

# Excerpts from Imam Wallace D. Muhammad's N.Y. address

NEW YORK, N.Y.—As the overflow gathering at Radio City Music Hall and other locations here listened, Imam Wallace D. Muhammad told them that books had already been written by authors anticipating the downfall of the World Community of Al-Islam in the West. Their writings are in vain, he assured.

Also speaking on the real strength of a society, Imam Muhammad explained why material wealth cannot be used as a gauge to measure a society's strength.

The following are short excerpts taken from his New York address:

(Now the authors sit back) "hoping that a defector—a grumbling, whining, pitiful defector will divide us, spoil what has been done, create the friction for violence and that we will go at each other and beat each other up and kill each other.

"Let me tell you something Mr.

emotional nature helps to keep people together in the home when intelligence is not strong enough as a cement to hold them together.

"But if you want to build cities, if you want to build neighborhoods, if you want to build communities, you have to get a cement that's a little stronger than sentiment and emotions. Because these people in open society are pushed so far away from each other, they can't feel the warmth of the skin. The warm blood of sentiment and emotion just doesn't reach them sometimes. There's a cold atmosphere of distance between us and we're going to have the strong cement of intelligence to build up the society.

"The strength of a society is not its material wealth but its human wealth. The strength of a society is its human wealth. You have to have moral substance—healthy moral

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scholar. I'm ahead of you again. It's not going to happen. I have people who love me as much as they loved my father. I have people who are not capable of savage violence. They are capable of civilized violence. If they thought I wanted some enemy's mouth shut, they would shut it. I wouldn't have to ask them.

"But I have told them that the enemy is not always the brother that's debating with you or the brother challenging your position and refusing to unite with you. The worst enemy is the ignorance in the mind of the brother. So we have to deal with that enemy.

"We're not going to act against the physical person. We are going to deal with the absence of understanding. The problem of the absence of understanding in the mind of our people—that's what we're going to deal with.

"I will never attack any minister physically. I don't care what he does, I will never strike him physically. I am going to strike the hell out of that ignorant devil in his brain. Don't think you can provoke me to any fist fight. I'm above that.

"The human being is held together into a family. Sentiments and emotions are needed to make people in the household appreciate each other, to hold them together. The warmth of sentiment, the warmth of the blood of sentiment—and the

substance.

"You have to have human sentiments, you have to have compassion for all people. You have to be strong—strong enough to act on truth, though it be against yourself, against your concepts, against your ideas of what you are and what the world should be.

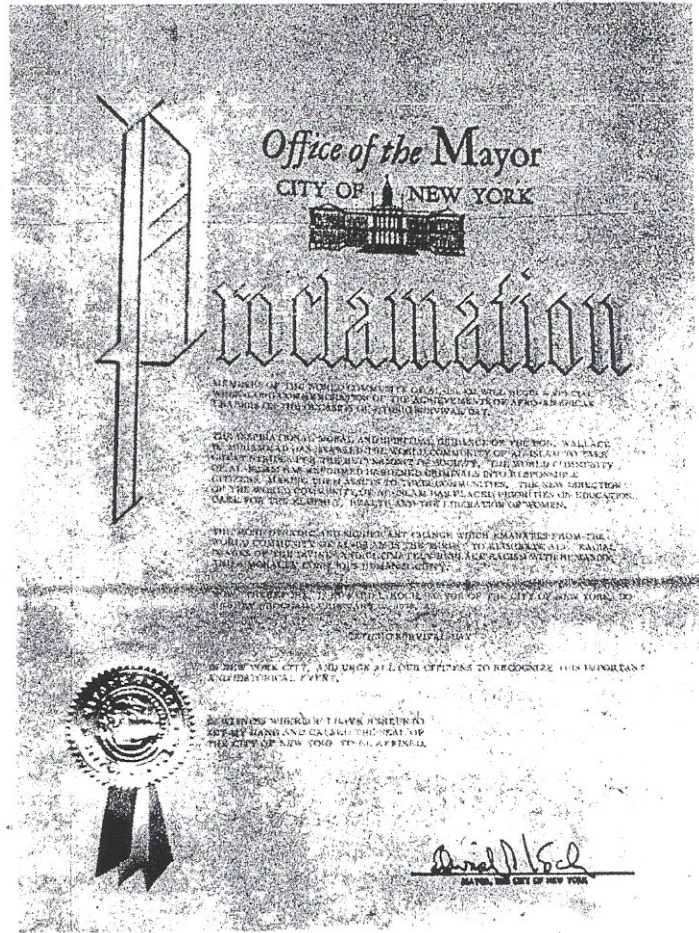
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"That's what I have been trying to drive home. That's the strength of society. That's the strength of civilization. That's the strength of a nation.

"America has become the 'Mt. Everest' of material achievement. But look how the conduct of President Nixon, and look how the silly minds of a permissive society suddenly came into focus, suddenly came upon this world, upon this Earth, upon this land we call America, and just destroyed the hopes of the generation.

"In their leaders, in their leadership, in the institutions—that should tell us that great material wealth is not the answer.

"Great intelligence is the answer,



*The most dynamic and significant change which emanates from the World Community of Al-Islam is the thrust to eliminate all "Racial Images of the Divine" and ultimately replace racism with humanism and a morally conscious human society.*

and that intelligence must not exist naked by itself. It is nothing unless it has its twin brother with it—the twin brother that makes up one human life. Intelligence must harmonize with the human heart, with the moral conscience, with human sentiment, with the compassionate nature of the

human being to embrace truth and to feel sympathetic—to give itself to help any life that is suffering whether it looks like itself or not.

"God has condemned the racists. I don't care what color skin he's in. God has plainly condemned the racists."