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Angie Thomas,  
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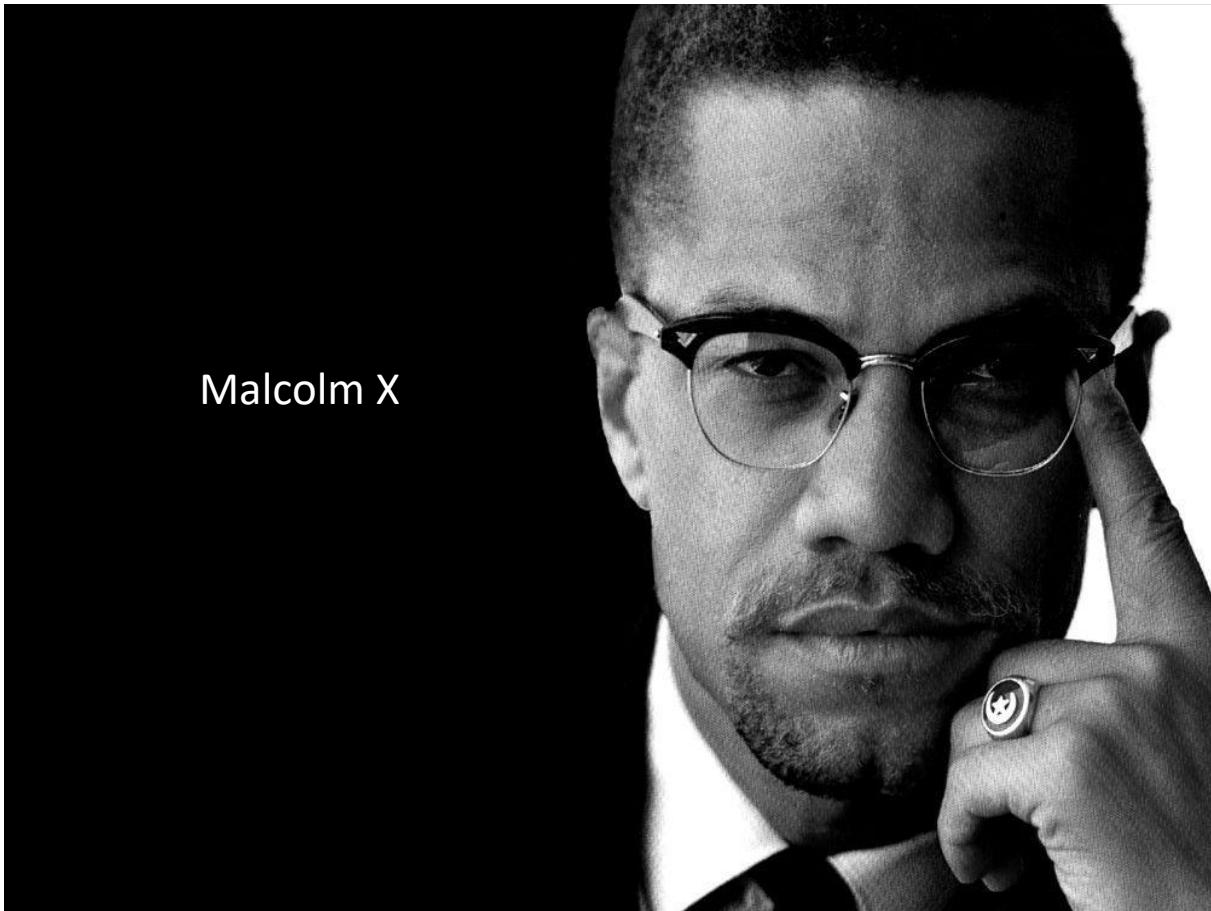
'A powerful, wrenching,  
and compulsively  
readable story that  
lays bare the history,  
and the present,  
of racism in America.'

John Green,  
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*Turtles All the Way Down*

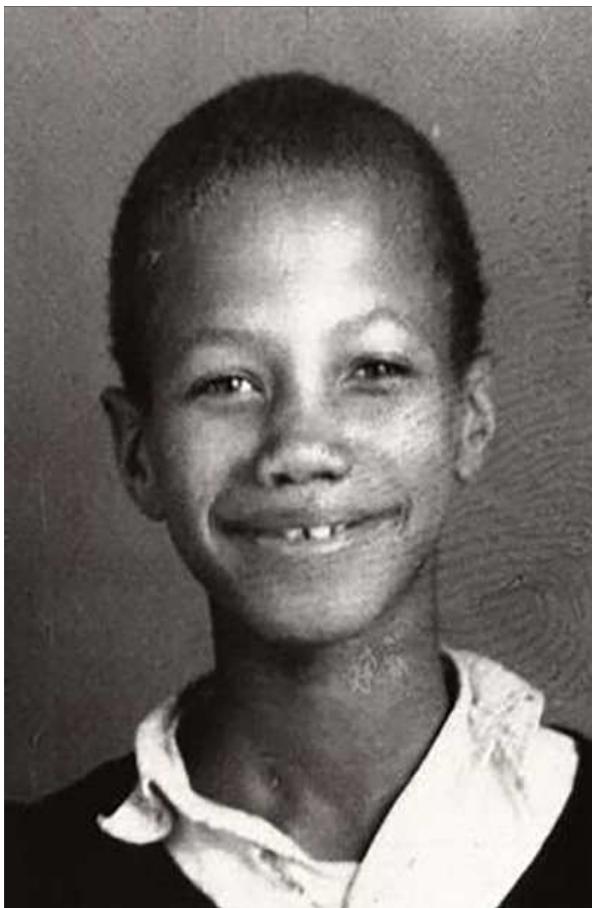
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*Resistance is existence. . . .*

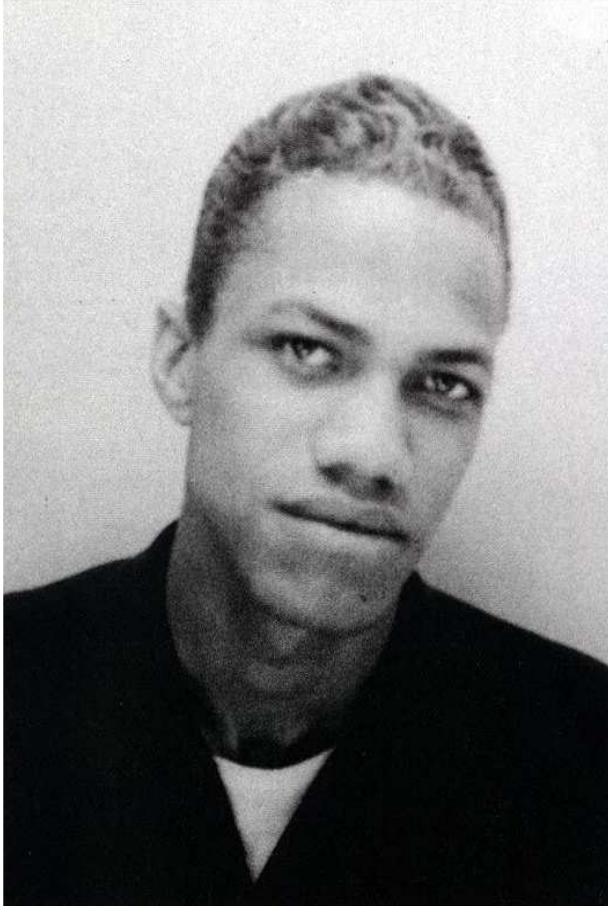


Malcolm X



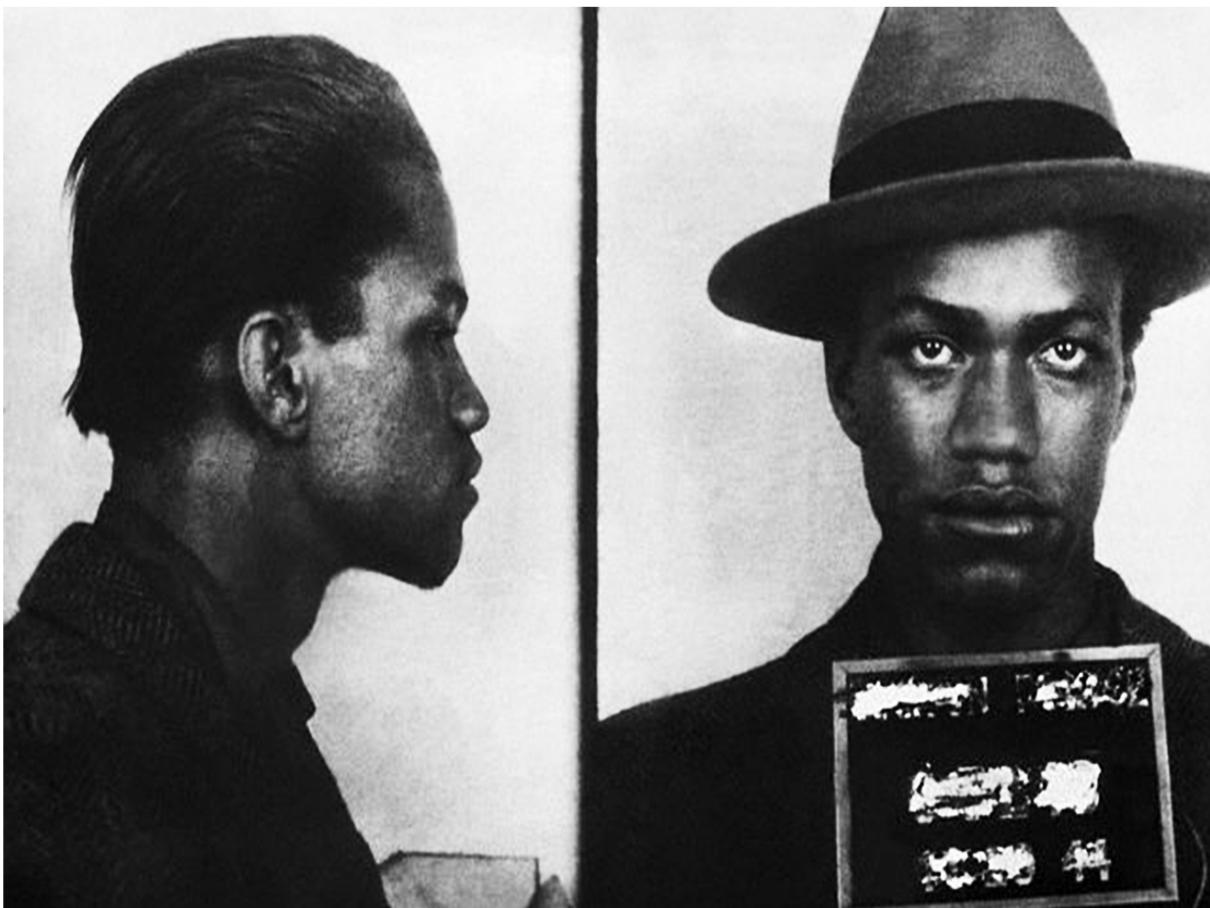
#### *Making Malcolm*

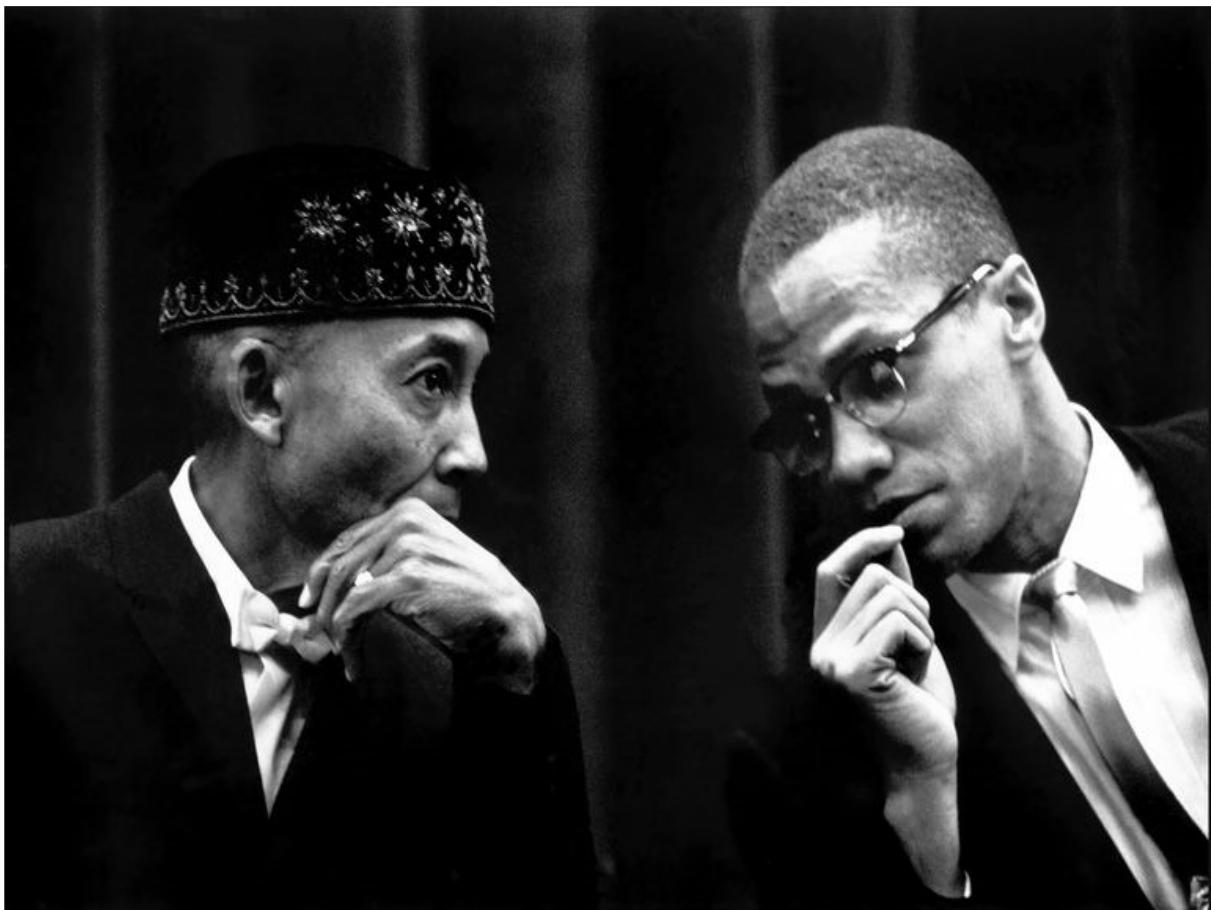
- Malcolm X's first biographical memoir, *My Name Is Malcolm X*, was published in 1992.
- He grew up in Omaha, Nebraska, where he was exposed to the Black Legionnaires.
- His ideas about black nationalism were influenced by his parents' child-rearing during the Great Depression, which caused him to break away from the National Negro Civic Association.
- Earl was the president of the Omaha chapter of the NAACP.
- Malcolm and his siblings were placed into different foster homes due to the Garveyite doctrine of self-help and black unity.
- He would steal food and hustle to survive.
- His family was forced out of Omaha by the Ku Klux Klan.
- He lived with his half-sister Ella in Boston after dropping out of 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- They sought respite in Lansing, Michigan but their house was burned down by a white hate group named the Black Legionnaires.
- These were his "earliest vivid memory" and influenced his condemnation of white racism.



### *Making Malcolm*

- In Boston, he encountered the socially pretentious black bourgeoisie, which lead him to conclude the black middle class would be ineffective in achieving black liberation
- He was also introduced the street life of the poor urban working class, gaining insight into styles, suffering, and aspirations of everyday black people
- His hustling included drug dealing and burglary, which landed him in a penitentiary for a 6- to 10-year sentence
- 1946-1952 marked his first transformation
  - Became a devotee of Elijah Muhammad and Nation of Islam, a black nationalist group





**Sunday Feb. 23** 2:00 P.M.



*The Honorable*

**ELIJAH  
MUHAMMAD SPEAKS**

*SUBJECT: THE GOD OF THE BLACK MAN*

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Rebirth of a Nation

- Nation of Islam emphasized black culture, history, pride and unity
- Contended that white men were devil
  - Lead to advocacy of black separatism
- Rehabilitated and recruited black male prisoners as well as white ones
- Converted criminals, including hustlers, drug dealers, pimps, prostitutes and thieves, who were impoverished by white racist neglect of their need for...
  - Self-respect
  - Social dignity
  - Understanding their royal black history
  - Worshipping and serving a black God
- Spoke to economically, morally, and socially dispossessed blacks who were unaided by the civil rights movement
- Preached self-determination and self-defense
- With Malcolm as its national spokesperson, it...
  - Grew from hundreds to a hundred thousand in the early 1960s
  - Produced 40 temples
  - Bought 30 radio stations





They contrasted what they saw as the corruption of black culture by white Christianity (best symbolized by Martin Luther King, Jr.) and the messages of racial salvation proffered by Elijah Muhammad.

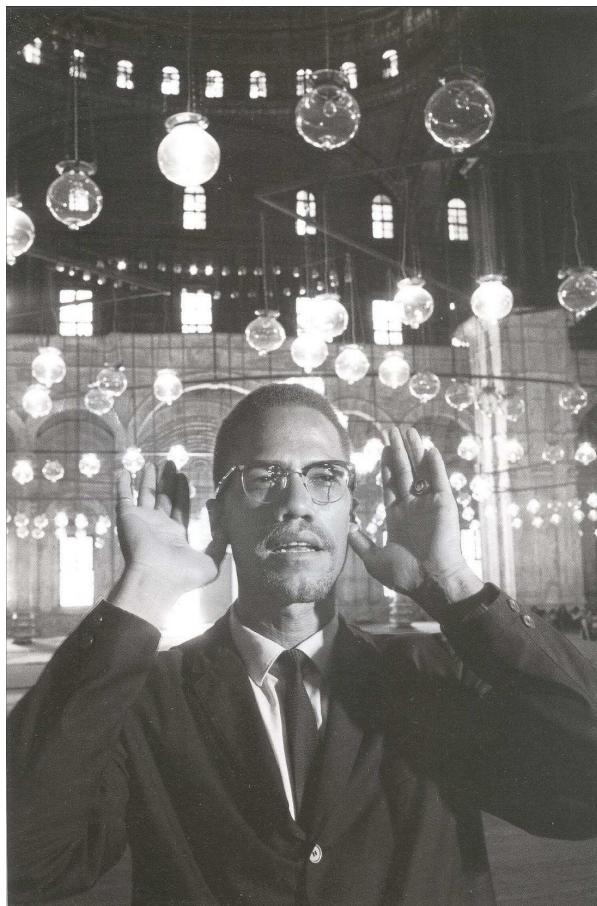
- Redemptive suffering via own bloodshed
- Preached Christian love
- Nonviolent civil disobedience
- Dreamed
- “Reciprocal bloodshed” for blacks and whites
- Bellowed black anger
- Liberation by any means
- Saw nightmares



### It's a Man's, Man's, Man's World

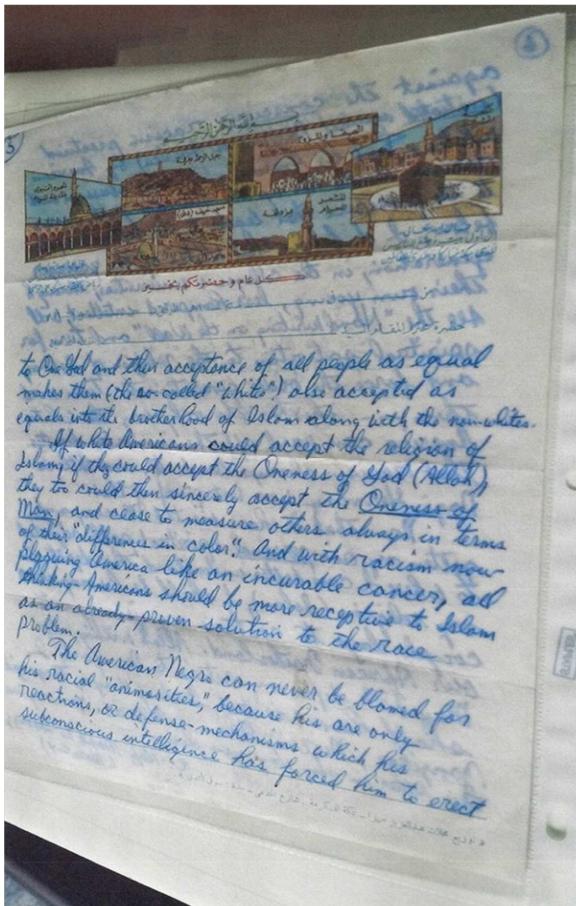
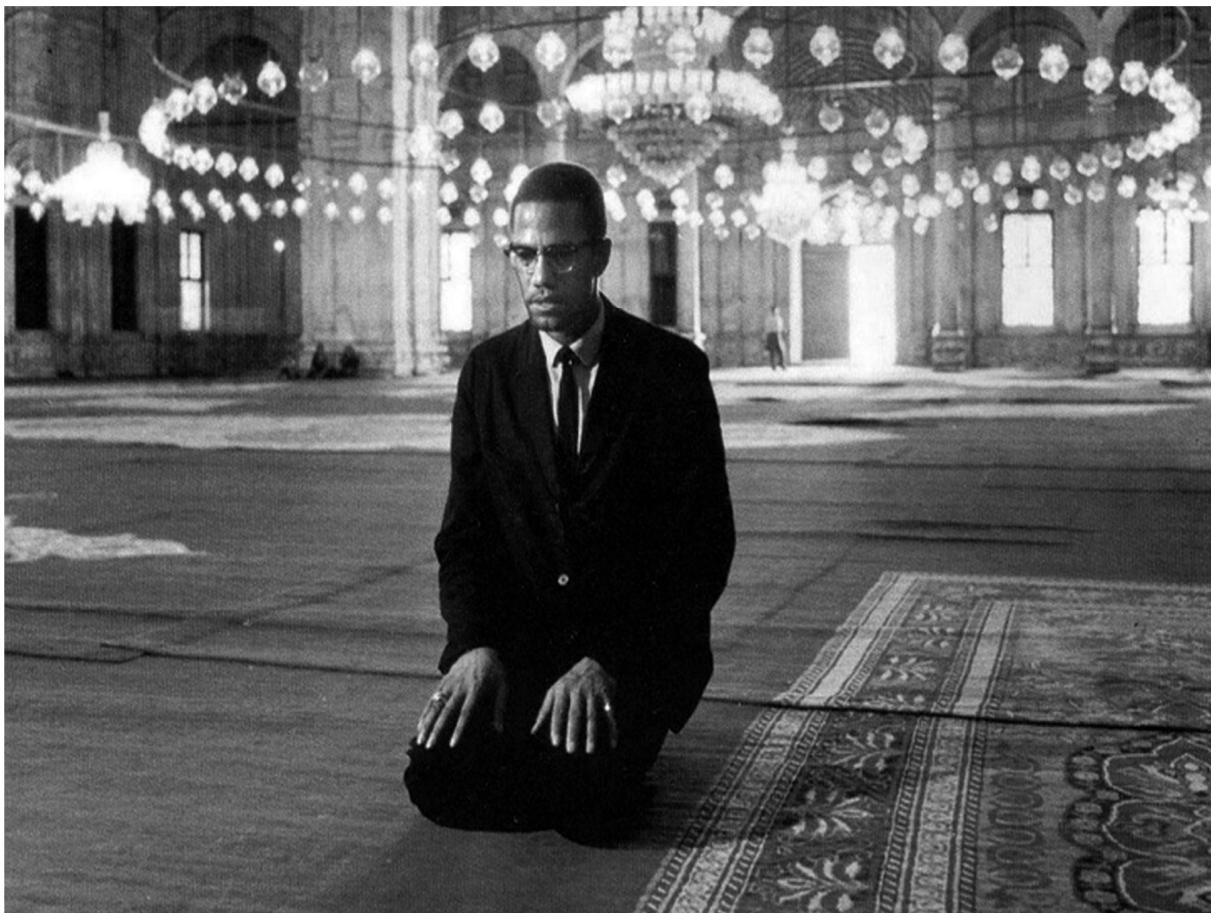


- Decried the social costs of black males being emasculated
- Spoke black liberation in terms of male self-realization
- Put down women
- Argued women were a fatal source of deception and seduction
- Nation of Islam women were desexualized through “modest” dress
- They were also under heavy surveillance
- Reinforced the inferior position of black women in black culture
- Ironically followed the misogynistic traditions of white and black Christianity



### Out of the Shadows

- Malcolm X was frustrated by the Nation’s political passivity in spite of its active and aggressive rhetoric
- He questioned the leadership’s role in achieving liberation
- He also was against its corruption, including the extramarital affairs of Elijah Muhammad
- He privately and later publicly abandoned the belief that whites-are-devils
- He embraced orthodox Islamic beliefs, went on a pilgrimage to Mecca, and split from the Nation in 1964
- His official reason for leaving was being reprimanded by Elijah Muhammad for his remark that President John F. Kennedy’s assassination was “chickens coming home to roost”
- He formed the Muslim Mosque and Organization of Afro-American Unity



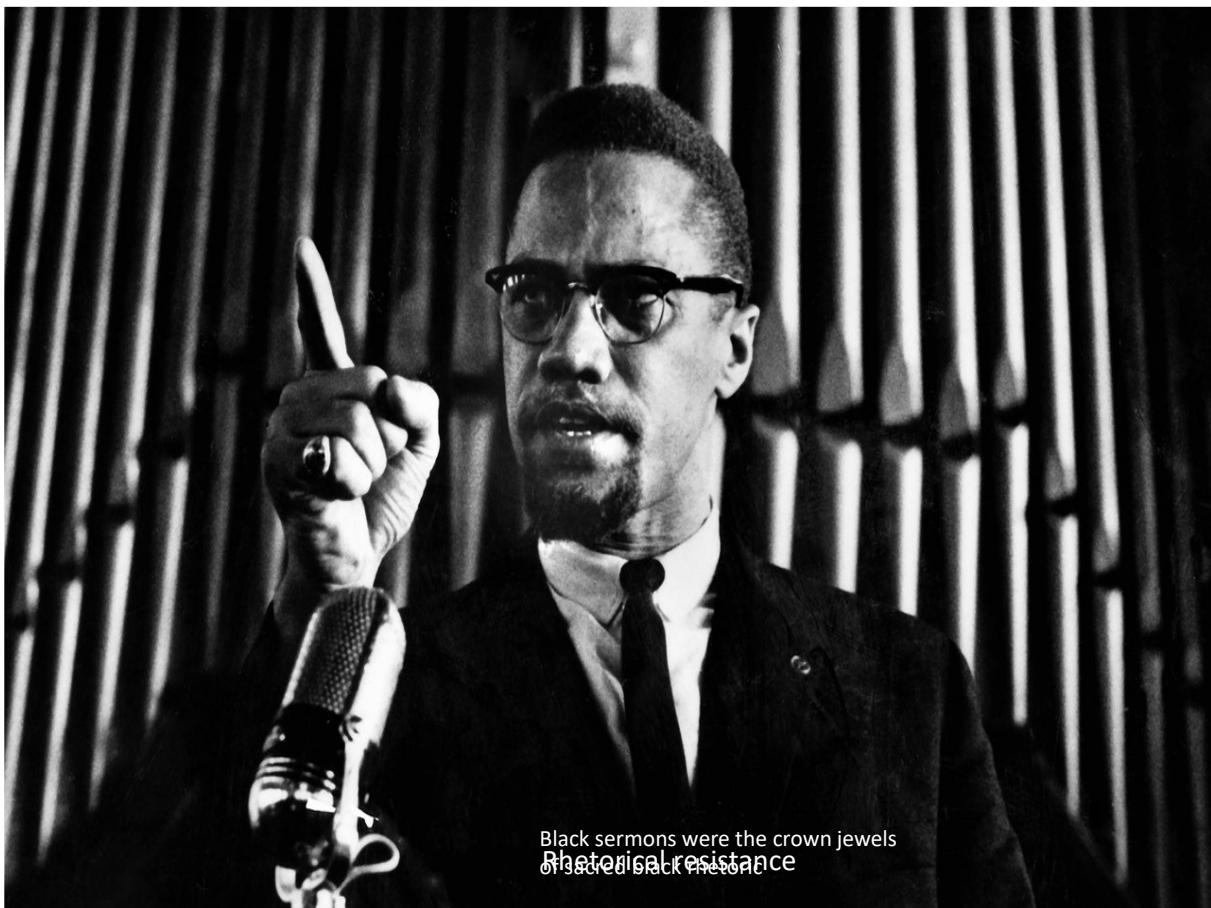
(2) against the conscious racism practised (hosted against Negroes in America) by American whites. But as America's insane obsession with racism leads her up the suicidal path, nearer to the precipice that leads to the bottomless pits below, I do believe that whites of the younger generation, in the colleges + universities, through their own young, less-hampered intellect will see the "Handwriting on the Wall" and turn for spiritual salvation to the religion of Islam, and force the older generation to turn with them; -- this is the only way the white America can ward off the inevitable disaster that racism always leads to, and Hitler's Nazi Germany was best proof of this.

Now that I have visited Mecca, and gotten my own personal spiritual path adjusted to where I can better understand the depth of my religion (Islam), I shall be leaving in a couple days to continue my journey onto our African Fatherland. Allah willing, by May 20th before my return to New York, I shall have visited Sudan, Kenya, Tanganyika, Zanzibar, Nigeria, Ghana + Algeria. You may use this letter in any way you desire.

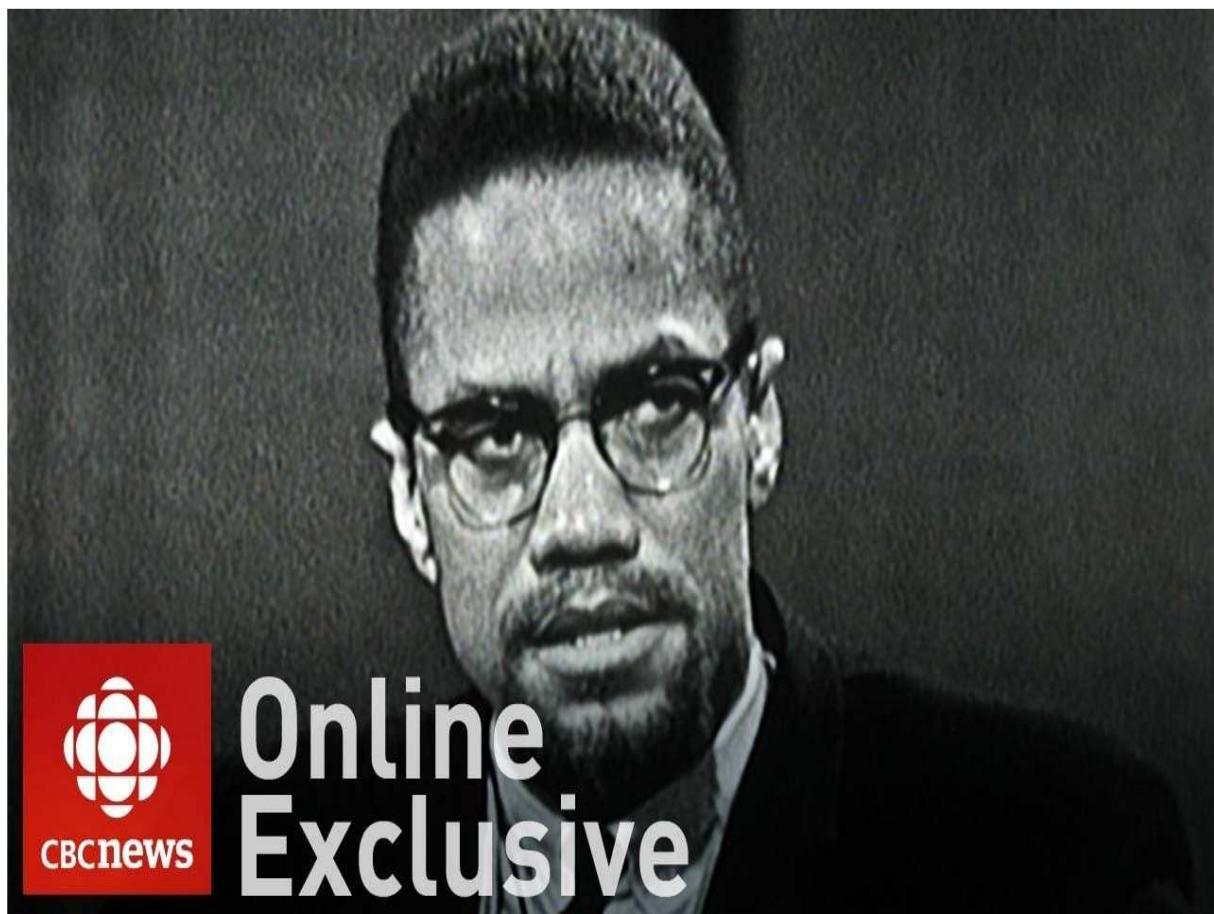
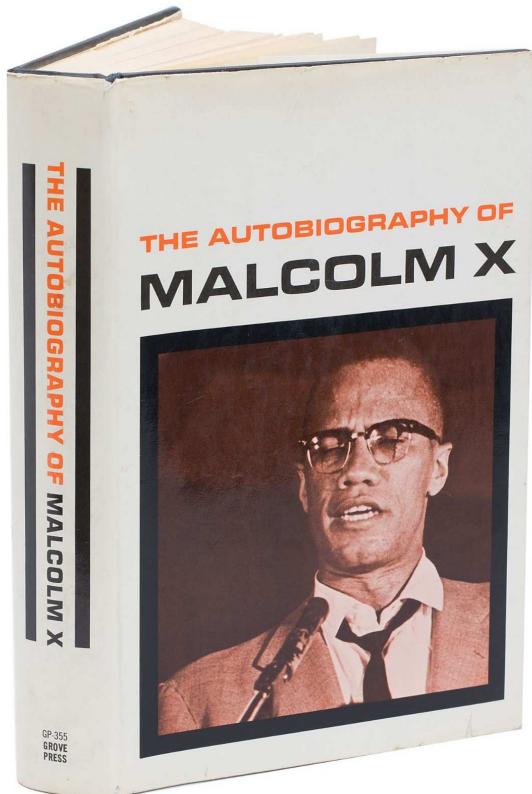
El-Najj Malik El-Shabazz  
(Malcolm X)



On February 21, 1965, Malcolm X was gunned down by Nation of Islam loyalists



Black sermons were the crown jewels  
of rhetorical resistance  
Malcolm X





There on the screen, big and bold and  
bright and blatant, is a picture from  
Jared's Halloween-Political-Statement-  
Turned-Brush-with-Death

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