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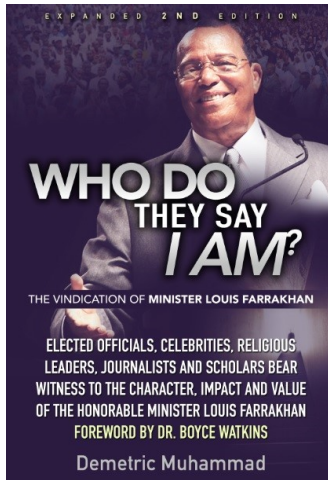
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I am very happy and honored to be associated with the noble name and person of the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan.

Contemplating my own life... “If it wasn’t for The Minister” ...My Gratitude

If it was not for Minister Farrakhan, and specifically as I have grown to understand, the spirit of God animating and inhabiting the Minister, I would have become a statistic.



I would be like many of my peers who became casualties in America’s war on drugs that in reality was a war on Blacks and the poor. Some are in prison; some are dead; others are scraping by an existence in poverty.

If it was not for Minister Farrakhan, I would have more than likely become an alcoholic, due to the prevalence of that sickness in my family tree. I would probably have also become obese as well. I would have no doubt become a philanderer living in an over-sexed society and being considered a handsome man by women.

If it was not for Minister Farrakhan, I don’t think I would have become a student of the word of God. As a child, religion was a chore to me. Don’t get me wrong, growing up in the church I always believed in God, but didn’t necessarily like going to church so much. I certainly never saw myself in any ministerial type of work.

So yes, I might have become a fat promiscuous alcoholic. Or I might have been just a fat alcoholic who practiced monogamy. Or I may not have been fat at all, just a promiscuous alcoholic. Perhaps I might have just been a monogamous alcoholic. Or I might have become a drug abuser or drug seller. I may have become a thief or a robber. I don’t know what my

life would have turned out to be, if it wasn't for Minister Farrakhan. But I can look at any of the various permutations of sin and self-destructive practices and seriously wonder what my life would have been. But regardless of which specific combination of vices and bad habits I would have adopted, the bottom line is that my life would have been filled with pain, misery and failure had it not been for the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan.



His ministry saved me from a path of self-ruin. His ministry caught me as a teenager trying to find myself. His ministry helped me to locate myself within the plan of the almighty God so that I could see and learn my ultimate purpose for being born. Minister Farrakhan gave me the example of the kind of man I wish to become when Allah(God) finishes with His development of me. As I used to hear in the church, growing up folks would say "God ain't through with me yet." Well, when He is done with me, I want to possess the characteristics, traits, strengths and abilities that I see in my teacher-the Honorable Minister Louis

Farrakhan.

So, I take it personally offensive that we are to accept the ridiculous notion that to defend Minister Farrakhan and his ideas and teachings is something that anyone would have to apologize for or distance themselves from. I am personally offended that a ridiculous and wicked idea should gain a footing; one that suggests to me, that I and the hundreds of thousands of members of the Nation of Islam need to apologize for being a part of our own nation; a nation that applied a healing balm to the wounds we all collectively and individually suffered while under the authority of America's peculiar institution of slavery. Being black and living under white supremacy does something to us that only the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad's teachings can repair and restore. And Minister Farrakhan with that teaching has resurrected us, restore us and ameliorated our hearts; and we will not apologize!

I can't speak for Keith Ellison. And I don't claim to. As a politician, Keith Ellison is not free to say what I am about to say; but I believe he would agree with it deep down in his heart. Because the time he spent among the students of the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan, exposed him to a beautiful, sincere and courageous group of men, women and children: those called affectionately – the believers. Keith Ellison's time among us did not expose him to some corrupt, ignorant, vile or savage group of people. No, quite the contrary, he received from the Nation of Islam, encouragement, inspiration and acceptance.

One could argue that he was inspired to run for Congress by the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad's writings in the book **Message to The Blackman in America** that called for the Muslim program to be put before Congress. Again, I can't speak for him. But he ran for Congress after he was a part of the Nation of Islam where he would have been exposed to Mr.

Muhammad's teachings and writings on the need for a qualified spiritually based representation in the halls of government.

I have discussed just a little of my personal testimony to give just cause as to why I believe that having to apologize for defending and being associated with Minister Farrakhan is an evil idea, one that is flatly ridiculous if looked at purely based on the merits of such an asinine notion.

Defending Farrakhan, Politicians and Government Officials Speak!

So, let's take a moment now to look at this asinine notion on the pure facts of all that should be considered. I spent several years compiling testimonies from those whom I have dubbed to be the **"Character Witnesses for Farrakhan."** We published this collection of profound and powerful testimonies in a book entitled "Who Do They Say I Am: The Vindication of Minister Louis Farrakhan." It is a seminal and groundbreaking work. Perhaps Keith Ellison should read it.



Many may not know that Philadelphia's Jewish mayor Ed Rendell invited Minister Farrakhan to his city in 1997 to speak to a diverse crowd of citizens

who were grieved over the assault of a Black mother and her son as they walked through the Gray's Ferry neighborhood of Philadelphia. The Minister's message prevented the "city of brotherly love" from erupting into a full-scale race war. On page 64 of our book we quote Mayor Rendell's glowing remarks about Minister Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam:

"I would like to thank the Nation of Islam here in Philadelphia. To thank you for what you stand for and what you stand for all the good it does to so many people in Philadelphia. And if there is anybody out here... who doesn't know, this is a faith that has as its principles, the family. This is a faith that doesn't just talk about family values, it lives family values. This is a faith where men respect their women and children and they manifest that faith by staying in the home with them. This is a faith that doesn't just talk about being against drugs but is out there every single day and night fighting against drugs. This is a faith that just doesn't talk about the value of education, it imbues in their children and schools that education is the way to opportunity."

Rendell's comments are especially important because Mayor Rendell is Jewish and a successful politician who went on to become the governor of Pennsylvania. His comments are also important because he was a very important supporter of Hilary Clinton's 2008

campaign for president of the United States. This was the same campaign where she forcefully insisted that her opponent Senator Barack Obama denounce and condemn Minister Farrakhan's encouraging words spoken about Senator Obama. I found it a real missed opportunity by the Obama campaign at the time, to challenge Hilary Clinton on the issue that one of her major supporters, Mayor Rendell, had sought out Minister Farrakhan's leadership and influence to prevent the city of Philadelphia from being torn apart by pending racial war.

If Keith Ellison read our book he could cite Mayor Rendell's history with Minister Farrakhan. He could also cite other powerful quotes from other key political figures whose laudatory comments about Minister Farrakhan are often hidden and kept away from the public. Consider several others from the book *Who Do They Say I Am: The Vindication of Minister Louis Farrakhan 2nd Expanded Edition*:

Former EEOC Chairman and Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas: Minister Farrakhan is

"a man I have admired for more than a decade."

Former HUD Secretary Jack Kemp:

"But Kemp also said he so admired the Million Man March organized by Farrakhan last year, and the speech Farrakhan delivered at the event, that he wished he had been able to take part. "That Million Man March was a celebration of responsible fatherhood, individual initiative, of not asking the government to do everything for you, and getting an opportunity to be the man that God meant you to be," Kemp, 61 said. "I would have liked to have been invited to speak." Kemp, a former U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and one of the few nationally recognized Republicans to consistently focus on the problems faced by minorities and the poor, acknowledged the risk he was taking in praising Farrakhan's emphasis on black self-reliance and family values."

Former Economic Advisor to President Ronald Reagan Jude Wanniski:



"I believe Minister Farrakhan is the most important Muslim leader in the world, who can best represent the concerns of the Islamic world to our government. I have spent countless hours with him... I told him this morning that no one had yet come forward with proof that he ever said, 'Judaism is a gutter religion,' or 'dirty religion,' as I have an outstanding offer of \$1000 to anyone who can."

Congressman Ellison would certainly benefit from the research documented within the pages of our book. Because we also document the long history of the media's role in distorting Minister Farrakhan's message to make him appear bigoted, homophobic and anti-Semitic. Despite the fact that the Minister and his students have no record of violence against Jews, gentile whites or the LGBT community.

He would benefit from our citing important excerpts from a little-known report compiled by Dr. William E. Alberts of University of Massachusetts –Boston. His report entitled **Mainstream Media as Guardian of Racial Hierarchy: A Study of the Threat Posed by Minister Louis Farrakhan and the Million Man March** is a rich resource that any researcher into Minister Farrakhan’s history should review. One section that we cited from Dr. Alberts report is the following:

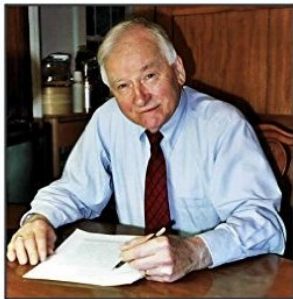
In 1984, Boston Globe columnist David Nyhan reported that the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) of B’nai B’rith deleted Farrakhan’s words, “Now I’m not proud of Hitler’s evil against Jewish people, but that’s a matter of record... But don’t compare me with your wicked killers.” Nyhan wrote that the ADL defended the deletions: “Alan Schwartz, assistant director of research for the ADL, in New York, said in a phone interview... that he omitted the two sentences for reasons of brevity and that he in no way twisted Farrakhan’s remarks to make the black Muslim leader seem more pro-Hitler than he is.”

Nyhan quoted Schwartz at length:

“I don’t think it is misleading at all,” he [Schwartz] said. His omissions did not “substantially alter the import and meaning” and “clearly, he was seeking to promote the idea of a positive attitude toward Hitler.” Quibbling over the omission of the two sentences is “splitting hairs,” he said. “It was a statement, at the bottom line, in praise of Hitler, which is a moral outrage,” Schwartz maintained.

Schwartz and other ADL officials interviewed about this believe the case is open-and-shut.

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Rev. William E. Alberts, Ph.D.

Nyhan then articulated the ADL’s obvious distortion of Farrakhan’s words: “But the fact remains: Farrakhan originally said, ‘I’m not proud of Hitler’s evil against Jewish people,’ and he added, ‘Don’t compare me with your wicked killers.’” To delete these phrases changes Farrakhan’s meaning. However, neither readers in 1984 nor during the March were made aware of Farrakhan’s rejection of the comparison with and condemnation of Hitler as one of “your wicked killers.” The deletion of such a critical context and the reported explaining away of its significance could indicate a tendency (on the part of those who constantly condemn Farrakhan as anti-Semitic) to only report and print the news that fits the agenda or bias of the racial status quo. The omission of such an important context makes suspect other charges against Farrakhan. It also indicates the need of an

in-depth study of the “secret relationship” between Jews and Blacks committed to uncovering the whole truth rather than only those facts that fit preconceived views.

Dr. Albert’ reminds us of how Jewish groups like the ADL have routinely and unapologetically demonized Minister Farrakhan and his message. He also includes that there are others who have said things about Hitler that are far worse than the benign comments of Minister Farrakhan, yet they were honored by Israel. According to Dr. Alberts:

It can be argued that the description of Hitler is similar to that used by William L. Shirer, author of *The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich*, and honored by Israel before his death a few years ago. Shirer wrote in the Preface, “Adolph Hitler is probably the last of the great adventurer-conquerors in the tradition of Alexander, Caesar and Napoleon...”

And conservative pundit and former Reagan administration advisor Pat Buchanan has enjoyed a long career in the media, despite his glowing and tender admiration for Adolph Hitler:

“[Hitler] was also an individual of great courage, a soldier’s soldier in the Great War, a leader steeped in the history of Europe, who possessed oratorical powers that could awe even those who despised him. But Hitler’s success was not based on his extraordinary gifts alone. His genius was an intuitive sense of the mushiness, the character flaws, the weakness masquerading as morality that was in the hearts of the statesmen who stood in his path.”

No White Politician Has to Apologize for Their Heroes



No, instead of capitulating, apologizing and repudiating Minister Farrakhan, Ellison should fight back with the kind of research that we provide in our book *Who Do They Say I Am 2nd Expanded Edition*.

He should highlight the fact that millions of Americans just voted for a President-elect Donald J. Trump who privately bragged about using his celebrity status to sexually assault women. Yet no one is expected to repudiate Mr. Trump in order to be allowed to rise in the world of politics.

Congressman Ellison should ask why has not America apologized for all of the “Hitleresque” killers of Black men, women and children that have been its Presidents, Congresspersons and officials of all levels of government.

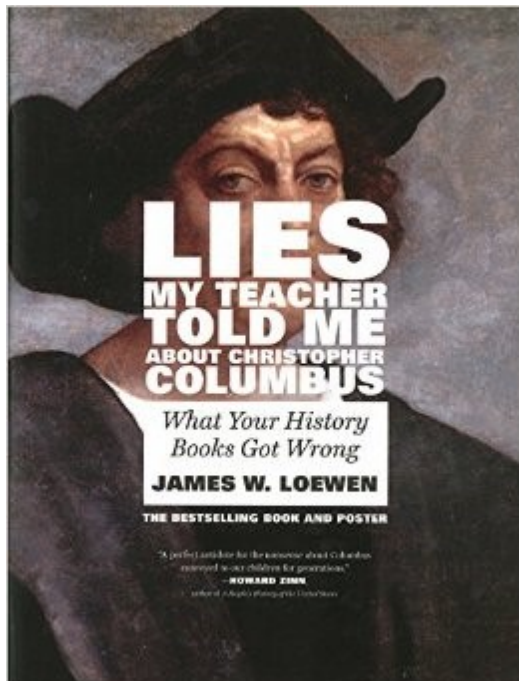
Many of the so-called great presidents in America were owners and sellers and traders in Black flesh! These presidents took license to have sex with and impregnate their Black female slaves against their consent and will! Where is the apology for that?

I don’t know of any political figure in America that was forced to apologize for being associated with the murderers, owners and tormentors of Black people during the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade or since then.

The Black community has even been tricked and deceived respecting the one U.S. President that was supposed to have been the best in his relationship to us. For years, we were taught in schools and, it was promoted as a national truth that Abraham Lincoln “freed the slaves.” But the difficulty and suffering encountered by many Blacks after Reconstruction is a better reflection of Mr. Lincoln’s true views regarding Black people. According to James Loewen in

his book **Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your American History Textbook Got Wrong:**

"I have no purpose to introduce political and social equality between the white and black races. There is a physical difference between the two, which in my judgment will probably forever forbid there living together upon the footing of perfect equality, and inasmuch as it becomes a necessity that there must be a difference, I as well as Judge Douglas am in favor of the race to which I belong, having the superior position... I am not, nor ever have been in favor of bringing about the social and political equality of the white and black races [applause] - that I am not nor ever have been in favor of making voters or jurors of Negroes."



If I were Congressman Ellison, I would view this current controversy regarding his defense of Minister Farrakhan as the occasion to open the door to raising these issues of how so many so-called American heroes have a record replete with evil done against Black people-and we as a people get no apology. For in the case of the American heroes who have been anti-Black racists, Black people have suffered real-life deprivations and sufferings when their negative views of us were turned into laws and public policy. For sure, if Minister Farrakhan or any other spokesman for the hurt of Black people have said anything to hurt the feelings of whites in this country, those whites have never had to fear that the views of strong Black leaders would be turned into laws and public policy.

Even the former Democratic presidential nominee Hilary Clinton went on record saying how much she admired Margaret Sanger, the founder of planned parenthood. This organization has promoted birth control for the poor and “undesirables” of American society since its inception. And Sanger said that her goals and those of leading eugenicists of her time were one and the same. Eugenics is the practice of “scientific racism.” And it has involved the forced sterilization and chemical castration of poor Blacks, whites and indigenous American Indians. Ms. Sanger is the fountainhead of this movement’s success in America under the innocent name of Planned Parenthood. Of Sanger, Mrs. Clinton remarked as she accepted the Margaret Sanger Award:

“I admire Margaret Sanger enormously, her courage, her tenacity, her vision ... And when I think about what she did all those years ago in Brooklyn, taking on archetypes, taking on attitudes and accusations flowing from all directions, I am really in awe of her.”

New Jersey U. S. Representative Chris Smith, who is the co-chair of the congressional pro-life caucus, challenged Mrs. Clinton on her praise of Margaret Sanger:

"If you read the books--I've read the books--[eugenics] is absolutely the pillar of everything Sanger did,...look at what movement she spawned in terms of getting rid of the 'undesirables,' and that could be the disabled, African Americans, and just about every other group of people. I mean, Catholics, Italians, and Irish. I mean, that is a very pathetic and sick perspective towards the human race, and yet she's idolized by, of all people, our secretary of state."



Mrs. Clinton defended her admiration of the murderer of Black babies by saying:

“...when we look at flawed human beings. There are things we admire, and things that we deplore.”

She certainly did not decry this as **“the mistake of my past”** which is what Congressman Ellison is now saying about his past affiliation with the Nation of Islam and Minister Louis Farrakhan. I hope this is just a case of Mrs. Clinton having more courage than congressman Ellison, and not more testosterone.

Brother Keith, what about the Holy Qur’an?

If I could speak to Congressman Ellison, I would remind him of the Holy Qur’an. He is a Muslim and I am a Muslim; so, we have the Holy Qur’an in common, if nothing else.

I would specifically draw his attention to Surah 4 Ayat 148 which reads:

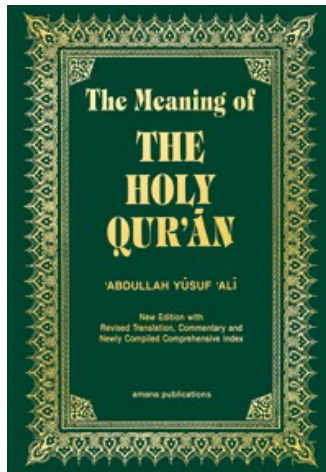
“Allah loves not the public utterance of hurtful speech, except by one who has been wronged. And Allah is ever Hearing, Knowing.”

I would then help my brother to see that if there are aspects of the Minister’s message that have offended or hurt the feelings of whites, Jews or other groups it clearly falls into this beautiful Qur’anic principle? Nothing the Minister has spoken has been out “sour grapes” or having some personal axe to grind. No, the Minister speaks out of the hurt of his people and all that we have suffered. His condemnation and admonitions and warnings are to those who made merchandise of Black flesh as well as to those among us who add to our inner-group conflicts. The Minister’s anger is towards the exploiters of the innocent. He rails against smart crooked deceivers who keep the poor in ignorance for the purposes of making them into tools and mental slaves. The Minister is a crier for justice and righteousness.

I am afraid that Congressman Ellison has not read his Holy Qur’an lately. If I could speak with my brother, I would advise him to pick up his Qur’an and look at how the prophets of Allah(God) were condemned in similar fashion as the Minister. The prophets mentioned in the Holy Qur’an condemned everything that Minister Farrakhan has condemned in America. And the reactions of the people are recorded in the verses of the Holy Qur’an to be really the same as many folk’s reactions are today against Minister Farrakhan. The prophets

condemned personal immorality and vice among the people; but they also condemned the wickedness of governments and rulers.

In fact, the evil of those who reacted negatively to the Prophets' warning and rebuke caused Allah(God) himself to come to the defense of the prophets against the lies and propaganda of their enemies. Allah's defense of His prophets is recorded in the opening verses of Surah 68 of the Holy Qur'an. It reads like this in the English translation:



"(By) the inkstand and the pen and that which they write! By the grace of thy Lord thou art not mad. And surely thine is a reward never to be cut off. And surely thou hast sublime morals. So thou wilt see, and they (too) will see, Which of you is mad. Surely thy Lord knows best who is erring from His way, and He knows best those who go aright. So obey not the rejectors. They wish that thou shouldst be pliant, so they (too) would be pliant. And obey not any mean swearer, Defamer, going about with slander, Hinderer of good, outstepping the limits, sinful, Ignoble, besides all that, notoriously mischievous-"

This passage makes it quite clear, that Allah(God) is on the side of Minister Farrakhan. Just like the men who are called Prophets: they were maligned, mocked and dubbed to be mad-men but were innocent. The Minister's role in American society has been and is identical to the role of the Prophets of the past was among the people of their ancient societies. The Minister is a man of sublime morals; he acts not out of hatred or vanity, but he acts out of his love and deep commitment to the principles of freedom, justice and equality.

Presidents on Separation

In fact, not only does the Minister's work harmonize with the giants from the Jewish, Christian and Islamic scriptures, the Minister's views on separation of Blacks into a nation of our own agrees with some former U.S. Presidents. Congressman Ellison has been condemned for once advocating that Blacks in America be given our own separate territory. This is a part of the teachings of the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad and the Nation of Islam. But instead of apologizing for his prior advocacy of the most practical of all solutions to the race problem in America, Congressman Ellison could refer to the former U.S. Presidents who also saw separation as the solution.

"Blacks should be colonized to such place as the circumstances of the time should render most proper, sending them out with arms. Sending them out with arms, implements where household and the handicraft arts seize pairs of the useful domestic animals, et cetera, to declare them a free and independent people and extend to them our alliance and protection 'til they shall have a quiet strength."-
Thomas Jefferson

"Your race suffers very greatly, many of them by living among us while ours suffer from your presence. In a word, we suffer on each side. If this is admitted, it will force a reason at least why we should be separated."-Abraham Lincoln

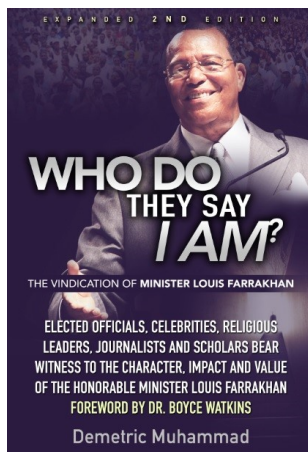
Or He could cite the histories of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. or the views of the legendary Julian Bond of the NAACP.

"there are points at which I see the necessity for temporary separation as a temporary way-station to a truly integrated society."-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"It makes it easier for us to be a mental nation, a nation within a nation. We're a nation separate and apart in our problems and have to be dealt with separate and apart. And we have to think of ourselves as different from the whole."-Julian Bond

Final Thoughts

Congressman Ellison has not done enough study into the history and value of the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan. So, when pressured to disavow the Minister he has chosen to do



so to further his political career. This is sad and unfortunate for the Congressman. I think that we have clearly shown that this was unnecessary based on the facts of the Minister's history. We have shown that it is unnecessary based on the facts of the history of Black people living under white supremacy in American society. We have shown that it is un-Islamic when viewed through the lens of the Muslim book of scripture-the Holy Qur'an.

Former HUD Secretary Henry Cisneros said of the Minister's followers who went into drug infested public housing complexes and without the force of arms made them safe neighborhoods again:

"since the security firms first began their work in 1988 and throughout the review we have undertaken in this instance, there have been no complaints filed against these firms regarding any inappropriate religious activities. In fact, we have conducted over 1,000 interviews of residents and management, and they illustrate that these security guards have been effective in transforming many drug-ridden properties into places which are now safe and peaceful."

This is a fact of history that Congressman Ellison could have cited, but he didn't

Jewish Rabbi Bruce Kahn said this about his experience being at the Million Man March

"I am White. I am a rabbi. I attended the Million Man March where I stood hour after hour in the midst of a sea of excited, highly principled, welcoming Black men. I listened to the speeches and shared in the grandeur of an extraordinary moment in history. Mostly, it was privilege to bear witness to how important this gathering was to the African Americans who were present. There is only one Black American who could have pulled off the Million Man March. Give him the credit he deserves for doing so.

It was one of the single most positive events in the social history of our country. The people who were there attended for several reasons, not all of which had to do with Minister Farrakhan. But without him the March would not have been envisioned nor would it have succeeded. It did succeed.”

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Legendary Law School Professor Derrick Bell said this of the so-called Farrakhan Litmus Test

“Smart and super articulate, Minister Farrakhan is perhaps the best living example of a black man ready, willing and able to 'tell it like it is' regarding who is responsible for racism in this country ... Every black person important enough to be interviewed is asked to condemn Minister Farrakhan--or any other truly outspoken black leader.”

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Swedish author and Professor of Theology Mattias Gardell said this of Minister Farrakhan's impact on Black youth:

“Farrakhan has a unique capability ... able to reach deeply into the souls of black youths... is able to talk to them in a way that really makes them listen... this rapport enables Farrakhan to criticize and redirect destructive behavioral patterns”.

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All of these Farrakhan Character Witness testimonies and many, many more are contained within the book **Who Do They Say I Am: The Vindication of Minister Louis Farrakhan 2nd Expanded Edition**. Today they are offered as valuable to the Keith Ellison controversy; tomorrow they may be valuable to you in your own life. Ultimately, they are valuable to all the American people as they choose between the guidance coming from Minister Farrakhan versus what comes from those who oppose him. The choice is yours today. Choose wisely.

The Book is available at the www.researchminister.com.

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