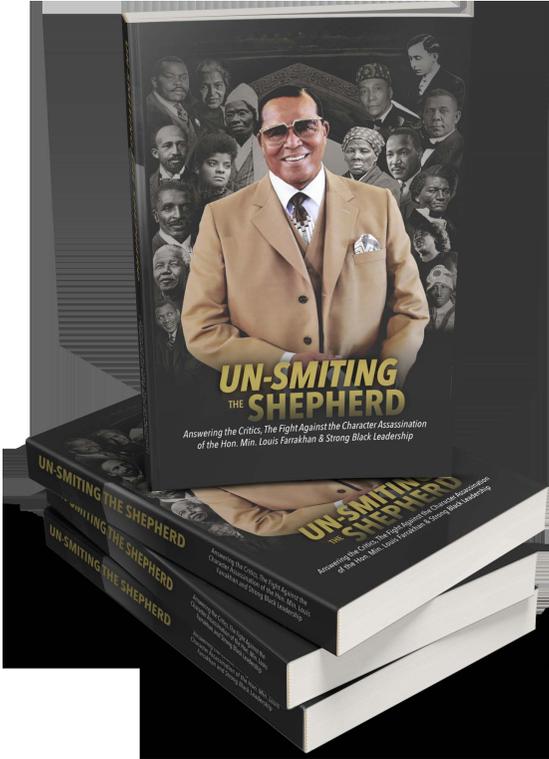


# I N T R O D U C T I O N

## “Un-Smiting The Shepherd & Uniting The Flock”



All my life I have watched Minister Farrakhan defend Black people.

Theology Professor Andre C. Willis said this about Minister Farrakhan’s defense of Black people:

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.

Not only has the Minister defended us against unjust criticisms, insults, character assassinations and age-old stereotypes, he has also courageously and forthrightly defended our leaders. Minister Farrakhan has defended the common man and woman and he has also defended the talented high-profile members of the Black community. His defense of Black leadership is extraordinarily significant. Because even though the Minister has defended us, we as a people have not reciprocated that defense.

One Jewish critic of Minister Farrakhan, Daniel Pipes has noted:

...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.

In fact, Black leaders who are not approved of by the white ruling class in America are the frequent victims of well-funded and highly coordinated character assassinations. And most of the time when Black leaders are attacked and vilified within the mainstream media, there is hardly any outcry from the very folk who are the beneficiaries of the work of our courageous leaders.

Keep in mind that it is now common knowledge that the United States Government through the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) has targeted for destruction, Black leaders and the movements that they lead. Through reviewing the government's hand in the destruction of Black movements and Black leaders we see that character assassination has always paved the way for physical assassinations. Once a leader is sufficiently smeared through the media, once their name and reputation has been effectively scandalized, they are a ripe target for assassination, wherein there will be no public sympathy or outcry .

### **Smite The Shepherd: Scatter The Flock**

The assassination of Black leaders leads to the assassination of Black movements. The targeting of Black leaders for smear campaigns is purposed to destroy the cause the leader represents. In his book *The 48 Laws of Power*, author Robert Greene lists as the 42<sup>nd</sup> law of power, **Strike the Shepherd, Scatter the Flock**. Greene defines this law by stating:

One resolute person, one disobedient spirit, can turn a flock of sheep into a den of lions...Do not waste your time lashing out in all directions at what seems to be a many-headed enemy. Find the one head that matters-the person with the willpower, or smarts, or, most important of all, charisma....Finally, the reason you strike at the shepherd is because such an action will dishearten the sheep beyond any rational measure.

Long before the popular writings of Robert Greene, we read of this strategy in the pages of the Bible. In the Bible the old English word "smite" is used to articulate this strategy as "smite

the shepherd.” Consider this phrase in the following Biblical scriptures:

“You will all fall away,” Jesus told them, “for it is written: ‘I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’”-Mark 14:27

“Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, against the man who is My Companion, declares the LORD of Hosts. Smite the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered, and I will turn My hand against the little ones.”-Zechariah 13:7

“Then Jesus said to them, “This very night you will all fall away on account of Me. For it is written: ‘I will smite the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’”  
-Matthew 26:31

According to the Collins dictionary of the English language the word smite has the following meanings:

1. to strike or hit hard, with or as with the hand, a stick, or other weapon;
2. to deliver or deal (a blow, hit, etc.) by striking hard;
3. to strike down, injure, or slay;
4. to afflict or attack with deadly or disastrous effect;
5. to affect mentally or morally with a sudden pang;
6. to affect suddenly and strongly with a specified feeling;
7. to impress favorably; charm; enamor

### **Character Assassination & the Crucifixion of Black Leadership**

The life of Jesus according to Minister Farrakhan is a great guide to understanding the assault on Black leadership and how the strategy of “smiting the shepherd” has applied within our history as a people. The Minister stated in an article written by him entitled **The Aim of The Enemy** the following:

As a revolutionary, the life of Jesus, as recorded in the Gospels is a wonderful example to study. Every Black leader of consequence has been crucified and has knowingly or unknowingly followed in the footsteps of Jesus.

Character assassination is a prime component part in the destruction of Black leaders and the movement of Black people for liberation. The

Minister has boldly declared that Black leadership has walked in the path paved by Jesus, in the Bible. We therefore see the character assassination of Black leadership as part and parcel to the crucifixion of Black leadership.

At the death of Michael Jackson, the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan delivered a lecture wherein he expounded upon this reality in the following words:

Crucifixion in the Modern Roman Empire—America—is just like the crucifixions of Ancient Rome. Ancient Rome is gone; Modern Rome is going. In Modern Rome, the Counter Intelligence Program of the United States government, under J. Edgar Hoover, has always feared that somebody would rise from among us and unify Black people, and should they go to war with a foreign government, we might join on to that foreign government, and come against them. This also happened in the time of Jesus, the prophet, and Herod, the king, who wanted to kill all boy babies to prevent the Messiah from coming into the world. So today, there is a plot against the Black male. It's real, brothers and sisters....Do you notice how every one that got crucified got first crucified in the Media? The Media is used to de-magnetize the person who has attracted large crowds. So, "to de-magnetize" you means to make you, now, unattractive to the people that once were attracted to you.

The Minister's powerful lecture entitled **The Crucifixion of Michael Jackson and all Responsible Black Leaders** is an example of his long history of defending Black leadership. Consider the following list; this is only a representative sampling of many persons and groups that the Minister has defended against the unjust smear campaigns from the media.

Qubilah Shabazz -Malcolm Shabazz - Charles Rangel - Congressman Mel Reynolds - Mayor Willie Herenton - Congressional Black Caucus - Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick - Benjamin Chavis - James Luther Bevel- Father Michael Pflieger - Rev. T.L. Barrett - Alderman Dorothy Tillman - Harold Washington Cultural Center - Imam Jamil Al-Amin (H.Rap Brown) - Bloods and Crips - Hip-Hop Community - Stan Tookie Williams - Sistah Souljah - Bishop George A. Stallings - Rep. Bobby Rush - Arsenio Hall - Oprah

Winfrey - Mike Tyson Rev. Jesse Jackson - Michael Jackson - O.J. Simpson - Rep. Alcee Hastings - Julian Bond - Rep. Cynthia McKinney Rep. Earl Hilliard - Tawana Brawley - David Dinkins - President Barak Obama - Rev. Charles Coen - Rev. Eddie Carthan

Moreover, the Minister exposed that the crucifixion of Black leaders also includes the assassination of their revolutionary ideas. He stated:

In a crucifixion, they nail your hands. They nail your feet. They strip you of your followers by propaganda. They break your legs, so that after you are dead, there is no support for your ideas. It's not the man as much as it is the ideas of that man. So they must not only kill the man—they have to kill his idea, so that a generation won't come up after him, fueled by his ideas!

The crucifixion of revolutionary leaders and their ideas is a component part of the smite the shepherd strategy. Russian leader Vladimir Lenin acknowledged this phenomenon wherein after revolutionary leaders are assassinated, their ideas are re-interpreted and watered down, by the same government and media that participated in their assassination. Lenin notes:

what in the course of history, has happened repeatedly to the theories of revolutionary thinkers and leaders of oppressed classes fighting for emancipation? During the lifetime of great revolutionaries, the oppressing classes constantly hounded them, received their theories with the most savage malice, the most furious hatred and the most unscrupulous campaigns of lies and slander. After their death, attempts are made to convert them into harmless icons, to canonize them, so to say, and to hallow their names to a certain extent for the consolation of the oppressed classes and with the object of duping the latter, while at the same time robbing the revolutionary theory of its substance, blunting its revolutionary edge and vulgarizing it.

Republican strategist and author of the book **The Death of the West**, Pat Buchanan has also weighed in to provide insight into our understanding of the “smite the shepherd” strategy. Dubbing it as a part of the politics of personal destruction, Buchanan notes

how certain causes are defeated by assassinating the character of those who champion those causes. He writes:

Dishonor or disgrace a nation's heroes, and you can demoralize its people.

### **The Character Assassination of Black People En Masse**

This kind of campaign to demoralize a people has been executed over and over again by the white power structure in America against Black leaders and the movement for Black liberation. Author Jerome Davis, who wrote the book **Character Assassination**, highlights how character assassination has not been limited to Black leaders but has been a key element within the overall oppression of Black people in America. He notes:

The moving picture industry has in the by and large libeled the Negro. Dr. Lawrence Reddick in The Journal of Negro Education says this: "The treatment of the Negro by the movie is inaccurate and unfair. Directly and indirectly it establishes associations and drives deeper into the public mind the stereotype conception of the Negro. **By building up this unfavorable conception, the movies operate to thwart the advancement of the Negro, to humiliate him, to weaken his drive for equality and to spread indifference, contempt and hatred for him and his cause.**

The media and the entertainment industry are no doubt united in the "smite the shepherd" agenda against Black America.

Novelist and screenwriter Dalton Trumbo observed:

"[Hollywood made] tarts of the Negro's daughters, crap shooters of his sons, obsequious Uncle Toms of his fathers, superstitious and grotesque crones of his mothers, strutting peacocks of his successful men, psalm-singing mountebanks of his priests, and Barnum and Bailey side-shows of his religion."

In examining the role of the entertainment industry and the mainstream media as co-conspirators in the "smite the shepherd" campaign against Black people and our leadership, we are also exposed to the role of certain Jewish groups. Minister Farrakhan

stated in his message **The Crucifixion of Michael Jackson and all Responsible Black Leaders** the following:

There are certain members of the Zionist faction of Jews that have always wanted to control the means by which your crucifixion could take place.

As explained by Trumbo and Dr. Reddick, the entertainment industry's assassination of the basic character of Black people has been counter-productive to Black progress within America. But according to the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, negative portrayals of an entire people within media and movies is not only counter-productive to progress, it constitutes a real and present danger to the survival of the people who are the subject of such negative portrayals. From the ADL's founding charter we read:

For a number of years a tendency has manifested itself in American life toward the caricaturing and defaming of Jews on the stage, in moving pictures. The effect of this on the unthinking public has been to create an untrue and injurious impression of an entire people and to expose the Jew to undeserved contempt, and ridicule. The caricatures center around some idiosyncrasy of the few which, by the thoughtless public, is often taken as a pivotal characteristic of the entire people.

The ADL has been the lead group from the Jewish community that has condemned and criticized Minister Farrakhan. They have been the lead group behind the character assassination of Minister Farrakhan, which has as of this date and time resulted in his censorship throughout the mainstream media and social media.

Considering how the ADL has been the principal architect of the "smite the shepherd" campaign against the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan, the words of their founding charter are amazing. It proves that they know the danger of character assassination, yet they use it with great skill against Minister Farrakhan. And they have never protested nor used their considerable influence to hold Hollywood accountable for their negative and dangerous portrayals of Black people. And this is all the more troubling

when we reflect that America's entertainment industry has been largely the result of Hollywood's Jewish founding fathers. As Neal Gabler wrote in **An Empire of Their Own**:

What is amazing is the extent to which they succeeded in promulgating this fiction throughout the world. By making a 'shadow' America, one which idealized every old glorifying bromide about the country, the Hollywood Jews created a powerful cluster of images and ideas—so powerful that, in a sense, they colonized the American imagination....Ultimately, American values came to be defined largely by the movies the Jews made.

Writing for the Jewish Forward online edition, author Batya Ungar Sargon addresses the Jewish character assassination of Black leaders in her article entitled, **Why Do Jews Keep Tearing Down Black Leaders?** Within her article she writes:

Tamika Mallory. Marc Lamont Hill. Alice Walker. Angela Davis.

Every week seems to bring with it another black leader running afoul of the Jewish community — and an angry, effective response.... It all lends to a spectacle of an insensate mob out to attack any and every black leader.

And I feel sickened by it. When did Jews become the face of attacks against the black community? When did we abandon the sacred legacy of Rabbi Avraham Yehoshua Heschel marching across the Edmund Pettus Bridge, Torah scroll in hand? How must this look to the Black community, to say nothing of Black Jewish members of our own community?... It's not just an outraged mob, either, that's been coming for black leaders; it's an effective one. Hill lost his job at CNN. Davis lost an award. The Women's March is teetering, with local marches defecting every week.

There's a lot of talk about anti-Semitism on the left, but when push comes to shove, when the Jewish community is angry, we get our way... this tearing down of black leaders is a horrifying spectacle to behold.

## **Un-Smiting the Shepherd**

In an interview with Chicago radio legend Cliff Kelley in 2009 on WVON-Chicago, the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan made the following appeal:

I wish that my Black brothers and sisters would help Brother Farrakhan to get out of prison. I am not in a prison of “steel bars”— I am in a prison of public opinion manipulated by the media and their hatred of the truth that is in my mouth that would set our people free. Help me to get out of prison. Stop looking at the Nation of Islam as though we are some enemy to Black people. Open the door of the schools, and let us go in and teach! We don't have to teach religion. Just teach truth, and these young people will rise up! They will be disciplined. They will see their future, and then the condition in our community will change.

This book contains more than 80 articles purposed to “help Brother Farrakhan to get out of prison”; to defend the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan against his critics and enemies. This book is purposed to be a weapon in the movement to free the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan from the prison of public opinion that has been weaponized against him.

If “smiting the shepherd”, scatters the flock; then un-smiting the shepherd can unite the flock. Smiting the shepherd involves character assassination. Un-smiting the shepherd involves character protection. And so many of our great leaders have died and had their movements destroyed; most never received the defense from their people that they deserved. I am proclaiming that this phenomenon ends in the leadership of the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan. Minister Farrakhan exists today as the embodiment of the great Black leaders of the past. He is like an emblematic seal of those who suffered before him. And I bear witness that Allah (God) has made him to stand on the foundation laid by the great leaders of the past and to go farther and stand stronger and move wiser because they paved the way for him. In honoring Minister Farrakhan, in defending Minister Farrakhan, we honor and defend the great leaders of the past.

He is the culmination and fulfillment of those who came before him. Think about it. From the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad

he has the anointing of Allah (God) and is the possessor of divine wisdom. And like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, the Minister has beautiful, powerful eloquence that makes him peerless among all who speak on behalf of Black people. Like Marcus Garvey, Minister Farrakhan has the magnetic appeal to attract the masses of the people to the ideas of Black liberation. Like Paul Robeson, the Minister has an artistic and athletic background that adds dimension and nuance to his leadership profile. When former congressman Gus Savage traveled on one of Minister Farrakhan's World Friendship Tours he exclaimed:

I always believed that you could unite Black people in America. I did not know your power in Africa, and, if you have this same power in the Arab and Muslim world you are the most dangerous man on the planet to these forces that rule by divide and conquer. So, when you get back to the United States, they are going to jump on you with both feet.

The Minister's international strength, which is an element of his leadership that is greatly feared by his/our enemies is another example of him fulfilling the desires and hopes of some of the great Black leaders of the past who desired a unification of Blacks in America with Blacks abroad.

The cover of this book shows Minister Farrakhan emerging from a background of some of the great men and women from our people's struggle for liberation. It was inspired by a banner that he commissioned for the Nation of Islam's 2014 Saviours' Day. The Minister has always honored and defended the great leaders of the past, and we pray that this volume honors and defends him so that all who have been victimized by the propaganda against Minister Farrakhan may learn the truth about the Minister and be benefitted by the wisdom of Allah (God) that he uniquely possesses.

Thank you for supporting our effort to "Un-Smite the Shepherd"

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