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Workshop participants will increase their knowledge and enhance their awareness of basic counseling.

WHEN: 6:30 - 8:30 PM, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 1993
WHERE: 220 NE BEECH ST. (In the OB William's Convention Center at the corner of NE Garfield and Beech)
COST: FREE REGISTRATION

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Nation Of Islam

I bear witness that there is no God but Allah and I bear witness that Muhammad is his messenger. As Salaam-Alaikum (may peace be unto you)

In the article of July-7-93 we went into the subject (theory) of man evolving from the ape or direct descendants of God? We finished that article giving the clear argument that the Ape came from mankind not man from Ape. This is part two of the article. In this article we are to answer the question-Is man the direct descendant of God? The scientists of this world ordersays that superior life forms evolved from inferior life forms. But we (Nation of Islam) believe that God's best (superior) creation is his first creation. Think about it: a believer in God knows that God was in the beginning. And nothing was created that he did not create, directly or indirectly. This basic belief is against the teach-

ings of superior life forms evolving from inferior life forms. Why is this basic belief against the teachings of superior life forms evolving from inferior life forms? Because nothing was before God and he is the most superior in existence. So we can go a little further in this reasoning; What was before God's best creation (man)? God. Man (humanity) is God's first active creation. Furthermore, "man's intelligence has no equal in other than man. His wisdom is infinite; capable of accomplishing anything that his brain can conceive." Message to the black man page 6 Now we know why we read in the scriptures (Bible and Quran) about God using men and women for his purpose and glory. The theories that we have been entertaining was allowed to influence the peoples thinking in fulfillment of God's promise to

let the Devil rule for a time period.-- Read Thessalonians 2:8,9 revelations 12:9 in Bible and chapter 2 in Holy Quran. -- The only way the devil can rule is to make truth seem like falsehood and to make falsehood seem like truth. Believe it or not, we do not have the right concepts of God and man. "God has placed his essence in man, and the most profound statement that the Honorable Elijah Muhammad made is that God is a man." Study Guide 10 Minister Louis Farrakhan Let us all pray and study to gain a better understanding of God and Self. Are you growing? Do you see things the same way today as you saw them yesterday? For further information on this subject get the book Message to The Black Man by Elijah Muhammad and get all 18 study guides written by minister Louis Farrakhan. Thank you for reading this.

My Hero!

by Mattie Ann Callier-Spears



As I sat pondering, my mind drifted back to my early teenaged years. I can remember how the girls, of my age, would just swoon over courageous fellows who had accomplished daring feats of strength: it could have been by the use of their mind or by their brawn. However, the one who arose victoriously was the one that we would just fall out over; and of course, this person was totally unaware of how we felt. But--no matter. We would just scream, "My hero!" And--we would even go as far as arguing over which one he loved more.

When I look back on that, it sounds so silly.

Then--there were the comic book characters. My brother, Billy Boy, and my cousin June, were playing Batman and Superman in the backyard. They had attached a towel to Bill's back and an apron to June's back. They used the swing, in the yard, to assimilate flight. Then--once they had reached a certain height, in the swing, they would spread their arms and leap into the air. A big smile was on their faces. They soared with confidence. Until--gravity took over. Reality was the hard ground which caused cuts and bruises and scrapes on their hands and legs and arms. With all the "ow--ees" their bodies sustained, you would come to the conclusion that they would never, ever attempt such a foolish feat again. Wrong! They did this many times. And when Mommie stopped them from jumping from the swing, they jumped off the roof of the shed and from the big plum tree and from the top of the fence which stood between our house and our neighbors', the Browns.

My brother Ronald, who is the next sibling younger than I, felt that he too was invincible. He decided to launch his kite from the roof of our house. He met with an abrupt accident. He

fell, over thirty feet to the ground, from the roof while walking backwards. The kite never did get airborne. He was blessed--because, he fell in soft soil and it aided in breaking his fall. The impact of his body left a big dent in the ground.

In the cartoons, the characters can walk in the air or fly or get blown-up and not die...And the list goes on. But--this is not so in real-life.

These invincible, fictitious characters are the ones our children are looking to as their heroes.

Children do these kinds of things because they believe what they see on television or hear on the radio or read in the comic books or in children's books to be true.

The song says, "Everybody's searching for a hero. People need someone to look up to..."--The Greatest Love Of ALL."

We must engage in a positive effort that will teach our children the difference between fact and fiction. We are losing our children to comic book characters and movie stars.

There are no heroes at home; so, the children look for them in the media. The game of pretend has taken on a new twist and a different dimension.

Children, from a very early age, should not be allowed to view programs on television or in the movie theater without parent supervision. There are always questions; and the parent should be the one who provides the answers.

Then--when a discussion arises, you won't be shocked out of your shoes from the responses coming from your child's mouth. The quest continues.

There are persons who have reached adulthood and who are still "Lost In Space!" They are still searching for this illusive hero; pretending to be something that they are not; that they never can and never will become.

Why does man chase, for a lifetime, aimlessly after that which does not exist?

In a mission meeting, I asked everyone who had a hero to raise their hands. Some raised their hands and eagerly announced the name of the person or persons they had chosen as their hero--whether the person was alive or deceased. While on the other hand, several others had not raised their hands because they felt having a hero was against biblical teaching. Well--I beg to differ with all who find comfort in that belief.

You see--Jesus Christ is the ultimate hero. You need not search through the comics or the cartoons or the daytime soaps or the mythical characters. You don't have to go out and buy blue tights and a red cape or eat cans-upon-cans of spinach. Jesus Christ performed feats that not one of the fictional characters can touch. Plus--he was flesh and blood. He lived, breathed, loved, wept and He died; but, He arose from the grave. Jesus Christ took upon himself the sins of the entire world. Not even Superman can make that claim.

Christ lives in the hearts/souls of all who believe in His gospel. His light of love shines through the lives of the righteous. Christ is able to heal the sin-sick soul. He is able to deliver man from the pressures of the world. Jesus the Living Christ is one with God the Father.

Yes! Jesus Christ is my hero. Right now. Today. "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child; but, when I became a man (woman), I put away childish things". [I Corinthians 13:11 KJV]

Don't get comfortable in the idea of having failed in your quest for a suitable hero. Seek Jesus! He is not far. Just a breath away. Praise the Lord!

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5:00 pm
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and Bible study
7:00 pm

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10:45

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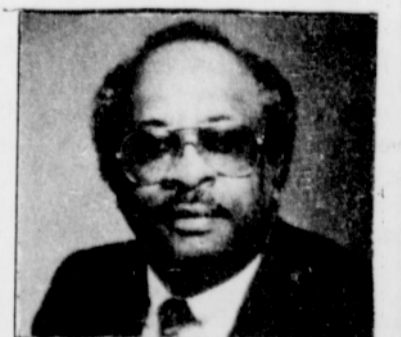
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Bible Study

6:00

Evening Service

7:00pm



Pastor, Re. James C. E. Faulkner

Theme: Whatever your going to do for the Lord, do it now.

1 Peter 4:11