

## **Christianity, Cult's and Religions – A comparative Look at the World we live in.**

During this study, we'll look at 8 distinctive areas that separate and define each of 20 different religions or cults that exist in the world today. This is not to be considered an exhaustive study nor is it to be considered inclusive of all the world's religions or cults. But it is only an overview of some of the major influences in the world today. There are many more sub-cultures and "sects" of each of these that we will not have the time to discuss. Therefore let me encourage each of you to determine to investigate and learn for yourselves what those influences are and how they may affect your personal Christian belief system and Christian walk with God.

"I don't know what I don't know, and I do know what I do know!" – Doug Doran  
I only know and believe what is in the Bible, and if it isn't in the Bible, I don't know it to be fact, and I'm not going to make up something just to satisfy human curiosity.

### ***The Nation of Islam:***

**Founder:** Wallace D. Fard (1891 - ?) Led by Elijah Muhammad (1897 – 1975) from 1934 – 1975. Current leader is Louis Farrakhan, born as Louis Eugene Wolcott (1933 - ) Headquartered in Chicago, IL.

**Date:** 1930 in Detroit, MI

**Location:** Chicago, IL

**Followers:** Muslims

**Key Writings:** Publicly they say the Qur'an is the authoritative book and the Bible is sometimes quoted, but *the Message to the Blackman in America, Our Savior Has Arrived*, and other books by Elijah Muhammad supply its distinctive views. Current teachings are in *The Final Call* newspaper and the speeches of Minister Farrakhan.

**Who is God?:** Officially, there is one God, Allah, as described in the Qur'an, but Elijah Muhammad's teaching are also true. God is a black man, millions of Allahs have lived and died since creation, collectively the black race is God, and Master Fard is the Supreme Allah and Savior.

**Who is Jesus?:** Officially Jesus is a sinless prophet of Allah. Privately, Jesus was born from adultery between Mary and Joseph, who was already married to another woman. Jesus was not crucified, but stabbed in the heart by a police officer. He is still buried in Jerusalem. Prophecies of Jesus' return refer to Master Fard, Elijah Muhammad, or to Louis Farrakhan.

**Who is the Holy Spirit?:** The Holy Spirit is not significant to the Nation of Islam, but is generally regarded as the power of God or as the angel Gabriel who spoke to the prophet Muhammad.

**How to be Saved:** People sin, but are not born sinful; salvation is through submission to Allah and good works. Older beliefs still held include: Fard is the

savior, salvation come from knowledge of self and realizing that the white race are devils who displaced the black race.

**What happens after Death?:** There is no consciousness or any spiritual existence after death. Heaven and hell are symbols. Statements about the resurrection refer to awaking "mental dead" people by bringing them true teachings.

**Other facts, beliefs, and practices.**

1. Farrakhan's public messages coexist with earlier, esoteric doctrines.
2. Elijah Muhammad's older views (such as polytheism, God as the black race, Master Fard as Allah incarnate, white people are devils, bred to cause harm to black people) are still preached today.
3. However, Public preaching now focuses on Islamic themes (one eternal God, non-racial emphasis) with frequent use of the Bible.
4. Since 2010, Farrakhan has advocated [Dianetics](#) and the use of its "auditing" technique. Dianetics is a set of ideas and practices regarding the [metaphysical](#) relationship between the mind and body which was created by [L. Ron Hubbard](#) and is practiced by followers of [Scientology](#) and separate independent Dianeticist groups. Hubbard coined *Dianetics* from the [Greek](#). Dianetics has achieved no acceptance as a [scientific theory](#), and is an example of a [pseudoscience](#). Dianetics divides the mind into three parts: the conscious "analytical mind," the subconscious "[reactive mind](#)," and the [somatic](#) mind. The goal of Dianetics is to remove the "reactive mind," which [Scientists](#) believe prevents people from becoming more ethical, more aware, happier and saner. The Dianetics procedure to achieve this is called "[auditing](#)". Auditing is a process whereby a series of questions are asked by the Scientology auditor, in an attempt to rid the audited person of the painful experiences of the past, which Scientists believe to be the cause of the "reactive mind".
5. Farrakhan is 80 year old and is poised to hand over the reins to Malik "Zulu" Shabazz, the current leader of the New Black Panther party. This group is known for its extreme views and theology about the white and black races.

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