Welcome to the NOI Study Course. We hope and pray that Allah will bless you with a productive study and a deeper understanding of the Teachings of the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

As Salaam Alaikum!

THE ORIGINAL MAN

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Study Course Instructions
This study course is designed to be done both in a course room, mosque, study-group or self-paced at home. Certain parts of this course (Key Word Study) will be done with a partner. Other parts will be done independently (by yourself). When its time to partner, you and your partner (twin) are to follow the steps provided in this guide. The study course is laid out in the order you do them. It is important not to skip any steps of the guide. THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE TO BE FOLLOWED FOR OUR CLASSES.

Purpose of this Study Course Guide:
The purpose of this study course guide is to guide you through this course of study.

Time to Complete:
Although the hour and a half that we have for study this evening will hopefully allow you to progress through most of this study, however it is strongly recommend that you continue to work on this study course at home at your own pace.

Important Note: During the study course session, if you have any questions during your study raise your hand for assistance. Each believer (student) should have a copy of this study course and its instructions to take home and continue studying on their own. All steps may not completed in the class sessions in its entirety.

Study Course Steps
Step 1: Key Word Clearing  Time Frame: 30 min
Key words are important words related to key concepts found in the reading. Having a good understanding of the meanings of these words will help each student better understand the important concepts and ideas of the study as well as eliminate misunderstandings that come with misunderstood words. Use the key word list and definitions found in this packet to do the drill (exercise) a and b.

1.) Select a partner (closest to you) and study the Key Words together, through reviewing the questions and answers to master. (If done in course room or mosque/study group the time allotted is 30-45 minutes)
   a. First time through: The student has the questions and answers in front of him or her. The partner asks the student the question, and the student answers it. He/She can look at the answer if needed. The answer does not have to be word-for-word or memorized; just the concept must be correct.
   b. Second time through: Once finished with the drill the first time, you start again from the beginning, this time without the answers in front of you. Your partner asks the question and you answers. If the answer is incorrect, your partner shows you the answer. Look at the answer again and repeat until you have grasped the concept, then continue to the next one.

Step 2: Independent Reading  Time Frame: 30 min
After completing step one, you may begin to read the selected reading materials.

Step 3: Check Your Understanding Questions  Time Frame: 30 min
Review the lists of questions. Each question is formulated to check your understanding of the key concepts and ideas found in the reading. Answer each question on a sheet of paper and be prepared to discuss your answer at the conclusion of this study class session. Sufficient time may not be given during class session to answer all of the questions. If you do not finish in class, please continue this step at home.
STEP 1: Key Word Clearing

What does education mean?
Education is the action or process of educating or of training people; the knowledge and development resulting from an educational process. The field of study that deals mainly with methods of teaching and learning in schools is referred to as education.

“Education is supposed to be the proper cultivation of the gifts and talents of the individual through the acquisition of knowledge. Knowledge satisfies our natural thirst for gaining that which will make us one with our Maker. So true education cultivates the person—mind, body and spirit—by bringing us closer to fulfilling our purpose for being, which is to reflect Allah (God)...” (From A Torchlight for America, by Minister Louis Farrakhan.)

What does knowledge mean?
Knowledge is the fact or condition of knowing something with familiarity gained through experience or association; acquaintance with or understanding of an art, or technique.

Define self.
Self is defined as the uniting principle, underlying all subjective experience. That which knows, remembers, desires, suffers. Being the same throughout; being of one with the rest. “Ourselves.” (Study Guide No. 10, The God Within)
Self means your nature.

What does separation mean?
To separate means to single out or set apart from others for a special purpose; sort; segregate. It means to set or put apart into sections, groups, sets, units, etc. It also means to take away (a part or ingredient) from a combination or mixture. The root of the word means to set apart, to arrange and/or prepare.

Define benefit.
A benefit is something that promotes well-being or advantage; it is a useful aid; helpful.

What does teach mean?
To teach means to impart knowledge of or skill in; give instruction in; to enlighten; discipline; educate. (Study Guide No.19, Who is God?)

What does accept mean?
Accept means to receive willingly; to be able or designed to take or hold; to give admittance or approval to; to endure without protest or reaction; to regard as proper, normal, or inevitable; to recognize as true.

What does it mean to civilize?
To civilize means to cause to develop out of a primitive state; especially to bring to a technically advanced and rationally ordered stage of cultural development.

Civilize means to teach the knowledge and wisdom of the human family of the planet Earth (Supreme Wisdom Lesson No.1 Question No.2)

What does it mean to be original?
Original is defined as having to do with an origin; first or earliest. It represents that which has never been before; the form from which others have developed.
STEP 3: Check Your Understanding
The following questions are for discussion at the conclusion of the study session. The remaining questions can be completed at your own pace as you continue your study at home. You can use your book if you need help answering the questions. Write your answers on a sheet of paper.

Questions For Discussion:
1. What is the “first” knowledge our people must be taught? Explain.
2. What are three things the slave-master would not teach us and why? What is the importance of each of these sciences?
3. What is God, in the Person of Master Fard Muhammad, asking you and me today?
4. Name the four things that the Blackman must be free from in order to break the slave-masters’ hold on him?

Questions For Further Study:

Get Knowledge to Benefit Self
1. How does the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad describe anyone who does not have a knowledge of self?
2. What leaders from what countries received an education and what did they do with their education once they acquired it?
3. Complete this statement. “Get an education, but one which will …”
4. 
5. What is one of the attributes of Allah identified by the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad in this article?

Knowledge of Yourself
1. What does “accept your own” mean? Explain
2. What do our “slave-names” represent in the eyes of the civilized world?

If The Civilized Man Fails to Perform His Duty What Must Be Done?
1. What is a Divine Messenger held responsible to do? Explain
2. How do we know that we have not been rightly civilized?
3. What is the “only solution” to our problem?
4. What prophecy is found in Revelations 14:1 that inspired the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad to write this article?

Accept Your Own
1. What nation is number one on the list of God for total destruction? Why?
2. What will put off the total destruction of America for a few more years? Explain
3. Who does the Western Hemisphere belong to?

We Must Teach Our Own
1. Explain the slave-master’s reason for not teaching us of our own.