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ARE SOME CHOICES NECESSARY?



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Louis X Chose the Master Teacher

Yes, some choices are necessary. According to "The Autobiography of Malcolm X", "The Muslim's 'X' symbolized the true African family name that he never could know. Mr. Muhammad taught that we would keep this 'X' until God Himself returned and gave us a Holy Name from His own mouth."

Malcolm X, Louis X, Stanley

2X, John 13X, etc. The "X" is a tradition of the Nation Of Islam. Malcolm X (even as El Hajj El Malik Shabazz) acknowledged this until the end.

Those people who today fashionably wear the "X" need to be reminded of this. Once this is done, perhaps the process of making deeper choices will become clearer.

At one pivotal point in history, a very young Louis X was faced with making a choice. He had to choose between two men whom he loved dearly.

One man had become a surrogate father to him (Malcolm X) and the other was the Master Teacher (the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.) Although he loved both, Louis X chose the Master Teacher.

Both men, history has shown us, are two of the greatest African leaders to date. Both men, strengths, faults and all, continue to impact people worldwide.

Contemporary history also shows us that today, the Honorable Louis (X) Farrakhan and the Lost Found Nation of Islam, are revered and respected throughout the African world.

HILTON: HIGHER EDUCATION continues to go on record as being an advocate of organization building (i.e. Howard University, INVR STANDARDS, the African National Congress, the National Newspaper Publishers Association, etc.), there-

fore, we salute the Nation of Islam for their continuous vanguard role in African communities in America.

Choices. For many college students, "The Autobiography of Malcolm X" is required reading. That is not a choice. However, what they do with the information that they glean from the document is often times a personal choice.

Likewise, what they (and millions of others) do with the movie directed by Spike Lee, is also a personal choice. The Pan African movement will not begin nor stop with the release of the story of our great Malcolm.

Choices. Some of those who praise Malcolm X today would

probably not associate with him if he were alive - but will patronize a movie. That is also a personal choice.

We concur, somewhat, with Minister Farrakhan when he says that there are some who fear the growing influence of the Nation of Islam and that the story of Malcolm's life and death in the wrong hands will be chaotic and disruptive.

However, we believe even stronger with his words that "The more (they) elevate Malcolm, they cannot help but elevate the teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, which were and are the base of Malcolm X."

Yes, some choices are necessary. In retrospect, some

choices could have been better. And sometimes choices are not either/or, but rather and/also.

It is okay and advisable to choose the best from the lives and teachings of Elijah, Malcolm X, Louis X, Jesse, Fannie Lou, Marcus, etc.

We simply hope that the majority of the choices that Africans continue to make are in the long run for the betterment of humanity. So far, history has shown that they have been.

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The month of October has been designated as "Go-To-High School, Go-To-College" month for the chapters of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. around the world. The purpose is to highlight the service projects of the fraternity that are conducted throughout the year.

Alpha Phi Alpha is a service organization founded in 1906 on the principles of providing aid, as needed, to our fellow man. With the social turmoil that is prevalent in our country, the members of Alpha have focused their energy on improving that status of the African-American males in grades 3 through 12. Our members are meeting with the young men on a regular basis working to increase their self-esteem, and raise their academic levels. While the ultimate goal is to prepare the young men for institutions of higher learning, they are reminded that that can make significant contribution to their community and society in

general by making the most of their abilities.

Each chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha is emphasizing the work they do with the young African-American males during the month of October as a way of demonstrating the faith it has in this country. The fraternity encourages other organizations to respond by working to change the circumstances that lead to the plight of so many of our young neighbors. Through the collective efforts of Alpha Phi Alpha and others that care, we can work to overcome the cumulative disadvantages caused by years of denial and discrimination in housing, education and

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employment.

The fraternity has initiated over 125,000 men since its founding. It has been interracial since 1945, there are more than 400 college chapters in campuses, and more than 400 alumni chapters in local communities, located in the United States, the Caribbean, Europe, Asia, and Africa.

Among its notable members are Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Former Supreme Court Justice, Thurgood Marshall, New York Mayor, David Dinkins, Health and Human Services Secretary, Luis Sullivan, John H. Johnson of Johnson Publications, and a host of others.

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