



## SESSION 13 Nation of Islam

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Louis Farrakhan

### FOUNDED, LOCATION

Founded by Wallace D. Fard (1891–?) in Detroit in 1930, but led by Elijah Muhammad (1897–1975) in 1934.

Current head is Louis Farrakhan (1933–).

Headquarters today in Chicago, Illinois.

### KEY WRITINGS

Publicly, the Holy Qur'an is authoritative and the Bible is quoted often.

*Message to the Blackman in America*, *Our Saviour Has Arrived*, and other books by Elijah Muhammad supply Nation of Islam's distinctive views.

Current teachings are in *The Final Call* newspaper/the speeches of Minister Farrakhan.

**BASIC BELIEFS**—The NI is a combination of Islam and \_\_\_\_\_.

### WHO IS GOD?

Officially, there is one God (Allah) as described in the Qur'an.

But Elijah Muhammad's teachings are also true:

- God is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Millions of Allahs have lived and died since creation.
- Collectively the \_\_\_\_\_ is God.
- Master Fard (disappeared 1934) is the Supreme Allah and Savior.

### WHO IS JESUS?

Officially, Jesus is a sinless prophet of Allah.

Privately, Jesus was born from \_\_\_\_\_ between Mary and Joseph, who was already married to another woman.

Jesus was not crucified, \_\_\_\_\_ in the heart by a police officer, still buried in Jerusalem.

Prophecies of Jesus' return refer to Master Fard, Elijah Muhammad, or to Louis Farrakhan.

### WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

The Holy Spirit is not significant to this belief, but is generally regarded as the power of God or as the angel Gabriel who spoke to the prophet Muhammad.

### HOW TO BE SAVED

People sin, but are not born sinful.

Salvation is through \_\_\_\_\_ and good works

Older beliefs still held include: Fard is the savior; salvation

comes from \_\_\_\_\_ and realizing that the white race are devils who displaced the black race.



Nation of Islam flag with letters for Justice, Freedom, Equality, Islam

## WHAT HAPPENS AFTER DEATH?

No consciousness or any spiritual existence after death. Heaven and hell are symbols. Statements about the resurrection refer to awakening “mentally dead” people by bringing them true teachings.

## OTHER BELIEFS, PRACTICES

Farrakhan’s public messages coexist with earlier, esoteric doctrines. Elijah Muhammad’s older views (polytheism, God as the black race, Master Fard as Allah incarnate, whites as devils) are still distributed.

Public preaching now focuses \_\_\_\_\_  
(one eternal God, non-racial emphasis) with frequent use of the Bible. Annual celebration of “Saviour’s Day” (February 26), commemorating the birth of the movement’s founder, Wallace Fard Muhammad.



Louis Farrakhan,  
TIME magazine Feb. 28, 1999

**NOTE:** Master Fard--During the investigation, *the FBI discovered* that Master Fard Muhammad was actually Wallace Dodd Ford, a Californian with an extensive felon criminal record...Ford, as the FBI later learned, was born in 1891 in Hawaii on February 25...Though most Muslims have refused to look at the evidence, the Bureau *correctly concluded* that Wallace D. Fard and Wallace D. Ford were one in the same (*italics added – WM*).

### ANSWERS:

Black Nationalism, Black Man, Black Race,  
Adultery, Stabbed, Submission to Allah,  
Knowledge of Self, One Islamic Themes