actually a being that exists. In terms of beings that we can actually validate and verify, the Black man has never heard, seen, felt, tasted, or smelled anything greater than HIMSELF. While, there are things that exist that are unseen, they can be verified, even measured. We cannot see the temperature, or the wind, but there are scientific instruments we can use to document their actual existence. On the other hand, an unreal God is ascribed as the cause of very real circumstances. This defies the laws of cause and effect.

People credit God for natural disasters, but investigations can be done to determine the actual physical

or natural causes. An invisible God does not make it rain; rain is produced from a well-known process known as the water cycle. In essence, nothing can be proven to be supreme over the Black man. While believers will claim that their feeling is proof enough, people's feelings have never proven anything. People have felt the presence of ghosts, aliens, witches, warlocks, mermaids, imaginary friends, and Santa Claus. Many of these people have been very adamant, even forceful, about having others believe what they believe in. Does that prove that it is real?

The Black Man is the God of Scripture

The God of all religious traditions has been a Black man. The authors of the scriptures have recorded numerous instances where God is described either as a man (Genesis 2: 8, 18:1-3, Exodus 15:3, 24:9-11, 33:11,), as Black (Daniel 7:9, Revelation 1:15), a group of men (Genesis 3:22, 11:7), or man himself (Psalms 82:6, John 10:34). One of the words used for God in the Old Testament is Elohim, which means "Gods" in Hebrew. Actually Elohim is the plural of Eloh, a popular name for the God of the Old Testament. Eloh, or El, is merely a botched transliteration of the original Hebrew name. The vowel points were added later, changing the "A" (or Aleph) to "E" and thus turning Al or Allah into El or Eloh. This was the work of the Jewish Masoretic scribes who were given the task of rewriting (and editing) the Pentateuch by hand around the sixth century AD. This can be found in several texts on the history of the Bible.

The world Allahim, or Elohim, is also used to refer to the group of men who were regarded as the leaders of the Hebrew people, the Judges. The other popular term for God in the Old Testament is YHWH. YHWH is not meant to be pronounced as "Jehovah." YHWH, when written in Hebrew from top to bottom, represents the form of a man. This is why the tetragrammaton YHWH was referred to as the "Ineffable Name" which means it could not be said. Even today, orthodox Jews refuse to utter this name. It is because these letters do not represent a phonetic word, but pictorially represent the reality of a man, as in a hieroglyphic.

Similarly, the name Allah, which has made it from its origins among the Black Arabs of Mecca to the pre-Columbian Blacks of America AND the first Black slaves and finally to the mainstream of Blacks in America is a name best understood in the present context of Arm-Leg-Leg-Arm-Head. The name Allah was also used as the word for "man" amongst the Black people of ancient Harappan civilization in India.

The New Testament's message is clear. Jesus, a Black man (Revelation 1:15), attempts to redeliver a message of righteousness to the people. One can see, upon thorough reading of the Bible, that his message is not about praising and worshipping him (John 14:12), but about manifesting the God within and improving their lives. Jesus explains to his followers that they are Gods also (John 10:34), but to no avail. The people insist on following him and making him their God. An interesting article on Christianity and the Black Christ can be found at http://melanet.com/clegg_series/wasjesusblack.html The

fact that the God of the Bible is Black is also well documented at

http://www.allahteam.info/god_of_the_bible_is_black.htm

In the Qur'an, Allah is described as having a face that believers will see in the last days (presumably after death). The Qur'an makes mentions of Allah's "hands" being tied down, but otherwise, the Neo-Platonic influence on Islam is strong. Still, Allah makes Adam out of Black mud to be His Khalifa, or vicegerent, on Earth. A vicegerent is a successor responsible for handling the duties of his predecessor. The concept of Allah as man in early Islam is detailed in a journal article at <http://www.allahteam.info/ijmespdf.pdf>

Nearly all religious and spiritual traditions teaching the doctrine of God as man and man as God. This paradigm, however, is usually reserved for the esoteric (hidden) side of the teaching. For example, there is mainstream Christianity, and then there is Gnostic Christianity, which teaches of man as God and God as man. Islam has Sufism, Judaism has the Kaballah, Buddhism has the Hinayana school, and Hinduism has the tradition found in the Upanishads. All of these are considered the lesser-known aspect of these major traditions, and all teach that the Black man is God. Even in African religions, there is a tradition regarding the transcendent God that is removed from human affairs, and the immanent God, who is physically present, but people are not allowed to personally see him. Of course, the earlier traditions were very explicit that all of their Gods came in the form of men. Godfrey Higgins' *Anacalypsis* is an old, rare work with several references to the Black Christ, the Black Krishna (of Hinduism), the Black Buddha, the Black gods of Egypt, and other Black gods throughout the world.

Christianity, the most popular religion among American Blacks, was given to Blacks before slavery by European missionaries employed to soften up the native people's defenses. Thus the saying, "First they had the Bible and we had the land. Now we have the Bible and they have the land." Small conflicts were then magnified into fullscale wars while guns were poured into these countries. Prisoners of war and other kidnapped Blacks then became slaves for white landowners. These white landowners noticed that the Muslim slaves were always fighting back and leading rebellions. They began systematically stripping Blacks of their old culture, language, history and traditions and supplanting these with European ideals and programmed fear. Along with this, they taught their slaves Christianity to keep them pacified in hopes of one day attaining heaven after death. The slaves were told of a white Jesus, son of a white God, and the white chosen people of God. They were taught to be obedient and serve as slaves and take their beatings. If they rebelled, they'd go to hell, but if they'd submit to what was in effect hell on earth, they'd have heaven after death. Today our practice the same kind of religion on the same premise. Though white pictures of Jesus are not as popular among American Blacks as they are in Africa



(where they are the norm), the Christianity practiced is still a slave religion designed to keep the suffering and enslaved from questioning, challenging, or changing their conditions on earth.

The Black Man is the Maker and Owner of the Universe

The world's learned initiates have always regarded Blackness as the source or original of all people and all things. Dr. Richard King's *The Black Dot* explains this phenomenon. The Black man's skin typically contains of high concentrations of melanin, thus giving him a dark appearance. The brain also produces a similar chemical known as neuromelanin, which is vital to brain processing. Melanin is even present in the atmosphere and throughout the universe in the blackness of space. Research regarding this can be found at

<http://www.tightrope.it/nicolaus/melanin95.htm> People, usually Europeans, who are devoid of melanin are more likely to suffer and die from diseases like skin cancer. The first man was naturally high in melanin, and dark skin is a natural condition. White skin is an unnatural anomaly, produced by selective breeding, not nature. More information on melanin in the Black man's body can be found in *Melanin: The Chemical Key to Black Greatness* or *Melanin: A Key to Freedom*.

Before the creation of the physical universe, Allah was present as the creative intelligence that spawned itself and began developing all life and matter from an initial atom. This first ATOM, imbued with the innate intelligence of God, was Allah The Original Man. The Sun replaced this atom as the representation of the Black man until ultimately God himself could take dominion over the earth in the flesh. Intelligence still exists on a subatomic level, as is evident from experiments conducted on light particles which were able to consciously change their course. Man's sperm is consciously able to determine which direction to travel to reach the egg, without a brain. This universal, infinite intelligence is active in its highest form in the individual mind of the Black man. The Black man is the primary conduit for the intelligence that once created the universe, as he is the Creator himself. Elijah Muhammad has written about this self-creation process in depth in *The Theology of Time*. A fair approach to the issue of the universe's birth can be found in *The Left Hand of Creation* and a number of other texts on the topic.

The Modern Context

Considering the ubiquitous and inhuman attempts by Europeans to systematically destroy the Black man, it is evident that there is more to the true nature of the Black man than an ex-slave whose services are no longer needed. While Europeans have no qualms with promoting education and healthy habits among college-bound Black women, Black men have been pushed increasingly towards jails and early death. The white-led media perpetuates and promotes images of criminality and ignorance among Black youth. Black men are consistently targeted and discriminated against in nearly every American institution,

from law enforcement to education to employment. Black men are characterized as overly aggressive, mentally inferior, prone to criminal behavior and wanton violence, devoid of any moral character, and incapable of alleviating their negative circumstances. Throughout the world, the situation is the same for Black males. In regions where Blacks are the dominant population group, the whole region is usually being ravaged and decimated by war, famine, or AIDS. When these factors are still not enough to keep the Black population from growing, as was the case in Black India, birth control and forced sterilization has been implemented. The global agenda for world white supremacy is clear. The Black man, God, has been and still is the only impediment to that mission.

Is it clear yet?

COUNTER-ARGUMENTS

There is only one God, not many.

As polytheistic as it sounds to say that Black men are Gods, the statement is anything but. There is only one God, and that God is THE Black man. The Black man is a unified whole, much as the water on the earth is in reality one connected body that is split into different regions, or containers. We share a mind at its highest level. This mind is the one that designed the universe in the language of mathematics, and set the processes by which all natural systems would continue to operate. While, at our conscious level, many of us are focused on eating and talking, there is a higher level to our consciousness that functions on the wavelength of intelligent design.

It sounds racist to say the Black man is God.

God is the Original Man. The primordial man, the first physical vehicle for God's immanent presence on Earth, was a Black body. Throughout the universe, Blackness prevails as the origin of all things. Black body radiation, Black holes, and the presence of melanin in space tell us a great deal. The first humans, of course, were Black. Today, the Black man is found throughout the Earth in a variety of shades and hues. Many of them are natural descendants of the original Black genotype, while others are admixtures resulting from miscegenation with whites. Who are whites then? Paul Lawrence Guthrie, in *Making of the Whiteman*, documents the creation and exile of the white race, who would forever change the course of human and social development on this planet. Numerous theories abound as to the origins of the white race, none of them entirely plausible. The vast differences between white people and Black people could only result from selective breeding, as Darwin noted, not from any evolutionary process. And certainly not simply due to cold weather, as African Presence in Early Europe by Ivan Van Sertima documents the presence of Blacks having lived in arctic regions for thousands of years without their skin lightening. At any rate, the statement of Black Godhood is a positive statement and one of affirmation, not of condemnation of other people.

It sounds chauvinist to say the Black man is God.

Just as the Sun and Moon occupy important places and roles in the solar system, so do Man and Woman. An immense body of scientific research details the significant physical, mental, emotional, and social differences between males and females. Stating that the Black man is God is not meant to degrade or debase the Black woman, but to affirm HIS role, and not take anything away from hers. God represents the creative force in the universe. In all scriptural and mythological accounts, God somehow "impregnates" either the Earth, the celestial void, or the blackness of space, to produce life and/or the universe. The planting of the seed would be futile without the fertile soil in which to plant it. Early mythology related the woman to the Earth, the receiver and bearer of life. Many of these ancient societies eventually abandoned the worship of the Black God, the Father God, as He was described as distant and unconcerned with human affairs. Instead, the focus shifted to the Earth Mother, who was celebrated and praised for her fertility and the sustenance she provided. Today, we refer to the Black woman as a Queen, as the Mother of Civilization, and as the Earth.

There is no God.

Several authors have addressed the debate between intelligent design and the possibility that this universe, this Earth, and humanity, were the products of chance and coincidence. The likelihood of just one atom simply phasing into existence by chance is so remote that it can't be calculated fairly. The evidence for intelligent design is great. However, it doesn't point to the immaterial, invisible God of the Creationists, but to the culmination of God on Earth, the Black man, as its source. Much as a computer program can be written to repeat in cycles, or concentric spirals, of activity, history has followed a natural set of laws and patterns to produce this exact stage of development. The original writer for this program, or history, was the infinite (since the beginning) Black mind, present in the ultimate (final) Black man. An examination of history will lead one to question the probability of coincidental events, the aligning of real events and prophecy, the cyclical or spiral nature of all development, and why on earth is the same spiral that one can find in the formation of the universe's galaxies and the currents of the Earth's waters, present in our own fingertips?

The Black man can't be God or the Black man wouldn't be living in such depraved conditions.

This argument appears to make a great deal of sense. Why on earth would GOD be dancing around on BET like a clown, flashing guns and money amidst a bunch of gyrating scantily-clad women? Or why would GOD be trapped in the slums in abject poverty, with the highest incarceration rates in the country, failing to educate himself or uplift his people, and instead choosing to smoke, drink, and fornicate his life away?

Well, for beginners, this deplorable image of the Black man is, in great part, more of a construction of the

media, than an accurate representation of the GLOBAL Black man. The Black man is a unified whole, comprised of peoples of color from all over the world, representing a multitude of different behaviors, attitudes and lifestyles. One thing these peoples have in common is their oppression by white supremacy (also known as European imperialism, British colonization, American capitalism, manifest destiny, the Crusades, Christian conversion, etc.).

The results of this system in America have been especially tragic. Black people, kidnapped from peaceful and prosperous homelands, were sold in the Americas, stripped of their language, ideologies, and culture, and brainwashed. The brainwashing never ceased. In fact, examination of the Willie Lynch letters shows us that further brainwashing was instrumental in continuing the oppression of the Black male beyond his physical bondage.

In the Bible it states that "the last shall be first and the first shall be last." During the time the Egyptians

were building pyramids, Europeans were creating large mounds of waste in Europe. The garbage piles these cavemen created were often so large, there have evolved into modern-day hillsides. Today, the reverse seems true. But there is a sleeping giant awaiting awakening. Even in the worst of conditions, in jails and ghettos throughout the U.S., Black men continue to awaken to the knowledge of themselves and begin the journey back to their true nature. For every individual walking in darkness and chasing the American dream of money and sex, there is another individual walking up out of that sleep and seeing God in the mirror.

PEACE!

(Proper Education Achieves Constant Elevation)

The way of the superior man may be found, in its simple elements, in the intercourse of common men and women; but in its utmost reaches, it shines brightly through Heaven and Earth. Confucius

In Serbia a lot of people hate me because they want to westernize, not understanding that the western world is bipolar, with very good things and very bad things. Since they don't have experience of the west, they even believe that western shit is pie. Emir Kusturica

The inhabitants of the earth are of two sorts:
Those with brains, but no religion,
And those with religion, but no brains.

Abu'l-`Ala' al-Ma`arri poet of Ma`arra, quoted in Maalouf, Amin (1989). *Crusades Through Arab Eyes*.

I'm an atheist, and that's it. I believe there's nothing we can know except that we should be kind to each other and do what we can for other people. Katharine Hepburn, *Ladies' Home Journal* (October 1991)

God was invented to explain mystery. God is always invented to explain those things that you do not understand. Now, when you finally discover how something works, you get some laws which you're taking away from God; you don't need him anymore. But you need him for the other mysteries. So therefore you leave him to create the universe because we haven't figured that out yet; you need him for understanding those things which you don't believe the laws will explain, such as consciousness, or why you only live to a certain length of time—life and death—stuff like that. God is always associated with those things that you do not understand.. Richard Feynman, quoted in Davies, P.C.W. and J. Brown. *Superstrings: A Theory of Everything*, 208.

No one saves us but ourselves, no one can and no one may. From the *Dhammapada* of Siddhartha Gautama, one of many Buddhas

You believe in a book that has talking animals, wizards, witches, demons, sticks turning into snakes, food falling from the sky, people walking on water, and all sorts of magical, absurd and primitive stories, and you say that we are the ones that need help? Dan Barker, co-president of the Freedom from Religion Foundation, in *Losing Faith in Faith: From Preacher to Atheist*

Adults have imaginary friends too. Alan Jay Weiner

I prayed for freedom twenty years, but received no answer until I prayed with my legs. Frederick Douglass



Believe in Jesus and Lose Your Mind!

By Supreme Scientist Allah
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"It is better to know only one thing and tell the world, than to believe in everything and lie to the one's own self." - Supreme Scientist Allah

Peace,

When someone proudly declares to me that they are "*a religious person*", I very quickly switch into the so-called 'primitive' fight-or-flight mode that are our ancestors once instinctively relied upon in the presence of a wild beast. As insulting as such a statement may appear, I don't really see a difference. Therefore, when someone asserts that they "*believe in god*", I have no other alternative than to interpret that they are simply warning me that they are a very, very crazy person. They have, in effect, lost their mind!

Let me explain..

Religion unabashedly asserts that we are entirely incapable of successfully thinking for ourselves. The theology of Christianity, for instance, implies that, if we do not allow the mystery god, jesus, or holy ghost to make up our minds for us, we are bound to fail and/or be punished in everything we do. We are not capable of making the right choices in life and we must depend on the mystery god to think for at all times. So, we are encouraged to "*pray to god*" constantly, adopt certain religious customs and traditions and immerse ourselves in a particular religious lifestyle to remain on the 'right path.'

This belief creates the impression that our own intelligence is actually an obstacle, rather than an asset. It implies that mental consideration and investigation is a tremendous waste of one's time, energy and effort. Consequently, thinking itself soon becomes a hazard and our brain becomes our worst enemy. Thus, it should be clearly understood that theists are offering that there is absolutely no opportunity for us to be victorious without having the mystery god program our brains. In fact, in the event that we even attempt to think for ourselves, we will be punished with a severe punishment. This is because a 'true', or 'good' theist, believes without question. There can be no doubt that holding this belief is self-destructive and dangerous. Interesting enough, however, is the fact that theists spend a tremendous amount of time, energy and effort articles attempting to make an argument that their way of life is supreme. However, simply by asking us to consider submitting to the mystery god, theists are calling on us to utilize the

very instrument they assert is faulty and unreliable: **our intelligence**. They are asking us to make a 'life saving' decision.

Aha!

How can one 'decide' that a particular doctrine is the 'true religion' or that there is a so-called god without some degree of mental deliberation? For example, how did Christian theists come to believe that there exists a "*Jesus Christ*?" Did he use his intellect or was it through some other means? Was he compelled to accept this idea by threats of force, ignorance, haste, or was there a sound, rational line of information to lead him to the said conclusion? **THIS IS IMPORTANT TO CONSIDER** because the common theist will behave as if his beliefs, or faith, simply fell into his head unknowingly. The theist will happily confide that he "*just has faith*" and that you should "*just have faith*" and "*accept your lord and savior jesus christ*", as well. Why? Because "*just having faith*" breaks the natural decision making process. It, essentially, asks you to make a decision **NOT** to make a decision!

With all of these so-called arguments for the "*Jesus Christ, the savior*" is not the Christian community attempting to appeal to our intelligence? If not, then what? If we are capable of making a rational and right choice before accepting 'jesus', what does this reveal about our decision making ability? For one, it proves that Christian theists know very well that man is fully capable of making intelligent decisions independently of 'god', 'jesus' or a 'holy ghost's' guidance and control.

Therefore, one can only question, "*Why is our intelligence necessary and reliable only when confirming the decisions that support us adopting and propagating their belief system?*" And, "*If we are capable of determining whether or not to be a slave to 'jesus', why aren't we capable of successfully determining the best for ourselves in other matters in life?*" The answer is simple: **we are!** However, this is feared by theists, because thinking for ourselves will ultimately result in acting by and for ourselves. This would surely threaten the slaves' dependency on his master.

Now..

It should now be understandable as to why the advocates of religion seek to hurl such hazardous constraints on our brains and body. Critical thinking

and free thought are formidable opponents to anyone wanting to make a person docile and submissive, mentally and/or physically. To counter our natural tendency to want to think things through, weigh our options and make the best decision, religion introduces and encourages various thought-interrupting mechanisms. Namely: belief and faith. Therefore, I offer, once more, that anyone who adopts, defends and celebrates these kinds of psychological destructive practices is dangerous both in principle and in practice.

I don't 'kick it' with wild beasts. Fight or flight..

How can we be certain that believing in a mystery god and is the right decision, if we can not rely on our mind to make the right choice anyway? A common reply by the Christian theist and, in fact, nearly all religious institutions, is that we should 'just believe' and we will be rewarded later for our obedience. It is this 'die and go to heaven', 'look before you leap', 'trust me I know what I'm doing' type of attitude that seduces so many people to give their lives for the proverbial 'pie in the sky' nonsense of religion. By asking us to 'just believe', or 'have faith', theists are essentially asking us to act without thinking and to behave without considering the consequences of our actions. We are encouraged not to trouble ourselves by critically analyzing our religious doctrines and practices. We are 'reassured' by theists that, by not questioning now, we will be rewarded later. Therefore, if you are fishing for religion, your only definite guarantee of success is virtually leaping out of the boat head first and into the pool of beliefs, customs and traditions. It should be no question that the theist is giving us all a colorful invitation to exercise our gullibility!

Our father who art in heaven...

Many theists offer that their mystery god is our 'creator' and, thus, rightfully deserves our obedience. Thus, we must submit to the so-called mystery god in order to avoid punishment and receive reward. In this way, we, again, become very much like little children trying to 'make daddy happy.' The theist will even suggest that we are the 'children of god' and 'jesus' is a kind of parental figure.

Consider the following:

My Earth and I decide to begin a family. Within ten years, we birth ten children. I decide that I would like all of my children to attend college and obtain degrees in Engineering and Physics for the purpose of establishing the solar energy company for inner-city residents. This is my will. After my children reach adulthood, one by one, they decide they would rather be rap artists instead. Do I have the right to sabotage their lives, subject them to endless torment and cause them intense psychological

anguish to them if they fail to accept my will? Do your parents? No. As adults, they have the ability and responsibility to manifest their own will. This analogy, once again, may fail to convey the complete message. This is because, to begin with, the parental 'god' in theology is no where to be found. 'He' is a mystery. Additionally, unlike our personal parents, there is no objective proof that 'he' is our creator or has crafted a 'will' for us to follow/obey. Unfortunately, theists must make believe other reasons why we are required to submit to their mystery god.

Ooh, you gon' get a whuppin'...

It doesn't matter if a person is civilized and does right in all his undertakings. If he is unwilling to accept the so-called 'god' as his maker and owner, then he will be punished with a severe punishment. It is this line of emotional 'reasoning' that is often reserved for the individual who is intellectually established enough to recognize the weak foundation of religious beliefs. Intimidation is mental coercion. Consciously or subconsciously, religion attempts to chisel away at mans confidence in himself until he becomes docile, timid and doubtful of his own self-control.

Decisions are generally based on one or more of four basic elements: 1) *Knowledge*, 2) *Emotion*, 3) *Ignorance* and 4) *Urgency*. As already discussed in previous blogs, knowledge is always the most reliable factor for determining a course of action. Emotions, ignorance and haste are all unsound bridges to successful decision making. While we are constantly being compelled to utilize factors #2, #3, #4, rarely are we exposed to factor #1 as a viable avenue of action. We are given everything, but a strong foundation to make decisions and, hence, structure our lives.

die, Die, DIE...you doubting thomas!

Theology requires that we must believe without question or be tagged as evil, immoral, amoral or damn to hell. Extreme as it may seem, in the religious paradigm, to 'doubt' literally means to die. Perhaps not doubting was a simple matter in the days before easy access to scientific thinking and living. Unfortunately, events like blood turning into wine, rods turning into snakes, men walking on water, angels, demons and monsters are just not a visible part of mans existence now-a-days. (*As if they ever were*)

The act of making a decision itself involves identifying and evaluating all alternatives and choosing the most rational option from a given selection. Theology often attempts to disrupt the natural process of decision making by setting up unnecessary emotional time constraints on its believers. For instance, it is the position of the Christian community that the so-called

"Jesus" is en route from behind the clouds in the sky (coming to 'get' all of us non-believers) and we must choose now to submit or we will be punished upon his arrival. Perhaps a few Christians actually believe "Jesus" really *IS* coming to save or destroy those who do not believe their theology and this is their reason for insisting that making a decision to submit is such an urgent matter? However, what is this so-called urgency founded on? Why is man told that he must choose at this point, in this time and on this day? Is it because the bible, written quran, "jesus", or the so-called mystery god said so? Or maybe someone else gave this instruction to us? Wouldn't it be a risky to rush this kind of decision? If it is such an important matter, then a detailed and thorough investigation and evaluation, regardless of the said impending danger, is warranted, is it not?

In fact, delaying making a decision can be an important and necessary aspect of being successful in our undertakings. However, delaying the decision making process and not automatically believing in the teachings of Christianity allows us to search for additional information, wait for more suitable alternatives to arise, or even to change our minds. This means that it would be a disadvantage for Christians to encourage us to be careful, investigate all we can, and, in our own good time, decide to 'accept jesus.' Instead, the Christian community sabotages our ability to make sound decisions by inducing fear in the weak and rushing them to believe. Also by establishing social institutions and practices which insulate its believers and further reinforces the idea of embracing ignorance.

Indeed, there will be numerous occasions when we will be required to act without complete certainty of the outcome. However, this does not mean that we should put our feet in the 'circle of belief' and 'eenie meenie minie mo' our decisions in life. We still are obliged to make a decision based on our knowledge and understanding of the best available evidence. Unfortunately for theists, the best avenue available to us now-a-days is not within the confines of the bible, written quran, or any religious leader or doctrine. It is a scientific method which allows us to make corrections, try new possible solutions, and discard the course of action that is not all-wise and right and exact. All things which are not compatible with the rigid, dogmatic doctrine of 'have faith or else!'

Make no mistake, when the theist asks us to believe in his religious teachings, he is ultimately demanding us to believe or suffer the consequences. What a choice. Once again, in the religious paradigm, the command itself is not the stimulus for obedience. When the theist offers that they are obeying god because faith is an outstanding practice or 'god said so', it is not the whole truth. Instead, their ultimate motivation is the

psychological promise of sanction.

Offering that we will be punished or destroyed is only poor substitution for concise explanation and sound argumentation. Threats do not compel mentally grown people into action. We have to break the rope of arbitrary, irrational and emotion action. If theology declares that something is right, wrong, evil, or immoral, then we demand a more thorough explanation than because 'god says so' or the 'bible tells me so.'

The theist trains himself to believe that it is wrong to question the so-called 'authority' of their 'god', religious book, or any leader of their religious institution. This actually tricks the theist into blindly accepting whatever a person tells them they must believe. Thus, they expect to be punished for independent thought and investigation. They are programmed to feel guilty if they do not habitually involve themselves in religious customs. And they believe they rightly deserve hard times and headaches for the very thought of leaving the hold of their mystery god. This internal guilt and lack of self-confidence combined with a promise of eternal reprimand and punishment, keeps the theist 'in his place.' In fact, the theist happily and wholeheartedly blindly accepts the notion that it is 'meant' for him to be a slave or servant to his 'god.' Therefore, learning how to be a 'true believer' really means learning how to think and act like a victim. Helplessness, whether feigned or real, is the prerequisite of receiving help from their so-called mystery god.

Questions:

- *On what grounds should we consider forfeiting our evident self-control to become directed by the not-so-evident mystery god of religion?*
- *Where is the evidence to show that we are incompetent and a threat to ourselves in the absence of that mystery god's direction and guidance?*
- *Where is the proof that the theist is receiving any success in life that is outside of the grasps of the secular individual?*

Unfortunately, I can assure you that no theist will sincerely address, or consider, the above questions as long as they remain satisfied with 'just believing?'

The constant insistence of there being a mystery god who is superior to us, but unseen only works to produce a weak, slave minded people. What if religious people directed as much time and energy trying to discover and learn about themselves as they do their mystery god? What would happen if each theist would simply make a more earnest effort to improve their decision making process, instead of devaluing themselves and their abilities by surrendering to their beliefs? It should be

clear that theology tries to 'convince' us that we are unable to guide ourselves, protect our families, and control our environment (i.e. homes, neighborhood, etc.) without tagging the problem-solving palm of the invisible "Jesus" in the sky.

I don't fault religion for being the product of superstitious and unaware minds. I, also, do not hate theists for holding the beliefs that they do. However, I am very skeptical of the man or woman who will continue to rely on religion as his or her guide and measure in life after they have been exposed to scientific and mathematical evidence that contradicts their belief system. Why would I expect someone to deal equally with me in any other area of life, if they have already expressed a bias in favor of belief and mysteries? If someone proposes that myths and assumptions about themselves and the universe hold a greater importance and authority than their own observation, experience and logic, then such a person is a certified weak link in the chain of civilization.

Any rule, command or law must be understood before one acts. We are not absent-minded children.



Unfortunately, because the Nation of Gods and Earths demand evidence of the mystery god and the reason for 'his' religious rules before we comply, we are cited as being negative, evil, rebellious, and oppositional or wicked. It is for this reason, the members of the Nation of Gods and Earths are so often portrayed as being pitted against morals and ethics. I would ask the theist who holds this position, "*Does the so-called mystery god submit to the rules and commandments of your religion?*" "*Are his regulations simply for us or does he abide by them as well?*" The fact is, the mystery god cannot submit to himself. If he is the author of the theist's moral code, then he simply does not have to comply with it. Therefore, what is keeping that so-called mystery god civilized, moral and upright? Obviously, the same thing that is keeping the Nation of Gods and Earths civilized, **our own intelligence.**

But, of course, not too many people can understand this because they have **LOST THEIR MIND!!!**

Thank you Jesus! : P

Peace

"Religion is excellent stuff for keeping common people quiet." Napoleon Bonaparte

"It ain't the parts of the Bible that I can't understand that bother me, it is the parts that I do understand." Mark Twain

"The invisible and the non-existent look very much alike." Delos B. McKown, Ph.D., U.S. professor, philosopher, author Former clergyman

"A man's ethical behavior should be based effectually on sympathy, education, and social ties; no religious basis is necessary. Man would indeed be in a poor way if he had to be restrained by fear of punishment and hope of reward after death." Albert Einstein

"The sailor does not pray for wind, he learns to sail" Gustaf Lindborg

"I distrust those people who know so well what God wants them to do because I notice it always coincides with their own desires." Susan B. Anthony (1820-1906) U.S. reformer, suffragist

"Every man thinks God is on his side. The rich and powerful know he is." Jean Anouilh (1910-) French dramatist, playwright

"Unconditional love is a characteristic of the Christian faith, such as that demonstrated by God in the form of a place of eternal torture for the unsaved." Anonymous

"If you were taught that elves caused rain, every time it rained, you'd see the proof of elves." Anonymous

"If your young, unmarried daughter, Mary, told you that she was pregnant but still a virgin, having been told by an angel that she had been impregnated by God himself, would you believe her?" Anonymous

"When you repeat the same thing over and over, Sunday after Sunday, that makes people believe it whether it is true or not. It also makes writing theology easy." Franz Bibfeldt

"Any idiot can believe in Jesus H. Christ. To truly understand all that confusion in the gospels takes a real contortionist scholar." Franz Bibfeldt, German theologian

"Believe nothing, O monks, merely because you have been told it ... or because it is traditional, or because you yourselves have imagined it. Do not believe what your teacher tells you merely out of respect for the teacher. But whatsoever, after due examination and analysis, you find to be conducive to the good, the benefit, the welfare of all beings - that doctrine believe and cling to, and take it as your guide." Gautama Buddha

Why I Don't Believe in a Mystery God

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Many people agree with me that the Black man is God, that he is "godly", that we are "divine", or that God "inhabits" man (ie, temple of God), or that "His" spirit is in "us". I'm not saying that when I say the Blackman is God. I'm saying the Black man is God. I'm saying God is the Blackman. I'm saying there is NO mystery God. Here are some reasons why:

20. You can have a conversation with God and get bad advice. Guess who you're talking to? Must be you. Otherwise how can serial killers and psychopaths claim God told them what to do? If they aren't credible, is ANYBODY who claims to hear from God? Think about it. Ever noticed that people always claim they "know" God is real because they made it through some crazy situation alive? Well what about the people that don't make it? You can have a personal relationship with ANYTHING you imagine or believe in. That doesn't make it real.

19. How could this Mystery Being be **omniscient** and change his mind at whim? You mean to tell me God made man and then realized he made a mistake? Just look through the Old Testament and see how many times he changed his mind in talking to Moses alone. And this is not unique to the OT. God changes his mind in every people's belief system. Why? People make mistakes. But a spirit? How?

18. If you were trying to get a life or death message to EVERYONE on the planet, would you send ONE guy (the religious "savior") who only reaches a couple thousand in his life, then leave the rest up to chance?

17. Why create a heaven and hell for people to suffer due to the free will you gave them as well? Especially when the hell we endure on earth pushes many of us to follow the "wrong" path. How much of that is "fair"?

16. Why can't an **omnipotent** God destroy the invisible devil? And if he CAN but doesn't, why does he want his poor believers to continue to suffer?

15. If there is a scientific explanation for everyday phenomena (ie, rain comes from the water cycle, the reproductive process produces children), why do we still have this "backwater" concept of God, a God who sends floods and gives and takes life? It's funny to hear grown, educated people speak on their God as

what wakes them up daily. How simple-minded. Either your alarm clock or biological clock wakes you. The human body sleeps to wake up. That's the nature of the biological process we call "sleep." If you don't wake up, it's because you are dead. There is no Divine Intervention necessary in that process.

14. People seem to manipulate God's actions and intentions to fit the course of events as they happen. If someone has cancer, the believers say God will bring them out of it, and so they pray. If that person dies, the believers say it was that person's time. If you pray for rent money, and get some money, you thank God. If you don't get your money, you take the blame and pray for something else.

13. How does an omnipotent God allow so much evil and bloodshed to occur **specifically** in his name?

12. Why does the same God allow for so many religions (many of which predate the Bible), and even so many different versions of the Bible and Christian theology? Can't he just send his one true religion into our brains? If the idea is that we must choose (free will!), shouldn't God provide better evidence? Jesus was a great guy, but the Christian church also ordained slavery. Not very convincing. And there are tons of people who have never seen a Bible or Quran or any other scripture to this day, not to mention the billions of people who came BEFORE the organized theologies of the present age. What about them?

11. If we know Santa Claus is a myth with a purpose (behavioral control of children), why can't we conclude the same for the Mystery God (behavioral control of the masses)?

10. Isn't it curious that poor and disenfranchised people are the most religious? Meanwhile wealthy white folks don't wait for, or give credit to, God on ANYTHING. The people that have the LEAST, pray the MOST. Hmmm. Everyone knows you can't get SOMETHING out of NOTHING...except religious people. Religion is the ultimate pyramid scheme.

9. Karl Marx said religion is the opium of the masses. We escape into believing in something that will one day relieve us of our daily suffering. Especially when you think about slavery and the religious ideas given to the slaves (hell on earth, pray and submit for

heaven when you die), and the religion given to people when white people take over their land.

8. Freud said religion provides an idealized father figure for people. Maybe you believe in a Mystery God because you need a better daddy, or a better "man".

7. All of the above is caused by the Sun of Man/Son of Man. We are the creators of life and the universe. We wrote the universe in a language that perpetuates itself and there is nothing that occurs outside of our original programming.

6. White people fear the rise of a Black Messiah from the Black community (according to COINTELPRO documents). Black people are awaiting a white Messiah from heaven. How dumb. Look in the mirror. You are the Son of Man.

5. The Black man has never seen heard tasted or felt ANYTHING greater than himself. Ever.

4. If you leave a group of kids in the woods and allow them to raise themselves without outside info, they WON'T pray or wait on a "god" for ANYTHING. The Mystery God has to be TAUGHT.

3. Then again, after some generations those kids may have made up a god or two to explain the things they cant because of limited knowledge. But damn, we know WAY too much to have a God of fire, or rain, or a God of life and death (oops, we DO!)

2. Supreme Being means the highest level of existence. Anything that exists can be measured. Even air pressure and magnetism can be scientifically identified. Spooks, spirits, and gods aren't real. They're ideas. The Black man is Supreme.

1. Your God is your imaginary friend. You are free to believe in him. But damn you should know better by now!

Where Did the Universe Come From?

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Most people have been taught to believe that their "God" is the creator of the natural world and, thus, is not subject to the laws of nature.

Therefore, if this so-called "God" is supposed to have been in existence BEFORE the natural universe, "he" must be interpreted as being "super" Natural. This is fundamental in our understanding of the claim of the believer. The natural world includes more than just our planet or solar system. It is the entire Universe. In other words, the so-called "God" is not merely said to be in some distant location "within" the Universe, "he" is, in fact, "beyond" or "outside" of the Universe itself.

This belief positions this "God" tactically outside the requirement of "submission". Understanding that the physical composition of the Universe is essentially energy and matter, the idea of such a "God" simply disintegrates into a nothingness that tis beyond the comprehension of Man and the tools of Science. The "God" then has an "existence" that is foreign to our concept of existence. If the so-called "God" is a Man, or possesses anthropomorphic qualities, as most religious people teach, then he must be a physical being who interacts with energy and Matter.

Suppose, for the sake of argument and ignorance, that we agree that we must surrender ourselves to the "laws of nature". Firstly, this does not even begin to demonstrate

that this so-called "God" exists at all. For example, let's say that I discovered a group of icicles outside of my bedroom window one winter morning and a clergyman was to insist that Frosty the Snowman put them there while I was sleeping. By only looking at the icicles themselves is neither evidence of a Frosty the Snowman nor the capacity of "Mr. Frosty" to accomplish such an act. This example on a small level is what religious people attempt to argue on a Universal level. That is to say, that a Mystery God put the Universe here. Furthermore, the clergyman should not feel insulted when I laugh emphatically at their request that I "submit to Frosty" based on this flimsy and fantastic "evidence".

In the same manner, the "laws of nature" do not qualify as reliable evidence to confirm the existence of a so-called "mystery God". Just as any scientist would require Frosty to reveal himself and reproduce the icicles outside of my window, we are motivated to request that the so-called "God" show himself and prove to be the "creator" of the Universe. Otherwise, we are forced to make the "mystery God" and "Frosty" join hands together and waltz back into the wonderland of fantasy and imagination.



The "laws of nature" are no more evidence for a "missing God" than they are for a Supreme Ra, Quetzalcoatl, Ogun, Holy Ghost, Legba, Jesus, Shiva, Unkulunkulu, Elohim, Zeus, or Yama of any other religion. In actuality, often the "believer" is only asserting that the "mystery God" is the cause of the natural world because he does not know why natural phenomena operate the way it does. This is what the believer is really expresses when he is saying that the Original Man must "submit" to the "laws of the Universe".

The believer will say that the mysterious "power" of the so-called "God" sustains all the life on Earth, the planets that orbit the sun and, even, the sun that is traveling through the galaxy and all things therein. Therefore, with the "mystery God's" so-called "power", the Universe would regress into a series of chaotic and unorganized events. The oceans would overrun the land, the planets would collide in a violent cataclysm, the mountains would crumble into pieces, and all the know laws of physics and mathematics would disappear into thin air. By some unknown means, the religious Community believes the so-called "God" keeps the Universe in order.

There is often the confusion that a "creator" of the Universe is implying that, at one time or another, the Universe was not in existence. It is common for the believer and the 85o ask "where did the Universe come from" or "how was the Universe created"? These types of questions coincide with the general attitude of a one-time "creation" of the Universe. We should obviously state that by "Universe", we mean the totality of all things which exist (Energy/Matter).

It should be clear that we do not gain the advantage of Understanding by thinking the so-called "God" is the creator of the Universe. Sadly enough, the fact that the Universe has always been in existence is not already a "given" in this argument with the religious community. The believer assumes the Universe had a definite beginning some time in the past. To be clear, again, this is not referring to our present "solar system", they propose that there was a "time" where energy and matter itself was once non-existent. However, this is an obvious contradiction of the Law of Conservation, which states:

Energy and Matter can neither be created nor destroyed, only transformed from state to state.

Understanding this reality requires the believer to operate within a paradigm foreign to the religion mind. Suddenly, no longer can we rely on a temporal creation of life and matter. We are now forced to think in a method that better resembles the nature of the Universe itself: Cyclical. How could the "God" create what was already here? If we destroy the myth of a temporal beginning of the Universe, the so-called "mystery God" becomes impotent and obsolete. Pointing to a "super" natural cause of the Universe leads our minds away from ever seeking a natural cause of the Universe. This is literally a trick, in that it

attempts to assert a physical effect without a physical cause.

The very idea that we must appeal to a so-called "mystery God" in order to Understand the world around us reflects our ignorance and fear of science. By asserting that the so-called "mystery God" is the creator of the Universe, it destroys the will of a person to want to explore and investigate the "natural" world. This is the case when they continue daily to program the 85 that all that the "true origin and operation" of the universe is "super" natural. This automatically places a false limitation on science. It implies that a person is free to experiment and investigate the natural world all they want but, eventually, everyone must consult religion for the truth. With this type of attitude, we fall off the ledge before we even begin to move in the right direction. Regardless is someone introduces natural evidence about how the world operates, the believer's preconceived notion of a "mysterious God" being the "cause" of all things will blind them from the actual facts.

The attempt of the "believer" to call upon this Mystery of Missing god to rescue them from their ignorance is obvious to the wise and intelligent. It should be noted that before one can offer with confidence that a thing is "super" natural, they must have a proper Understanding of what is NATURAL.

For example: let's suppose that the electricity "goes out" in your home. Before you should suggest, to the Scientific Community, it was a signal from a "super" natural god, you first would have to be certain that you could not connect this occurrence with your fuse box in the basement of your home. Even if you could not discover the cause of the blackout through your initial investigation, attributing it to a Mystery God does not explain it either. The cause might not be discovered by you until you familiarize yourself with electrical engineering or discover that your local power plant was experiencing difficulties. Perhaps it will not be until that time that you will have learned that the invisible "hand" of the mystery god did not pull the "off switch". But, instead, it was actually your brain that was temporarily "off" when you fell a victim to belief.

In the same manner, our discoveries in science and mathematics are constantly retiring that so-called "mystery God" from his position as the supreme being. We are becoming aware that all things have a natural and logical explanation. However, those who utilize "belief" will continue to attribute a "super" natural cause to various phenomena in life, because they will not learn who causing all that above to happen by letting The Gods and Earths teach them the science of Life.

The concept of the infinity of energy and matter is difficult to understand by many (This is ironic when it is often said that the mystery god was "always here"). Oftentimes, when people think of the "big bang" or great expansion, they assume that it happened in a specific location within the

Universe and then spread outwards from that particular place. When the truth of the matter is, the great expansion occurred everywhere. It was the entire volume of the Universe expanding from a highly dense and temperate state. So it is not that there was an beginning of the energy and matter itself, because the basic constituents necessary for life were already in existence before the so-called "bang" or expansion began. The fact that this event is known as the "big bang" by some at all only continues to cloud this phenomenon in misunderstanding. As we are aware in nature, a bang normally has a definite beginning and ending, regardless it be sound or explosion. Whereas the term expansion trains our mentality to conceptualize this is as what is truly is; an on-going event, even to the date of this writing. We are still living in the Great Expansion. The matter and energy which constitutes our physical bodies and our surroundings was once a part of that dense plasma and continues to expand and create and make other phenomena in the Universe. Thus, we can understand what the believer commonly and clumsily calls a "beginning" of the Universe, only points to a new phase of the Universe. The Black Man is the primarily "creator" of the Universe simply because he is the Supreme Mover or motivator of change on all levels. In other words, the Universe did not begin with some spook playing with his magic wand or "uttering" words in some mystical realm. We are only required to do a minimal degree of resource to discover that that is "utterly" ridiculous to interpret as being literally true and absolutely fascinating when one utilizes the Science of Life to interpret.

As already pointed out, creating a so-called "mystery god" as the "creator", does not aid the believer in understanding the Universe. The Nation of Gods and Earths recognize that the Universe (energy and matter regardless of form or location) itself includes everything within the Sun, Moon and The Stars and does require an independent cause. For something to be the cause of a given effect, it must exist, which means it must be either energy or matter also. Therefore, it must already be a part of the Universe. To say that something caused (or created) the universe is to make that mystery "thing" outside, beyond and before energy and matter. We have already discussed the problems with such a belief. The Natural Universe is everything, so questions such as "how did the universe get here" or "where did animals or people come from", can be referred to the Born degree of the 1-10 (part of the Eight Point Curriculum of the Nation of Gods and Earths) and the Law of Conservation of Energy. After it is Understood that "everything" was already here, just not in its present form or condition, we can begin to address the question in regards to how the Universe evolved or was "made" into the state they detect now-a-days. This is where the Understanding of the true concept of "creator" can be applied, that is to say how Allah, the Original Man shapes and molds his environment. Hence, we can begin to eliminate the need to 911 the so-called "mystery god" to understand the natural world.

To the average citizen, there is no fundamental difference between a religious "law", a social "law", or a "law" of nature. It is generally agreed that, for the purpose of establishing and maintaining orderly conduct among citizens in society, there is a need to implement and enforce a set of principles, rules and regulations. Whether statutes, ordinances, canons, or commandments, our lives are permeated with the idea of an established order and an external agent whose purpose is to enforce the said order. What is not understood, however, is that attaching a legislature, judge, jury and cop to the concept of law is only useful when describing laws of a society. We can see the root of this misunderstanding and why such analogies fail when they are assigned to phenomena in nature. There is no "outside" enforcer of the laws of mathematics. Mathematics itself, or rather violating the laws of Mathematics will compel you to right yourself or destroy yourself. You decide.

The believer holds that the laws of nature are dominating forces and, thus, we are required to submit to them. Whereas the Nation of Gods and Earths know and understand that the said laws are inherent in the Black Man's body (The Universe) and the Original Man can manipulate and use them to his advantage (Building Civilization) or disadvantage (Destroying Civilization) through study, experiment and understanding. What we call the "Universe" is not a "thing" that can be observed separately from ourselves or our environment. It is EVERYTHING. The Universe is our collective concept of our environment. What we call "laws" are based on our supreme understanding of the Universe and the forces operative within it. Thus, the "laws" develop and change as our Understanding of the Universe develops and changes. There was once a time when Man assumed that the Earth was the center of the Universe, and that the Sun and other planets revolved around the Earth. It was with this Earth centered perspective that we founded our "laws". However, the more we made observations and performed experiments in our world, we came to see that this was not the reality. The same applies to our prior understanding of the atom or many aspects of physics and mathematics. It is not as though the behavior of the Universe has changed, but rather our Understanding of the said behavior. The Law is a mental description. When an average person sees an apple fall from a tree, they do not see the law of gravity. They only observe the motion of an object. But a physicist or mathematician, with UNDERSTANDING, will see the underlying principles (equations) behind the event which is taking place. The law is the description that you draw up in the mind that gives order to the physical manifestation. The greater your Understanding is of the Universe and the behavior of the Universe, the greater you can order that Universe. We Understand that the Black Man is the first and the best observer (The Best Knower) of the operations of the Universe and that he is responsible for showing other people in Civilization how to see the laws of the Universe, therefore, he is the "creator" of the Universe. This is not to say that the laws of nature are products of our imagination. They are very real, in the sense that they

give us the most accurate description of the behavior of real life events. But the laws do not "cause" the events, they are inherent in the events themselves.

A scientific law is a description of a regularly repeating action in nature and is founded upon extensive periods of observation and experimentation. There is so much reliable evidence for a Law that it is recognized as being immutable. A religious or societal "law" is not to be confused with a scientific law of nature. The laws of a society describe how Man SHOULD act. The laws of nature describe how nature DOES act. If a Man breaks a law in a given society or religion (and is caught), he is usually punished through sanction. This law remains despite Man's violation. On the other hand, a Man can not "break" a scientific law of nature. If a Man jumps off of Allah School In Mecca and "falls" upwards, he would have introduced evidence to contradict the known "laws" of gravity. By demonstrating that the "law" of gravity is not as regular or consistent as Our measurements have shown, the only thing he would have "broken" would be our current UNDERSTANDING of the tendency of bodies to falls towards the center of the Earth. In Science, a Law is without contradiction. Therefore, by demonstrating a contradiction, the "law of gravity" would no longer be recognized as a "law". Given such evidence, it would then be the goal of scientists to further observe and experiment for the purpose of better grasping the nature of how gravity operates.

If we would have agreed that we must submit to the Universe based on our prior understanding of the "laws" of nature, there would not have been any growth and development in Civilization. The list is far too extensive to even briefly begin to account for in terms of the advances Man has gained in life through our diligent exploration and conquer of the world around us. If we would have accepted the restrictions often cited by the religious Community, we may have never elevated beyond the wheel and chariot Civilizations of the past.

Every Black Man and Woman carries the capacity to establish and execute his own will. This must be actualized by one ownself before one can even begin to want to escape from the assumed dominion of their environment. When one fully Understands the foundation degree of the Student Enrollment, one will see that attributing the environment as a limiting factor is no longer an intelligent option. If you truly Understand yourself to be "the maker, the owner, the cream of the planet Earth, father of civilization and God the Universe", then you are unquestionably stating that you are the supreme and direct cause of your environment. If you the Black Man and you allow the Planet Earth to shape and mold your environment, it is inevitable that you will be bound by certain limitations.

To bow to our surroundings is a disgrace to Man's ability to govern. The Earth is precisely the Energy Allah Reveals Through Her. The Earth was not made by our Self for the purpose of being a terrestrial "prayer mat" for the Black Man. But rather it is a home for I Self Lord And Master, so that we can manifest a peaceful environment through the use of Mathematics. But is apparent that some would rather be a hostage in their Own House. Regardless of what we have been "told" in regards to Man's nature, what is the REALITY? It is "said" that Man is a slave to his environment, but the reality is Black Men are positively sculpting their neighborhoods, communities, cities, planet and Universe everyday and everywhere. Show me a Black Man who is a Slave (submitting) to the Earth and I will show you a Man who does not Understand himself. It is "said" that the Black Man is a savage, fool, and threat to himself without the mystery god, but the reality is We are shattering these myths of men through supreme acts and deeds just as quickly as they spew from the mouths of the ignorant

Peace

Why I am a Poor Righteous Teacher

By True Mathematics Allah
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Well, what does that mean? Lets define the phrase PRT. Poor means to have the lack of something in a certain criteria.

I am poor because I lack greed; I am poor because I lack selfishness. I am Poor because I lack Ignorance. I am poor because I lack the need to keep my people ignorant to themselves.

Those who teach mathematics, we don't get glory or medals or money for our actions. We will gladly do this for free, our only reward is to save another person from lies and remove the weakness off their cipher. The reason why we are poor is because we sacrifice everything that

we have in order for the big picture to come into fruition. I study a lot of things I read so much I wonder if it becomes selfish and then I always say I don't keep it, I give it all away to all those who want to learn.

That's the sacrifice that we in the NGE make. We don't keep anything hidden from the masses.

When ones mind is consumed with every worldly device, one cannot truly build a strong mental. I care about food clothing and shelter, not excess of the above said, to the degree where I am spending 500 dollars on a pair of jeans or buying a million dollar house. I don't need these things. If I have a mansion with 40 rooms in it, bet that I will be

housing families and not having rooms just to say I got mad rooms in my house! There are blacks who have over 400 million in their bank account and are doing nothing with it. They have it just to say 'yo I got cake.' We can change our own situations in this wilderness. There are enough black dollars to make a real change in the communities that we are in. Those athletes, movie stars, rappers and such have enough gold to make a serious change, but nobody wants to put their money together and do something big with it. If the white man can pool his bread to start big time companies, so can we. Status in America is based upon having a lot of one thing and not sharing the wealth with others in ways that can make a true change. Since this practice is common among most whites, the black people who have made it have accepted the same mindset. For example, Jay Z has all that bread, yet Bed-Stuy is in shambles. He thinks giving out toys on Christmas is something? That's that fake Mafia so called 'giving back' routine. If you're going to give back, really give back! He is using his money to enter in the ownership business of a NBA team. That does nothing at all for your community.

The foundation of what a PRT is: Sacrifice. It's the knowledge, as I see it, to the equation Of PRT. Equality is the fairness of the cipher and knowledge borns equality.

For instance, carbon is the sixth element in the periodic table. It's the most fairly distributed element in the universe. Everything has a level of carbon in it.

So what does this tell us?

That carbon is a necessity to Life and it deals with equality to all things so they can function properly.

So the original people who study the truth, understand that it's a necessity to tell those who don't know and this deals with equality. Knowledge of self for the black family is a must in life, something all need equally.

Now lets define righteous, which I see as the wisdom in the equation of PRT. I see it as acting in accord with moral thinking. Righteousness does not mean one free from error. We are not robots. It means that we strive for what's right at all times and never lose focus of what's right and what's wrong in the world and with ourselves.

Having knowledge of self, I am morally obligated to those who don't have it. Righteousness is action. So ones actions must strive to be right and in accord with the truth at all times. The actions of the sacrifice that I have made for my people can bring about change to all those I meet and speak to. The nature of black people is to deal with equality amongst each other, that's why you see black love can be the strongest, yet we are so distorted and divided it never truly comes into fruition.

A lot of people always want to do right, yet they never act on these thoughts so nothing ever gets done. What is the sense of having a righteous thought if you don't act upon it?

Let's define teacher, which I see as the understanding in the equation of PRT. We all know understanding is the best part of the learning process. A teacher with knowledge of self is the best one to facilitate this process to those who lack the understanding of themselves in the universe.

I see a teacher as one who gives knowledge and understanding to those who lack it on any given thing in life to allow them to make progress.

I have stood on my square and went through many ciphers in Harlem and BK and Queens to teach that the Blackman is God. I see black males wasting their lives away on the corner and can be found stepping to one and saying certain things to get him thinking. My whole purpose in doing this, is to get them thinking.

I love the feeling when I hear, 'hmm....' when I am making knowledge born. I love the feeling when somebody says 'let me get your number so we can build.' I love the feeling of knowing I am making a change in someone's mind state.

The main issues in the black community are that the right things are not being taught to us. We are bombarded with images and substances that will bring about no growth and development to make any real changes to our current condition. We don't have enough teachers in the "hood" teaching the truth. Drug dealers and such are doing the teaching to the youth. When one is ignorant one eats to die and not to live.

When one is ignorant, one deals with weapons of mass destruction and not weapons of mass construction.

All I care about in life is the black family knowing their identity. Health care and Education are the pillars of any working civilization.

Once we as blacks take control of these things we can take back our right full claim on this planet. This all starts with sacrifice, the application of moral thinking and telling the world why we are doing these things so they can do it also.

Thus, all of the above is why I am a Poor Righteous Teacher.

Peace.

ISLAM - In Self Lies All Mathematics
PEACE - Please Educate All Children Equally
ATOM - Allah The Original Man

What is an Earth?

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What is an Earth? An Earth is a righteous Blackwoman who adheres to her true culture which is Islam. In this Nation of Gods and Earths (and since earliest history in such places as ancient India and Sumeria), the Blackman is God, symbolic to the Sun, while the Blackwoman (Queen of the Universe) is the Earth.

The Earth is the 3rd planet from the sun. She is the only planet in the Solar System that is capable of bringing forth life. This is through the process of the Sun providing light and heat for the Earth to absorb (and the Moon to reflect, as this is the second nature of the Blackwoman. However the Moon lacks Wisdom (water) and has no life on it). This is reproduced exactly in the Blackmans relation to the woman. Just as the Earth brings forth life, or fruits of the seeds that God plants - The Blackwoman brings forth a child from the Blackman, which comes through her after 9 months.

The Earth is approximately covered on its surface by 3/4ths of water. The Blackwoman, out of respect for herself, her culture, her children and her God, covers herself the same



way. There are no veils worn in this nation, however the hair is usually, if not always, worn in a wrap or covering. An additional fact, which happens to be in support of keeping the hair natural and in a covering, is that Perms and straighteners, although well known to damage and destroy (kill) the hair - also cause cancer. Inquisitive (or doubtful) minds can research this. The Blackwoman is a Queen, and is treated as such in this nation, as in the Best Part. She was made by God to procreate the Human family. Without her, we have no us.

To Be or Born the Earth

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Earth is a title unique to women of the Nation of Gods and Earths. We Earths refer to ourselves as such because as the original (Indigenous) women of this planet all human life was spawned from our womb; just as all life on the planet earth was born from her habitable properties – an extended water supply that is drinkable, oxygenated, and supports the generation and stability of cellular structures, large land masses, moderate temperatures, a breathable atmosphere, volcanic conditions, and gravitation. These characteristics of our home planet can all be either literally or figuratively applied to the first home of man – his mother – because we original women's bodies are naturally created suitable for habitation, as is the land and water of the planet Earth. This is why we honorably carry the same name, because we bear many of our home planet's traits and shoulder many of the equal responsibilities.

There are 75 billion tons of biomass (living matter) on our planet, including humans, plants, animals, fungi, protests, archaea and bacteria. The total weight of the planet is 6 sextillion tons (6,000,000,000,000,000,000,000). The planet Earth reflects, refracts, and absorbs the light of the sun.

There are seven continents (large divisions of land mass) on the planet and five oceans (large bodies of salt water that cover nearly three fourths of the earth's surface). Of the planet's entire mass, 57,255,000 square miles of it is land, and 139,685,000 square miles are water. With all of these terrestrial beings and objects inhabiting the planet a great weight of responsibility comes with it. The planet is accountable for maintaining the rotation of its satellite, the moon, through the reciprocal gravitational pull of both celestial bodies, as the planet itself is attracted to the sun due to it having the most powerful gravitational force in the solar system. The earth is responsible for continuing to rotate around the sun while simultaneously traveling at 1,037 and 1/3rd mph on its axial rotation. And the planet earth must also shelter its organic life within an atmosphere that absorbs ultraviolet solar radiation, in which temperatures remain relatively moderate, and an atmosphere in which water that evaporates cannot escape the troposphere, and instead, distills back to the planet as water or ice to replenish her natural resources. So how is it that a mortal woman can define herself as one as mighty as our home planet? I understand we original Asiatic Black women to be Earth because we possess a womb perfectly organized to house eggs,

release them monthly, receive sperm for the purpose of the egg's fertilization, gestate embryos for nine months, and give birth to humanity. Our life-bearing properties don't stop there, however. Before producing milk, our breasts secrete colostrum that provides our children with the immunoglobulin, an antibody needed to fight bacteria and viruses until their own immune system becomes fully functioning, colostrum also coats their gastrointestinal track to help expel meconium (an infant's first stool composed of materials ingested while in the uterus) and prevent jaundice. Soon, our breast milk flows, and that provides every nutrient needed to sustain a growing infant's life, including protein, fats, carbohydrates, vitamins, minerals, digestive enzymes, and hormones. Breast milk is also a natural vaccination, providing antibodies that help infants and toddlers resist infection. In the meantime, while nurturing our children with their first nutritious meal, we are getting them acclimated to the world around them – teaching them all about their environment and how to survive in it with a high quality of life.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad said, "A nation can rise no higher than its woman." That is because women are the first teachers of the seeds, and what we know to be valuable, right, and just, we instill in them, ensuring a bright future for our nation collectively. We are inherently nurturing and empathetic, which makes us superb caretakers; promoting our child's physical growth and development, the enhancement of our baby's gross and fine motor skills, and ensuring their healthy psychological, emotional, cognitive, language, and social development. We first instill in our children the basics – knowledge (reading, writing, and arithmetic). Then we teach them how knowledge is functional and should be applied in their lives so that it is made useful and they become wise. Then, based on the repercussions of their words and outcome of their actions, we teach our seeds critical thinking skills, so that with thorough examination they develop for themselves an understanding of the who's, what's, where's, when's, why's and how's. With knowledge as their foundation and understanding as their guide our children begin to be molded into their own image and likeness, they become their own person, choosing their culture and determining how to live it of their own free will. Through acts and deeds, whether right or wrong, we see our children's display of power as they use their strength-of-will, self-awareness, and confidence to test the boundaries between the rules and regulations we enforce on them and those they desire to set for themselves, make ethical choices for themselves, and become influential among their peer group. As they begin to live in accord with *their* truth, what they know through experience and observation to be right and just, our children become sole controllers of their own destiny, elevating to their fullest equality – infinity if they so choose – as they judge themselves and others, enact justice, and face *their* just rewards and penalties maturely. Standing on their own square, founded in what's true, right and just, they become God, and reflective of God, through righteous act and deed, not merely by nature. They become their own man and woman, and we see God and Earth lived through them as they concurrently hold their post in building Allah's

World Manifest and destroying the devil's civilization that exists all around and would seek to hinder them. As mothers of civilization, we see our children borne into fathers and mothers of civilization because of all the right foods, sustenance, and nurturance we instilled in them. By choosing to be righteous and live righteously, we see our daughters become mothers of civilization in their own right, and watch our boys grow into men, and as the late, great Nina Simone said "Man becomes his God."

As sisters with knowledge of self, who are aware of our origins in this world and labor to regain our civilization, our role of Earth is greatest displayed in our rearing of the babies, however, it is not limited to that role alone. We are held accountable for living in accord to Supreme Mathematics and the moral, ethical principles that the math entails. By living the math, portraying it in our ways and actions, verbalizing it in our wise choice of words, we become living examples of earthliness and show forth the power of God by reflecting knowledge of self in the physical, as stated above, through wise words, ways and actions, and in righteous deeds. We reflect God, the Asiatic Black man with knowledge of self, as the moon reflects the light of the sun, showing that the sun always shines by teaching knowledge of self and the science of life to those who have yet to be mentally born. An Earth is a teacher to the physical seeds, our babies, and the mental seeds, those brothers and sisters who are not yet as intelligent and wise as we. Yes, we original women with knowledge of self bear life physically, though we also present the truth to and exchange knowledge and wisdom with all human families, birthing them out of a mental death, thus we are life-bearers in the mental sense as well.

Being an Earth means being the best woman that you can possibly be, being a mother to the young, a role model to those yet to reach their full maturity, and first and foremost a student, sister, and wife to Allah God – the original (Indigenous) man with knowledge of himself as the supreme being in the universe and who lives in agreement with that truth. Sisters live out the culture of Supreme Mathematics in many different ways. We, as a nation, have our agreed upon restrictions – no pork, no marrying/mating with Caucasians. Outside of that, we are free to live our culture through the proper application of the math. How I choose to be Earth in comparison to how my sister chooses to be Earth may be vastly different. In having knowledge of self we are required to see and acknowledge our best parts, poor parts, and worst parts – refine the poor parts into useful land and destroy the worst parts of our character and behavior, being re-born as a true and living Earth.

In January of 1997, a sister-friend of mine not of the NGE first showed me the Supreme Mathematics. She had written down the principles and their basic meaning, her unique understanding of them in regards to her personality, emotional state, and also related

them to her zodiac sign. I was immediately attracted to the math. In retrospect, I know it was because the principles that compose it had been ingrained in me throughout my childhood. They fell right in line with my own inherent and learned value system, and quenched my undying thirst for knowledge. I copied the Supreme Mathematics into my own journal, looked-up the principles in a dictionary, and added my own understanding to the dictionary's basic explanation of each axiom. I meditated on each word, to see how the axioms could collectively help to enlighten me and strengthen my moral code. This attraction to the truth led me, on the born day of February in that same year, to the Gods in C-Medina, who aided in my growth and development into a true and living Earth. My desire to be the best woman I could be, one knowledgeable of history and culture, and wise to my role as a Queen, is what compelled me to study my lessons so that I could learn, live, and understand the purpose they served. My stance as an atheist for 7 years leading up to my meeting the Gods, promoted my ability to accept the reality of God in person as the original Asiatic Black man. My educator, Cincur Allah, provided me with the Supreme Alphabet after testing my mastery of the Supreme Mathematics. He continued to test my knowledge and understanding as I progressed through my studies of the 120 Lessons, never holding my hand, ensuring that I was about this culture for the message, not the messenger, for knowledge and understanding of self, not to master the Black man. He did, however, remain a constant guide and source of reference through my journey into Earthdom. The Gods I was around allowed me to be a self-evaluator, and to refine in my own due time, once my I saw that certain aspects of my physical (be it dress or actions abroad) were not on the same level as my mental development.

It was me who determined when the time was right to evolve from civilized to completely righteous, wearing headwraps and three fourths of cloth. Not a single God told me to wrap my head; it was a conscious choice of my own making. And none of them had to suggest that I go natural because my hair had been chemical free for 3 years at the time I started living this culture. I didn't have to be convinced not to eat pork, because I had been a vegetarian for almost 5 years when I came into the knowledge of Supreme Mathematics and started doing my part to build Allah's World Manifest. My interests were Black history, Indigenous cultures (so-called Indians), holistic health, and the book I was reading when I met the Gods was the Metu Neter. You see, I had Earth in me from the start, as all original women have the potential for greatness by realizing the Earth in them. However, what the Gods saw was my receptiveness to gaining the knowledge of who the true and living God is and insight into our natural way of life, they saw my interest in the science they were sharing with me and my appreciation for the knowledge of self they were instilling in me. All of the above tells me that the universe aligned itself perfectly for me to come into the knowledge of the culture of Supreme Mathematics at just the right time, among the right people. As this was, and still is, the culture that's right for me, supports my ideologies, my moral

code, my interests, this culture encouraged and strengthened my love for and dedication to all original people, and provided the necessary motivation to keep me ever-focused on my refinement and mental elevation.

I have had my hell in this, crossed paths with devils in disguise as God, using the name of Allah to shield their dirty religion; had to send back sisters who were God groupies and amongst us for the man rather than the plan. However, I chose to keep the best part preserved for myself knowing that there is no unrighteousness in the true and living. I kept my focus on being among those brothers and sisters who I could study amongst, learn from, and manifest with. My constant goal in having knowledge of self has been the achievement of supreme enlightenment, and knowing the truth of God has enabled me to continue being led in the right direction, never misled by outside forces. I traveled among the Gods and Earths, and with knowledge of self was born again as an Earth for the knowledge, wisdom, and understanding that Supreme Mathematics and 120 Lessons presented to me. This culture and our lessons have led me to the study of so many other sciences, cultures, and righteous aspects of life, that I can confidently say I know what the meaning of life is because I know and understand who I am – *a Nation Builder* adding to positive productivity of the collective; *a Poor Righteous Teacher* leading by example with the knowledge of when to be the teacher and when it's time to take the role of student, maintaining a chaos-free existence by treating people how I want to be treated; and *a True and Living Earth* – true, because I heed the truth once aware of it, also because I'm honest to others and myself (even if it means seeing the poor parts of me); living, because to be living is to be seen and heard and everything from my topics of conversation and intonations, to my dress, hair style, lack of make-up, my vegan diet, continued studies of Indigenous people throughout the Diaspora to show and prove our likeness and destroy the differences that have perpetrated our division... all of this is how I live my culture as an Earth.



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Who is BLACK and Who is Not?

Are you confused about being Black?

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Peace to the Gods & Earths, the 5% and all who read this build.

(BEFORE I go any further, I do know some of you do not know the NGE Lessons. So I will write this in a way that all can follow.)

The devil is made from the original people by grafting and separating the germs.

In the act of making the devil, the original people who were Yacub or part of Yacub 600 year process, birthed nationalities. The historical articles about making the devil, the process of grafting usually are the subject. When the separation process is ignored the understanding is missed. The understanding is not the only thing missed, but answers to other questions become more trivial.

One of the most common question we come across, those of us with Knowledge of Self, is what and who are original (black). The answer to this question is no longer common sense, because of the SEPARATION process. What made the separation process just as important as the grafting process was its power to restrict grafting in. This is why we chose not to loose time. The separation was not solely based on skin tone. It is apparent to us all, that some of us have a darker or lighter complexion than each other. We were also separated by hair texture, facial structure, beliefs, cultures, geographical location and language.

Many of us have seen and heard Haitians, Jamaicans, Dominicans, Nigerians, Ghanaians, Puerto Ricans; Brazilians say that they are not black. A lot of them speak on their nationality as if it is their identity. The above so called Nationalities are mere products of the separation process. Original people were separated by the different languages we speak, and mentally confined to a geographical location. I noticed with most Puerto Ricans, no matter how dark complexioned they are, they look at blacks in America as not their Nation, unless that person speaks fluent Spanish. Me having a Father who was born in the Dominican republic, noticed the difference between how Spanish speaking people treated me in comparison to how they treated my Spanish speaking cousins. This experience in itself, even as a young man, made me realize that some blacks do not even know they are black. They think they are not black because the language they speak.

After studying this pattern it is only obvious to see that language is a tool used to enforce separation amongst the original people that come in all shades of black.

When separating a group of people from another group of people because they speak different languages, to be successful you would put physical distance between them.

The physical distance is called separation through land. I can't recall how many times I called a Laotian person a Vietnamese, a North Korean person a South Korean or vice versa. Even though the complexion, hair texture, facial features are the same, these people believe they are different. In certain areas in Korea you can walk to a South Korean town from a North Korean town within a couple of hours, yet the distance is enough to cause a mental separation between the people.

All over the world the caste system is set up to give the colored man (Caucasian) a strong hold on the land. In places like Brazil, when taking a government census the blacks can put themselves down as white, majority do. They do this, because they have a want to be other than black. This causes the kids to grow up and desire to reproduce with whites or blacks whose complexion is near white. This is also a trend in Puerto Rico. The caste system is Yacub as a machine that keeps the grafting process going. The PELAN that exist today is the mind state of the original people who want to be white or lighter in complexion. They are still killing the black gene with that idea. There is no place where the caste system is more prevalent than INDIA. In India the darker you are the less opportunities are giving to you. The darkest original inhabitants of India, the Dravidians are forced to live below the poverty line and forced to live in Southern India. They must walk in alleys, also the best job they can get is street cleaners, and this includes cleaning fecal matter out of the street. These black people are treated less than the animals of that country. These people are black, but in the U.S, on the census they are able to put their ethnicity down as white. Can we not see the pattern?

Yacub exists today, and Pelan (Patmos) is an Institutional way of thinking.

To my light skinned brothers and sisters, those of you claiming to be Puerto-Rican, Dominican, Haitian, Jamaican, Hawaiian, Philippines stop falling victim to the Yacub process by speaking on these Nationalities as if its your race. REMEMBER BLACK does not mean you have to be dark-skinned. Those dark-skinned blacks with curly or stringy hair must realize black does not mean you must have kinked hair.

Peace

What God Is vs. What God Is Not

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God is the Black Man.
God is living mathematics.

God does first things first.
God handles business.
God is not irresponsible.

God fights the good fight.
God knows his role. God is a good sport and a team player.
God is not a sore loser.

God is informed and in tune.
God doesn't speak what he doesn't know. God is not paranoid.

God is assertive.
God is not passive-aggressive.
God is a go-getter.
God is not a procrastinator.

God owns his issues and screw-ups.
God is not an excuse maker.

God is an authority, not an authoritarian. God is pragmatic.
God is reasonable, not a blowhard.
God is a thoughtful policymaker.
God covers all the bases, because he is thorough.

God is a good student of life.
God learns from his mistakes.
God is the best learner, yet not a follower. God is one people want to learn from.

God strives to be the best at anything he does.

God has empathy.
God is not inconsiderate of others.

God doesn't let the infrastructure fall apart.
God keeps the house in order.
God is head of the household and of the family.
God is not an abuser or batterer.

God is polite to all people, not just the women and the babies, not just Black people, and not just other Gods and Earths.
God is not vulgar.
God is not rowdy or disruptive.
God is humble.

God thinks positive.
God makes the most of all things.
God is creative.
God sees endless possibilities.
God is inspired and inspiring.
God is progressive.

God is not emotional unstable.
God is not a maniac.
God is the rock, sturdy and sure.
God is one of strong will.
God knows when to take control.

God is not a tyrant.
God is a servant of the people.

God is not representative of a state of perfection.
God is representative of the process of perfection.

God is not a thief.
God is not a thug.
God is not a murderer.
God is not a criminal of any kind.
God is a law abiding citizen.
God is the law personified.

God is not an oppressor of the unalike. God is not a racist.
God is not a chauvinist.

God is not unethical.
God is not immoral.
God is not wasteful.
God is productive.
God is not a user.
God is a contributor.

God is talented.
God is skilled.
God is a mover and shaker.
God does not try to dominate, because he is naturally dominant.
God is not only in charge, but in control. God is confident.
God is not mediocre.
God is not pathetic.
God is not a loser.

God is merciful without being weak. God can destroy, but is not destructive.

God is not holy.
God is not religious.
God is righteous.
God does what must be done.

God is a good listener.
God is one others can relate to.
God knows when to be serious and when to lighten up.
God does not hate people.
God is not a savage in pursuit of good times.
Yet God is the life of the party.

God is not pretentious.
God is not an unrealistic airhead.
God is not an eccentric.
God is not disingenuous.
God is not trifling.
God is not funny-style.

God is not an outcast or an elite.
God is one of the people.

God is not a predator.
God is a protector.

God is not a mysterious, magical fairy tale.
God is real.
God is as real as you can get.

PEACE.

So...who then is the Devil?

Supreme Understanding Allah

Allah's Garden (Atlanta, GA)

I know I've already offended dozens of you with the title alone, so I'll be clear about a few things upfront. I make no apologies for any of the statements I will make in the following paragraphs, but I want to be clear about what I am NOT saying.

First, I am neither pro-Black nor anti-white. I am not against every individual white person. I am against white supremacy and its many manifestations. I will elaborate on that, but I need you to understand I do not intend on spewing hateful inflammatory rhetoric. I am not trying to move a crowd into action. I am simply clarifying a condition of reality. Finally, I do not find any value into spending time "blaming" white people for the problems of people with color. However, I think it is useless to attempt to treat a disease without knowing its cause(s). People of color DO need to understand WHY things are the way they are before they can effectively begin to solve their problems. Otherwise, we will easily fall victims to the same predatory conditions.

I will address each aspect of my argument separately. I may mention a source here and there, but will not attempt to cite for each statement because I am typing this as I think it. Yes, this is how I think.

Let's begin. First, let's identify what exactly a devil is. We don't need to consult a dictionary. Common sense serves us well in telling us that a devil is one who lives in opposition to God; a force of evil; a source of wickedness and misery on Earth. The very existence of the devil is dependent on the existence of God. In every theology where a devil exists, he exists in opposition to the Supreme Being, God. Elsewhere, you may have read about why the Blackman is God, so I will not dedicate space to that topic here. When we talk about God and the devil, these constructs come to us pre-packaged as religious concepts, each pair unique to its respective theology.

In Western religions, God is good and the Devil is evil. Typically the devil is a servant or creation of God gone bad. Either the devil wanted too much power, was too arrogant, or was jealous of the true Supreme Being, God. In other world traditions, the devil is a sort of "trickster" or conniving and clever fellow that employs deceit, illusion, and other ruses for his own gain, benefit, or amusement. The reasons for these phenomena are tied directly to the history of these areas.

Religions develop from the historical goings-on of the region where they develop. In the Near East, where Judaism, Christianity, Islam, and the Egyptian/Kemetic religions emerged, not to mention Zoroastrianism and the ancient Sumerian and Babylonian systems of worship, we see a very

stark contrast between God and the devil, as described above. Let's look at the history of the region. Paul Lawrence Guthrie, in *Making of the Whiteman*, described extensive research he conducted to verify the teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad in regards to the white man being a "made man." This fact is one of the most significant factors impacting white supremacy today, and must be understood in order to understand any of what is happening in the world now. As Neely Fuller, Jr. has said, "If you do not understand white supremacy, what it is, and how it works, then everything else will only confuse you."

History began for white people about 6,000 years ago on a small island in the Aegean sea. Yes, only 6,000 years ago. Of course, at this point you have questions, or you've stopped reading entirely. What are your questions? Here's a FAQ:

1. How could a people who've only been around for 6,000 years accomplish so much more than everyone else?

Ans. By stealing from and exploiting everyone else, and then denying anyone else ever did anything first.

2. Weren't there cavemen in Europe before 6,000 years ago?

Ans. Yes. There's no indication they were white. Van Sertima and Rashidi's book *African Presence in Early Europe* documents the ancient BLACK presence in Europe, as do other books like *Ancient and Modern Britons*. Europeans DID forge a FAKE fossil remain known as the "Piltdown Man" to PRETEND white humans were in Europe for thousands of years, but it was soon proven a hoax.

3. How do you know it was 6,000 years ago, and not 7 or 8 thousand?

Ans. First, I didn't say EXACTLY 6,000. It's been a little more than that now. And there's a lot of history that STARTS at that time. Even the Bible's creation of man goes back only to about 4,000 BC. For centuries, Europeans wrote history only going back that far, then struggled to fit the Egyptians and other Original people into this limited timeline. In the end, some early scholars conceded that Blacks were original people who predated the making of the white Adam and Eve circa 4,000 BC.

Back to the issue. Who made them? Why? Why on earth make a people to be your enemy? Whose bright idea was that? Well, THIS topic requires a pretty detailed answer, and I'll do my best to sum everything up as matter-of-factly as possible. The Blackman is the Original Man. The Original Man is God -the maker and owner of the planet Earth, father of civilization, God of the Universe. Materialized as Man on

Earth, God nonetheless comes with shortcomings. The flesh is home to imperfection. That's the nature of ALL things physical. The original man devised the idea of devil to exist in opposition to god with the intention of bringing out the best, and weeding out the worst. By manufacturing - from within himself - a 100% manifestation of weakness and wickedness - he could accomplish two things: (1) see what he needed to eliminate within himself (2) grow strong enough as a collective to eliminate it. In the Near East, the devil comes from God, and was once amongst him. The devil is expelled, takes power and begins inflicting misery upon the people of God. God must simultaneously fight for the minds and hearts of his people as he fights against the growing power of the devil. This isn't myth. This is life. God and devil occupy the same roles and behaviors in Near Eastern mythologies as they do in race relations among Blacks and whites today. Think about it.

Who made white people? How? An original man who was a scientist named Yacub led the endeavor. Was his actual name Yacub? Probably not. In scripture, names are assigned to roles in history, so whoever functions in that role is thus identified with that scriptural personage. Jesus' name wasn't actually Jesus. It may very well have been Yeshuah, Yehoshuah, or some other - entirely different - Hebrew name. Yacub became "Yacub" when he led thousands of people with him into one of the world's first planned eugenics movement. Yacub, in Hebrew, means "the supplanter," as in, his function/role was to supplant a new people for the dominant ruling group of the world. In Egyptian, Ya-cub means "moon circuit," a period which is 6,000 years and coincides with the rule of whites. It is quite difficult to find any usable anthropological or archaeological evidence from 6 millennia ago, but there are records that speak of a god named "Yacub-El" or "Yacub Allah" predating the Biblical Jacob. Try typing "yakub-el" "yacob-el" or another variant into the search engine at print.google.com and see what you find. Speaking of which, the Biblical Jacob is of utmost importance. Read his story in Genesis 32, to see how he was renamed Israel, which means "fought/struggled against God." Who is it that fight and struggle against God?

After selective breeding for several generations finally produced a generation that was completely genetically recessive, these whites were reintroduced to the Black population at the root of civilization. Around this time records from Egypt record King Menes reunifying Egypt after expelling a divisive band of white intruders. These white intruders would later be reintroduced to Near Eastern civilization 2,000 years later. Except this time, it would fall at their hands.

Historical evidence shows us that these whites were expelled to live in the Caucasus Mountains (hence the name Caucasian), where they reverted to primitive behavior while sustaining and feeding their predatory tendencies. There are records of individual children living like this even in the modern era, on www.feralchildren.com. Very interesting, if you think it can't happen. Michael Bradley's *The Iceman* Inheritance details what life was like in the caves for these people, and the aggressive and warlike behaviors it

developed in them as a result. Many of the traditions that have lasted even until this day in European culture stem from this epoch of history. For example, the Western marriage ceremony is rooted in the practice of one caveman's tribe kidnapping a woman from another tribe, binding her, and carrying her into their cave - thus the ring (to bind), the throwing of the rice (rocks) during the getaway, the carrying over the threshold, and the immediate sexual gratification of the honeymoon. Another of these entrenched cultural practices is eugenics, a fascination among whites who have desired to produce the Supreme Whiteman, as most notably attempted during Hitler's campaign for a pure Aryan nation.

If you've every read a World History textbook, you'll remember that European history always begins sometime around 2,000 BC in the Caucasus Mountain region. It was from here that they emerged, wreaking havoc to every civilization they encountered in the area. You may have also read further to see that every Black and Brown civilization was pillaged and destroyed by "foreign invaders."

Who were these foreign invaders? The Egyptians called them Hyksos, and history says these people eventually became known as the Hebrews after mixing with the Black Egyptian population. Indian scripture records them as the self-described Aryans, or noble people. Further east in China, where they finally arrived about 1500 BC, they were the Chou people, who conquering and displaced the Blacks of the previously ruling Xia and Shang dynasties, giving birth to a new yellow (mixed) China. Everywhere these people went, they brought many familiar things along. Most notable in terms of physical artifacts were the sword and the chariot, probably "borrowed" from the designs of Egypt and the Near East. However, more significant were cultural nuances like the aggressive and ferocious style of war and conquest that most Original people had never before witnessed. Everywhere they went these people:

- a. took over the most important cities then sought to spread out their rule as far as possible, dividing up geographic regions as they saw fit
- b. used religion to supplant themselves as the favored people of an invisible god (Yacub)
- c. introduced the religious ideas of heaven and hell, used as a system of reward and punishment for obedience
- d. disputed any idea that they came from another region, and claimed to be native heirs to the land
- e. introduced white gods and black devils/demons into the mythology
- f. began replacing the indigenous language with an Indo-European variant

g. began rapidly transforming local industry and bureaucracy to fit with their ruling style

Does this sound similar to what has happened when whites colonized Africa or when whites "settled" America? Not much has changed, of course, and history is indeed cyclical.

So let's look at the modern era. Conspiracy theories abound, on every topic from 9/11 to the CIA/Crack-cocaine connection. Unless these fragmented theories are seen through the unified lens of the global conspiracy for white supremacy, they all are simply confusing and disconnected. In fact, what the white pundits who rant and rave about 9/11 and "constitutional freedoms" love to ignore is that the "New World Order" and the "Illuminati" are about white power and the devil more than anything else. When Bush and the rest of the Skull and Bones crew are engaging in what appears to be Satanic rituals, please don't think that the most elite whites on this Earth are dumb enough to be so religious and primitive. They are hailing themselves and their direct "descent" from Yacub.

These people know who God is. They know the Original Man is God. They are informed enough to be aware of the obvious. It is only Original People who are too blind to know it. Did you know that the when Masons attain their 32nd and 33rd degrees they are introduced to the worship of the "true God," Allah? Ask any old Shriner why they wear a Muslim fez with a sword at the top. Of course he won't tell you!

They know who they are. And I'm not referring to Sally and Joe Pimple from down the street. I'm referring to those who function on the higher echelons of society. Sally and Joe Pimple, on the other hand, are just passive participants in the global plague of white supremacy. Sure, their son Trevor is a nice guy who never calls you the "n-word" and listens to hip hop nonstop. He can even dance! That doesn't disqualify him.

White people are typically either active or passive participants in this racist system of white supremacy, and while its very hard for them to simply escape being a participant, its impossible for them to escape their nature. "Devil" is not just what you do, its who you are. A man can act like a woman, dress like a woman, and even get surgery to fool nearly everyone...but at the end of the day, he's naturally a man. White people were not created to be our saviors or our benefactors, no matter how many trees they hug or African squirrels they campaign to save. They were made to be who, as a whole, they are today.

I could spend the next ten-thousand pages detailing every ill this planet is currently faced with and how it goes back to whites, but I don't think that's a productive use of literature. If you are genuinely interested, pick a topic and research it thoroughly until you get to the bottom of who is responsible. For example, try finding the answers to some of these questions on your own, so that you too, can understand why the white man is the devil (unless you're already conditioned and too scared to say such a thing):

- a. Why did the Hutus and Tutsis go to war in Rwanda, resulting in an African genocide? Why is there a hole in the ozone layer?
- b. Who is currently toppling governments, creating unrest and civil war, and murdering countless civilians over land and oil?
- c. What were the Crusades fought over?
- d. What is manifest destiny?
- e. What is the history of eugenics?
- f. What non-white nation or people has interacted with whites and benefited positively?
- g. What was so bad about Communism and Socialism and why did they have to be crushed?
- h. Why are scientists exploring the possibilities for moving to other planets?
- i. Why do so many people think racism is going away when all the evidence says the opposite?
- j. Has Christianity helped liberate or suppress people of color?
- k. What is Lothrop Stoddard's 1920 book, *The Rising Tide of Color Against White-World Supremacy* about?
- l. What is population control?
- m. What is The Lord of the Rings really about?
- n. Who are/will be the enemies in the current war on terrorism?
- o. How did the tsunami in South-East Asia occur?
- p. Why did American nuke Japan in WWII?
- q. What happened to the aboriginal Black natives of Australia, the Pacific Islands, Asia, and the Americas?



As a final note, remember, the word "devil" is not meant to be used as an epithet, insult, or slur. It is a real term, grounded in real history. Know your facts. Learn your Self.

Making of the Whiteman

Excerpts from *MAKING OF THE WHITE MAN* by Paul Lawrence Guthrie

This book examines a series of events that took place long ago in and around the region of the Near East. Those events include the disruption of civilization, the sudden arrival of white people in the vicinity of the Caucasus Mountains and what happened 2,000 years later when they unexpectedly came out of the hills and attacked the centers of civilization. By examining these events we will be able to better determine to what extent the facts of history agree with the teachings of Elijah Muhammad.

AN OVERVIEW OF ANCIENT HISTORY

Between six and seven thousand years ago, signs of disruption began to appear throughout the ancient civilization of the Near East. For nearly a thousand years the cultures of that region underwent a change; a period of regression. As chaos and dissatisfaction grew, problems intensified and the ancient societies of the Near East slipped deeper into despair. Then about 6,000 years ago, the inevitable happened--civilization fell apart.

What caused the breakup of civilization six thousand years ago? Some historians had speculated that a natural disaster, such as an earthquake or some similar event took place, but they were unable to find any evidence to support their claims. Besides, all of the clues pointed in the direction of an event quite different from that of an earthquake - a condition that grew over an extended period of time. The picture is one of communities in turmoil, of societies collapsing and falling apart from within; of chaos, dissatisfaction and unrest. The most accurate summation would be to say that the people just began fighting and killing one another - this is the best way to describe what was happening in the Near East 6,000 years ago.

Soon after the unsettling of civilization, another interesting change began to take place. This change occurred in the area of the Caucasus Mountains. There, in West Asia, a previously unknown group of people suddenly appeared as if from out nowhere. Collectively they are known as the Indo-Europeans, Caucasians or white people. The facts show that they first entered the area around 6,000 years ago. 2,000 years later their invasions would bring them into contact with the civilized nations to the south. Because they had no fixed homes and wandered about from place to place, historians usually describe their way of life as 'nomadic'.

Since they were so backward, it is very difficult to use archaeological evidence to help pin down the original home of the Indo-European tongues.

With the arrival of the Caucasians into that cold and sparsely populated area of the world, the few older communities, which earlier had been established there in Europe were either abandoned or destroyed. The evidence clearly suggests that the original inhabitants of those settlements either fled or were killed off by the newly arriving whites. After the whites showed up, drastic changes started to occur in the region north of the Caucasus.

A time period around 3500 B.C. forms a caesura between Old Europe and Indo-European Europe. It is a time when life in the large villages and townships either stops or is markedly changed. The degenerative changes in the settlements of the Old European Civilization may be assumed to indicate the beginning of the Indo-European presence.

Following the breakup of the ancient societies and the arrival of the whiteman in Europe, the people of the Near East worked to re-establish the level of peace and security they had once known. Slowly, over time, communities were rebuilt, prosperity was restored and signs of new life started to emerge.

In Africa, along the banks of the Nile River, Egypt blossomed into the Pyramid Age. In Mesopotamia, between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers, the Sumerians too, established a civilization renowned for its high level of culture and refinement. Even as far away as India, along the tributaries of the Indus River, the Dravidians constructed the magnificent twin cities of Mohenjo-Daro and Harrapa. Rich in arts, sciences and the necessities of life these civilizations laid the foundation for trade and finance, architecture, geometry, mathematics and astronomy, philosophy, law and government, writing and religion.

Throughout the period of reconstruction, not much attention was paid to the nomads of the north; the threat never seemed significant. From time to time, a few nomadic bands would wander down into the center of civilization, but their activities never amounted to more than occasional raids or skirmishes. In the course of time small groups of the whites were able to establish camps along the hills and deserts outside of Mesopotamia. Although such camps survived mainly by robbing and scavenging, their overall impact upon civilization remained minimal; most of the whites were at that time still beyond range up in the hills.

But the Caucasians of the north were not to remain a distant novelty forever. 2,000 years after their arrival, the nomadic tribes began to move away from what for years had been their home. As they swarmed down, out of the hills, some of them began to travel west, toward the Aegean Sea. At the same time another large group trudged southward, in the direction of the centers of civilization. "for unknown reasons, the group went into a ferment shortly before 2000 B.C. and started spilling out all over Europe and western Asia.

As they moved southward, they were joined by smaller groups - members of their own who had earlier taken up positions along the hills and caravan routes outside of Mesopotamia. As they advanced toward the centers of civilization, they began a series of violent and devastating attacks. One by one the great cities of the ancient world began to topple. So complete was the effect of the onslaught that when it was all over, nothing was left standing.

During a period of about three hundred years, beginning soon after 1700 B.C., the civilized world was overrun by barbarian conquerors. Hill peoples living north and east of Mesopotamia, tribesmen from the desert fringes of Syria, Palestine and northern Arabia, together with wide ranging war bands originating from the northern steppe combined in varying proportions to attack all existing centers of civilized life. The range of these barbarian conquests was never again equaled...At the two extremes of civilized world, in Crete and in India, little but smoking ruins remained.

So the facts show that after the reconstruction of civilization, the whites came out of the hills and destroyed it all. Every historian agrees that the uprooting of those civilizations were the result of attacks from white barbarians who came rushing down, out of the hills of West

Asia. In India, Mohenjo-daro was sacked and its people were enslaved or killed. The outcome was the same for those of Mesopotamia and Egypt too.

HISTORY AND THE TEACHINGS OF ELIJAH MUHAMMAD

The disruption of the ancient civilization of the Near East, the sudden arrival of white people in the vicinity of the Caucasus Mountains and what took place 2,000 years later are among the teachings of Elijah Muhammad.

Elijah Muhammad says that 6,000 years ago a new race of people showed up in the region of the Near East. The new race, Muhammad says that 6,000 years ago a new race of people showed up in the region of the Near East. The new race, Muhammad says were white people. He says that the whites first appeared 6,000 years ago on the Island of Pelan, in the Aegean Sea, where they had been "made" by the process of selective breeding called "grafting". According to Muhammad, it was black people, living on the Island of Pelan who gave birth to the whites. Under their leader Yakub, the blacks of Pelan were placed under a system of laws by which marriage was based on skin color and in which only lighter complexioned babies were allowed to survive. Over a course of many generations, the population of Pelan began to grow lighter and lighter until, after 600 years of grafting, the people became very pale and white.

When some of the whites from Pelan showed up in the Near East, their presence created a calamity. As a result were driven out, away from the people and into the hills of West Asia. There they remained for the next 2,000 years.

Following the driving away of the whites, they became isolated and cut off; without proper guidance and the things to start a civilization of their own, they slipped into a life of savagery.

Since history shows that a disruption had occurred in the Near East just prior to the sudden appearance of the white people in the hills of West Asia it is possible that the teachings of Elijah Muhammad is indeed rooted in fact? Inasmuch as no other explanation has been presented to explain these occurrences, and since the evidence is consistent with what Muhammad says took place, is it reasonable to suggest that what Muhammad teaches is in fact true?

A SEARCH FOR SIMILARITIES

The most popularly known traditional account which shares similarities with the teachings of Elijah Muhammad is the Bible's story of Adam and Eve. According to the Old Testament, Adam was made 6,000 years ago. (This date is arrived at by adding together the ages of all of Patriarchs from Adam to Abraham as they appear in the 5th and 11th chapters of the book of Genesis.) Accordingly, the time of Adam's "creation" corresponds with the time which Muhammad says white people first appeared on the planet. Elijah Muhammad explains that the Bible's account of Adam and Eve is in actuality a narrative of early history of the Caucasian race. A review of the traditions of the making of Man as they exist around the world shows a surprising number of them to be in full agreement with Muhammad - they relate that Adam and Eve had white complexions. Some depict the new man-made as starting out with a darker complexion, then later being transformed to white.

One such account has been handed down in the traditions of the Maidu Indians. Similar tradition, from India explain that the first

Caucasians were made when a group of dark-skinned people gave birth to light complexioned babies who in turn gave birth to a nation of albinos from whom other whites were born. L. Bolk wrote in *Origin of Racial Characteristics in Man* "White skin...started from an ancestor with a black skin, in whose offspring hair and iris color were suppressed more and more. Charles Darwin, he too expressed the opinion that selection over the course of many generations, had to have been used in bringing about what he called "the characteristic differences between the races of man" He even went on to concluded that without some form of selective breeding, such racial differences simply "cannot be accounted for in a satisfactory manner. James Cowles Prichard, concluded that the physical differences between the races of Man could only have resulted from a method comparable to "the process of artificial selection carried on by plant and animal breeders. This too is consistent with the words of Elijah Muhammad. Dr Edwin Grant Conklin *The Evolution of Man* wrote: "It is evident that distinct races could not have been established and perpetuated except by the aid of isolation, chiefly geographical. Dr. Ramm who admitted: "By scientific breeding we can shuffle these genes with their characteristics and breed traits in or breed them out...The laws of heredity plus principles of separation or selection operating over a period of time will produce the various races of the world."

Another ancient traditional account that shares similarities with the teachings of Muhammad is the biblical account of Jacob's grafted flock. Genesis 30:35 says that Jacob (English translation of the name Yakub) was able to produce unusually colored flocks of sheep and goat through the use of a skillful breeding technique. According to the bible it took Jacob six years to successfully change the color of the flock (Genesis 31:41). That Bible's story of Jacob's grafted flock is related to the birth of white people from Black parents is attested to by the ancient book of Jewish traditions called the Midrash Rabbah.

In his book, *Message to the Blackman*, Elijah includes the name "Azazel" to be one of many used to describe the white race. According to Hebrew tradition, Azazel is one of the names given to the leader of the devils - it is the Hebrew name for Iblis, leader of the Jinn. Once a year, on the eve of the Jewish Day of Atonement, a ceremony is traditionally performed in which a goat (Azazel) is tied to a rope and led away from the people, out into the desert and abandoned in a place of hills and rocks. The ceremony of the atonement, handed down from generation to generation, is a re-enactment of the early history of the Caucasian people.

A more thorough understanding of the history of Azazel can be had by examining the *The Book of Enoch* which for 500 years was accepted as part of the Bible. This book along with the Book of Adam and Eve and many more book which was removed from the Bible can be found in *THE LOST BOOKS OF THE BIBLE and THE FORGOTTEN BOOKS OF EDEN* (ISBN0-452-00944-8).

Making of the Whiteman by Paul Lawrence Guthrie is an innovative and well-documented study. Today many people are beginning to re-examine the teachings of Elijah Muhammad. They are taking a closer look at the facts. Many are beginning to ask: "Could the teachings of Muhammad be correct?" This book looks at the facts of history and the writings of ancient traditional accounts and compares both with what has been taught by Muhammad. The result is a unique view into the historical significance of Black America's most controversial leader. **READ IT AND RECOMMEND IT TO OTHERS!**

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No Pork on the Fork or Swine in the Mind

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It's the new millennium and heads are STILL eating pork????!!

It is nasty. That beast is filthy. If you won't take my word for it, go take a nature hike to a farm and watch it in action. The pork just ain't good for you in any shape, form or fashion. Here are some bullet points to consider:

- Out of the land animals that are most often consumed in the United States (beef, lamb, chicken, and turkey being the others) it is the only animal that is an omnivore, which means it eats anything. It is a scavenger also.
- It has ducts at the base of its legs that constantly let out puss.
- You can feed it practically anything (garbage, poison, etc..) and it won't die.
- The Bible and Koran have prohibitions against eating it.
- Why would you eating something that has to be 'cured'?
- And for those who say that 'cooking it kills the trichinosis worm' why the funk do you want to eat cooked WORMS????!!
- Wait...you're a Christian and don't think that the ban on eating pork applies to you? Read *The Hog: Should It Be Used For Food?* by C. Leonard Vories, a Christian minister.
- African Americans are more prone to high blood pressure. It may be a genetically selective trait, so stop eating salt 'cured' pork. Duh.
- Cysticercosis (tapeworm egg infection) is the primary type of parasitic infection of the brain. Also the #1 cause of seizures world wide is due to Cysticercosis

- Want to know more about Cysticercosis? Read *The Woman with the Worm in her Head* by Pamela Nagami.
- The rate of Cysticercosis is so high in the Hispanic community that they automatically check for tapeworm infection if they come into the doctor's office with certain symptoms.
- Chitterling????!! You mean you won't kiss a woman's feet or eat her out, yet you will eat where pig feces pass through????!! PLUS you have to clean it first with bleach????!!
- Most likely the pig was domesticated NOT for food. It was probably domesticated to be a living trash disposal unit (want to know more about this hypothesis? I wrote a paper on it and can send you a copy...just e-mail me)
- Pork SKINS????!! Have you ever felt raw skin? What are you - Hannibal Lecter?
- It's a glutton. It won't stop eating unless you stop feeding it, taking in all of those toxins, viruses, parasites, bacteria, garbage, feces, decaying flesh, and eating its own young sometimes.
- It has a high fat ratio and fat is where the toxins dwell in. A lot of the 'meats' from the pig such as bologna, bacon, etc..are all fatty.

The two most played out excuses:

- 'We're all going to die'—Then why don't you just shoot yourself now...hmmm?
- 'My grandmother ate pork and lived to be a gizillion' – well, my uncle Charlie got a bum leg and lived to be a bagizillion...what's the point? We work to be living at the *freshest* level (quantity (age) AND quality).



If you eat sausage, you are better off not knowing the inner workings of sausage factories, and if you are a Christian, that of the Christian church.
Rev. Donald Morgan

You have seen how a man was made a slave; you shall see how a slave was made a man.

Frederick Douglass (1818?-1895)

Pork and Pork-by-Product Consumption

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Introduction

There exists a peculiar phenomenon in today's culture. The widespread practice of taking into one's system *whatever* one desires, regardless of the future consequences, is an odd, however devastating, comment on the current state of our society. It almost seems as if inhibitions have been thrown into the wind, rules and regulations have been cast aside, and self-discipline is a lost art. How else can the once-great peoples of so many cultures come together under one flag and become alcoholics, drug-addicts and gluttons?

Of course it is not solely the individual to blame in many of these cases, as there is a centuries-deep process of conditioning behind this end result. However, there is a dynamic behind the reality of one being confronted by the painful truth, and *still* looking the other way, usually back in the direction of their addiction. We cannot exist as a people with the vices and dependencies we have as individuals, holding us back from progressing past our internal and external destruction.

People still eat pork. Of course, there exist many other resilient issues to contend with, but pork is of another shade in terms of its entailing and underlying consequences and significance. We encounter here a dilemma in the minds of the misled masses:

1. It tastes good.
2. It hasn't killed me yet.
3. It obviously doesn't do any harm.

Though these arguments pale in comparison with the truth to the swine, its flesh and their consumption, many of us encounter a stubbornness in our kin, not only in giving up old (bad) habits, but in accepting new information when it shatters much of what we once believed to be true. Given, we now have the means with which to cook the pork longer and better, we are able to freeze and store the meat more efficiently, there are now authorities to guarantee the quality of our food, and of course, we are no longer eating the brains, etc. as was done in the days of bondage. But in relativity, most of this means basically nothing. The pig has been unclean since its appearance on the planet, and will remain so. It was never intended to be consumed, nor will it ever be. Times change, but swine doesn't.

A Condensed History of the Pig

It is quite hard to trace the origins of an animal such as the pig, and to plot its place either in an evolutionary timeline or taxonomic chart. The pig in itself contradicts much of natural science by

its bare presence and nature. In terms of its digestive system, the pig has but one poorly constructed stomach, and very limited excretory organs. In contrast, all clean animals that "cheweth the cud and divideth the hoof," have almost three stomachs, as the cow has four. Even the chicken, which also has filthy habits about the yard, has two stomachs to aid in its digestion. The pig, being a scavenger, eats "any kind of food, including dead insects, worms, rotting carcasses, excreta (including their own), garbage and other pigs" (Almighty) There is a small abrasion at the hog's front foot which, if scraped off and squeezed, will

release about a teaspoon of filth. This attests to the fact that the pig's anatomy is constructed like sewer, and the animal will act as such.



The flesh of the swine was outlawed by the commands of the Old Testament (Leviticus 11:7,8, Genesis 1:29, Isaiah 65:2-4, Isaiah 66:15-17) and further

banned in the Qur'an (*Surah* 2:172-173, as well as many others). It was known as "The abomination of Horus the Godhead" in Kemet (Ancient Egypt) and the people of these societies (Hebrew, Muslim, Kemetan) who handled the swine (*swineherds*) were outcast as "filthy" and "despicable."

When traveling European missionaries encountered many ancient cannibalistic societies, they substituted the eating of the boar and hog for that of humans. In all early civilizations, the pig was viewed as a filthy beast, or rather *scavenger*, and was legally banned over time from the repeated occurrences of great outbreaks of disease following any feast going against tradition and involving their flesh (Gould 1994). Since their very first mention in history, the swine has been known as poison.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad taught that the pig was genetically manufactured around 2000 BCE from the seeds of the rat, cat and dog.¹ The author has encountered accounts of the pig being altered and bred to clean the streets of early Spain, as its diet restricts nothing and it will readily consume filth. In fact, during the 50s, they were used, *en masse*, to cleanse the sewers of Chicago.

Brief Discourse on Physiology of the Pig

The pig's body contains a multitude of toxins, worms and latent diseases. The meat itself

contains excessive quantities of **histamine** and **imidazole compounds** - leading to itching and inflammation, **sulphur-containing mesenchymal mucus** - which leads to swelling and deposits of mucus in tendons and cartilage, resulting in arthritis, rheumatism, etc. Sulphur helps cause firm human tendons and ligaments to be replaced by the pig's soft mesenchymal tissues. The sulphur also causes the degeneration of human cartilage. Of course there is also the **high cholesterol and saturated fat content** - which leads to gallstones and obesity.

The pig carries the **taenia sodium worm** - a tapeworm found in the flesh. They occur in human intestines in greater frequency in countries where pork is consumed, and the relation is undeniable. This type of worm is not only capable of spreading to other organs, but is incurable after passing a certain stage.

The flesh also is infested by the **trichinae nematode worm** - which causes trichinosis. Trichinosis is a disease one can incur from eating insufficiently cooked pork. The results are cramps, aches and stiffness; later nausea and vomiting; and sometimes headaches and nervous disorders. The trichina worm is able to burrow through tissues and invade neighboring organs or the bloodstream. After this point, they are often known to invade the brain or nervous system. Approximately one in six people in the U.S. and Canada has trichinosis and may not know it. Swine are also known to harbor the **kidney worm**, the **lungworm**, the **thorn-headed worm**, the **roundworm** and many others.

Furthermore the pig is commonly diagnosed with **genital papilloma** - which can be transmitted by flies and mosquitoes, **infectious porcine encephalomyelitis** (or **Teschen disease**, **porcine poliomyelitis**, **Talfan disease**, **(picornavirus)**)-which caused serious losses in several European countries, with mild strains present in the U.S. and Canada (Bruner 1966), **swine erysipelas** - which, along with *mouse septicemia bacillus*, is a variant of *Erysipelothrix insidiosa*, **hog cholera** (or **swine fever, HC**) - which is acute and highly contagious. It first appeared in an 1833 Ohio stock, and from there spread to all parts of the U.S., but mainly the North Central states (the "corn-belt"), where there is the greatest concentration of swine.

The pig is also well-known to carry **African swine fever** - which is similar to hog cholera, but is a "hyperacute form" and is highly fatal, **Hemophilus influenza** (or **swine influenza, swine flu, hog flu**) - which was named such because it is shared so closely between pig and man that it is now impossible to deny the relation, **swine plague** - which is caused by other diseases such as cholera and influenza, malnutrition from poor feeds and internal parasites, and unsanitary crowded conditions, **enzootic pneumonia**, **swineherd's**

disease - named such because of the cases where man gets it from his contact with infected pigs. With this disease, the animal (and possible man also) may show no symptoms at all. To conclude a list that could continue indefinitely we come to **swinepox** - which is reported heavily in the U.S., Europe and Japan.

Obviously, the pig is an unclean animal and should not be consumed for the sake of our good health. But upon this realization comes responsibility. We must take it upon ourselves to stop eating this filth and alleviate ourselves of such aforementioned illnesses. However the phenomenon persists.

Beginning in a time of the Europeans' greatest overt hostility towards humanity, that is, the era of slavery, an institution began forcing itself into the minds of the people. This institution, with its own structure and schema (along with a built-in plan with which to perpetuate itself), is known as mental conditioning. For over 330 years, that conditioning took firm root within the subconscious thinking of our families, passed on from generation to generation in encoded form to keep itself going. Within this structure there exists the propensity to consume a meat which in all reality should not even be called a meat. Bringing ourselves to the origin of this phenomenon we find the slave owner and his family casting their leftovers and unused parts to the slaves who had no other choice but to starve. So the intestines were consumed, the feet were consumed, the ears were consumed, even the brains were consumed, but these had to be mixed with cornmeal for their foulness. Unsurprisingly, this system which lasted for centuries while legally enforced has managed to continue to exist on its own as a result of the above-mentioned conditioning so well implemented. Today those Europeans profit the same as they did those centuries past, and at the same cost to humanity, but in a whole different ball game.



To boost the growth of closely confined swine, U.S. farmers buy feed containing subtherapeutic doses of any of 21 antibiotics.

Breakdown of Pork and Pork-by-Products

Pig, Hog, Boar, Sow, Barrow, Swine, etc. It makes little difference what name one applies. There exists about as much need for differentiation and preferential treatment between the various classifications of swine as there is between cocaine and heroin. It is poison all the same. The various meats of the swine flesh are generally the porkchop, bacon, pork sausage, ham, bolognaⁱⁱ,

and a few others. The major by-products include lard and pork tallow.

Shocking to some, there exist not only trace amounts of pork in most food products, but often they make up the main ingredients. To begin, the **gelatin** used to make Jell-O is obtained by boiling the cartilage, bones, tendons and ligaments of pigs in water and attaining a partial hydrolysis of the collagen. It (gelatin) is not only of poor biological value but is considered an incomplete protein and lacks an essential amino acid.

The enzymes **rennin**, **rennet**, **pepsin** and others are often prepared from the stomach walls of small animals. The animal used in the U.S. is usually the pig, because of its availability and cheap cost.

Rather than delve into any greater detail on the many other by-products commonly deriving from swine such as **inisol**, **keratin** (used to coat enzyme pills), **glycogen**, **glycerol**, **glycerin**, etc., we move on the actual products using pork or such by-products.

Colgate toothpaste is made with lard. Ivory soap is made with pork tallow. Pepperidge Farms cakes are made with pigskin gelatin. Brillo soap pads are made with lard. Vaseline Intensive Care is made with lard. Starburst Fruit Chews are made with gelatin containing lard. Palmolive soap is made with pork tallow. In fact, a surprisingly immense number of toothpastes, soaps, candies, and snack foods (along with a number of pizzas and ice creams) are made with some sort of pork-by-product. If the author were to enumerate them as such on the questionnaire of the survey conducted, the results would not only show an almost 100 percent positive reply to the question of "Do you eat pork or pork-by-products?" if completed, but would be entirely too lengthy to complete anyway. However it is necessary for one to have a good understanding of the ingredients put into the foods which register stronger in one demographic than the other, because there is a reason behind everything. Furthermore, it would hardly make sense to sniff "just a little bit" of cocaine, wouldn't it?

Pork Production, Consumption and Income in the United States

This poison is a 10-billion-dollar industry. In 1995, the gross income from sales of hogs, pork, and lard was a little over 10 billion dollars. From 1986 to 1995, the U.S. has gone from producing 14,063,000,000 pounds of Pork (and 876,000,000 of Lard) to 17,849,000,000 pounds (1,040,000,000

of Lard), and from consuming 15,135,000,000 pounds (417,000,000 of Lard) to consuming 17,784,000,000 pounds (585,000,000 of Lard). These are literally billions of pounds of a flesh that has been **proven** to kill slowly, and the numbers only increase with each year that passes.

As of 1994, the Hog and Pig Inventory have been decreasing somewhat rapidly, while the value increases dramatically. In 1996, for a little over 56 million head, the value was about 5.3 billion dollars. Bear in mind that the charts for Hog and Pig statistics do not match with those of Cattle and Calves or any other meat for that matter. No, pork is a phenomenon of its own, and operates within its own parameters. However it is our behavior, as consumers, which causes trends such as these.

Second only to China, which produces an astounding 36,484,000 metric tons of Pork, the U.S. is a world leader in Pork production, churning out 8,097,000 metric tons in 1995. Obviously, this (the U.S.) is not a Muslim country, where all swine would be outlawed. Nonetheless, in an era of supposed "national consciousness" where the country is beginning to learn more about itself and others, shouldn't there be a certain level of "health consciousness"? More relevantly, in a time when the downtrodden masses of humanity are rising up to shake off both the physical and mental shackles of their European oppressors, why are we still eating their filth? If the country was as worried about its people as it is about its economy, there wouldn't be these mass epidemics and, on the individual level, slow dragging deaths suffered by our people who would know better and eat better. But as said before, poison makes profit so it stays on the market. We must learn to stop killing ourselves for them.

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Endnotes

¹ Aside from the obvious appearance of a rat's tail, cat's whiskers and dog's ears, one may note that the highest incidence of trichinosis in the animal kingdom is between the pig, the human, the cat, rat and dog. The disease seems to transmit between these parties in several relationships i.e. the rat, being one the primary initial sources of the parasite, is eaten by the worm. The rat is then eaten by the pig or by the cat. The relationships between cat and dog are well known. The only link into the physiology of man is through his consumption of the pig's flesh.

² It is this meat that is the freak of all other abominations. It is the end result of a process which begins with all the pig's leftovers, that is, what is leftover after the ears, feet, tail, etc. have been removed to sold individually. This should give some suggestion as to the character of the contents. These parts (eyes, inner organs, genitalia, etc.) are basically put into a grinder and pressed out in a flat sheet which is then cut into circular shapes for distribution as what we know as bologna/baloney.

The Names We Give Ourselves

The Supreme Understanding Allah
Allah's Garden (Atlanta, GA)

Have you ever noticed that we degrade ourselves like no other community of people? It's an indicator of low self-esteem, low self-worth, negative self-image, and a self-destructive mindset....and we love it. I'll explain.

Here are some of the things we call ourselves and each other...and why.

Animals - we call each other by every LOWLY member of the animal kingdom out there (cat, dog, snake, rat, bitch, monkey, bird, duck, pigeon, pig, etc.). Are we really subhuman? Who was the first person to call us animals? Think about it.

Dime, Silver Dolla, etc. - Women think their worth is measured on a monetary scaled. And yes the word dime came from the idea of a woman being a ten. That ten was still a measurement of looks, given by men. Is that what determines your beauty? And is that how you gon' measure it? In monetary terms?

Bitch - a term given to Black women by white men and made popular in the 17th century. She was seen as a sexual being, good for breeding and animalistic pleasures. And you call yourself that because its cute.

Nigga - No it's not different because its spelled different. Its spelled the way we say it. White people say it that way too, during the commission of hate crimes, and get OFF THE HOOK now because its the "OK" way to say NIGGER. You call yourself by a term used to dehumanize and debase you because its a term of endearment now? I don't see white people callin each other "cavey" or "cracka" or "devil" as a term of endearment.

boy - that's your boy huh? Read the ISIS PAPERS by Francis Cress Welsing. Or watch Baby Boy. Some of y'all gotta grow up.

motherfucker - Oedipus complex. see above.

hoe - a hoe is a gardening tool, used to till the soil. The word fuck comes from the Saxon word meaning to till the soil to plant seeds in it. See back in the day, we knew a woman was the Earth, the bearer of life. Now shes just a slut, as far as we're concerned.

G - G used to be short for God. Now its short for Gangsta?

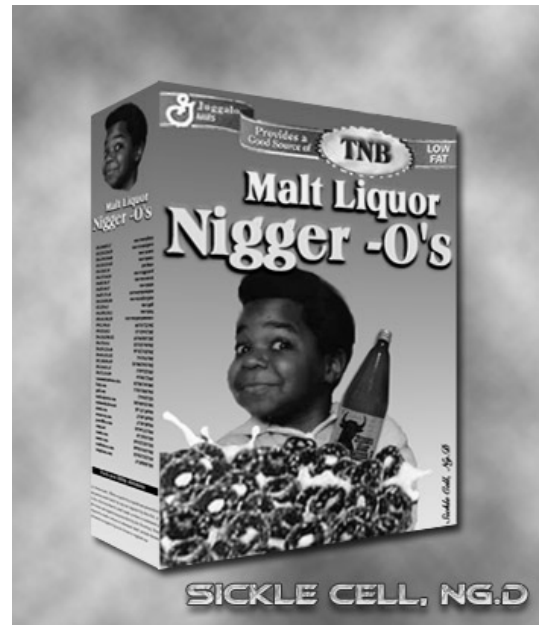
Gangsta - a "gangster" was a mob figure, like Al Capone or Lucky Luciano. We supposedly appropriated that image and made it our own. But a gangster is supposed to be someone who CONTROLS an operation, not a GOON who SERVES in an operation that is bigger than him. And drugs is bigger than you. It's CIA big.

Thug - before Tupac, a thug was another word for a goon. A mindless muscle, esp. in criminal endeavors. Now its a lifestyle. The word thug actually comes from India. It was the name of a bloodthirsty gang that killed all their victims. Look it up: Thugee cult of India

Diva - It kills me when women call themselves a diva. You don't sing opera. You're not a diva. A diva is another word for an operatic prima donna. The other meaning of prima donna is a temperamental, conceited person. And you're wearin' that like a badge of honor?

That's all for now, if you can think of any more, add on.

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Hail Lakeesha: Part I

by Harold M. Clemens

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"...with names like Shaniqua, Taliqua and Mohammed and all of that crap, and all of them are in jail." – Bill Cosby quoted at the gala event honoring the 50th anniversary of Brown v Board of Education, May 17, 2004

On the topic of "black" names, many brothers and sisters think parents should abandon names like Lakeesha, DeShawn, and others Bill Cosby would hate, because they could doom our children to poor job prospects and inferior social networks. Many would also argue we should discard such names because they are just plain ridiculous. Luckily, the smart and the brave ones amongst us refuse to limit our personal choices to earn white favor and/or avoid white scorn.

Africans in the Americas are likely the only people on Earth with no knowledge of our true family names and no means to discover them. For the greater portion of our stay here in the Americas, we haven't even enjoyed the privilege to choose our given names, since our captors had seized that right for almost three centuries in some places. At this juncture, arrived at through the ceaseless, often violent, struggle and persistent suffering of our ancestors, where we can now name ourselves freely, it's a shame that some of us would relinquish this blood-borne privilege to succumb to white hegemony.

If the accommodationists amongst us had their way, we would all repudiate names that don't have Anglo, Hebrew, Greek, etc. (read: white) origin to avoid discrimination. But is entrance into middle-America worth relinquishing a piece of our identity? After all, so many non-European names, dubbed deviant, laughable, awkward, or "super-black" (as economist, Stephen Levitt, refers to them in his article "A Roshanda by Any Other Name") by the mainstream bear meaning to us; for example: Jamal, means "beauty," Malik means "master," Aisha means "lively" or "life," and Aaliyah means "high exalted" or "to ascend" in Arabic, respectively. Prejudiced whites and similarly prejudiced, uppity blacks and anxious Asians would see those names on a job application or hear them in conversation and immediately envision thugs and "welfare mothers." Someone from one of the groups mentioned, ignorant of its origin, would probably frown upon a name like Amani, which means "peace," or "loveable" in Swahili.

Undoubtedly, the character above would probably dislike a name like Amani, not only because (s)he didn't know its meaning, but also because the naming controversy is essentially rooted in disdain and contempt for anything associated with African-Americans. This truism is evidenced by the phenomenon where names with European origins gain infamy once they become popular

amongst black folks. Take Tyrone for instance. Even though it's an Irish name, meaning "from Owen's territory; County Tyrone in Ireland," many now look down on it as "ghetto," or at least, typically "black." Dante, the name of one Italy's greatest poets, has suffered a similar fate.

Again, the conservatives amongst us would likely suggest that, this author's identity question notwithstanding, we relinquish names that identify us as black in order to survive and thrive. But perhaps worse than surrendering our privilege to name ourselves freely and ignoring our legacy, if we gave our children names that "didn't make waves," we would also relegate them to inferior status consequently. Suppose someone named his child James, instead of Ogun, and James' counterparts' parents named their children (James' classmates, playmates, neighbors, coworkers, etc.) whatever they wanted to without concern for his, or any other black person's, impressions. Meanwhile James bears a name given him so that he could fit in with vanilla company. Is this conditional acceptance the "equality" we strive for?

Some readers will say it's not names like Jamal and Aisha that they have beef with, instead it's names like Alize', TreShaun, and others, which sound like they were conceived in the shower, that they laugh at. Perhaps they wouldn't laugh as hard if they remembered that most of our surnames don't have any lofty origin. According to Wikipedia, surnames generally refer to the occupation (e.g. Baker, Smith), personal characteristics (e.g. Goodman, Brown), location/origin (e.g. Scott, Rivers) and ancestry (typically father's name, e.g. Johnson meaning "John's son") of the distant ancestor to whom the surname was first applied. If you are of African descent, yet live in the Americas that means that you probably bear the name of the "gentle" man that tormented and tortured your grandfathers and degraded and violated your grandmothers. Appropriately then, if Ronteeffa and Nevonte' make you laugh, your own last name should make you cry.

Given this base and/or ignominious history of last names, why shouldn't one give her child a name that has significance to her, regardless of how awkward it is? Beyond that, "white" names don't encounter scrutiny about meaning, awkwardness, and etc. so why should ours? No one ever asks what Marcia means, so why ask about Laquanna?! No one cares Marcia means "martial," nor will anyone ask a parent how his/her daughter is warlike, or relates to war (the definition of martial), so why the condescending concern about Shaniqua?

If the accomodationists had their way, our country would only contain Ashleys and Johnathans. Fortunately, there are smart and brave ones amongst us who refuse to limit our personal choices to earn white favor and/or avoid white scorn. We understand that the progress we have

made came from struggle, not acquiescence; from a strong sense of identity, not imitation; from creativity in expression, not uniformity.

Hail Lakeesha: Part II

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My honorable name is Absalom (for the record the Gods and Earths as a whole do not refer to the names given to us at birth as 'slave' names or 'government' names. They are referred to as honorable names. As 1st Born ABG#7 told me (as Allah told him), we bring honor to the names our parents gave us because that is all that they had to give us. That is why if one committed a crime Allah told his sons to turn their self in, serve their sentence and clear their name). I know what it is to not have a 'normal' name. Ironically, it is a 'good 'ol' biblical name. The reality is that the majority of Christians who I run into are ignorant of their own religious text thus they are always asking me if my name is muslim. Shoot even nowadays when I give my righteous name people think that I'm muslim if they aren't familiar with the Gods and Earths.

Anyway my name never prevented me from getting anywhere in society that I wanted to. If a person was racist then my name didn't make a difference. I was taught to uphold my name and to be proud of it.

The point that the above article makes is interesting. People have names in this society and don't know what they mean. Adam means 'ruddy red'. Luke means 'white'. I know some coal black brothers with said name. Mary means 'bitter'. Peter means 'rock'. I know 'Alize' may seem 'odd' yet there are plenty names that people have that mean 'water' or 'wine'.

The Gods and Earths know all about different names. Many times our names are straight English words such as Justice, Wisdom, or Intelligent. Interestingly enough the names that people have in this society sometimes mean those same things in another foreign language (especially Hebrew since a lot of people have names from the Bible). It is 'okay' though because it is accepted by society.

My name is.....

Whatever I tell you it is.

Peace

I do not believe in belief.
Edward M. Forster (1878-1970)

A true idea has no need of any faith.
Ken Harding

Why did god bother creating all the generations between Adam and Noah? I mean, if he was going to kill everyone off, all the humans (men, women, innocent children and babies), guiltless animals, and all the plants too, and HE KNEW IT IN ADVANCE, why in the hell didn't he just start with Noah in the first place?
Ken Harding

I have never seen the slightest scientific proof of the religious theories of heaven and hell, of future life for individuals, or of a personal God.

Thomas Edison (1847-1931) U.S. inventor

Worship God. It's easier than thinking.
Chapman Cohen (1868-1954)

People go to church for the same reasons they go to a tavern: to stupefy themselves, to forget their misery, to imagine themselves, for a few minutes anyway, free and happy.
Mikhail Aleksandrovich Bakunin (1814-1876)



Save the Babies

BY C'BS ALIFE ALLAH
NEW HEAVEN (NEW HAVEN, CT)

Here are fifty things that one can to assist in the growth and development of the youth in one's Kingdom.

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| 1-Make time for them | 19-Show them, by example, how to interact with all of the human families of the planet Earth no matter what ethnic group, nationality or caste | 34-Get them a pen pal/e-mail pal abroad in a war torn country |
| 2-Listen to them | 20-Teach them history and show the connection between the past and present | 35-Challenge them to make positive things happen in their neighborhoods |
| 3-If you are bi-lingual, teach them a second language | 21-Perform science experiments with them that relate to 120 | 36-Show them how to produce something (soap, candles, paper, incense, etc...) |
| 4-Teach them a trade such as carpentry, electrician, or plumbing | 22-Teach them the difference between male and Man....female and Woman | 37-Take them to the children's ward at the hospital and have them interact with the children there to teach them compassion |
| 5-Teach them how to cook, sew, or about hygiene | 23-Buy them a book, have them read it and then discuss it with them | 38-Teach them the difference between wants and needs |
| 6-Teach them how to write | 24-Show them the science of urban survival (how to stretch a minimum amount of money the maximum length. How to secure food, clothing and shelter) | 39-Teach them the difference between imagination and illusion |
| 7-Teach them how to research | 25-Show them how to observe and record police misconduct in their Kingdom | 40-Teach them to stand on Square for what is right and you won't have to worry about them falling for that which is wrong |
| 8-Teach them the difference between fact and opinion | 26-Teach them how to interact with the police | 41-Teach them to take responsibility for success and failure |
| 9-Encourage them to stay aware of the news (at home and abroad) | 27-Make sure that they don't become a slave to mis-economics (credit cards, loans, etc...). Make sure they pursue grants, scholarships, etc.. | 42-Teach them to avoid the symptoms of becoming religious |
| 10-Walk them through 120 (Don't just "give" it to them on a piece of paper) | 28-Show them how to maintain their health as a man or woman | 43-Teach them how to Knowledge for themselves so that they will Love Self and respect Self and won't look for it in others |
| 11-Volunteer to be a mentor/big brother/sister | 29-Teach them chess | 44-Teach them how to find the best part in any person, place or thing |
| 12-Teach them how to eat to live and the effect of things that go into their bodies | 30-Encourage them to develop a specific artform (writing, drawing, music, dance, etc...) Also teach them to be responsible on the art forms' content. Also it's ability to cause social change. | 45-Teach them how to find all of the free services in their Kingdom |
| 13-Teach them how to walk safely through the "ghetto" (ie...how to traverse that land) | 31-Teach them a martial art | 46-Teach them not to take things on face value |
| 14-Take them on trips out of the city | 32-Have them walk their neighborhood in a 5 block radius so that they can know their neighborhood | 47-Teach them the science of a strong family unit (man, woman, child) especially if they don't have their own |
| 15-Take them to a movie and talk about it afterwards | 33-If you live in the "suburbs" then take them to the "ghetto". If you live in the "ghetto" then take them into the "suburbs" | 48-Teach them that the Blackman is God and that the Blackwoman is Earth through example and not through philosophies, theologies, rhetoric, etc... |
| 16-Teach them to excel in whatever they do | | 49-Listen to them |
| 17-Spend enough time with them to recognize their weaknesses and come up with a plan together on how to overcome them | | 50-Make time for them |
| 18-Teach them about conservation whether it be on an ecological level (recycling) or on an economical level (savings) | | |

Who is the 5%?

* THE NATION OF GODS AND EARTHS *

**Freedom Allah
Love Allah (Los Angeles, CA)**

The Nation of God and Earth is built upon the teachings of Allah, our founder. We know and teach that the Supreme Being, God (Allah), is the Black man. Supreme means most high and being means something that exists. We do not believe that God is an invisible being existing somewhere outside of man. Allah is real. This is our most profound teaching, it is often rejected by the masses of the people because they have been subjected to the teachings of the deceitful religious leaders for thousands of years.

The prophets and messengers of old have all hinted at the reality of God. Many keys are found in the scriptures and teachings of the various religions; however the real secret of God was not to be revealed to the masses until the last days of the devil's rule. Those of us with the knowledge of ourselves are now living in the hereafter. We have been blessed by the coming of Allah who has taught us how to 'born God', that is, how to grow into God ourselves. We live and learn in Allah's world. In Allah's world, the righteous are becoming victorious. It is the birthright of the Black man (which includes all people of so-called black, brown and yellow descent) to be God. We teach that the Black woman is the Earth. God and Earth go together like sun and moon. The sun is symbolic to man and the moon is symbolic to woman. Each God must be the foundation of his family or universe. He gives light (knowledge) and life (sperm) to his Earth so that their family can continue on after they both return to their essence. The true and living God is the original man with knowledge of his own reality. He is an upright and civilized man. He knows who he is and teaches the world true freedom, justice and equality through example.

Supreme Mathematics is order, the natural order of the universe. In order to reach completeness, everything that exists must start at knowledge and be taken to born. Supreme Mathematics is the language of the Gods and Earths. They are the foundation of our culture. It is evident that the devil is still ruling the masses of the people. He is running in overtime. The rich are ripping off the poor and cataclysmically destroying the Earth. The devil does not rest. He causes trouble and manipulates all that he can. To be victorious we must talk and walk our language daily. Each of us has to take the devil off our



own planet – else we may fall victim to his deceit. The only power the devil has nowadays is the power we give to him. Knowing this is one of the steps to understanding how Allah is truly God.

Even though we utilize the 'Islamic' name of God, Allah, the Gods and Earths do not practice the religion of Islam. We are not Muslims. Islam, as we live it out, is a culture. It has no beginning nor ending, it is not a religion, it is mathematics. All religions have a beginning and things that have beginnings have endings. For us, all religions expired in 1964 which is year one of the Five Percent Nation (now known as the Nation of God and Earth). We use the name Allah because that is the name of our founder.

The religion of Islam was started in the 7th century, Common Era. It is now made up of over seventy sects which are usually categorized into two factions, Sunni and Shi'a. These two are commonly called orthodox Islam. They make up the majority of the Muslim population. There are other forms of Islam that exist such as the Sufis and the Nation of Islam. In the Arabic language, Islam literally means surrender and in its religious connotation it means the peace that comes when one submits or surrenders their will to Allah. For us, ISLAM means I Self Lord Allah Master, or I Sincerely Love Allah's Mathematics. Though we are not Sufis, we do hold some commonalities with them. The Sufis teach an esoteric version of Islam that combines the teachings of orthodox Islam with the Eastern mysticism traditions. There are some groups of Sufis who are not Muslim at all; they practice a secular form of Sufism. Some of the Sunni and Shi'a Muslims accept the teachings of the Sufis while some of them reject them as heretical.

*** The Nation of Islam ***

The Nation of Islam, in its face value exoteric meaning, is an organization started in the early 20th century by Prophet W.D. Fard Muhammad. The Nation of Islam is rejected by the majority of the orthodox Muslims, primarily because they teach that Allah appeared in the person of Wallace Fard Muhammad. Orthodox Muslims believe God is an unseen being existing somewhere far, far away, even though their scriptures teach that Allah is closer than our jugular vein.

The Nation of Islam teaches that Wallace Fard Muhammad is the Supreme Being. There are several Nation of Islam sects, most notable is the Nation of Islam led by Minister Louis Farrakhan. Many authors write that the Five Percenters are a sect of the Nation of Islam, this is not true. We are not part of the organization, the Nation of Islam; we are not Muslims, we have no ministers, captains or lieutenants and we are not required to follow the restrictive law of the Nation of Islam.

We do however memorize, internalize, and bring the lessons of the Nation of Islam to life by relating them to our present circumstance with the proper application of Supreme Mathematics. And like the Nation of Islam, Five Percenters do teach that God came in the person of Fard Muhammad. Though for us it means that the knowledge, wisdom and power of Allah came in the person of Fard Muhammad. In other words, Fard Muhammad was a God, but not exclusively Allah. Fard Muhammad prepared the way for the 'coming' of Allah by raising a messenger. We do not attribute any supernatural characteristics to him or to any other man. In other words, we are not spooky.

The last book of the Old Testament, Malachi, speaks on the last days (of the devil's rule, not literally the last days of the Earth) and the coming of God. The scriptures say that God will come to Elijah's temple in the last days. This Elijah is referring to Elijah Muhammad, the messenger Fard Muhammad prepared and this temple is the Nation of Islam's temple number seven (Harlem, New York City).

*** Allah ***

Allah, born Clarence Smith, joined the Nation of Islam in the mid 20th century. Allah was not born with the knowledge of himself. As it is written in the scripture in Malachi, God came to Elijah's temple. When Clarence realized his own godhood, he told a few of his Nation of Islam brothers. Leadership in the temple did not take too kind of that. Allah was expelled from the Nation of Islam.



Some say that Allah was kicked out of the temple for gambling and drinking liquor, two prohibited acts in the Nation of Islam. Others say that he was kicked out because he was teaching that he was God and the leaders of the temple did not like that. The former usually grants a suspension, not a permanent expulsion so there is more likelihood in the latter. Like the Jesus of the bible, they threw stones at him for teaching what was already in their book (lessons). Regardless to how it went down, that was the end of Clarence's presence in the temple. He changed his name to Allah and began teaching people who the true and living God is, publicly. For us, that was the end of the need for religious belief. Allah was now here. He hit the streets and taught his teachings to the adults in Harlem. Most of them rejected his teachings so he began to teach the youth. His first student was named Matthew. Allah renamed him Karriem which means noble or generous though later he would become Black Messiah. We now enter Allah's world manifest. Allah taught other young men in Harlem and together, Black Messiah and Allah's other sons became known as the Sons of Almighty God Allah, also known as Allah's Five Percent. His first teaching was not that we are all Gods. His first teachings were simple; that we should be clean, righteous, upright teachers of knowledge and wisdom. He taught them that they were all brothers. He discovered order within the universe and called this order Supreme Mathematics. And with the help of his brother, Justice, he put together our Supreme Alphabet which is a set of principles we live by. The Supreme Mathematics and Supreme Alphabet make up the language of the Gods. Supreme Mathematics allows us to measure all things in their proper perspectives while Supreme Alphabet allows us to describe all things. Allah instructed the brothers to teach the people of Harlem,

which he renamed Mecca. Eventually they spread throughout all five New York City boroughs as well as other major cities in the tri-state area. Now we are located in all the major cities of the United States as well as some cities in Canada, Puerto Rico, the United Kingdom, the continent of Africa and even Asia thanks to those traveling and doing their duty.

*** Who are the Eighty-Five, Ten and Five Percent? ***

The term five percent comes from the lessons of the Nation of Islam. Before we can talk about the Five Percent, we must first explain the other two groups of people. The masses of the people, the eighty-five percent, are ignorant. They eat unhealthy foods, foods that are even outlawed in their scripture. They are slaves of a mental death, they are people who do not know their origin in this world, they worship deity blindly and are easily led in the wrong direction but hard to lead in the right.

The ten percent were originally described as religious leaders but are not limited to religion alone. The ten percent are the rich who enslave the masses. The religious ten percent teach that God is an unseen being who we will either meet after we die or maybe never meet because we were disbelievers or sinners in this life and therefore sentenced to eternal hellfire. The ten percent can be summed up as corrupt leaders. The ten percent control four major institutions; EDUCATIONAL, ECONOMICAL, POLITICAL and RELIGIOUS.

The public educational system presents a fallacious account of history. Many textbooks are teaching the myth that European civilization and culture was the first on this planet. Europeans did not build the first world civilizations. Europeans were not the first civilized nation, however, under the United States public school system, we are taught that the original inhabitants of the planet (black brown and yellow shades) were backwards until Europeans came into contact with them. We are taught that our people were and are still primitive, savage and inferior to Europeans. The public schools teach our children to honor George Washington, Christopher Columbus, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln etc. However, they are not giving a true account of the stories that have taken place; history is simply his-story. If you ask a Black child in America who Marcus Garvey or Elijah Muhammad was, they will most likely tell you that they do not know. The schools do not teach about Benjamin Banneker, Cesar Chavez or Malcolm X. They teach lies about history and emphasize irrelevant subjects while omitting relevant ones. The United States' public

education system also honors mythology. I remember celebrating Valentines Day, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas when I was in school. Many schools even have Halloween parades. Public schools teach our children that Abraham Lincoln freed the slaves. What they do not teach is that Abraham Lincoln thought Blacks were not people, just property. When he "freed the slaves" he was saying that Black people are not people, but slaves, and now they will be free slaves. He saw all blacks as inferior to whites. On August 14, 1852, Abraham Lincoln said "Not a single man of your race is made equal to a single man of ours," but this is never taught in the schools to the children. They do not teach that "Thanksgiving" was actually a slaughter of the natives or that the acts of Columbus and other European 'explorers' and 'settlers' were horrific and terrifying. Their acts are seen as a victory for God, a victory to be held in high esteem for all United States citizens. The school system does not teach us how to implement change. They do not present any working solutions to fix our condition economic wise, health wise or any other way. It teaches us what to think instead of how to think creatively.

The economical institutions are run by the 10%. They control how the masses live by manipulating the decisions they make. They are money lenders and big business owners. A 1996 study revealed that 68% of the total net worth of all U.S. families is owned by just 10% of those families. Although the 10% run the major businesses and institutions that enslave the masses, it is the masses who keep the 10% in power by working for them and accepting the system. Wealth, power and prestige are maintained by the puppet masters by way of mass manipulation. The economical institutions' main tool for manipulation and programming of the masses is the television. What are television shows called? Programs! The masses are influenced at an early age by cartoons, music, television programs and movies. Corporations like FOX, NBC, HBO, etc. indoctrinate the masses mentally while corporations like McDonalds, Taco Bell, Coca-Cola and Pepsi feed them the wrong physical foods which all contribute to keeping them enslaved. There is a large percentage of children watching videos after school on MTV and BET. These channels influence what healthcare products people buy, how they dress, and how they carry themselves. Nowadays it is not surprising to hear a young Black woman call herself and/or her friends "bitch(es)" Do you know who/what is molding your child?

Politics have a large influence on society, especially here in the United States. The ruling class, which is the 10%, gets elected by the masses of people. The politicians smile

for cameras, kiss babies, and claim to be in their position for the interest of the masses. Laws are formed by these politicians to keep the other three institutions running well. Once in a while, a member of the power elite gets caught breaking the law and will actually be prosecuted. This trick is done to make the masses believe that the criminal justice system maintains fairness, giving the masses a reason not to overthrow their oppressive government. One governmental agency is called the Food and Drug Administration, it regulates what can and cannot be done in the businesses of food and drugs. Drugs go with the foods because you will need something in your old age to cure you from all the poison contained in the meat, the preservatives and the artificial sugars eaten throughout your lifetime. The political institutions have important roles that keep the eight-five percent manipulated and the system of extreme inequality functioning. The political bodies work closely with the other bodies to keep the people enslaved. More than 60% of all U.S. companies paid no federal tax at all during the economic boom under Clinton's presidency (1996 to 2000) and eighty-two of the United States' largest profitable corporations paid no federal income tax for at least one year of the Bush's first three years of presidency (2001 to 2003).

Religion is defined as "belief in a divine or superhuman power or powers to be obeyed and worshipped as the creator(s) and ruler(s) of the universe." The word religion comes from "religare" which means to restrain or tie back. What are people being restrained from? What are they being tied back from? The full knowledge of God. In order for religion to exist, you need followers, a "God" (or Gods) and someone to link the followers to that God. It's a hierarchy where the popes, bishops, reverends, swamis, rabbis, imams and other preachers lead and teach the followers about this God (or Gods). The truth is, God has always been one with man. Most religious preachers know this; however, they desire to make slaves out of their followers. So they teach lies. It is said that Christianity has over one billion adherents. Christian preachers teach that God came in the form of a man, but they say God is not a man. The last messenger of Allah, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, said:

The Christians do not believe in God as being a human being, yet they believe in Him as being the Father of all human beings. They also refer to God as He, Him, Man, King and The Ruler. They teach that God sees, hears, talks, walks, stands, sits, rides, and flies; that He grieves or sorrows; and that He is interested in the affairs of human beings. They also teach that once upon a time He made the first man like Himself in the image and likeness of Himself, but yet they believe that He, Himself, is not a man or human. They preach and

prophesy of His coming and that He will be seen on the Judgment Day but is not man. They cannot tell us what He looks like, yet man is made like Him and in the image of God, and yet they still say that He is a mystery (unknown).

The religious leaders make God a mystery to the masses in order to keep control over them. If the followers knew everything that the preachers know, there would be no reason to go to church. Therefore, the preachers do not share all of their knowledge with the followers. The preachers know that they need followers in order to get paid. The religious institutions are connected to the other institutions. In school, children are taught to quote "...one nation, under God...." Whose God? Where is He? When testifying in court, you are told to put your hand on the Bible and we are sworn under an oath in the name of God. The truth is, and has always been, that the only God is man. A definition of God is Supreme Being. Supreme means most high, and being means to be or to exist. The most high being that exists is man. You can not prove that there is any being more supreme than man. People ask, "What about when man was not? Where was God then?"

There never has been a time when man was not. Most people hear the word man and automatically think head, two arms, torso and two legs. That is physical man, yes, however man is more than a physical body. The cells, tissues and bones I have now are not the same as the cells,



tissues and bones I had when I was a baby. Yet I am still the same person. That is because the physical body is not my essence. Man is intelligence. That is what God is. The mind has always been here and always will be. Religious people say "in the beginning God created...." Who's beginning? Everything that has a beginning, has an ending. There is no beginning for the Original Man.

*** Who is the Original Man? ***

When asked this, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad answered "The Original Man is the Asiatic Blackman, the maker, the owner, the cream of the planet Earth, God of the Universe." This is not something he just made up. The knowledge of God has always been known to those "in the know," but it has been concealed from the masses for a very long time. Societies like the freemasons have kept the knowledge of God bottled up in their higher degrees. Shriners bear witness to the Black man being God. They

know that there is no mystery God, outside of man. The Shriners even call God by his name, Allah. In public however, they deny the knowledge that they have acquired, and some even go to church on Sundays to preach about a mystery God that is the father of Jesus, outright liars. They know this isn't true, but they will teach it in order to keep their power.

People also ask the question, "If man is God, who made the physical man?" Man has always been in some form...there is no 'who' that created him, he is self-created. From the 'time' of sub-atomic particles to atoms to molecules to organelles to cells to tissues to organs to organ systems to organisms, man has always existed in one form or another. The evolution of man has been carried out by his own will, just like your evolution is carried out by your will. You create your own destiny by choosing what you will and will not do, what you will and will not eat, how long you will rest, what you will study, etc. The Original Man is the Asiatic Blackman, meaning, the Blackman from Asia. We are taught not to separate Africa from Asia and not to limit the Blackman as an African, for Africa is not the Blackman's only home. The planet Earth is the Blackman's home and the Blackman has fathered civilizations all over the world. We call the Earth Asia, us being Asiatic makes us people of and relating to the Earth. Asiatic also signifies an esoteric meaning. Within the teachings of Kaballah, Assiah is described as the world of expression. It is not only the people of African descent that are Black. We teach that all Asiatic (non-white) people are Original or Black people. We do not fall victim to the European's teaching that we are all different, that is something they want us to believe, so that they can divide and conquer us.

The term 5% refers to a small percentage of the world that knows and teaches who the true and living God is. This small group of people teach that God is the son of man, the Supreme Being, Black man from Asia. The knowledge of the Asiatic Black man being God is kept hidden from the masses in order to control them. Some people know who the true and living God is, from the Pope in Rome to the Freemasons in your local Masonic Temple. Your local church preacher may even bear witness to the true and living God, however, keep in mind that everyone who knows who God is does not teach the truth about God. The 10% teach of God as a mystery, unknown and unseen God.

God is usually described in theology as being a "He". The Bible, Qur'an, Bhagavad-Gita, Upanishads and Coming Forth By Day (Egyptian Book of the Dead) all refer to God in this masculine gender, first person singular description. In addition, the Bible also quotes God

referring to himself/themselves with the term "Us" and the Qur'an uses the term "We". This He, We and Us are all speaking about the Asiatic Black man with knowledge of himself, the true royalty deserving of the "royal plural".

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad taught that God is a man. He, like the Jesus of the Bible, taught that we are all Gods (John 10:34). The masses of the world believe God is some unseen, supernatural, being existing somewhere out in space. Allah is not unseen; he is seen and heard everywhere. In theological texts, God sees, hears, speaks, walks and feels. In Genesis, Adam heard God walking through the garden (Genesis 3:8). Three men appeared to Abraham in the plains of Mamre, one was the Lord and Abraham fed him (Genesis 19:1-33).

Allah, the founder of the Five Percent Nation, was not hateful and neither are we. He taught that we should not fear competing against nor interacting with Caucasian people. He taught us that it is fine to socialize with them however, we should not mix our seed with them, for that would be grafting out the originality of our seed. Unlike the Nation of Islam, Allah taught Caucasian people. The F.B.I. report on Allah quotes Azreal, a Caucasian Five Percenter as saying "He gave me the knowledge of myself.....Allah loved everybody." Allah was also a close friend of the Caucasian Barry Gottehrer, an assistant to Mayor Lindsay and head of the Mayor's urban task force. Barry Gottehrer provided Allah with busses to transport the young Gods and Earths to rallies where Allah would teach the youth.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad was taught by Master Fard Muhammad, who came to North America with the challenging job of resurrecting the mentally dead lost but now found, Nation of Original people. He has his hard times, but with hard work he proved to be successful. In 1964, Allah came to us and with the help of Justice (his right hand man), Shahid, Ebeka, and the first borns Black Messiah, Bisme, Uhuru, Kihim, Prince, Jamil, ABG, Akbar and Salaam he began what is now known as the Nation of God and Earth. The 10% claim that it is impossible for God to be the Black man, however, the Bible and Qur'an cite various passages revealing who the true and living God is.

It is true that the Asiatic Black man is God, however, as I mentioned above, the 10% make God into a mystery. The 5% are the poor righteous teachers who do not believe in the teachings of the 10%. They are all-wise and know who the true and living God is, and they teach that the true and living God is the son of man, the Supreme Being, the Black man.

Civilization Studies:

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- 1) God must carry himself in a unique manner.
- 2) The use of bad (profane) language comes from one who has no proper wisdom.
- 3) A wise man does not seek violence, but if violence comes to him he must defend himself.
- 4) Two Gods must never fight unless one must die.
- 5) The Gods must never debate with one another, but instead, research to find out.
- 6) The Gods must always be and deal equally with each other.
- 7) The Gods must always perform their duty, which is to teach civilization to others.
- 8) Never mock those who do not understand, but instead give them the teaching of understanding.
- 9) A true God will always help his brother in time of need, mentally as well as physically.
- 10) God must always keep himself refined, mentally as well as physically.
- 11) The Gods must never lie, cheat or steal from one another for that is devilishment.
- 12) God is the most high and merciful, therefore has forgiveness for ones errors.
- 13) Allah is all wise and does everything right and exact.
- 14) God must never serve justice to a man for something he does not know.
- 15) You can always distinguish a wise man from a fool, for he is almighty God Allah.
- 16) Always knowledge before you speak, your wisdom will gain power and strength.
- 17) Allah does not seek revenge, but strives for justice.
- 18) Always seek positive, leave negative people alone.
- 19) If you ever see an error in a brother's ways and actions, then you must correct it.
- 20) Allah never forces anyone to do anything at anytime.
- 21) Allah always admits when he does not know.
- 22) A true God never uses math as a shield to cover his negative ways, for that is a form of trick-knowledge.
- 23) Allah does not do anything negative at any time.
- 24) Never deny your brothers, always teach one another.
- 25) Destroy all negative thoughts from the mind, for a negative thought only brings about a negative reaction.
- 26) God is never afraid to ask his alikes a question, for he is only seeking knowledge.
- 27) A wise man never portrays the ways and actions of a savage, for it only makes you look bad.
- 28) A true and living God will always show his love for his brothers by being equal with his jewels.
- 29) People look at you by the way you speak and act, so if you speak and act negative, surely you will be considered negative.
- 30) Watch out for black snakes, for they are the worst kind and if ever you find one, then destroy it as soon as possible.
- 31) Allah must always respect the wisdom (woman) for she is necessary to produce life.
- 32) Study your lessons as much as possible, for the more you study, the wiser you'll get.

Peace

Is the Nation of Gods and Earths a Muslim Community?

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Within and outside the Nation of Gods and Earths (NGE), many are unsure as to the relation of the NGE to the religion of Islam as practiced by over 1 billion adherents throughout the world. Understandably, perspectives on the matter are varied, ranging from inclusion (those who see the NGE within the Islamic scope) to total exclusion (those who see the NGE having no relation to the religion of Islam). There are also thinkers who see the NGE not as Muslims, but a group with ideas in the vein of Shiite and Sufi sects. The primary consequence of this argument is the way in which we see ourselves in relation to other cultures/religions on the planet. Furthermore, it begs the question: is the NGE merely an offshoot of the Nation of Islam (NOI), or is it a new value system? The answer to this question is not a static yes/no; but rather an answer that incorporates many factors and connects varied cultural and social dynamics.

In order to look deeper into the question, it is imperative that we first evaluate the ideas and value system of the respective cultures/religions to see if they are indeed similar. The primary reason that many accuse the NGE of being Quasi-and Proto-Islamic is the use of the terms Allah and Islam. Although the terms are indeed used by both groups, the meanings and context in which they are used are strikingly dissimilar. In the traditional Islamic context, Allah is used to refer to an omnipotent, omniscient, astral God who is the object of adoration and worship in western monotheistic thought (Judaism, Christianity, Islam). God in Arabic is Ilah, so the prefix Al (meaning the) was added on to indicate a shift away from polytheistic culture/religion, as was the norm in pre-Islamic Arabia. In the paradigm of the NGE, Allah is the Blackman, who after gaining an acute awareness of his positive qualities, history, and the world around him, actualizes these positive qualities in order to be the creator of his own destiny and a positive enriching influence in his family and community (global or local). This worldview is not unlike the concept of the "perfect man" in Sufism and the Kabbalah. While many would hold that Allah is an Islamic term, it is actually an Arabic term that is also used by Arab Jews and Christians when speaking of

God. Our use of the Arabic term is not only related to the history of the NGE, but also on the profound affect that the term carries when speaking of a change in the worldview from the Christian perspective held previous by many in the African-American and Latino community. The term Islam in the traditional Islamic context means "submission to the will of Allah", and refers to the religion and worldview revealed by Muhammad Ibn Abdullah in 7th century Arabia. From the perspective of the NGE, Islam bespeaks the cultural filament of high civilization practiced and maintained by people of the Afro-Asiatic Diaspora. Even in orthodox Islam, it is acknowledged that Islam as an ideal championing the existence of the oneness of God predated the emergence of Islam as a religion.

Similar to the term Allah, the NGE does not use the term



Islam to be seen as Muslims, but to underscore the correlation between a civilization's development of human behavior, and its development of science. It is well documented that the religion of Islam was a catalyst for the development of science, mathematics, and philosophy for hundreds of years, even influencing the enlightenment period in Europe. Within Africa, cities such as Djenne and Timbuktu are testimonies to Afro-Islamic achievements in mathematics and science, as well as human development and spirituality. By seeing oneself within this ethno-cultural framework, the mental paradigm is developed where people of color all over the world can transform the behaviors that many of us suffer from (lack of motivation, defeatist behavior, anti-intellectualism). This is why within the NGE community, you will find terms such as "science/scientist", "mathematics", "right and exact", and so forth. The NGE use of the term "Mathematics" is of particular importance as it relates to the Hindu-Arabic numerals we use. The history of the Hindu-Arabic number system is an example of the historical and social bond that connects civilizations and promotes human development by way of cultural and intellectual

exchange.

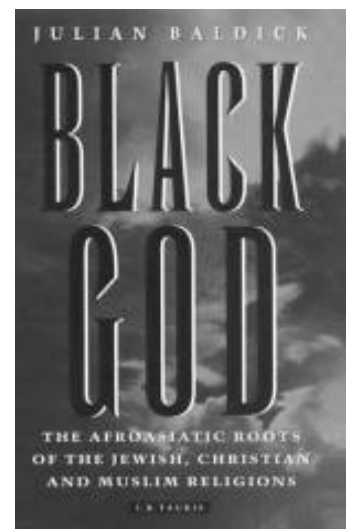
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of people of color, we develop a universal worldview that champions and relates to the achievements of people of color all over the planet. While some may dismiss this framework as underdeveloped and imaginary, it is no more fantastic than the Zion of Rastafarian thought, or the ancient Kemet of some Afrocentrists. On a religious level, however it is important to note that orthodox Islam and the NGE are in no way the same. There is no veneration of Muhammad as the last prophet in the NGE, and the NGE has no set amount that is required to be distributed to the poor. Due to the view that man is the creator of his individual and collective destiny, prayer in the form of Salat is not required. Fasting is encouraged in the NGE, but not in a structured and mandated form as is Ramadan in orthodox Islam. Conversely, most Muslims would consider it anathema to call themselves God, and there is no outward expression of ethnocentrism present in the religion of Islam. Historically, there have been Islamic groups/sects that held views similar to the NGE, such as the Zaydis of Yemen, and the Druze of Lebanon, but these groups are the exception and not the rule. While comparisons to Sufism are fair, it is important to note that many of the Sufis that advocated self-actualized Godhood identified with Gnostic and Neo-Platonic thought and often ran afoul of Islamic tenets.

While it is understandable why the NGE is identified with Orthodox Islam given the history of the NGE as well as the usage of selected terms by both groups, the truth is that the NGE espouses many concepts that do not fit neatly within an Islamic scope. In fact, after Allah, the founder of the NGE left the NOI, he went to great lengths to identify the NGE as a separate community, even going so far as to order sweeping name changes so that the Gods and Earths would not be mistaken for Muslims of the NOI. While one may be tempted to dismiss this change as slight, it is no less indicative of a new worldview than Muhammad changing the direction of prayer from Jerusalem to Mecca. It is also important to note

that Allah, when asked about Islam, remarked, "that's just I-Self-Lord-And-Master", again speaking to the process of self-actualization rather than submission. Ultimately, to place the NGE in an Islamic scope does a disservice to both groups. One, it forces the NGE to fit its values within a previous but unparallel framework. Secondly, It compels Islam to include a group with values that are dissimilar to their own. It also infers that there will be no "new" value systems, and that no cultural/religious development can take place after the last revelation of the western monotheistic tradition (Islam). Following this train of thought, Christianity can be seen as "Quasi-Judaic", and Protestants are "Pseudo-Catholic". The NGE is a new value system that has similarities to and influences from a variety of Cultures/Religions (Islam, Buddhism, Gnosticism), but is a unique ethno-cultural response to the condition of people of color in contemporary society. It is no less valid due to it originating from another group than Christianity and Buddhism, both extensions and reactions to the excesses of previous groups (Judaism and Hinduism, respectively). Building upon the legacy of Cultural/Religious Nationalism left by the Moorish Science Temple and the NOI, the NGE and the ethno-Cultural worldview that we espouse deserves the respect and consideration afforded to other Cultures/Value Systems and should be seen as adding another dimension to the contemporary Afro-Asiatic Diaspora. Already, within the last thirty years, the NGE has made a considerable impact on urban youth worldwide and is well known through its influence on Hip-Hop Culture. The ideas and values projected by many NGE musicians has influenced youth culture, serving as the impetus for many to learn about people and ideas outside their previous perspective. Viewing the NGE outside the limited parameters of "Proto-Islam" will allow many to gain greater understanding and appreciation for the ideas and concepts found therein.



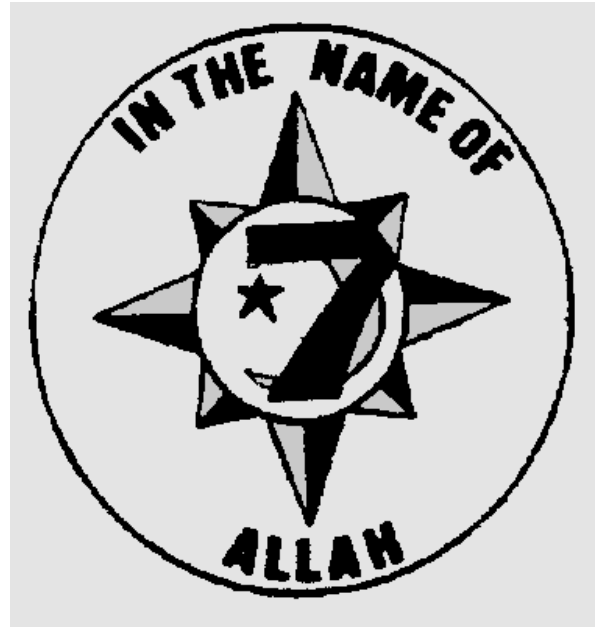
Could a being create the fifty billion galaxies, each with two hundred billion stars, then rejoice in the smell of burning goat flesh?

Ron Patterson

The Universal Flag

Universal Shaamgaud Allah
Medina (Brooklyn, NY)

The five pointed star symbolizes Knowledge, the seed the child with the power the Supreme Knowledge that was manifested by W. F. Muhammad as revealed to us by almighty God ALLAH, it is solid Black ! The Crescent Moon symbolizes Wisdom the women (without child). It shows reflected light (Truth or Knowledge) and is not yet at its fullest Equality. It also symbolizes the Divine Wisdom that was manifested by the honorable Elijah Muhammad and revealed to us by Almighty God ALLAH , it is solid yellow ! Together the Star and Crescent stands for Knowledge and Wisdom which is the unity of knowing it and speaking it (teaching). It also symbolized the Earth (Woman with Child) a Planet that has Life, and the dominance the woman has over the Seed (the child or the Knowledge) while it is young, and has been the symbol of Freedom, Justice and Equality since the awakening of Islam in the West of North America.



The seven has seven sides, it symbolizes the Original Man, the True and Living God, the Supreme Being, Almighty God ALLAH. Since the very creation of mathematics 7 has been the mathematical terminology for the Creator of the Universe. It is solid Black. Together this stands for the Supreme Understanding that was revealed to us by Almighty God ALLAH himself, it shows a unification of Knowledge, Wisdom and Understanding. Man, Woman and Child. It shows the authority of ALLAH over the planets and Stars and the proper order of the Universe. The seven symbolizes the male seed in full bloom, it shows that God must be the most high. The Master of Wisdom, Culture and Equality at all times, because they are six and can never dominate ALLAH, so they must remain in six or distill back to whence they came! Thus no part of the crescent moon should ever show over the top of the seven!!!

The white background symbolizes the white clouds of deception that have drowned our people in a sea of ignorance, and the feeble attempts of the wicked to conceal the true and living God which is the Son of Man !

The Cipher around the Allah Crescent Star is Black, the Original color of the Sun (anything that burns that hot and that long cant be yellow !). This symbolizes the Sun, the Universal symbol of Truth and Light; and who's power can evaporate all clouds of deception (lies).

The Eight Points are the symbol of the ever expanding Universe, and symbolizes the rays of the Sun, and the speed and distance that the Truth is capable of traveling. There are two sides to each point, the left is Black. This represents the Original Black Man, the right side is Gold. The Gold represents Brown and Yellow seeds. The eight points are a sign of he who is the Master Builder of Rain, Hail, Snow and Earthquakes !

A Word To The Wise !
Beware of False Knowledge;
It is more dangerous than ignorance!

Universal Shaamgaud Allah

Poor Righteous Teaching

The Story of the FBI and the Five Percenters

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On a personal level, the legacy of the Five Percenters is impossible for me to ignore. Growing up in the predominantly African-American community of Richmond, California in the early 1990s, my cultural universe revolved around rap music. Among my favorites at the time was a group known as the Poor Righteous Teachers. Time and again, I found myself hitting rewind on the tape deck trying to dissect the potent lyrics of their debut album, "Holy Intellect," in which the Poor Righteous Teachers repeatedly spoke of abstract principles such as the five percent, ten percent, 85 percent, and a metaphysical foundation called Supreme Mathematics and Alphabets. Although I could recite their rhymes word for word, I often felt a sense of frustration due to my inability to decipher the meaning of these apparent code-words. Yet at the very least, it was abundantly clear that the Poor Righteous Teachers' message rested on some sort of deeper philosophy that encouraged a tremendous sense of self-empowerment and pride.

Ten years later, in a graduate seminar on 1960s Black Nationalism at San Francisco State University, two developments helped me begin to understand the meanings of the Poor Righteous Teachers' music. First, I learned that the widely popular 'consciousness rap' of the 1990s derived from a 1960s group called the Five Percenters. The initial clue came from *Hip Hop America*, in which author Nelson George asserts, "since at least the 70's, Five Percenters have been a strong underground force," whose message eventually "spilled over into hip-hop."^[1] This notion was affirmed by forays onto the Internet, where followers who comprise the direct descendants of the Five Percenters -- the Nation of Gods and Earths -- have constructed a number of promotional pages, including an official Five Percenter website.^[2] One Internet author in particular, Beloved Allah, notes the significant impact of the Five Percenters as he observes that because of their message, "there are thousands of young black men and women... Whose lives have been affected in some positive way from learning the knowledge of themselves."^[3] In other words, the teachings of the Five Percenters, manifested in rap lyrics, were a shared experience of uplift that helped to shape a worldview for many youths immersed in African-American culture of the 1990s.

With regard to the second development, I discovered that between June 1, 1965 and June 25, 1969 the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) kept classified surveillance files on the activities of the Five Percenters and their leader, Clarence 13X Smith. Now unclassified and available to the public at the FBI's Freedom of Information Act Reading Room on the Internet, these files -- #157-6-34 on the Five Percenters and #100-444636 on Clarence 13X Smith -- offer a rare opportunity to understand the formative years of a contemporary African-American cultural movement.^[4] Upon seizing the opportunity to read these documents, not only can we appreciate the present legacy of the Five Percenters, but we can also assess the FBI's ability to repress a distinct cultural movement. Perhaps most significantly, this is a chance to draw conclusions about uncharted historical territory. As yet, no historian has examined the FBI's file on the Five Percenters.

Furthermore, in spite of their substantial contribution to African-American culture, the academic community has given scarcely a cursory glance to the history and impact of the Five Percenters. Indeed, scholars have devoted almost no energy to understanding the formative years of the group or their mentor, Clarence 13X. Secondary accounts are nonexistent and along with the FBI files, the only source of information comes from the Internet. As a result, Beloved Allah has described the dynamic Clarence 13X Smith as a "man history has yet to remember."^[5]

Beginning to remember Clarence 13X Smith and the Five Percenters requires starting with an understanding of the context of the relationship between the Five Percenters and FBI. On the FBI's side, the broad, contextual evidence is ample and clear. Previous works on Black Nationalism and the FBI such as Kenneth O'Reilly's *Racial Matters*, Churchill and Vander Wall's *Agents of Repression*, and Karl Evanzz's *The Judas Factor* make it apparent that the modus operandi of the FBI in the 1960's was to surreptitiously foil the operations of the Black Power Movement. As articulated by the Bureau's own words in a 1967 interdepartmental memo, the purpose of the FBI was to "expose, disrupt, misdirect, discredit, or otherwise neutralize the activities of black nationalist" groups.^[6] Because this was the case, there is little question that the actions of the FBI towards the Five Percenters were unsuccessful. As we shall see, although the Bureau tried to "neutralize the activities" of the Five Percenters, it failed to make an enduring negative impact on the group.

The notion that the effect of the FBI on the Five Percenters was negligible is best understood through a discussion of themes generated by the FBI files. First, we must consider the FBI's general perception of the Five Percenters, including the Bureau's overall strategy for surveillance, which incorporated trying to establish the Five Percenters' potential for violence, their organizational structure, and especially their connections to other Black Nationalist groups. Second, it is important to see the ways in which the FBI misjudged or underestimated the structure and powerful message of the Five Percenters. Then, we must assess the feasibility of the idea that the FBI deliberately railroaded Clarence 13X in order to get him "out of the picture." The files provide convincing evidence that Clarence 13X fell victim to an interdepartmental plot that trumped up charges against Smith, sent him to a mental hospital, and possibly killed him. Next, we should weigh the integral role of the press in the relationship between the FBI and Five Percenters. Finally, mention of items noticeably missing and most notable in the files will be relevant. However, before exploring these themes, it is necessary to briefly discuss the context of the Five Percenters in the 1960s and the general theories at work in this study.

The Five Percenter organization was formed in Harlem in 1964 by Clarence 13X Smith as a splinter group of the Nation of Islam (NOI). The Five Percenter moniker, in fact, was directly inspired by the "Lost Found Moslem Lesson #2," an essay penned by NOI founder W.D. Fard in 1934. In Lesson #2, Fard wrote that 85% of

the earth was inhabited by "uncivilized people, poison animal eaters, slaves from mental death and power"; 10% were "slave makers: of the poor who lie by teaching that the almighty true god is a spook and cannot be seen by the physical eyes"; and the remaining 5% were "poor righteous teachers [who knew] that the living god is the Son of Man, the supreme being, the black man of Asia."^[1] Yet, despite their name being derived from Fard, the Five Percenters made it clear that they were not Muslims, nor followers of the NOI.

The Five Percenters made at least two important distinctions between themselves and the NOI. First, there was a debate over the place and meaning of God. "A Muslim" according to a University of North Carolina website, "by definition, submits himself to Allah" and Allah is the only God.^[8] Furthermore, in the NOI scheme of thinking, W.D. Fard represented Allah in person, Elijah Muhammad acted as Allah's messenger and thus, all followers had to submit to Muhammad's will. Conversely, in the Five Percenter scheme, a singular God did not exist, rather, the individual black man was defined as God. This debate over God led to the second philosophical difference between the Five Percenters and NOI. That is, unlike the NOI, who adhered to the religion of Islam, the Five Percenters were only devoted to the "science of Islam."

The distinctions drawn by the Five Percenters had far-reaching consequences for the application of their message. The Five Percenter conception of a personal God translated into a focus on individual self-empowerment, not the empowerment of Elijah Muhammad. Self-empowerment was gained through metaphysics -- the philosophy of being and knowing -- with an emphasis on "knowledge of self" and the black man's place in the universe. By thinking in this manner, followers were educated with a strong black consciousness, enabling them, it was hoped, to survive and succeed in American society. Thus, the Five Percenters were not a "typical street gang" as the FBI would later observe. In fact, they did not preach or advocate aggressive violence. Instead, the Five Percenters were "poor righteous teachers" of a specific kind of cultural movement, the roots of which were planted in the science of Islam.

The glorification of the science of Islam over the religion of Islam was perhaps the most significant reason for the Five Percenters' subsequent growth and success into the 1970s, 80s, and 90s. To the Five Percenters, the religious symbolism of Islam was irrelevant and as a consequence, members were not prohibited from smoking, drinking, gambling, or eating and dressing as they pleased. In this way, it is fair to say that the Five Percenters were a more "user-friendly" form of the NOI. Indeed, the Five Percenters did follow many teachings of the NOI, but whereas the NOI was predicated on Fard and the Qu'ran, the source of scripture for the Five Percenters was found in the "Science of Supreme Mathematics and Alphabets."

Supreme Mathematics and Alphabets were the creation of Clarence 13X and they were his method of spreading the Five Percenter movement. Essentially, it was a system wherein each letter or number (0-9) denoted a concept with an accompanying principle. For example, the numbers 1-2-3 stood for knowledge, wisdom, and understanding respectively, while the letter "I" stood for Islam, which meant "I-self-lord-am-master." Each science rested on a specific premise. Supreme Mathematics incorporated the "mental, physical, and spiritual law of cause and effect. Once meditated upon . . . they basically provide a reference point and ruler to measure and weigh judgments in everyday life." In juxtaposition, "the basic premise of Supreme Alphabets is the qualities required to manifest a righteous civilization."^[9]

All of the Five Percenter frameworks were particularly appealing to urban black youth. It is no coincidence that the Five Percenters were almost entirely comprised of teenagers. As members, youngsters could achieve a liberating, Islamic-type consciousness without adhering to the strict discipline of the religion. Of crucial significance is the fact that Clarence 13X targeted the youth. His motivation, according to biographer Beloved Allah, stemmed from the desire "to teach [the science of] Islam to the masses of black youth who had not been reached by Muslims."^[10] Clarence 13X focused his message on "poor, delinquent, . . . hard-core street youth"^[11] and often won them over with "his slow methodical cadence speaking style of stressing syllables not normally stressed, causing audiences to be held spellbound in a trance-like state."^[12] Moreover, Supreme Mathematics and Alphabets were the "key to unlock[ing] the minds of the black youth"^[13] and so their message was "delivered in a staccato 'rap' that mesmerized New York City Youth. Members were trained to deliver their rap, and the group won converts by the hundreds."^[14]

The staccato rap was an integral part of the street-level organization of the Five Percenters. Indeed, most people encountered the rap's message on the streets or in the parks of Harlem. At the same time, the Five Percenters also developed a clear structural organization starting at the top. Clarence 13X, or "Allah" as he was known to his followers, was the leader. Below him were the "very powerful and dynamic" nine disciples of the "First Born."^[15] The First Born were "each required to teach 10 children or people younger than themselves and they shall be the fruit."^[16] The fruit, in turn, would flower, teach another ten youths, and the process would repeat itself. Taken as a whole, because teachings were conducted on the streets rather than at a fixed, arbitrary meeting place, the Five Percenters were a highly flexible organization, well equipped to convert a great number of Harlem youth. Their membership numbers in the 1960s are not quite clear, but a 1968 article from *New York Magazine* estimated a "group of 800 or so followers."^[17] However, perhaps a more accurate number comes from the 1967 "Universal Parliament" at Mount Morris Park to celebrate Allah's release from incarceration, where onlookers recalled seeing thousands of Five Percenters.^[18]

Having established the context of the Five Percenters and the FBI, it is prudent at this point to mention the theoretical framework employed in this study. Predeterminedly, it is a paper that takes the "linguistic turn" of historical study.^[19] This linguistic turn is the result of our focus on a singular text, which, in turn, yields one significant consequence. That is, the conclusions and observations of this paper are almost entirely based on the language of the Five Percenter files. In dealing with the language of the FBI files, this study has applied a simple, conglomerated linguistic theory. First, there is the "constitutive theory of language," which asserts that language "constitutes rather than reflects reality."^[20] In more precise terms, language is the key to understanding history because language functions to create experience in any historical setting. Applied to the FBI files, the language of the files did not come close to reflecting the reality of the Five Percenter situation, however, it did constitute the FBI's experience and relationship with the Five Percenters. Because of this reliance on text and language, every effort will be made to quote statements often and in their entirety.

A secondary, yet related theory of language at play is attributed to Marxism. The "Marxist theory of language" holds that language is an ideological tool which functions to mask the reality that is being created.^[21] Stated otherwise, language is constructed as a smokescreen in order to benefit those in power. Again, when applied to the FBI files, because the language can have a masking effect, Marx's framework helps to uncover the FBI's hidden

meanings. In addition, we must look for ideas regarding the Five Percenters that the FBI is unable or unwilling to perceive as well as items that are noticeably absent from the text.

Lastly, regardless of a text's masking or overt character, because language constitutes reality, it can be said that text is a cultural representation. As a result, a historian can extract cultural meaning from a text by simply asking "What is the purpose of this text?", or more succinctly, "What does this text do?" Meaning, of course, is the motivation for this study. We want to make meaning out of the relationship between the Bureau and the Five Percenters. To do so, we must first appreciate the context of the relationship and then make an interpretation of the language in the FBI files. Undoubtedly, each organization perceived the other as an antagonist, and thus, a full comprehension of their adversarial relationship can reveal the historical consciousness of both the Five Percenters and the FBI. Accordingly, this study will work to that end, in an effort to understand the exact nature of the FBI's surveillance of the Five Percenters. With respect to the "nature of surveillance," the goal of my investigation into the FBI files is to answer specific questions that reflect upon the cultural representation created by the Bureau's repressive relationship with the Five Percenters. Among these are: How did the FBI perceive the Five Percenters and what actions did the Bureau take against them? Also, what were the characteristics of the Five Percenters in the 1960s and how did they react to the FBI's treatment of them? Finally, what was the source of the Bureau's fear of the Five Percenters?

The thematic and linguistic construction of this study does not mean to indicate that the chronology of the files is not important. To be sure, every effort will be made to appreciate the process of time in this case. To that end, a brief chronological overview of the FBI files has been included.

The bulk of the Five Percenter files consists of events from Clarence 13X Smith's arrest on May 31, 1965 until his release from confinement in the Spring of 1967. Within that period, the files generally concentrate on disturbances by Five Percenter members in the summer of 1965, publicity produced by the group in October of the same year, and the concurrent incarceration of Clarence 13X. Afterwards, the files are dominated by potential threats of violence by the Five Percenters in the subsequent winter and disturbances by alleged members in the summer of 1966. In both files, there is almost no documentation of the time from Smith's release up to his death in 1969. The Smith file, which opens September 17, 1965 and culminates on June 25, 1969 after his death, contains sixteen Special Agent in Charge (SAC) Memos, one thirty-page synopsis report, two attached Letter Head Memos, newspaper clippings of Smith's murder, and one memo from Director Hoover on March 3, 1967. The larger Five Percenter file, which runs from June 1, 1965 until October 4, 1967, contains twenty-two SAC Memos, twelve of which have attached Letter Head Memos, various appendices and newspaper clippings, and two memos from Hoover on October 22, 1965, and August 24, 1966. Together, these files consist of nearly 400 pages. Despite their combined size, however, the files present a condensed form of information. Descriptions are often uncreatively repeated and many of the documents are rough drafts of the duplicated final product. That notwithstanding, the files do provide a wealth of meaning and their condensed format clarifies that almost every page is related to the FBI's general understanding, or misunderstanding, of the Five Percenters, the incarceration of Clarence 13X Smith, or the role of the press.

Based on the language of the files, it is apparent that the FBI related to the Five Percenters in four basic ways. First, there was a

general strategy, wherein the FBI identified its target and established the goals and methods of its surveillance. Second, the FBI had concerns with the Five Percenters early penchant for violence. Third, the Bureau made a concerted effort to link the Five Percenters with a larger, more sinister organization. In this effort, the FBI failed to associate the Five Percenters with any known Muslim groups, but the Bureau did uncover evidence that tied them to prominent activist LeRoi Jones and his pro-Communist organization. Finally, the FBI sought to evaluate the fundamental structure of the Five Percenters. Taken as a whole, it is also clear that the FBI conceived of its relationship to the Five Percenters as one that was based on race. Every document was filed under the heading of "Racial Matters."

On June 2, 1965, two days after the arrest of Clarence 13X Smith and after recognizing the Bureau had no information on the Five Percenters, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover immediately established a plan of action for the new Five Percenter threat. In a brief "Informative Note," Hoover stated, "New York office [is] instructed to conduct investigation to completely identify leaders and to determine policy of this group."^[22] Thus, the FBI had a dual goal with its surveillance of the Five Percenters. They wanted to understand the Five Percenter message and who was distributing it. By June 9, the New York Office of the Bureau included an additional goal. In his memo to Hoover, the New York SAC wrote that his office would try "to determine the extent of influence or infiltration by subversive type black nationalist groups into the 'Five Percenters.'"^[23]

The New York Office was quick to identify Clarence 13X Smith, yet, at the same time, it had trouble gathering a definition of the Five Percenter philosophy. In a June 2, 1965 SAC Memo, Clarence 13X Smith, also described as "Allah," was identified as the ringleader of the Five Percenters. Apparently, the Bureau had some previous information that linked Clarence 13X to the NOI and Muslim Mosque Incorporated (MMI), but neither allegation could be verified and the SAC concluded, "The NYO [New York Office] does not feel that the Bureau should become involved with every ordinary Harlem rowdy and street fighter who shouts invectives."^[24] There was a similar type of downplaying effect in regard to the Five Percenters' philosophy. After a month of investigation, the New York Office could only deduce that the Five Percenters were "a loosely knit group of Negro youth gangs" from Harlem. Additionally, the SAC wrote, "these youths are typical of the numerous street type gangs . . . except that they have been influenced by an individual who refers to himself as 'Allah' and has indoctrinated them in the distorted teachings of . . . Elijah Muhammad."^[25] To the FBI then, the Five Percenters represented little more than a common gang. A year later, the Bureau still had little more to say than that the Five Percenters were "young Negro teenagers who have no respect for law and order."^[26]

In spite of their "gang" status, the Five Percenters were subject to an established surveillance method by the FBI. Six months into the file, the New York SAC wrote of the operative method,

The NYCPD [New York City Police Department] is continuing to conduct a full-time, extensive investigation of the 'Five Percenters', which includes interrogation of gang members and nightly surveillance of them. . . The NYCPD feels that this extensive coverage has succeeded in deterring the activity of the gang and has opened the way for numerous arrests for assaults, mugging and marijuana smoking charges.^[27]

The statement suggests both an around-the-clock operation and a measure of success. While it is hard to question the tenacity of the surveillance (unless we consider the relative paucity of

information yielded from the 'nightly surveillance'), the success of the operation is subject to debate and will be discussed further at the conclusion of this paper.

One result of the full-time investigation of the Five Percenters was the FBI's decision to place Clarence 13X Smith on the Security Index. Dating back to 1939, the Security Index operated as Hoover's personal card catalog intended to hasten the mass arrest of radical subversives in the event of wartime.^[28] By the 1960s, however, the Index's real purpose was to keep track of "racial agitators."^[29] What began as a communist measuring stick had evolved into a black measuring stick, and in the 1960s, the index contained the names of 1,497 African-Americans. One of them was Clarence 13X Smith, whose January 17, 1966, thirty page "Synopsis Report" concluded that the "subject be included on the Security Index."^[30] The Director summarily granted the request and even though Clarence 13X was imprisoned for most of the time subsequent to the request, his name remained on the Index for close to eighteen months.^[31]

Although it was a common practice in the 1960s, the evidence does not suggest a strategy of intrusion by the FBI. For instance, the Bureau's strategy did not include the practice of sending anonymous and deliberately divisive letters, though the file does mention one such letter being sent to the NOI in 1963. Furthermore, there was no documentation of police raids designed to disrupt the operations of the Five Percenters. Be that as it may, we know the FBI at least considered the option of police raids. On September 18, 1967, a police department source told the New York SAC that "the NYCPD is planning a secret raid on the Five Percenters . . . during the midnight to 8:00 AM shift . . . on Clay Avenue . . . It is expected this raid will result in the discovery of numerous weapons."^[32] By the next day, however, the New York SAC had learned the raid was either called off or a fabrication.

Though today we know the Five Percent Nation has never condoned or endorsed violence, it is not ironic that the aim of the proposed police raid in 1967 was to discover weapons. From the beginning, a major concentration of the FBI focused on understanding the extent of violence associated with the Five Percenters. In their early stages, the files suggest that the FBI was on-target with their focus on the group's violent acts. However, as the files progressed, incidents of Five Percent aggression became less and less frequent.

The high point of violence by the Five Percenters came in the Summer of 1965. First, there was the May 31 arrest of Clarence 13X where "a mob of Negroes had two patrolmen pinned up in Hotel Theresa . . . and were threatening them."^[33] When the group was told to move along, they responded by calling "on bystanders to attack the officers."^[34] As a result, additional police were brought in and during the forced removal "two of the officers were bitten."^[35] Then, in late June, eight youths were arrested for "unlawful possession combustible material, namely a gallon can of gasoline, four empty bottles, cloth, a funnel, and a piece of hose. . . They all gave 'Muslim-type' aliases and appear to be members . . . of the . . . 'Five Percenters', however, they denied this affiliation during questioning."^[36] Finally, on July 30, while trying to make an arrest, an unidentified officer "was set upon by sixteen . . . Negro youths, who threw garbage cans and bottles at him. These disorderly youths were described by police as belonging to the 'Five Percenters'."^[37]

After this short, two-month period, the violence stopped. In October of 1965, the New York SAC admitted, "the investigation has developed nothing to indicate that this gang is armed or has a cache of arms and weapons stored in Harlem."^[38] Nevertheless,

the FBI persisted in their approach, hoping to connect the Five Percenters with violence. In late November, confidential sources advised the SAC "that on January 15, 1966, the Harlem area of New York City will experience an unknown event which will make 'Watts appear to be a minor accident.'"^[39] Apparently, on at least four occasions around January 15, the source claimed "reference was always made to Harlem youth gangs, such as the 'Five Percenters.'"^[40] Ultimately, however, the sources' information turned out to be false. Lastly, late in the summer of 1966, the FBI tried to link the Five Percenters to a string of violent outbursts. Between August 21 and 23, in the Bedford-Stuyvesant area of New York, there were separate reports of "clashes between ethnic groups,"^[41] an officer being "jumped" by black youths,^[42] and an incident in which a "rowdy band of approximately 200 Negro youths . . . created incidents in the area involving clashes with patrolman, bottle throwing and breaking windows."^[43] Subsequently, even though hundreds of arrests were made, only two youths were identified as members of the Five Percenters.^[44]

It is interesting to note how violence directly connected to the Five Percenters ceased after the Summer of 1965. This can only mean that at some point, Clarence 13X sent out the call to end the violence. The likelihood of this happening is plausible, for "while at Bellevue he [Smith] continued to teach the youth," and after their leader's transfer, his "Five Percent disciples traveled to see him in Matteawan Hospital in Beacon, N.Y."^[45] According to Beloved Allah, Smith's essential message was simple: "He told them that they did not need guns . . . because their tongue was their sword and . . . they could take more heads with the word than any army with machine guns could ever do."^[46]

By all accounts, Clarence 13X Smith was an extremely pragmatic man and from his experience with the justice system he probably knew the authorities were trying to subdue his organization. Furthermore, he likely recognized that acts of violence were an open invitation for the destruction of the Five Percenters by law enforcement agencies like the FBI, hence the command to stop the violence and stymie at least part of the FBI's strategy. Indeed, it is not a stretch to suggest that the Bureau's operatives led themselves astray by focusing much of their energy on violence, for it limited their ability to see the broader picture of the Five Percenters.

Without question, a foremost goal of the FBI revolved around discovering if there was any relationship between the Five Percenters and any other established group which the Bureau perceived as threatening. As mentioned in a previous section, an initial goal of the FBI was to understand the degree "of infiltration by black nationalist groups into the Five Percenters."^[47] Subsequently, the Bureau could not link the Five Percenters to any established Muslim organization, but it did recover evidence that connected the Five Percenters to a significant faction of the anti-government movement.

Gradually, the FBI came to appreciate that the Five Percenters were not affiliated with the NOI, MMI, or Organization for Afro-American Unity (OAAU). On June 31, 1965, the Bureau verified that although Smith "denied being an NOI member at present, he is known to have been a member in the past where he received his 'X name.'"^[48] On July 9 they learned that Smith "definitely was never a member of the MMI or OAAU," and that "he has not been observed at NOI meetings in New York City for several months."^[49] Then, in the January 1966, thirty-page synopsis report, the FBI made a concerted effort to nail down Smith's Muslim affiliations. Part II of the outlined report was entitled "Affiliation With the Nation of Islam." The section subheadings read: "A. Attendance at NOI Meetings"; "B. Attendance at FOI Meetings"; "C. Attendance at NOI Rallies"; "D. Attendance at

NOI Unity Meetings"; "E. Attendance at NOI African Asian Bazaars"; "F. NOI Miscellaneous"; and "G. MMI Miscellaneous."^[50] In each section, the report chronicled every instance where Clarence 13X appeared at a function of the Black Muslims from 1960-64 and oftentimes documented speech highlights from the various meetings. However, it was all a wasted effort, for the FBI had no concrete evidence with which they could connect the Five Percenters to the Black Muslim operations. By August of 1966, the Bureau acquiesced; it had "no information to the effect that the 'Five Percenters' are tied in with any subversive organization."^[51] Clearly, the FBI recognized it had to deal with a new breed of movement.

Interestingly, rather than appreciating the precedence of the Five Percenters, the FBI instead decided to ignore the group. As a result, following the August 1966 acquiescence, the Five Percenter files are almost empty. For a week in late August, agents were sent to the streets to ascertain what they could about the Five Percenters; however, these forays failed to divulge any new information. In addition, during the winter, there was a rumor of violence that was quickly dispelled and then, there were no correspondences until the time of Smith's release in April of 1967. It was as if the FBI was breathing a sigh of relief after it had established the independence of the Five Percenters. Apparently, the Bureau believed that because the Five Percenters were not affiliated with the Black Muslims, they were not a threat. In this way, it can be said that the success of the NOI, MMI, and OAAU had an effect of masking the abilities of the Five Percenters. Consequently, the FBI downplayed the threat posed by the Five Percenters. This disrespect can be inferred by the Bureau's common practice of writing the words Five Percenters in quotation marks throughout the files.

On November 4, 1965, the FBI expanded the scope of the Five Percenters investigation beyond the Muslim organizations. Two months later, the Bureau uncovered evidence which suggested the Five Percenters had a connection to the larger anti-government movement. In a memo to Hoover, the New York SAC wrote that his office would "canvass NY sources in Black Nationalist, Cuban, and Chinese Communist activity to determine if these subversive and racist elements are linked in any way to the 'Five Percenters.'"^[52] In late November, the Bureau learned that the Five Percenters were allegedly "making efforts to infiltrate and subvert" the Youth Cadet Corps, a federally funded anti-poverty program in Harlem; however, the rumor could not be subsequently verified.

Then came a breakthrough. In a December 29 Letter Head Memo, FBI sources revealed that "a number of Negro youths . . . who claim to be Five Percenters, are affiliating and hanging around with Negro playwright LeRoi Jones and his Black Arts Repertory Theater, a black nationalist anti-white type theater group in Harlem operated by Jones."^[53] To add weight to the danger posed by Jones, the memo included a few items of relevant background information. For instance, the memo cited a 1964 speech by Jones at a Workers World Party meeting, where he "urged Negroes to disassociate themselves from 'the American way of life'" and told "children to despise everything this country stands for."^[54] Additionally, the memo highlighted that "as of August, 1962, LeRoi Jones was President of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee."^[55]

Indeed, the evidence about LeRoi Jones, who later became nationally known as Amiri Baraka, represented a breakthrough in terms of connecting the Five Percenters to a larger movement. LeRoi Jones was a prominent poet/activist who expressed and promoted his political views through his art. To him, "art was

politics and politics art."^[56] In 1965, he moved to Harlem after the death of Malcolm X had convinced him "of the absolute evil of white society" and publicly announced himself as a cultural nationalist.^[57] While in Harlem, he opened the Black Arts Repertory Theater for the "education and cultural awakening of the Black People in America."^[58] Though short-lived, Jones's theater served as a model for other black nationalist theaters that began to spring up across the country. Also while in Harlem, Jones began to associate with other powerful black intellectuals like Larry Neal and Ron Karenga.^[59]

As indicated by the FBI files, LeRoi Jones was also directly connected to the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC). Throughout the 1960s, the FPCC was the target of repressive measures by the American government. The FBI had a surveillance file on the FPCC dating back to 1960, wherein the Bureau claimed the FPCC operated as the "chief public relations instrument of the Castro network in the United States" and garnered its funding directly from the Cuban government.^[60] Furthermore, between 1961-63, there were four separate congressional subcommittee hearings on the FPCC. In a 1962 hearing, Congress cited the name of LeRoi Jones as a major contributor to the group.^[61] Undoubtedly then, the New York Office was correct in their suspicion of Jones. In 1960, Jones had traveled to Cuba with the FPCC. The trip changed Jones's worldview and brought him "further into the world of political commitment."^[62] Additionally, with his 1994 autobiography, Jones corroborated the FBI's information on his presidency by stating, "I [eventually] became . . . chairman of the New York chapter [of the FPCC]."^[63] Thus, with their stated goal of linking the Five Percenters to other subversive elements, it is reasonable to expect that the name LeRoi Jones and his connection to broader anti-government movements should have triggered a reaction by the FBI. Curiously however, no response was forthcoming and LeRoi Jones was not mentioned again in the Five Percenter files.

The last element in the FBI's basic understanding of the Five Percenters involved the Bureau's focus on the organizational structure of the group. In many ways, piecing together the structural organization of a group served as standard protocol for the FBI when dealing with subversive groups of any nature. Particularly, the Bureau wanted to establish: a) the locations of any meeting places; b) sources of the Five Percenters' funding and how the group used the money; c) the manner in which orders were given and instructions taken; d) the size of the group and how its membership increased. To be sure, the FBI's Five Percenter operation reflected the execution of the Bureau's protocol for understanding an organization. At one point, the issue of structure even garnered an immediate response from Director Hoover.

At the inception of the Five Percenter files, it is clear that the FBI was concerned with Five Percenter structure. In the first correspondence between the New York Office and FBI Headquarters, the SAC concluded page three by observing, "They have no headquarters and 'hang out' on the street corners in Harlem."^[64] Eight days later, the SAC reported, "The total number is not believed to be more than 80 to 100."^[65] Then, in October, the New York SAC disclosed, "No information has been developed that money obtained from muggings and assaults by gang members is turned over to any specific leader or fund."^[66] In the same memo, the SAC also readjusted the number of Five Percenters to 200. Overall, the memos represented standard procedure for organizational structure by the New York Office, one that they would employ until the following summer.

In August 1966, Director Hoover vigorously contacted the New York Office and demanded that agency fill in the holes regarding the Five Percenter organizational structure. Hoover's response was a reaction to a Letter Head Memo included in the report on the aforementioned "Racial Incidents in the Bedford Stuyvesant Area." Apparently, during a police interrogation, one youth charged with malicious mischief and disorderly conduct "admitted to police that he had been taking 'instructions' from the 'Five Percenters' for one week and [another arrested subject] admitted taking instructions for two weeks."^[67] Hoover's memo to the SAC on August 24, 1966 commanded the New York Office to delve deeper into the organizational structure of the Five Percenters.

Information furnished by [arrested subjects] to the New York City Police Department that they had taken 'instructions' from the Five Percenters for one and two weeks respectively should be immediately defined and resolved. In absence of information being available to you to the contrary, you should interview [arrested subjects] to determine what was meant by 'instructions.' In view of tense racial situation, information indicating organized training or schooling to teach riot techniques must receive intensive attention and be fully resolved.^[68]

While we cannot know what Hoover meant by "resolving" the situation, it is clear that he was threatened by evidence that suggested the Five Percenters were a sophisticated organization, complete with a hierarchy and methods of schooling.

In response to the Director's concern, agents of the New York Office sprang into motion to see what they could learn. On the same day, the SAC wrote back that a reliable source advised that the Five Percenters had an "estimated membership of 300 youths. He stated that they were a very loose organization with no real leadership."^[69] Then on September 1, another source furnished a description of the basic pattern of Five Percenter meetings:

These type of gatherings in the park are not necessarily planned but take place at any given hour when someone decides to discuss anything at the park. The audience, which is comprised of over 80 teenagers, may simply be sitting in the park awaiting a turn on the basketball court, a deal at cards or simply a game of softball. At these various gatherings no individual is considered the floor chairman and that anyone who desires to discuss anything simply stands and can be heard. As for receiving actual instructions from any organization, [source] indicated that this was not true.^[70]

Afterward, the FBI was content with its follow-up investigation of the organizational structure of the Five Percenters. Based on its evidence, the FBI regarded the Five Percenter organization as weak. At one point, the SAC said that because the Five Percenters had no "real organizational setup," there was no need for an "extensive investigation."^[71]

Ultimately, during the course of its two-year surveillance, the FBI mustered little discouraging effect against the Five Percenters. Indeed, with respect the Bureau's belief that they had 'succeeded in deterring' the Five Percenters, the facts suggest otherwise. Perhaps the strongest written evidence comes from Beloved Allah, who contends that in spite of the file, surveillance, interrogations, and arrests, the Five Percenters "continued to grow" during the mid-1960s.^[72] By the time Clarence 13X was released in the spring of 1967, "thousands of Five Percenters turned out to welcome Allah's return."^[73] In retrospect, what the FBI regarded as weaknesses were actually cornerstones of Five Percenter strength. This notion leads us to the next theme, for throughout the file, the FBI failed to acknowledge the vast potential of the Five Percenters.

Having become acquainted with the surveillance strategies of the Bureau and the contemporary history of the Five Percent Nation, it is possible to appreciate the ways in which the FBI underestimated the Five Percenters. At least six times, the Bureau had documented information that suggested the Five Percenters were a sophisticated organization with an unprecedented philosophy. However, in every instance, the FBI failed to supply the necessary intuitive energy for peering into the heart of the Five Percenters. In addition, the decision about who would be responsible for the surveillance of the Five Percenters happened almost immediately. In the end, the only one who came close to understanding the true nature of the Five Percenters was Hoover himself.

Returning to the issue of organization, the FBI had its chances to see the structural power of the Five Percenters. On June 9, 1965, the New York Office reiterated that the Five Percenters "do not have any central meeting place or headquarters" and then proceeded to say, "Although each of the individual youth gangs formed from their respective neighborhoods has its own leader, they do not have any organizational set up."^[74] Indeed this statement is an oxymoron. It suggests a lack of structure even though each neighborhood had a known leader. With a little effort, the FBI could have learned of the 'First Born' and understood the Five Percenter idea of spreading the message like seeds of fruit. Similarly, in July, the Bureau could have recognized they were dealing with a well-informed adversary. Despite the efforts of the courts to reschedule the hearings of Clarence 13X, his trials were always known to a "number of young Negro supporters . . . that continually show up at the various court hearings."^[75] Finally, in September, the SAC wrote of Smith's former activities, "He is unemployed and spends his time hanging around . . . where he indoctrinates the youth of the area."^[76] Embedded in all of the statements were strong hints of Five Percenter potential. The Bureau should have realized the Five Percenters were a youthful movement that was highly accessible on the street. Instead, the FBI overlooked the novel phenomenon of this combination and made little effort to understand Smith's method of indoctrination. Had they done so, they would have discovered perhaps the greatest strength of the Five Percenters -- their self-liberating message was repeatedly delivered in a catchy, mesmerizing rap.

Another underestimation by the FBI was its misunderstanding of the appeal and philosophy of the Five Percenters. Perhaps as a ruse, after their arrest on May 31, 1965, Clarence 13X and his accomplices told police "they are members of [an] organization called [the] 'Five Percenters' which means . . . the five percent of Muslims who smoke and drink."^[77] Then, on June 9, the New York Office wrote of Clarence 13X's followers, "they like to consider themselves 'Muslim' and many of them shave their heads and take Arabic sounding names. In fact, [however,] none of them follow the tenets of Orthodox Islamic religion."^[78] On the one hand, it might have been easy for the FBI to interpret the Five Percenters as naive, dope-smoking, Muslims impersonators. On the other hand, the FBI completely neglected the implications of what it already knew. An alternate interpretation of these early SAC documents describes the Five Percenters as a more user-friendly form of the NOI; one which certainly had an infinitely more appealing message to the youth culture than the strict, disciplined platform of Elijah Muhammad.

As a result of press exposure of the Five Percenters in October of 1965, the FBI finally came to understand the meaning of the moniker and the source of Five Percenter strength. In an October 18 memo to the Director, the New York SAC informed Hoover, "the current meaning of 'Five Percenters' is that 85% of Negroes are cattle, 10% are Uncle Toms, and the remaining 5%, which they are, are the real leaders of the Negro people."^[79] In the same

memo, a "[source] described the 'Five Percenters' as a particularly viscous type of street gang that has found in this Muslim overtone a mysterious type of ideology that seems to ignite and inspire them."^[80] In spite of this obvious evidence of a distinct and inspiring ideology, the FBI never came close to comprehending the explosive, youthful appeal of the Five Percenter philosophy or indoctrination rap. Had this been done, the Five Percenter files might have been much thicker.

At the very least, with an accurate estimation of the Five Percenters, the FBI might have taken a more hands-on approach; instead, the Bureau quickly decided to delegate responsibility. As early as June 9, 1965, the SAC wrote, "Because the 'Five Percenters' are a loose bunch of teenage street gangs and because their mentor is in jail, the NYO feels they represent a local police problem and not a threat to internal security."^[81] Over and over throughout the files, the SAC portrayed the Five Percenters as a "local police problem." By October, the Bureau clarified the angle taken by police: "The investigation is being handled by a special squad of the NYCPD. . . known as the 'Special Unit.'"^[82] The 'Special Unit' was otherwise known as the Bureau of Special Services (BSS or BOSSI) and indeed, the initials BSS can be repeatedly observed over the course of the Five Percenter files. BOSSI was notorious for their work in opposition to the Black Power Movement. A New York City police officer once anonymously revealed, "they [NYCPD] have a group called Bossi that is a special service group which does a lot of undercover work. They are the group that infiltrates all of these radical groups like the Black Panthers or any kind of subversive group. And these guys find out a hell of a lot of information."^[83] To be sure, almost all of the FBI's information came from New York/BOSSI and the Bureau was content to let BOSSI directly handle the Five Percenters. Thus, as we shall see again in the next section, the Bureau wanted to keep its hands clean of the situation in case of a discovery of the illegal surveillance against the Five Percenters.

Irrespective of BOSSI's reputation, no one in the New York Office ever furnished an accurate description of the Five Percenters. In fact, the only person who somewhat gauged the Five Percenters was Director Hoover. First, in an October 25, 1965, Director Memo to the SAC, Hoover noted the "Five Percenters is a gang of approximately 200. . . The leaders have given instructions to each other in Muslim type ideology."^[84] Then, at the end of the 1966 Synopsis Report from the Smith file, Hoover handwrote a personal summary: "There are approximately 200 members of the 'Five Percenters' and subject is their leader. He had extensive activity in NOI from 9/61 to 3/25/65. He left NOI to follow Malcolm X and joined MMI. He presently indoctrinates his followers in a distorted version of Muslim teachings."^[85] Finally, in the aforementioned 1966 Director Memo to the SAC, the note read, "The Five Percenters have been a constant source of trouble to the NYCPD. They are not members of the Nation of Islam; however, they affect Islamic names and symbols."^[86] From these three items, it is apparent that Hoover knew the Five Percenters were a derivative of the NOI, an organization he feared. Also, he understood the Five Percenters practiced a distinct, more youthful ideology than the Black Muslims. As a consequence, he probably appreciated the potential appeal of the Five Percenters. For this reason, it is reasonable to assume that Hoover had a master plan to repress the Clarence 13X's group, and this notion serves as the subject for the remainder of this study.

Although not conclusive, the evidence from the Five Percenter files overwhelmingly suggests that the FBI had a deliberate plan to keep Clarence 13X Smith off the streets and behind bars. If true, the Bureau executed its plan with a succession of devious steps. First, the charges and bail against Smith were trumped up and his

journey through the court system was constantly delayed. Then, in order to keep Clarence 13X in custody, Hoover devised what can be labeled as his "interdepartmental strategy." Finally, as a result of Hoover's strategy, the courts sent Clarence 13X off to a mental hospital for a period of "indefinite confinement." The FBI's actions in this regard should not come as a surprise; after all, Clarence 13X was the admitted leader of the Five Percenters and more often than not, part of the Bureau's protocol to diffuse Black Nationalist groups necessitated neutralizing the leaders. In effect, Kenneth O'Reilly's *Racial Matters* and Karl Evanzz's *The Judas Factor* are case studies of this very protocol. O'Reilly's book explains how the FBI specifically targeted Martin Luther King, Huey Newton, and Bobby Seale to bring down their respective movements. Likewise, Evanzz's book presents the Bureau's complex web of repression aimed at Malcolm X. Correspondingly, based on the Five Percenter files, similar forces were working against Clarence 13X.

Almost immediately, events conspired against Clarence 13X. Smith and five cohorts first attracted police attention on May 31, 1965, outside the Hotel Theresa for "interfering with street traffic," calling "on bystanders to attack police," and shouting "anti-white and anti-police invectives."^[87] Although he engaged in little more than angry self-expression, the charges against Smith were representative of more serious offenses. On June 2, the SAC informed Hoover that "all six were charged with felonious assault, conspiracy to commit same, resisting arrest, assault with a deadly weapon and disorderly conduct. In addition, 'Allah' was charged with possession of a marijuana cigarette and malicious mischief."^[88] The assault charges almost certainly stemmed from police witness, Wilbert Lee, who claimed the group had tried to attack him with sticks earlier in the evening.^[89] Indeed, it was convenient for the police to produce Lee after the fact. The bail situation for Clarence 13X was also curious. On June 1, the SAC noted "all [six subjects] held in three thousand to five thousand bail . . . Allah received additional charge . . . since he had a marijuana cigarette."^[90] Interestingly, on the following day in a Letter Head Memo, bail was "ranging from \$2000.00 to \$9500.00, the latter being the bail for Allah."^[91] In both cases, someone had made very quick decisions to single out Clarence 13X.

Clarence 13X's court experience exhibited similar signs of railroading. At the trial, a source observed, "During the hearing 'Allah' claimed that he was God and stated that the Court could not charge them with anything since 'you can't charge Allah.'"^[92] According to Beloved Allah, Smith's subsequent custodianship by "Bellevue Hospital for psychiatric treatment . . . was the result of him proclaiming himself to be God."^[93] Though flimsy, this contention may be accurate, for in the next correspondence to the Director, the SAC offered an intriguing proposition: "Due to Smith's actions, rantings and ravings, particularly in front of the judge at his hearing, he appears to have a 'psychological problem', but the court has taken no action in this regard."^[94] Thus undoubtedly, Clarence 13X made a strong impression on the New York SAC and a month later, the court took action. Apparently, the SAC's proposition of "psychological problems" was somehow absorbed by the court system because "Smith was committed to Bellevue Hospital, New York City for psychiatric examination" on July 9, 1965.^[95]

Afterwards, authorities put the brakes on the process. Following his committal to Bellevue, Clarence 13X endured repeated delays in the justice system. On the occasion of a scheduled court date, the SAC noted, "the District Attorney and the Court appear to be continually adjourning these hearings to a later date."^[96] In the meantime, Smith's psychiatric evaluation dragged slowly. He remained at Bellevue for three months without an actual, official

sentence from the courts. Then, to add further insult, "on 10/15/65 . . . Bellevue Hospital officials advised the presiding judge that they needed 10 additional days to complete their psychiatric treatment of subject [Smith]."^[97]

It was during these ten days that J Edgar Hoover entered the picture. A significant portion of the first Director Memo to SAC on October 22, 1965 appears to be directly related to Clarence 13X's experience in the justice and mental health systems.

As you are aware, the proper utilization of information received by the Bureau is foremost among our responsibilities. . . . Whenever information comes to the attention of the Bureau which appears to be of interest to another agency, that information should be forwarded to interested agencies. You should contact [black-out] and advise him of the Bureau's responsibility with regard to the dissemination of pertinent information to other agencies and that the Bureau desires that the information . . . be disseminated to military services, the Department, and Secret Service."^[98]

From this memo, it is clear that Hoover wanted other government agencies to be aware of the Five Percenter.^[99] More importantly, Hoover's words were the outline for the interdepartmental strategy to foil Clarence 13X. With Clarence 13X in custody, the FBI had an opportunity to wield a decisive blow against his activities as leader of the Five Percenter. In this context, the FBI needed to inform and coordinate other agencies so that the Bureau could continue to surreptitiously work against Clarence 13X.

On the surface, Hoover's words seem innocent enough, but the subsequent events and files shed light on how and why the interdepartmental strategy was to be executed. First, as Hoover demanded, the New York Office had to change its procedure and let other relevant agencies in the loop. Accordingly, in the November 4 SAC Memo, the cover sheet stated, "Copies of this LHM are being furnished in NYC to G-2 and Secret Service."^[100] Likewise, a later SAC Memo stated, "Information copies are also being furnished locally to G-2, ONI, OSI, Secret Service and the U.S. Attorney, SDNY."^[101] Next came the desired effect of the interdepartmentalism, which was manifested in the November 16 SAC Memo. While informing Hoover of a hearing for Clarence 13X on the same day, the New York SAC wrote, "it is expected that when subject appears in above court on 11/16/65, subject will be adjudged criminally insane and will be committed to a mental institution."^[102]

Unquestionably, the November 16, 1965 SAC Memo is the most curious document in the Five Percenter files. How could the FBI "expect" that Clarence 13X "will" be sent to a mental hospital? One would expect the SAC to use more uncertain, ambiguous words such as "may be" or "could be"; but the words "will be adjudged" clearly imply some prior knowledge of the verdict. The only way the SAC could have had prior knowledge was if he had some form of interdepartmental contact with Bellevue Hospital, the District Attorney, and possibly the presiding judge. If this was true, then one can ascertain the purpose of interdepartmentalism. In essence, Hoover's orders in his October 22nd memo could have been sly code words for "contact the appropriate agencies" and "see that Clarence 13X is sent to a mental institution for being criminally insane."

The incarceration of Clarence 13X in a mental institution serves as another indication of railroading. Though trumped up, the charges and evidence against Clarence 13X probably would not have landed him in prison for a long time. Smith was a decorated veteran of the Korean War and undoubtedly, this too would have helped his cause during sentencing. However, if Clarence 13X

could be diagnosed as having a "psychological problem," the law said the sentence of time did not apply. Therefore, he could be "remanded to the New York State Department of Mental Hygiene for an indefinite confinement."^[103] This was the Bureau's ultimate goal. With Clarence 13X in a mental institution with no recourse for release, he would, so the theory went, be out of the picture for good.

A problem ensnared this scenario, however, because Clarence 13X never had complications with his mind. Based on his original philosophies and accomplishments as a leader, Clarence 13X was a man of high intelligence. Yet, the court tried to pass him off in the November 16 hearing as being "unable to understand the charges against him."^[104] Indeed, the veracity of this statement is doubtful. Then, in April of 1966, Matteawan State Hospital "made available [to the New York Office] the institution file relating to the captioned subject [Smith]."^[105] Even to the layman, this file hardly made for a clinical diagnosis. In his synopsis, the SAC wrote, "The file reflects that the subject's original diagnosis was described as schizophrenic reaction, paranoid type. He expressed delusions of grandeur of a religious nature and of persecution." Indeed, both of these diagnoses seem purposefully ambiguous. More than likely, their ambiguity was designed to fabricate and promulgate Clarence 13X's mental illness.

Because he could not be classified as a true mental patient, the hospital eventually had to let Clarence 13X Smith free on April 12, 1967. Another factor in this decision may have been the growing frustration of the Harlem youth. On January 1, 1967, the SAC warned Hoover of "actions, disorders, [and] riots" by Five Percenter on January 2 if Clarence 13X was not released. Whatever the reason for his freedom, by the time of Smith's release, the Bureau was developing a secondary course of action to monitor his actions. In midwinter, after there had been no disturbances on January 2, the New York SAC proposed, "As subject [Smith] has been in continuous confinement since rerep, there has been no reportable activity on his part. In view of this, NY will not submit an annual report at this time. In the event subject is released from the hospital, this case will be reopened for appropriate investigation."^[106]

Hoover was not at all satisfied with the SAC's proposal and as a consequence, he plaintively refined the plan for Clarence 13X's release. In his third and final Director Memo of the files, the Hoover responded:

In view of the subject's background and his current mental condition, the Bureau feels that upon his release from incarceration at Matteawan . . . you should determine his whereabouts and ascertain whether he resumes his participation in Black Nationalist activities. Therefore, New York should place a stop with appropriate officials at the above hospital, in order that you will be promptly advised of any action indicating that the subject may be released from confinement."^[107]

Without question, the New York Office followed Hoover's order and then produced the final correspondence of the files until Smith's murder in 1969. On May 16, 1967, the SAC provided Hoover the basic facts of Smith's freedom. Of most consequence to the Bureau was that Clarence 13X was "unemployed and has no permanent residence, but can almost always be located on 127th Street."^[108] Moreover, Smith had not participated in any altercations with police and "sources familiar with many phases of 'Black Nationalist' activity have not reported any additional activity on the subject's part."^[109]

Of course, railroading would have reached its furthest extent if the FBI had any involvement with the murder of Clarence 13X, who, like Malcolm X, foreshadowed his own death. According to legend, on the morning of June 12, 1967, the Five Percenter founder told his mother, "when they are ready, they will kill you."^[110] By the evening, Clarence 13X's words proved prophetic when he was gunned down by "three unknown negroes" on the front stoop of his apartment.^[111] Details of this information were sent to Hoover along with four newspaper articles and a pledge to open an investigation. By June 25, the Bureau had their answer. Based on the investigation, Clarence 13X, "may have been shot by a small group of extortionists who are 'shaking down' businessmen in the NY ghetto area and 'leaning' on anyone who opposes them."^[112] Supposedly, the extortionists were comprised of ten men (listed but blacked out) who were "active in [the] Fair Play Committee."^[113] The conjecture was that the "Fair Play Committee hired [three assailants] . . . to assassinate . . . Smith" because the "Committee wanted Smith . . . 'out of the picture' because [he was] working for Mayor Lindsay or 'cutting into territory' of Committee."^[114]

The FBI's explanation for Smith's murder gives pause for a little suspicion. Once again, the file is mired with ambiguous phrases. Furthermore, if we assume the Fair Play Committee is a derivative or the same as the FPCC, then there are three more reasons to question the files. First, the FBI had used the FPCC as a scapegoat before; in 1963, the "government . . . implicate[d] Fair Play for Cuba in the Kennedy assassination."^[115] Second, the Five Percenters allegedly had a previous, friendly relationship with LeRoi Jones who was deeply involved with the FPCC. Third, and most suspiciously, according to the FBI's own files, the "FPCC had been dissolved" since April 1964.^[116] Consequently, it would have been unlikely and undesirable for the FPCC to orchestrate the murder of Clarence 13X. Thus, it is possible that the FBI's investigation of Smith's death was part of a cover up, which in turn, may indicate that the Bureau was somehow involved in the murder. For his part, Beloved Allah believes this to be the case:

The one who killed Allah is the one who feared his power the most. The one who would stand to gain the most by black youth not being awakened to the knowledge of themselves. The one who enters our communities with the expressed purpose of concern for those in need . . . but with hidden motives of monitoring and sabotaging. And now I ask you, who killed Allah?^[117]

While the subject of the FBI railroading Clarence 13X is mostly a matter of speculation, the text of the FBI files leaves little doubt that a major part of the Bureau's master plan involved keeping the Five Percenters out of the public eye. Accordingly, over the course of the files, the FBI kept a constant tab on the preeminent conduit of the public's information -- the press. Especially with respect to the Black Power Movement, the Bureau was well aware of the power of the press. In fact, the press was often used in "the FBI effort to discredit black dissidents. . . Bureau officials hoped to accomplish their goal here by developing 'news media' contacts from coast to coast."^[118] And, whereas the FBI appreciated the media's ability to harm subversives, they were also cognizant of the reverse scenario. That is, the Bureau knew press reports could also have the effect of bringing notoriety to black groups and apprehension to the public. Apparently, this was the FBI's fear in the Five Percenter file. Thus, it should come as no shock that the first Director Memo from Hoover was the direct result of newspaper articles.

From the start of the files, the FBI made it a goal to keep the Five Percenters name away from the public's knowledge. For instance, a Letter Head Memo after the arrest of Clarence 13X stated, "The

June 2, 1965 editions of the 'New York Times' . . . and 'Daily News' . . . contained articles on the above incident and arraignment. These articles described the six as 'Black Muslims', a term generally used to refer to members of the NOI."^[119] Here, one gets the sense that this item was included because the FBI was pleased to have the six subjects described as "Black Muslims." Had they been identified as "Five Percenters," the public would have become aware and possibly fearful of a brand new Black Nationalist group. Afterwards, the Bureau exhibited a similar kind of idea in the June 22 SAC Memo. Therein, the SAC forwarded an arrest report of eight youths

because of the publicity received in NYC and their possible affiliation with the 'Five Percenters.' It is felt that because of the present racial tension in NYC, the arrest of any members of these Harlem youth street gangs, particularly those who have adopted a 'Muslim-type' alias, will bring newspaper publicity which implies that these youths are part of some anti-white black nationalist movement.^[120]

Indeed, this embodied a circumstance the FBI wished to avoid.

In this context, the Bureau's apparent desire to keep the Five Percenters out of the press came to a halt on October 15, 1965. On that day, three separate articles on the Five Percenters appeared in the *New York Times*, *New York Herald Tribune*, and *New York Daily News*. All of the articles, which were included within the file, shed a negative and threatening shadow on the Five Percenters. For example, the *Daily News* described the Five Percenters as a group who were "only too happy to turn the community into chaos and turmoil."^[121] The *Herald Tribune* compared the Five Percenters organization to the Ku Klux Klan and Hitler Youth and then proceeded to implicate them in a string of recent assaults on teachers in New York public schools. Then, as if to fan the flames of fear, the article stated the Five Percenters were not connected to the NOI and added, "Harlem residents claim to see Five Percenters everywhere. . . [People have] talked to police. They [are] scared, they know the facts."^[122] Finally, in the *Times* article, which claimed to be based on a three-week independent investigation, the Five Percenters were said to be receiving "funds and advice from outside the United States, possibly from Cuban or Communist groups."^[123]

Each of the three articles were triggered by the inflammatory words of Livingstone Wingate, president of Harlem Youth Opportunities Unlimited-Associated Community Teams (HARYOU-ACT). In the files, the FBI called HARYOU-ACT a federally funded "anti-poverty program,"^[124] but at other times, the Bureau described it as a "hate school."^[125] This negative perspective likely resulted from a known relationship between HARYOU-ACT and LeRoi Jones. It is safe to assume that the Bureau was aware that Jones "must have got[ten] away with a couple hundred grand and even more in services" from HARYOU-ACT in 1965.^[126] Thus, when HARYOU-ACT president Wingate made a speech alluding to the Five Percenters as a violent military group, he had the attention of the FBI.

The New York SAC summarized the Wingate speech and newspaper articles as follows:

"His main theme was that if anything happened to HARYOU-ACT, there would definitely be racial violence. On this latter point, Wingate referred to a mysterious 'armed' group of Negro youth who are 'prepared to die' in a struggle against white people. He refused to identify by name this group stating he feared for his life if he talked too much. . . [The] articles indicated that Wingate was apparently speaking of a Black Muslim-oriented extremist

youth group known as the 'Five Percenters'. . . [One article] set forth observations . . . developed in an 'independent investigation.'"^[127]

Undoubtedly, the New York SAC was concerned that the informed public would perceive the Five Percenters as an ominous, new threat. As a consequence, a response from the Bureau was imminent.

Following the October 15 articles, the FBI immediately stepped up their investigation of the Five Percenters. For instance, the subsequent October 18 SAC Memo represented the most thorough portrait of the Five Percenters to date and had a girth of seven pages. Therein, the SAC concluded, "In view of the publicity of the 'Five Percenters' in the attached articles as a result of the Wingate speech and particularly because of the allegations outlined in the Tribune article, SAC . . . [remaining paragraph blacked-out]."^[128] The context and timing of the black out hints at some subsequent action that was or would be taken against the Five Percenters in order to resolve the situation. Fortunately, we can observe the scope of that action in the rough draft of the same memo from Part II of the Five Percenter file. There, the memo continued, " . . SAC [name blacked out] conferred on 10/15/65 with [agent from] Bureau of Special Services, New York City Police Department (BSS, NYCPD) and [other agents] of BSS."^[129] Thus, as a result of the articles, the New York Office felt compelled to have an emergency conference with local authorities. Of the decisions made at the conference, the SAC said, "The results of this conference are not being set forth in an LHM on the specific request of [blacked-out] that none of the information be disseminated outside of the FBI, in view of the continuing investigation by NYCPD into the 'Five Percenters' and the recent publicity thereon."^[130] While it is possible that the conference served as the source of the FBI's plan to railroad Clarence 13X, that decision more than likely came from Hoover.

The articles in the press were apparently a matter of grave concern to the Director. Based on their information, Hoover made two important decisions. First, he articulated the design of the interdepartmental strategy to contain Clarence 13X and the Five Percenters. Second, Hoover used the opportunity to redefine the goals of the Five Percenter operation. In both cases, he applied evidence from the newspapers to justify his course of action.

As evidence for the former decision, Hoover wrote, the

Tribune . . . sets out that ranking police officers in Harlem have been briefing leaders . . . regarding the 'Five Percenters' and have asked their cooperation in fighting what they described as a very dangerous group. This article also sets out that two Harlem weekly newspapers . . . published stories regarding the menace posed by the 'Five Percenters' reportedly at the request of police."^[131]

This was a subtle way of saying that the police were doing a sloppy job with the Five Percenter operation and that their surveillance system had to be fixed or obscured. Not coincidentally, in the subsequent paragraphs, Hoover implemented the interdepartmental approach that would temporarily doom Clarence 13X.

With regard to Hoover's latter decision, Hoover observed, the "Tribune article continued with a comment to the effect that one source linked the 'Five Percenters' to the Chinese and Cuban Communists and to the group recently convicted of attempting to dynamite the Statue of Liberty."^[132] If true, then the Five Percenters truly were a threat to Hoover's America. Thus, he made a point to reiterate the operation's focus on the bigger picture.

"The Bureau agrees that the activities of the 'Five Percenters' represent a local police problem; however, in view of the allegations that the 'Five Percenters' may be linked with certain subversive and racist elements, as indicated in the newspaper articles, your continuing investigation of these subversive and racist elements should specifically determine whether or not the 'Five Percenters' are actually linked to these elements."^[133]

Undoubtedly, in late December, this order led the New York Office straight to LeRoi Jones and his connection to the Five Percenters.

Hoover wrote to the New York Office on three occasions: 1) after the preceding situation revolving around the press, during which he implemented the interdepartmental strategy; 2) a year later after there was evidence of hierarchical instructions; 3) in Spring of 1967 when Clarence 13X was due to be released. In this regard, what is odd is not when these memos were sent, but rather, when Hoover failed to send a Director Memo. Most striking was the case of LeRoi Jones in the Winter of 1965.

In conjunction with the articles from the *New York Times* and *Herald Tribune*, the possible affiliation to LeRoi Jones just three months later represented the second piece of evidence that the Five Percenters were connected to the Cuban/Communist movement. The FBI was aware that Jones was once president of the FPCC. Moreover, the Bureau also knew that "Leroi Jones [was] . . . then with Haryou," which was the organization responsible for the newspaper articles in the first place.^[134] Thus, the FBI had evidence that the FPCC, LeRoi Jones, HARYOU-ACT, and the Five Percenters were all tangled in the same web. Based on his stated goal of linking the Five Percenters to the larger subversive picture, it is indeed surprising that Hoover did not want to delve deeper into this issue. Perhaps however, the reason for Hoover's lack of interest stems from the idea that the Bureau already had a plan to break the web.

There is evidence to suggest that by the winter of 1965, authorities had orchestrated a coordinated effort to bring down HARYOU-ACT, LeRoi Jones, and the Five Percenters. First, as covered in this paper, various agencies conspired to incarcerate Clarence 13X in a mental hospital. Also in Autumn of 1965, federal funding to HARYOU-ACT ceased abruptly and then, the Manhattan District Attorney's Office, along with federal authorities, placed the group, including leader Livingstone Wingate, under investigation following charges of fiscal mismanagement.^[135] Interestingly, "it was about this [same] time that words of the 'racist' Black Arts program began to surface in the media -- 'teaching racism with government funds!'"^[136] From what we know of the Five Percenter files, the correspondence relating these three events is very suspicious and each seems to suggest against covert FBI's actions. In the same time frame, funding was cut, the press was used as a weapon, leaders were railroaded, and in each case, an interdepartmental strategy was employed.

Another glaring omission from the Five Percenter files is the nature of the relationship between the Five Percenters and the NOI. According to an article from *New York Magazine* in 1968, a substantial rift existed between Clarence 13X and Elijah Muhamed. The article described it as an "older animosity" that stemmed from Clarence 13X "considering himself the real Allah, believed Elijah Muhammed should be *his* messenger, which the Black Muslim leader felt was sacrilege."^[137] Then, authors Gloria Steinem and Lloyd Weaver implicated the NOI in a 1964 murder attempt on Clarence 13X and asserted that he was "on the list after Malcolm X."^[138] If this was the case, then it is fair to expect that the FBI might have wanted to exacerbate the rift between the NOI

and Five Percenters. Yet, there was no evidence to this effect in the files. Out of the numerous occasions when NOI sources were contacted, only one derogatory comment about the Five Percenters was recorded from a NOI member. That was, in October of 1965, a NOI source from Savannah described the Five Percenters as "instigators of violence."^[139]

One explanation for Hoover's reluctance to exacerbate the rift between the NOI and Five Percenters could be that they did not feel the need for "hands-on" interference with what the Bureau perceived as little more than a street gang. Another explanation is that rift between the NOI and Five Percenters did not exist. In an impromptu question and answer phase of a lecture given in 1977 at Arizona State University, Minister Louis Farakhan remarked of the relationship:

Brother, I'm telling you that the Honorable Elijah Muhammed respected those young brothers and sisters who called themselves the Five Percenters. Now, I talked to the Honorable Elijah Muhammed about that group that was developing in New York and now spreading. He said, 'That's good. That is good. They are studying that which Allah questioned me on and they are studying my answers to those questions.'^[140]

Assuming the Clarence 13X files concerning his murder are some sort of cover-up, perhaps the FBI in 1969 already had a sense of what Minister Farakhan later said. It may be that the Bureau knew there was no rift to exacerbate; therefore, they could not logically pin Clarence 13X's death on the NOI without someone crying foul. Consequently, they chose an unlikely patsy -- the FPCC.

Finally, it is interesting to note the point at which the surveillance of the Five Percenters ceased in the files. The FBI stopped their active operation against the Five Percenters and Clarence 13X Smith in May of 1967. Shortly thereafter in September, perhaps as a response to their experience with Five Percenters, the FBI launched the Ghetto Informant Program "designed to establish listening posts in black areas of virtually every major city."^[141] The program "required all field agents to develop ghetto informants" and by 1968, the Bureau had recruited 3,248 such people. Thus, with the Ghetto Informant Program, the Bureau had no need for the file and it could keep an eye on the Five Percenters without tying up the New York Office. Around the same time, Clarence 13X substantially increased his power and became a fixture in the public eye. Correspondingly, after 1967, the Five Percenter Movement emerged as a major player in urban-New York culture and the FBI could have easily followed their progress out in the open public. If, as Beloved Allah contends, the "white power structure still viewed [Clarence 13X] as a dangerous man," they at least had no need for a secret surveillance system anymore.

Indeed, in the years 1967-1968, Clarence 13X and the Five Percenters were able to overcome all of the obstacles previously presented to them by the FBI. In the Summer of 1967, New York Mayor, John Lindsay, felt compelled to develop ties with community leaders by creating an Urban Task Force and Clarence 13X was "high on the Mayor's list of priorities."^[142] As a result of the ensuing association, the Mayor's Office came to learn "that what Allah really wanted was some education for his young disciples" and afterwards, the Mayor's top aide convinced the New York Times to print a retraction and "change a story referring to them [Five Percenters] as 'anti-white.'"^[143] In the same summer, the Mayor's Office informed the Five Percenters "they had plans to secure a building for them at Seventh and 126th Street."^[144] A month later, Allah opened the Five Percenters Street Academy at 2122 Seventh Avenue (where it still stands and operates today). Then, most significantly, on the night of Martin Luther King's

shooting, Clarence 13X and a group of Five Percenters walked with Mayor Lindsay through Harlem in order to dissuade rioting. Afterwards, Clarence 13X "received public and media praises for his participation in maintaining peace" as well as a "commendation from Mayor Lindsay."^[145] On his plaque, the "inscription read, 'To Allah, thanks a lot, John V. Lindsay.'"^[146]

Thus, in the short run, the FBI failed miserably in their attempt to subvert the Five Percenters. Theirs was an effort to railroad Clarence 13X and keep the Five Percenters name out of the press. Yet, as a result of perseverance and the events of 1967-1968, Clarence 13X became powerful civic leader and the Five Percenters were known all throughout the city. Moreover, in retrospect, the FBI did not only fall short of their objectives in the short run. Over the long haul, the Bureau's relationship with the Five Percenters ultimately contributed to the ability of the Five Percenters to become a permanent, nationwide organization. Upon return from his unholy experience with the justice system, Clarence 13X changed the power structure of the Five Percenters for the better. He "told his Five Percenters before he left them that his death would born the Nation of Gods and Earths" and "that they did not need a leader because they were all leaders of themselves."^[147] Indeed, these words were precautionary measures designed to ensure the propagation of the Five Percenters. Clarence 13X did not want to replicate the oppressive power relations of hierarchy for a specific reason. In his own words, "when black people have leaders the devil can easily execute them to derail the movement."^[148]

As Clarence 13X foretold, his death did bring about the reconfiguration of the Five Percenters into the Nation of Gods and Earths. Thirty years later, the Nation of Gods and Earths has become a cultural experience for thousands of followers who cut across class and race lines throughout the country. As evidence, their webpage cites official membership at over 25,000 people. Additionally, the Five Percenter message of self-knowledge has become a powerful force of resistance for prison inmates. This is all largely the result of the Five Percenters becoming prolific in rap music. Taking up where the 1960's indoctrination rap left off, in the late 1980's the rap industry began spreading the word of the Five Percenters; in 1990, Brand Nubian completely based the rhymes of their breakthrough album, "One For All," on Five Percenter philosophy; on their album inlet, the Poor Righteous Teachers gave, "a Universal Greeting to the Father of our Nation, Clarence 13X Smith"; and legendary lyricist Rakim once credited his inspiration to the Five Percenters^[149]. Indeed, by the early 1990s, these rappers and countless others had brought Clarence 13X's vision into popular culture. Returning to the personal aspect of this study, the ideas of the Five Percenters were so pervasive and appealing that they became an integral part of my own youthful experience.

That in 1991, a teenage, middle-class Caucasian could learn self-knowledge and truths about American society from Five Percenter rap music must have had J. Edgar Hoover turning in his grave. The Director, however had his chances to stop the Five Percenter movement from 1965-1967. During this time, the files strongly suggest that his Bureau attempted to strip Clarence 13X and publicity away from the Five Percenters. But, ultimately, it was all in vain, because from the beginning the FBI had misunderstood and underestimated the Five Percenters. In no way could the FBI comprehend the cultural force that the Five Percenters would eventually become, for they were unable to appreciate the power of the Five Percenter structure and message. It goes to show, that while the FBI had proven methods to stop political movements, they were not well equipped to handle a cultural movement.

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Malcolm X

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Malcolm X

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