

THE DANGEROUS ANTISEMITISM of **LOUIS FARRAKHAN**

*"Satanic Jews have infected the
whole world with poison and deceit."*

— SERMON, 5/27/18



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**LOUIS FARRAKHAN,
2018 Saviour’s Day speech**

THE NATION OF ISLAM (NOI), currently led by Louis Farrakhan, is an African American movement founded in 1930. The organization is known to promote racial unity and black nationalism and uphold traditional Islamic beliefs. The organization also pushes for advancements in successful African American businesses, and members of the organization follow a strict code of discipline. *The Final Call* is the Nation of Islam’s official newspaper, which spreads its agenda and views to its followers. Louis Farrakhan also uses social media to spread his ideas.

The Nation of Islam is also known for promoting vicious antisemitism and homophobia. Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, refers to Farrakhan as “America’s Godfather of antisemitism.”

Farrakhan’s antisemitic slurs against Jews and Israel have included claims that Jews conspire to control the U.S. government, the economy, the media, and Hollywood. He lies about the Jewish religion and the Jewish historical and cultural connections to the land of Israel. He maliciously accuses “the Jews” of being racists who control the lives of people of color on many levels.

Farrakhan and NOI blame “the Jews” collectively for the atrocities of the Trans-Atlantic slave trade. In 1991, NOI published a book, *The Secret Relationship Between Blacks and Jews: Jews Selling Blacks*. The book falsely claims that “the Jews” financed the European slave trade. Although these claims have been thoroughly refuted by major scholars, they persist as antisemitic propaganda.

Farrakhan “has been welcomed in a countless number of churches, sharing pulpits with Christian ministers from a variety of denominations,” according to author William M. West. He has also been interviewed by mainstream media, which gives him unmerited credibility and wide exposure. In addition, social media companies are reluctant to censor his toxic rhetoric, even though his speech violates most of these companies’ rules. Ironically, these corporations regularly cite free speech issues in defense of their decision not to censor Farrakhan’s vitriol, despite the fact that as private (i.e., non-government) actors, they are not bound by the constitutional restrictions of the First Amendment and thus have every right to determine the content published on their platforms. Along with this right comes the responsibility of these companies to ensure that they are not used to perpetuate hateful speech that targets specific people or groups.

Farrakhan’s bigoted rhetoric is migrating into the mainstream. He has been quoted and praised by many prominent athletes, actors, politicians, musicians, and other high-profile people. This includes leaders of the Women’s March: Tamika Mallory, Linda Sarsour, and Carmen Perez; comedian Chelsea Handler; actress Jessica Chastain; rappers Ice Cube, Sean “Diddy” Combs, and U.S. Representative Danny Davis.

Others, including A-list stars like Jennifer Aniston, Jennifer Garner, and Michelle Pfeiffer, who “liked” Handler’s positive post about Farrakhan, have unwittingly promoted Farrakhan to millions of their fans, despite his abhorrent record of hate. Rapper Busta Rhymes also thanked Handler in the comments of her post for sharing “the truth.” Some have apologized, deleted their posts, or walked back their statements. However, some, like Ice Cube have obstinately doubled down and continue supporting Farrakhan’s hatred.

Farrakhan’s antisemitism is based on conspiracy theories developed over the centuries that paint “the Jews” collectively as a powerful, cosmically evil force. Antisemites imagine Jews to be inherently dishonest people who pursue power at the expense of the society in which they live. As such, antisemites inaccurately see themselves as “punching up” in “self-defense” against a potent, eternal and mortal enemy embodied in “the Jew.” The Nazis in Germany made this image of “the Jew” central to their ideology.

The tragic irony is Farrakhan’s hatred of Jews mirrors the white supremacist ideologies that have led to the death and suffering of millions in both the Black and Jewish communities.

The following quotations from interviews and speeches made by Farrakhan over the years expose his hate. Some examples of the themes Farrakhan promotes:

- Jews and/or Zionists control Hollywood, the media, the U.S. government, the banks (“international bankers”)
- Jews are violent
- Jews are not indigenous to Israel and are not really Jews but false converts
- Jews were central to the Trans-Atlantic slave trade
- Jews are racist/anti-black
- Jews are blood-sucking leeches
- Jews and/or Zionists were behind the 9/11 plot
- Jews are demons
- Jews want the downfall of Islam
- Jews killed President Kennedy
- Jews are responsible for Black suffering
- Jews have dual loyalty
- Jews conspired with Hitler
- Jews are cockroaches, rats and termites
- Jews killed Jesus
- Jews are the “Synagogue of Satan”
- Jews are Satan in disguise

On Jews

“So when they talk about Farrakhan, call me a hater, you do what they do, call me an anti-Semite. Stop it, I’m anti-Termite.”

SPEECH AT ANNIVERSARY OF
MILLION MAN MARCH, 10/14/18

“Satanic Jews have infected the whole world with poison and deceit.”

SERMON, 5/27/18

“The Jews have control over those agencies of government. When you want something in this world, the Jew holds the door.”

SAVIOUR’S DAY SPEECH, 2/25/18

“Powerful Jews are my enemy.”

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SAVIOUR’S DAY SPEECH, 2/25/18

"They [the Jews] are the greatest controllers of Black minds, Black intelligence. They write the scripts — the foolish scripts on television that our people portray. They are the movie moguls that feature us in these silly, degrading, degenerate roles. The great recording companies that portray our people in such a filthy and low-rating way, yet they would not allow such a man as Michael Jackson to say one word that they thought would besmirch their reputation, but they put us before the world as clowns and as purveyors of filth. No, I will fight that."

MEET THE PRESS INTERVIEW, 10/18/98

"Of course, they [the Jews] have a very small number of people but they are the most powerful in the world, they have the power to do good and they have the power to do evil...Now what do the Jews do best? Well, they have been the best in finance that the world has ever known... They finance a lot of stuff in the world, and there's nothing wrong with that, but they are not good politicians, they are the worst politicians because they don't recognize really their friends and as well their enemies..."

SAVIOURS' DAY SPEECH, CHICAGO, 2/22/98

"I believe that for the small numbers of Jewish people in the United States, they exercise a tremendous amount of influence on the affairs of government...Yes, they exercise extraordinary control, and Black people will never be free in this country until they are free of that kind of control..."

MEET THE PRESS INTERVIEW, 4/14/97

"To continue to point out the truth of that control and how that control never will allow us to be full and completely men, free, justified, and equal. Why should we be controlled by the power, influence, and money of others? We should not be under that kind of control...going to Jewish philanthropists, begging them for money to support our causes, and through that money, there is control, and that kind of control limits the freedom of our people to speak freely, write freely, think freely, and act as free men..."

MEET THE PRESS INTERVIEW, 4/14/97



Louis Farrakhan's toxic words are poisoning future generations.

Photo: Kirthmon F. Dozier/TNS/Newscom)

"And you do with me as is written, but remember that I have warned you that Allah will punish you. You are wicked deceivers of the American people. You have sucked their blood. You are not real Jews, those of you that are not real Jews. You are the synagogue of Satan, and you have wrapped your tentacles around the U.S. government, and you are deceiving and sending this nation to hell. But I warn you in the name of Allah, you would be wise to leave me alone. But if you choose to crucify me, know that Allah will crucify you."

SAVIOURS' DAY SPEECH, CHICAGO, 2/25/96

"I don't own Hollywood. Who depicted Black people? Who writes the books? Who writes the plays, the songs that make us look less than human? Do you mean to tell me that Jews have never done any evil to Black people?...Were they not involved in the slave trade? Yes, they were...and to the extent that they were involved, somebody has to bring them to account. And I believe that has fallen on me."

INTERVIEW WITH NEW YORK AMSTERDAM NEWS, 1/8/94

On Jewish Conspiracies

"The false Jew will lead you to filth and indecency. That's who runs show business. That's who runs the record industry. That's who runs television."

SERMON, 5/27/18

"White people running Mexico are Mexican-Jews."

SAVIOUR'S DAY SPEECH, 2/25/18

"They [Israel and Jews] have been working for years to control your representatives in Congress, in the Senate, in the House of Representatives. They don't fear America because they control it from within"

SAVIOUR'S DAY SPEECH, 2015

"It is now becoming apparent that there were many Israelis and Zionist Jews in key roles in the 9/11 attacks. Israelis had foreknowledge of the attacks... We know that many Jews received a text message not to come to work on September 11."

SAVIOUR'S DAY SPEECH, 2015

"Every Jewish person that is around the president is a dual citizen of Israel and the United States of America...And sometimes, we have to raise the question, 'Are you more loyal to the state of Israel than you are to the best interests of the United States of America.'"

NEWS CONFERENCE AT THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB, 10/19/98

"I look at Lucianne Goldberg, Linda Tripp, Monica Lewinsky, and I ask myself, 'Why was this introduced at this time when Netanyahu was being pressured by the president to give up more land on the West Bank,'...I think we need to look deeper into this than just what appears on the surface."

MEET THE PRESS INTERVIEW, 10/18/98

"Don't be afraid of the Zionists. Don't be afraid of their power, Mr. Clinton. Stop bowing down."

SPEECH AT HOWARD UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON DC, 10/16/98

"How did we get into World War II? You say Japan attacked Pearl Harbor. Yes, they did, but what were the forces that created in Japan the desire or the need to force them to attack America? You don't know that. But when America went to war after the attack on Pearl Harbor, she had to borrow money. There were the international bankers again. They financed all sides. And how many millions of Americans lost their lives? Suppose Hitler was trying to destroy the international bankers controlling Europe, but he went about it by attacking a whole people. All Jews are not responsible for the evil of the few who do evil... But certain Jews have used Judaism as a shield."

SAVIOURS' DAY SPEECH, CHICAGO, 2/26/95

On Jewish Involvement in the Slave Trade

"What has remained a secret and not [sic] spoken of is the Jewish involvement in the undoing of Black people and the slave trade and the owners of ships and the selling and dehumanizing of Black people."

INTERVIEW ON MICHAEL ERIC DYSON SHOW, 8/23/10

"Listen, Jewish people don't have no hands that are free of the blood of us. They owned slave ships, they bought and sold us. They raped and robbed us."

SAVIOURS' DAY SPEECH, CHICAGO, 2/27/05

"[U]ntil Jews apologize for their hand in that ugly slave trade; and until the Jewish rabbis and the Talmudic scholars that made up the Hamitic myth — that we were the children of Ham, doomed and cursed to be hewers of wood and drawers of water — apologize, then I have nothing to apologize for."

INTERVIEW IN SWING MAGAZINE, 9/24/96

"How did I get to be an anti-Semite...What have I done? I told the truth about Jewish involvement in the slave trade."

MOSQUE MARYAM, CHICAGO, 3/19/95

On Israel

"They [Israel] wouldn't allow me to go to Jerusalem. If I had gone they might have stoned me. I didn't want to repeat history. I know they stoned Jesus. I know they've killed the prophets of God there."

SAVIOURS' DAY SPEECH, CHICAGO, 2/22/98

At the end of a talk to students at the University of Tehran law school, Farrakhan led the chanting of the common Iranian refrains "Death to Israel" and "Death to America," and was joined by members of the audience.

TASNIM NEWS AGENCY, 11/4/2018

"I believe that for the small numbers of Jewish people in the United States, they exercise a tremendous amount of influence on the affairs of government. ... Mr. President, Mr. Clinton, instead of exercising the strength of a man whose country contributes at least \$4 billion every year to the state of Israel, America has influence in Israel but is not using that influence in a constructive way, but, rather, pays lip service to the Palestinians while she bows to the dictates of Netanyahu and the strong political Jewish lobby."

MEET THE PRESS INTERVIEW, 4/14/97



Large crowds are exposed to Farrakhan's vicious antisemitism and homophobia.

(Photo: Dennis Brack/Newscom)

On Jewish identity

"So to my Palestinian brothers: You've been there longer than the Ashkenazi Jew, who is a convert to Judaism, but they are severe white racists, and though you are their real brother they hate you."

SAVIOURS' DAY SPEECH, 2/26/17

On the Holocaust

"The Jews have been so bad at politics they lost half their population in the Holocaust. They thought they could trust in Hitler, and they helped him get the Third Reich on the road."

SAVIOURS' DAY SPEECH, CHICAGO, 2/22/98

"German Jews financed Hitler right here in America...International bankers financed Hitler and poor Jews died while big Jews were at the root of what you call the Holocaust...Little Jews died while big Jews made money. Little Jews [were] being turned into soap while big Jews washed themselves with it. Jews [were] playing violin, Jews [were] playing music, while other Jews [were] marching into the gas chambers..."

MOSQUE MARYAM, CHICAGO, 3/19/95

On Dialogue with Jews

"I want to sit down and dialogue with members of the Jewish community with no preconditions. That demand for me to apologize comes out of an arrogance that makes one feel that if I am critical of Jewish behavior relative to Black people, that all of a sudden I have to apologize for being critical...I don't think that I should have to apologize unless I am shown that there is something that I have said that is not correct. Then I would have no problem...to ask for forgiveness..."

MEET THE PRESS INTERVIEW, 10/12/97

"...I'm afraid that you [Jewish people] will come to regret the day that I offered you a chance to let us sit down together and dialogue and you, in your emotional reaction, rejected that offer...You will [regret it] because if my influence and growth and power in America does not diminish and it will not, by the help of God, then what benefit would it be to you not to sit down and dialogue with me when the racial problem is not getting any better..."

FOX NEWS SUNDAY INTERVIEW, 3/30/97

On LGBTQ People

"...I think that when you warehouse Black men in prisons and they have a sexual drive that is being titillated by the lyrics and by the cultural degeneracy that pervades America today, this sexual need is sometimes filled with activity that God disapproves of."

MEET THE PRESS INTERVIEW, 10/12/97

"It seems like being gay or whatever sin you wish to be a part of is okay...but I have the duty to lift that gay person up to the standard to ask if they want to live the life that God wants them to or live the lifestyle that they want to live."

BOSTON SPEECH, 8/7/97

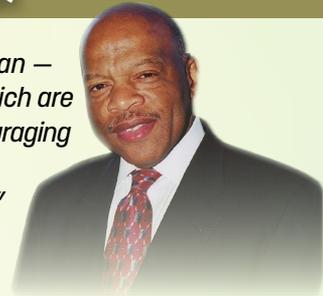
On "Mainstream" Blacks

"That's a slave talking. Who was he [Julian Bond] talking to? He was talking to his masters. Sir, I am not the least bit disturbed by that. Any time the Jewish philanthropists financed the NAACP, they have a stake in what the NAACP does. So the leaders of that organization have to kowtow to those kinds of powers. That's what I'm angry about. I'm hateful of their inordinate control over black politicians, black intellectuals, black organizations, and I will fight to destroy that kind of control as long as God gives me health and strength. We will never be free until we are free of that kind of control that limits our ability to state exactly what we think and what we feel."

MEET THE PRESS INTERVIEW, 10/18/98

Prominent Black Voices Speak Out

"I cannot overlook past statements by Louis Farrakhan – and others associated with the Nation of Islam – which are divisive and bigoted. Although its general goal of encouraging African American men to be responsible is sound, the march is fatally undermined by its chief sponsor." He also said of the nation of Islam's antisemitism: "You have to bring the filth from under the rug and out of the dark corners so we can deal with it."



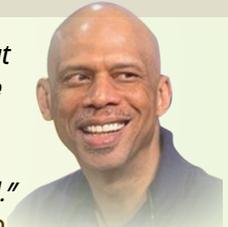
JOHN LEWIS, CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER AND U.S. REPRESENTATIVE

"Minister Farrakhan, like all Americans, has the right to voice his opinions. But when those opinions express racial prejudice and bigotry, we cannot be silent, for in this climate, silence can often suggest assent. I find his blatantly anti-Semitic remarks offensive, and I condemn them."



DAVID N. DINKINS, MAYOR, NEW YORK CITY

"Then he [NBA player Stephen Jackson] went on to talk about the Rothschilds owning all the banks and his support for the notorious homophobic and anti-Semite Louis Farrakhan. That is the kind of dehumanizing characterization of a people that causes the police abuses that killed his friend, George Floyd."



KAREEM ABDUL JABBAR, NBA SUPERSTAR

"So on one hand, you've got the Louis Farrakhan who's preaching Black pride and dignity and self-determination. And on the other hand, you have a version that is preaching at times anti-Semitism, anti-Semitic conspiracy theories..."



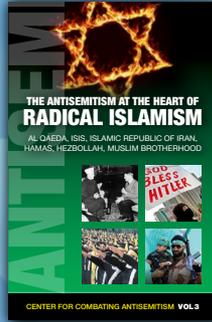
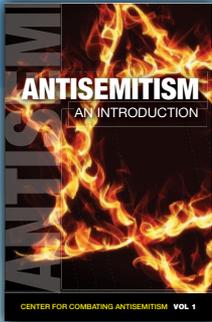
PENIEL JOSEPH, PROFESSOR OF HISTORY AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

"There is no ethical defense of Farrakhan's anti-Semitic remarks. [Tamika] Mallory's refusal to specifically disclaim Farrakhan's anti-Semitism is a stain on her work and advocacy."



BRIAHNA JOY GRAY, JOURNALIST

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