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This man received the lifetime achievement award from Obama's church.

Praise for Barack Obama

Louis Farrakhan said the war in Iraq, the nation's faltering economy and the increased number of natural disasters were signs of "a nation in peril." He said those problems provide the broader context for Obama's rise.

In response to Farrakhan's remarks, the Obama campaign promptly released a response distancing himself from the Muslim minister:

"Senator Obama has been clear in his objections to Minister Farrakhan's past pronouncements and has not solicited the minister's support," said Obama spokesman Bill Burton. Obama himself rejected Farrakhan's support in an NBC debate.

Farrakhan subsequently denied his comments constituted an endorsement saying, he would not tell any one of his followers how to cast their vote, but that they should vote "their own self-interest."

Other controversial quotes by Farrakhan

"The same year they set up the IRS, they set up the FBI. And the same year they set up the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith... It could be a coincidence... [I want] to see black intellectuals free... I want to see them not controlled by members of the Jewish community."

"Dewey, Kant and Hegel, and the rabbis that wrote the Talmud,

make blacks inferior."

Farrakhan has referred to Jews, Palestinian Arabs, Koreans, and Vietnamese collectively as "bloodsuckers" and maintains that "Murder and lying comes easy for white people."

"Cokely spoke the truth" and [Jews protested] "because the truth hurts. I know this man Cokely. I know if he said it, he got the stuff to back it up." - Chicago Sun Times, May 10, 1988, concerning statements by Chicago Black activist and former municipal official Steve Cokely asserting that Jews engaged in an international conspiracy to take over the world, and that Jewish doctors deliberately injected black children with the AIDS virus.."

Louis Farrakhan, identifies Barack Obama as "The Messiah."

"You are the instruments that God is gonna use to bring about universal change. And that is why Barack has captured the youth . And he has involved young people in a political process that they didn't care anything about. That's a sign. When the Messiah speaks, the youth will hear. And the Messiah is absolutely speaking."

Here is the video:

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