



## Truth For Muslims

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the Black CHURCH in America...  
and the threat of ISLAM.

Tuesday Afternoon

Dear Fellow Citizen,

I'm giving you the enclosed booklet, *Louis Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam*. Please read it today.

In just a minute, I'll explain how Farrakhan's "black Islam" ties in with the now-infamous Rev. Jeremiah Wright, pastor at Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago. As you probably know, Rev. Wright made headline news because of his fiery rhetoric from the pulpit.

The connections between Islam, "black Islam," and Jeremiah Wright's brand of Christianity are critically important to the fate of the black Church, and to the future history of America.

That's why I'm working hard to equip Truth For Muslims to be a voice for truth on this important topic. I know African-American pastors who are deeply concerned about the influence of Islam on their congregations, and I need your support in order to help them. But first: one of the key roots of the problem.

### Black Liberation Theology

Jeremiah Wright adheres to a doctrine called "liberation theology" - in this case "*black liberation theology*." The church's website (even after many recent revisions) makes this very clear.

Before I get to Louis Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam, I need to let Thabiti Anyabwile tell you about black liberation theology.

Anyabwile, once a Muslim, later became assistant pastor at Capitol Hill Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. He's now the senior pastor of First Baptist Church, Grand Cayman Islands. He's also an authority on the black church in America.

In a March 20, 2008 interview from *Christianity Today* magazine, Anyabwile says,

Black liberation theology concerns itself with the political aspirations of African Americans from a fairly radical bent.... It's an effort to do theology from the vantage point of the marginalized and the oppressed. Its main **benefit** is that it does raise questions that aren't often addressed by most theologians. Its main **failure** is that it either *supplants or equates the biblical gospel* with a concern for temporal politics, particularly politics viewed from a politically liberal and self-consciously black perspective.

This exaltation of politics over biblical truth is the reason why

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Rev. Wright's sermons contain the politically-charged messages which have been shown on the news recently.

In fact, Trinity United Church of Christ is now under investigation by the IRS. The church has openly supported one of its members, Barack Obama, in his bid for President. By doing so, their IRS tax-exempt status may be in jeopardy.

Since Truth For Muslims is also tax-exempt, I can't endorse or oppose any candidate for a political office - that would violate IRS regulations. But I do want to talk to you about some of the pitfalls of this brand of black theology.

*But what does all this have to do with Islam?*

### **From Liberation to Slavery**

Wright preaches black liberation theology, which is a radical, liberal, Afro-centric ideology. It addresses some legitimate concerns of the black community. And it makes heavy use of Scripture - for its own political ends. But solid biblical theology usually takes a backseat to its harangues against injustice and calls for social change.

If that tune sounds familiar, it should. This same message has been promoted by the black social justice movement since the 1950s. Once again, that movement did some very real good. But it also produced people such as the radical Black Panthers, Elijah Mohammed, Malcolm X, and Louis Farrakhan.

I'll let the enclosed booklet tell you more about the history and beliefs of the Nation of Islam.

But the problem gets worse. The Nation of Islam is a radical fringe group but their influence is far bigger than the size of their organization.

You may have already seen Chuck Colson's reports about Islam's stranglehold on much of the U.S. prison system, where black Muslims are active. I myself had a few dealings with some of them in my street-evangelism days - their confrontationalism and in-your-face Scripture-twisting is stunning.

Farrakhan is an expert at enlisting the help of black Christians to promote his own causes. Worse still, the Nation often functions like a "gateway drug": it moves African-Americans from liberal Christianity, past the NOI, into Islam itself.



Why does this happen? Here's why: although black liberation theology draws heavily from the Bible, its *primary* source isn't the Bible - it's the social justice movement.

In other words, black liberation theology was born from the same intellectual womb that spawned the Nation of Islam and the Black Panthers. *They all have a common heritage.*

That's why it's no surprise that when Farrakhan traveled to Libya

to meet with the Islamic-socialist military dictator Muammar Gadhafi... Jeremiah Wright went with him.

As a matter of fact, The Trumpet Newsmagazine reported late last year that "The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan is the recipient of this year's Lifetime Achievement 'Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr. Trumpeter' Award."

You see, black liberation theology is chiefly about an ideology of victimhood which brings together liberals, socialists, Marxists, Muslims, and others. They camp out under the umbrella of struggling against "oppression." (The "oppressors" vary from group to group, but it's usually some kind of affluent white Christian Westerners.)

Now, Wright probably disagrees with Farrakhan about theology - but the two can still work together because they have similar core beliefs. Wright sees in Farrakhan a man who shares his same goals for social change in America.

You see, it's not about theological content or the truth of the Gospel; it's about emotional words like "hope" and "change." But while "hope" is a very biblical concept, and while "change" is often needed, a robust belief system must be built on something much more solid than these ideals.

Again, it's true that a lot of oppression has taken place throughout history, and no group is innocent. But even though it makes good points about these injustices, when it comes to sound biblical teaching, liberation theology doesn't deliver. It's weak.

And here, at last, is where Islam comes in: Islam eats weak theologies for breakfast.

Islam was born on the Arabian Peninsula, which was the fringe of the Church at that time - the place where all the heretics exiled themselves. Islam killed or assimilated the heretics, engulfed semi-Christian Africa, then pushed into Europe. It was only stopped by the unified strength of that Christian continent.

But now the Church in Europe has grown impotent. Christendom on the European continent is barely making a squeak as Islam advances where Christianity once flourished.

It's the same with liberation theology.

The Wright-Farrakhan social doctrine is easy prey to the better developed and historically proven sociology of Islam. This is why the black congregations of America are being ravaged by Farrakhan and his crowd.

Do you see the evil irony here? Liberation theology and the social justice movement, which are so fixated on *release* from oppression and bondage, often lead their followers into the very clutches of Islam. But Islam is not a religion of freedom: it is an ideology of submission, domination, and slavery.

Only true, orthodox Christian theology, understood and *lived out*

in the culture, can stand against Islam.

### The Response

I hope you see why I decided to give you the booklet, *Louis Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam*. There are political implications to this issue, but my main concern is the health of the Church in America and its ability to stand for the truth in the public forum.

The job of Truth For Muslims is *to respond to Islam in America*, and part of that is going to mean confronting "Black Islam" as it makes inroads into the African-American community.

If you agree, please help spread the Truth by sending a contribution right now. Here's what your gift will help accomplish:

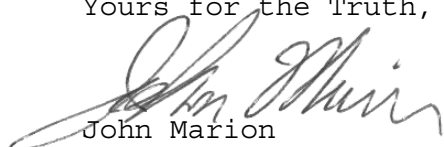
- The issue of black Islam needs more attention than I can give it here, so I've decided that Truth For Muslims should publish a special edition of our *Truth Messenger* newsletter. This is beyond our usual budget, but it's worth the expense.
- The "Islam and Immigration Presidential Voter Guide," which I'm currently doing research for, is going to mail with that newsletter in early Fall and be published on the Internet, too!
- I bought out the entire stock of the Farrakhan/NOI booklets, which is out of print. Now my supplier found a few remaining cases in a back corner. I'd like to buy and distribute them freely to pastors and others.
- I have some pamphlets with titles like, "Which Roots?" "Who Was the Real Slave Master?" and "I Was a Minister in the Nation of Islam." They are written to help African-Americans understand that Christ is the answer and Islam is NOT the "religion of the black man." I want to reprint and distribute these pamphlets as funds become available.

These are some unusual expenses for us. But the black church in America is being specifically targeted by Islam, and I believe every part of the church is worth protecting. And I also want to produce and get to you a voter guide that is truly what you need.

This is why I'm asking you to give a contribution now of \$25 or more.

I want to do my part to educate pastors and others about the threat, but I can only do it with your help.

Yours for the Truth,



John Marion

P.S. I hope the enclosed booklet, together with the research in this letter, helps you understand the subtle threat of "black liberation theology" and its connection with the Islamic agenda in America.