

Critical mission: one people, many nations or nationalities!

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Introduction

In the beginning, EGZ-AB- B'Her said "let there be light". The sunlight is still shinning to this day 24/7 in both Eritrea and Ethiopia. Then EGZi (God, Allah, Jehovah, Dao, etc.) created a model and a role model of himself. And he named them Adam and Eve. Adam is now habiting in Eritrea while Eve is living in Ethiopia. Like Brangelina, they are divorced with or without contention a case I do not understand. Time will tell who will win the custody of their children. It will be a prolonged struggle unless it is based on political agenda. As at now, all struggles seem to hinge on non-political such as ethnic and religious concepts.

The above paragraph seems fictional but what about the title "critical mission: one people, many nations or nationalities". Is this fiction or reality? Anthropologists have documented that men and women travelled from the Afar lands to form citizens, nations or nationalities all over the world. Those who did not travel remained up to the present moment in what we call Ethiopia or Eritrea. Whether we call Eritrea a state or Ethiopia a Democratic republic is irrelevant to the inhabitants of the plains or the mountains. People have lived here and there as one people, many nations or nationalities crisscrossing Ethiopia and Eritrea. They were not classified as tribes, castes, ethnic or otherwise. They were known exclusively as Kola, Weina or Dega people. Geographers should tell us whether such climatic division exists elsewhere in the world apart from Ethiopia and Eritrea.

Why do we always talk about problems? Can we put them in factual instead of fictional context?

Who would not revere and appreciate the Ethiopian cultural value of secrecy and conspiracy working side by side for Millenniums? If they are not joined by the letter S, they are disruptive as we all can see in today's world of chaos or mess.

I like the secrecy and conspiracy of the "Abyssinians" and I also give appreciation to the conspiracy and openness of the Oromo intellectuals. Nevertheless, elites have failed to communicate with one another especially with the onset of the Ethiopian Revolution. Here is how:-

Secrecy theory: Even though, we live in the same climate, time and space, we secretly feel as if we are different human species to each other. It is Lack of knowledge about geography.

Conspiracy theory: foreign powers such as America inspired us to disassociate with secrecy and practice open life style. A cultural change is as difficult as lack for knowledge of geography.

The critical mission of one people, many nations, and nationalities was accomplished right after the downfall of the ancient regime of Haile Selassie I, in 1974. How do we know that? It is simple if we accept the following three main reasons.

The slogan “land to the tiller” was very accurate description for the people living in the south part of Ethiopia but for the Northern people of Ethiopia, although there was no slogan saying “land to the owners”, it was assumed that land be it rural or urban land was meant to be owned by individuals.

The progressives should take over the helms of the government. That was also accepted by the majority of Ethiopians as low officers of the military and the low class of workers were promised to be in control of the power of nations and nationalities. In actual fact, they saw physically Menghistu H. Mariam who was little known among the majority of Ethiopians.

That the Ethiopian Revolutionary change should be protected from foreign powers, mainly from American imperialism.

What was the method we used to implement the above goals and objectives? Who were the actors to carry out the Ethiopian Revolution? As to actors, there were hundreds of them both domestic and foreign. Let us leave this to the historians for history is not for everybody.

Instead let us dwell on the means and ways the actors conducted themselves in order to carry the above three ideal goals and objectives.

The possible solutions

In fact it is not worthwhile to go back and evaluate the ways and means the leaders of the Revolution have conducted themselves. It is much better to evaluate using the current situation in both Ethiopia and Eritrea. Here is how:-

The land question is not resolved or is bastardized. Both regimes in Ethiopia or Eritrea promulgated that “all lands belong to the government”. As a slogan, it is excellent just like it was at the beginning of the 1974 Ethiopian Revolution where it said that “land to the tiller and progressive elements of the government should lead the government”.

The key word is the government. Who is the government? What is government? These are the basic questions to be answered then and now.

The government is the elected officials and the government is the check and balance of the three branches of government. Do we have these government either in Ethiopia or Eritrea? The resounding answer is no.

The real question then, if neither Ethiopians nor Eritreans can either own land or elect their governments, what is the alternative solution? The alternative solutions is in the hands of the DIASPORA COMMUNITY. Why am I saying this? It is the global immigrant reality as well as the recent pronouncements of Prime Minister of Ethiopia, Haile Mariam Desalegne. HMD said that Ethiopians can only tell us or dictate us about what we do and what we don't do. By implications, he can harm the voiceless and the helpless at home and he can bar or prevent the DIASPORA COMMUNITY from participating in the Ethiopian political affairs. I don't take his implication lightly. It means that those in DIASPORA COMMUNITY are foreigners. Let us take it seriously and be prepared.

The DIASPORA COMMUNITY be it Ethiopian or Eritrean has the power to influence the government although not to dictate. This is in line to the recent speech of Haile Mariam Desalegne. At least that is the implication, I deciphered. In other words, the Diaspora community is non-Ethiopian, or Eritrean for that matter. We are nations or nationalities all over the world. We have relinquished our identity. That will be our real future problem.

The following addendum may help to sift between the problem and solutions for Ethiopia or Eritrea.

ADDENDUM:

Fallacy number 1

Since their early years of involving in the Ethiopian affairs, the Americans were for the unity of Ethiopia and Eritrea not in their separation. Why because American interest lies in the Blue Nile and not in the Red Sea as widely imagined. Interest in the Red Sea is exclusively in the domain of Israel. You can check the blog of Herman Cohen, ex ambassador to Ethiopia. As to why the interest of America and Israel coincides in Ethiopia and Eritrea is anybody's guess.

Fallacy number 2.

Eritrea has never been part of Ethiopia. Actually it was not only part of Ethiopia, it was the main part of Ethiopia. Then, why all this claim and counter claims result in wars and revolution?

The answer lies in the names and contents of Ethiopia. Ethiopia is a tradition, a current one and a future one. Tradition is history (Eritrean domain), the people of Ethiopia and Eritrea are current, and the future is utopian. In other words, the past, the current and the future are not only interlinked but also inseparable. Ethiopia is a living example of human destiny.

Fallacy number 3.

EPRP (Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Party) galvanized the Ethiopian Revolution to separate all of us, if not to destroy us. Check for yourself if it is true.

Here is a resume of EPRP:

Love for the letter E (fingers and toes) E is pronounced as Ei in Ethiopia whereas in Eritrea, it is EA.

Respect for party governance which are still missing in both Ethiopia and Eritrea

In order to accomplish this task of love of people and respect for party politics, the Ethiopian Revolutionary Youth led by their mentors and role models undertook a daring Revolutionary path to bring Ethiopia to the 21st century. This path named/baptized as DEMOCRACIA was designed by BDT. It was not only proper to refer to the Greeks who gave us the name of Ethiopia for the land and Eritrea for the sea, but also in the essence of the word itself which also originated from the Greeks (GRK).

As history of anthropologist testify that human beings originated in Ethiopia, our mentors and role models informed us that Arts has originated in Africa travelled to Europe via Science and further to America to become Technology, (AST).

Who are the Artists and the Scientists in the Ethiopian case? The readers can name them, but I would mention Tsegaye Gebre Medhin aka DEBTERAW. He was an Artist and a Scientist at the same time. The

Art & Culture part can be deciphered from his real name and the science part is embedded in his penname, DEBTERAW. For Tsegaye DEBTERAW, Art and Science in Ethiopia are inseparable just like the mind and the heart. A case in point is my personal struggle of heart surgery and stroke condition being played at separate hospitals.

According to DEBTERAW, Arts, he argues is the domain of the people and he calls it KI'Ne'T. Other artists like Haile Gerima, ascribe Arts to the individual. There lies the problem with Ethiopian Revolution. Some copied the slogan without understanding it. Now that we can see that Arts belong to the people, individuals can be their own individual artists. DEBTERAW has rested his case. Now is the era of Technology and DEBTERAW is sending messages of oxygen via DD (digital/democracy), or via Dabat & Debark (DD) or via Dire Dawa (DD) to both the Eritrean and Ethiopian people.

President Obama in his last speech of the Union asked the American people to embrace change, DEBTERAW has asked the Ethiopian people some fifty years ago. Check the similarities between Obama and Debteraw on which I have written an article on their similarities and differences, some years back. Google it under the title "CALL ME BY MY NAME: solutions with DEBTERAW.

Today similarly to President Obama's call, DEBTERAW'S call is to unite not only Ethiopians but also Eritreans where ever they are. He has written a letter to that effect and we better embrace it. DEBTERAW always believe in "live la difference"! If anyone doubt about his belief, I have a proof to show you. This is the political POINT OF VIEW OF DEBTERAW, TSEGEYE GEBRE MEDHIN.

How is that DEBTERAW relate Arts and Science in the Eway Ethiopian Revolution? Debteraw alludes to the two Zera Yacobs of Ethiopia, one of Axum the other of Ankober. The Axumite Zera Yacob was a philosopher upon which we still practice our life. The Ankoberite Yacob was a king upon which many Monarchy and Nobility followers still strive to survive and thrive.

Today's message from DEBTERAW, is for all Eathipians to ask and trust one another. It is abbreviated to A&T of DEBTERAW.

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