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the Black
Community!**

**But will the Black Community Stand
and Defend the Minister?**

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Jewish Author Daniel Pipes



Minister Farrakhan as The Defender of Black People

By Demetric Muhammad



Throughout the years Minister Farrakhan's love for Black People has been witnessed as he has looked beyond their faults and ministered unto their needs.

Quotes

"But what is Farrakhan's role in the political realm today? First, **he is a prosecuting attorney on behalf of this nation's poor and oppressed minorities.** He understands his role to be one of forcefully pointing out discrepancies between American political rhetoric and the reality of black American life. His eloquence and analytic gifts, extraordinary memory, and refined debating skills uniquely qualify him to represent the cause of the unemployable masses which most civil rights organizations and churches have not consistently advanced."-**former Morehouse President Robert Michael Franklin**

"The best of the legacy of Farrakhan is twofold. First, he has demonstrated a deep understanding of and shown an unswerving courage to publicly detail the lived reality of anti-black racism. **There is simply no Black person in the world that has — over so many years — been as consistent, as unrestricted, and as forthright in defending the humanity of Black people throughout the world against its attackers.**"-**Prof. Andre C. Willis**

Quiet as it's kept, Farrakhan is respected by millions of African American, on all socio-economic levels, for his courage in standing up to an oppressive system and his penchant for calling white folk out. Truly "unbought and unbosser," he often says the things that many Blacks feel but don't have the freedom to express. According to a poll reported in Time, 59% of Blacks believe Farrakhan is a good role model for Black youth and that he speaks the truth. -**Prof. Geneva Smitherman**

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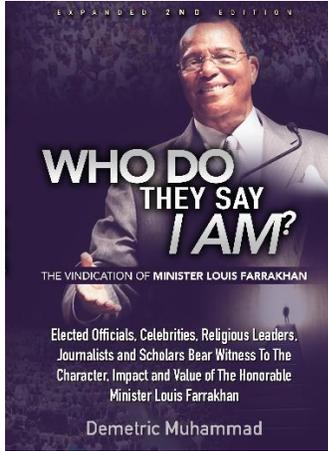


These episodes in the history show Minister Farrakhan using his good name and reputation to defend prominent Blacks who have found themselves in trouble. Jewish author Daniel Pipes commented on this phenomenon in a blog post on his website; an excerpt from his blog post is below

"The New York Post reports today that "Michael Jackson last night became a member of the Nation of Islam." Of course, this development takes place in the aftermath of Jackson's being arrested on Nov. 20 in connection with child-molestation charges and now being out on \$3 million bail.

If this report of his conversion proves to be accurate, **it would fit a well-established pattern of African-Americans who, finding their reputation in tatters, turn to the Nation of Islam, which then provides them with solace and help.** This phenomenon is most apparent in jails, where blacks since the late 1940s have been converting in large numbers. Famous converts in trouble include:

- Tawana Brawley, who converted after her much-publicized claim of being raped by a gang of white men



- Mike Tyson, the heavyweight champion jailed for rape,
- Benjamin Chavis, who converted after his eviction from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in large part for having paid off a mistress with NAACP funds.
- Kenny Gamble, the music producer whose life fell apart as he faced a payola investigation in 1975.

Other blacks in disgrace do not make the full step to conversion but become closely affiliated with the NOI, which provides them too with political and moral support. Prominent beneficiaries include:

- Alcee Hastings, an impeached Federal judge;
- Marion Barry, the mayor of Washington, D.C., convicted for drug-taking;
- George Stallings, a Catholic priest accused of child molestation; and
- Gus Savage, a U.S. congressman from Illinois charged with sexual harassment.

Finally, some blacks in difficult straits merely dip into Islam, without developing a formal relationship – such as O.J. Simpson, who read the Qur'an while incarcerated.”

-Daniel Pipes; December 18, 2003, updated Jun 27, 2010

<http://www.danielpipes.org/blog/2003/12/michael-jackson-and-blacks-in-stress-who>

The Short List of Black leaders, groups and prominent men and women who have benefitted from Minister Farrakhan defending them in the court of public opinion and privately pastoring them through serious life trials and tribulations.

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| 1. Mayor Marion Barry | 11. David Dinkins |
| 2. Mike Tyson | 12. President Barak Obama |
| 3. Rev. Jesse Jackson | 13. Rev. Charles Coen |
| 4. Michael Jackson | 14. Rev. Eddie Carthan |
| 5. O.J. Simpson | 15. Qubilah Shabazz |
| 6. Rep. Alcee Hastings | 16. Malcolm Shabazz |
| 7. Julian Bond | 17. Charles Rangel |
| 8. Rep. Cynthia McKinney | 18. Congressman Mel Reynolds |
| 9. Rep. Earl Hilliard | 19. Mayor Willie Herenton |
| 10. Tawana Brawley | 20. Congressional Black Caucus |

21. Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick
22. Benjamin Chavis
23. James Luther Bevel
24. Father Michael Pfleger
25. Rev. T.L. Barrett
26. Alderman Dorothy Tillman
27. Harold Washington Cultural Center
28. Imam Jamil Al-Amin (H.Rap Brown)
29. Bloods and Crips
30. Vice Lords and Gangster Disciples
31. From Gangs to Street Organizations
32. Hip-Hop Community
33. Stan Tookie Williams
34. Sistah Souljah
35. Bishop George A. Stallings
36. Rep. Bobby Rush
37. Steve Cokely
38. Arsenio Hall
39. Bill Cosby
40. Oprah Winfrey
41. Harold-Washington

The Minister has stood and defended our people. When are we going to return the favor? Surely after 63 years of service to our people, Minister Farrakhan is more than worthy.