



## Teachings of the Nation of Islam

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Nation of Islam has numerous teachings that are contradictory to Islam. It does believe in the Qur'an and Mohammad as a prophet. Much of this section comes from Christianity, Cults & Religions, 2008, Rose Publishing, Inc., page 17.

*(My additional comments are in italics and parentheses.) – Karen Nyquist)*

“Nation of Islam is an African American movement that combined elements of Islam with Black Nationalism.” (“Louis Farrakhan,” Britannica on line.)

#### 1. Founder

Wallace D. Fard in Detroit in 1930, but led by Elijah Muhammad since 1934. Current head is Louis Farrakhan, *since 1978*.

#### 2. Writings

Publicly, the holy Qur'an is authoritative and the Bible is quoted often, but *Message to the Blackman in America, Our Savior Has Arrived*, and other books by Elijah Muhammad supply its distinctive views. Current teachings are in “The Final Call” newspaper and speeches of Minister Farrakhan.

#### 3. God

Official, there is one God, Allah, as described in the Qur'an. But Elijah Muhammad's teachings are also true: God is a black man, millions of Allahs have lived and died since creation, collectively the black race is God, and Master Fard is the Supreme Allah and Savior.

***(But the Bible says there are no other gods before or after God: Isaiah 43:10 “You are My witnesses,” says the Lord, “And My servant whom I have chosen, That you may know and believe Me, And understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, Nor shall there be after Me.”)***

#### 4. Jesus

Officially, Jesus is a sinless prophet of Allah. Privately, Jesus was born from adultery between Mary and Joseph, who was already married to another

woman. Jesus was not crucified, but stabbed in the heart by a police officer. He is still buried in Jerusalem. Prophecies of Jesus' return refer to Master Fard, Elijah Muhammad, or to Louis Farrakhan.

**(But the Bible says Mary was a virgin: Matthew 25:1** "Behold, the **virgin** shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us.")

**(But the Bible says Jesus prophesized that He would be crucified: Matthew 26:2** "You know that after two days is the Passover, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be **crucified.**")

**(But the Bible says Jesus prophesied that He would rise on the third day: Mark 10:33-35** "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; **34** and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He **will rise again.**")

## 5. 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.

**(But the Bible says that Jesus calls the Holy Spirit "He": John 14:26** "But the Helper, the **Holy Spirit**, whom the Father will send in My name, **He** will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.")



Elijah Muhammad      Louis Farrakhan      Master Fard Muhammad

## 6. Salvation

People sin, but are not born sinful; salvation is through submission to Allah and good works. Older beliefs still held include: Fard is the savior, salvation comes from the knowledge of self and realizing that the white race are devils who displaced the black race.

**(But the Bible says Jesus is the Savior: Acts 4:10-12** "**10** let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. **11** This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' **12** Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.")



Nation of Islam is teaching that God favors one race above all others.

**(But the Bible indicates that God looks at all races equally: Acts 17: 26-27** “And He (God) has made from **one blood every nation of men** to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their pre-appointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, **27** so that **they should seek the Lord**, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;)

Some of Nation of Islam’s teachings include racism and hatred - see “Beliefs/ Others.”

**(But the Bible says that Jesus said we are to love our enemies: Matthew 5:43-48** “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, **love your enemies**, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of **your** Father in heaven;”)

## 7. Death

There is no consciousness of 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.

**(But the Bible says that we will rise from the dead and names people who died but are alive now: Mark 12:24-26** “Jesus answered and said to them, “Are you not therefore mistaken, because you do not know the Scriptures nor the power of God? **25** For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. **26** But concerning the dead, that they rise, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the burning bush passage, how God spoke to him, saying, ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’?”)



Yakub



Human Breeding Sites

## 8. Beliefs/Other

Farrakhan’s public messages coexist with earlier, esoteric doctrines. (*Esoteric means “only taught to or understood by members of a special group: hard to understand”* <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/esoteric>).

Elijah Muhammad’s older views (such as polytheism, God as the black race, Master Fard as Allah incarnate, whites as devils bred to cause harm) are still distributed, but public preaching now focuses on Islamic themes (one eternal

God, non-racial emphasis) with frequent use of the Bible.

**(Yakub** (sometimes spelled **Yacub** or **Yakob**) is, according to the Nation of Islam (NOI), a black scientist who lived "6,600 years ago" and was responsible for creating the white race to be a "race of devils". He is said to have done this through a form of selective breeding, referred to as "grafting," while living on the island of Patmos.

The Nation of Islam theology claims that Yakub is the biblical Jacob. Mainstream Sunni and Shia Muslims do not have this belief, or anything similar to it. The story has caused disputes within the NOI during its history. Under its current leader Louis Farrakhan, the NOI continues to assert that the story of Yakub is true, stating that modern science is consistent with it.) (Yakub (Nation of Islam) – Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yakub\\_\(Nation\\_of\\_Islam\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yakub_(Nation_of_Islam)))

***(But the Bible says that God created man in His own image, none were created in the image of devils or by any scientist: Genesis 1:27 “So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”)***

### **Table of comparison of Traditional Islam and Nation of Islam**

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<b>Table of comparison of Traditional Islam and Nation of Islam Belief</b>	<b>Traditional Islam</b>	<b>Nation of Islam</b>
<b>God</b>	Allah is one, who has no partners	Wallace D. Fard came as God incarnate (God is man)
<b>Muhammad</b>	The final prophet of Islam, no one comes after him	Elijah Muhammad is the prophet to tell about incarnation of Fard
<b>Race</b>	All are equal regardless of color of skin, judged on behavior	The original black race of man is superior, especially to the white man: a race of "blue-eyed devils" created by the black man
<b>Creation</b>	Allah created the universe, first humans were Adam and Eve	Black scientists created the plan which repeats every 25,000 years
<b>Qur'an</b>	Revealed to Muhammad from God through the Angel Gabriel	Black scientists created and revealed the Bible and the Qur'an
<b>Sharia law</b>	Sacred rules and laws of Islamic life, based on Qur'an and Sunnah	Not followed, created own, such as 4-6pm meal or avoid white-flour cake meals