

Providence Missionary Baptist Church

"Winning the Lost... Developing the Saved"



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Dear Sis. Muhammad,

As-Salaam - A'laikum.

Last night I started reading *Memories* and finished at 3:30 a.m. I traveled with you from your early pain through the numerous, shocking events which Allah allowed you to experience. I sensed and felt your continuous desire to love and be loved, to trust and be trusted—yet we learned that our steps are ordered by God. I could see in my mind's eye the beautiful colors of Africa with its sights, sounds and people. I smelled the poverty of Haiti, while working the numerous halls, with you, of so many powerful people worldwide.

You have truly lived and are living a rich, full, blessed life under God's divine mercy. What a thrilling and humbling experience to walk down Memory Lane with you, but equally as significant—I met and know you personally. And, though I am not among the powerful and notable, for a brief moment in time our paths crossed and I was blessed beyond measure.

It is very early Monday morning and your book—not your message—has significantly altered the remainder of my brief sojourn on Earth. Thank you and I pray Allah's complete love, peace, and joy upon you. Please extend my warmest, heartfelt greeting to the Honorable Minister Farrakhan.

As-Salaam - A'laikum

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gerald L. Durley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Pastor Gerald L. Durley

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