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Farrakhan Back after Farewell Speech

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(AP) -- In a rare public appearance, Nation of Islam Minister Louis Farrakhan urged black Americans to separate from mainstream culture to establish and support their own community.

Nearly eight months after delivering what was thought to be his farewell speech, a smiling Farrakhan strode onstage at the Atlanta Civic Center Oct. 16 to an applauding and cheering audience of nearly 5,000. He warned the crowd not to be distracted by the successes of recent decades.

"We have to come out of the thinking of a slave and come into the thinking and acting of free men and women," Farrakhan said. "We cannot depend on others for what the horrible condition of our people demands now that we do for our-

selves." Farrakhan, 74, ceded leadership duties last year because of illness after nearly three decades. He had surgery for prostate cancer in January.

The address was the keynote speech for Farrakhan's Holy Day of Atonement, which also commemorated the 12th anniversary of the Million Man March, held Oct. 16, 1995 in Washington, D.C.

Farrakhan cut a healthy-looking figure in a gray and gold pinstriped suit, a wide smile flashing often under the trademark side-part in his wavy, black hair and thin-rimmed glasses.

The fiery orator spoke for nearly 2 1/2 hours, touching on issues



Louis Farrakhan

including the disparities blacks face in areas such as education, healthcare, voting and incarceration, the Jena Six case in Louisiana, and the recent arrest of Atlanta rapper T.I. on federal weapons charges, the war in Iraq and the Michael Vick federal dogfighting case.

He criticized both the black middle and upper classes and white America, and said that separation from a world of materialism and individualism was the only way the entire black community could progress.

In addition to racial disparities, violence committed against blacks at the hands of other blacks is also a threat — and one that did not exist


during the struggle for civil rights, Farrakhan said.

"I want to talk to my gang-banging family," he said. "You make it very difficult for me. In the '60s we knew who the enemy was. But in 2007 you are the enemy. How can I do what is right by you while I watch you do wrong by one another?"

High-profile examples of success like Oprah Winfrey, Sen. Barack Obama, Colin Powell and Condoleezza Rice give blacks a false impression of success, Farrakhan said.

As a result, middle class black America has gotten too comfortable with the trappings of the American dream, he told the approving audience.

The success of a few is negated by the continued poverty of millions of blacks in America, Farrakhan said, adding that now is the time to stop the cycle of poverty and violence.



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myself and I am miserable and unhappy but afraid to leave. What suggestions do you have that could help me live again? -
 -Trapped; Dayton, Ohio

Dear Trapped:
 All you have to do is realize you only live once and life doesn't give you a practice test. You have one shot, and your one shot is being taken away by an insecure older man. Use your mind and find a job and a place to live. Once you have this established, get up one day, take a bath, pack your bags, lay your key on the table and walk out the door. The only way you can have freedom is if you choose it. If not, your life will become worse and then you die.

Dear Deanna!
 My girlfriend lives in a fantasy world, and it's hilarious. There's always drama around her and she looks really weird. Initially I was fine with the hair extensions, fake eyelashes and breast implants. Now she's injected

her lips and her extensions are past her waist. I've been slowly pulling out of the relationship because her behavior and appearance is embarrassing. She tries to act like a Diva, thinks she has class and I'm tired of being in a cartoon. Help! --
 Jake; Wilmington, N.C.

Dear Jake:
 You know good and well you were attracted to this dumb stuff in the beginning and that's why you entered the relationship in the first place. However, after the character you call a girlfriend started affecting you, it became a problem. You can always be bold and ask "will the real person stand up" or you can be like Elmer Fudd and say "that's all folks" and keep it moving.

Dear Deanna!
 I wish my friends would stop imposing their views upon me. I don't have to reveal my religious beliefs to no one because it's my business. My friends are high and mighty in the church and always

want to judge me and tell me that I'm going to Hell when I die. They always want to look at my life but forget that they're fornicating, drinking and living with men. How do I get them to leave me alone without being too rude? --
 Alisha; Queens, N.Y.

Dear Alisha:
 You can shut them down immediately with the scripture from John Verse 8, let he who is without sin cast the first stone. You'll notice that if you flip the script and highlight the Word on them, they'll back off and take a look at themselves. As for judgment no human can determine who goes where. However, you can stay on the plus side and avoid the heat by doing the right thing, living right and keeping the faith.

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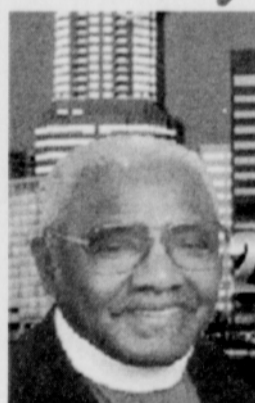
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Donation for the ticket is \$40 each in advance. There will be a limited amount of tickets at the door for a donation of \$45 each. Please RSVP by October 20th by calling (503) 473-6551.

God will demonstrate His love, grace and power though this year's theme: "Be Ye Holy". Come and be part of these powerful spirit filled nights, as the speaker's minister to you through the word of God.

Thursday the 25th is International Night with Bishop, James Feltus, Jr. PhD, D.D., from New Orleans Louisiana.

Friday the 26th is Women's Night. Traditionally this is one of the high points of the Convocation as the Lord ministers through the Regional Women's Department.

Saturday the 27th is "Youth Explosion" where the youth of the city will have the opportunity to share in the ministry with singing, preaching, fellowship and more.

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