

Communications via AGNⁱ between Eritreans and Ethiopians

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Introduction

Ever since I began writing any piece of article on the 13th of each month, I was not rebelling; rather I was complying with my DOB on Paque'men, the 13th month of our calendar. There is a lot of literature known and unknown written about the number thirteen. If you need to read check this:-

<http://www.jesus-is-savior.com/False%20Religions/Wicca%20&%Witchcraft/13.htm>.

As an Eritrean

Aside from my DOB, I have not participated in the Referendum for the separation of Eritrea from Ethiopia. My reasons are written in the journal of Imbla, 1991. Ok then. A lot of people ask me why I don't participate in the politics of Eritrea after Independence. My simple answer is that I have a partner who has the same issue as mine. And that is, he belongs to a minority group of people in Eritrea known as Jeberti. This group of people do not seem to enjoy the rights and freedoms gained through the long struggle for liberation and freedom. Why, they were told that they do not have a language of their own to enjoy. That kept me aloof from participating in the politics of Eritrea. It is similar to the denials of those of us who are denied our rights and freedom from celebrating and honoring our thirteenth month of sunshine. Languages set as a criterion by EPLF and ethnic affiliations set by the TPLF do not add up to the concepts and theories of liberation, freedom and independence.

For my partner (Jeberti & liberator) and I (freedom seeker), participation in the politics of Eritrea and Eritreans are unwarranted. My partner communicates via music and I communicate via transport & communication. The current music and communication tech are not synchronized with the Eritrean people. Without these two fundamental means of interactions, the heart is dead and the mind is stalled. The cultural cornerstone of music and literature is no less than the cornerstone of food and soul.

As an Ethiopian

As to the real issue of using Latin alphabets, GE'EZ and Arabic numbers, they are all about communications. Nothing more nothing less.

The Ethiopian elites, of course, using Latin alphabet, Ge'ez script or Arabic numerals, often attempt to hoodwink the masses to follow them in whatever endeavor they want them to be engaged. There lies the gap of communication with the oral society of Ethiopia as well as Eritrea. And what is more, when values of truth and trust (VTT) collide head on, the current situation of confusion and disorientation happens. This is tragic of the first order and must be corrected immediately.

First, let us make Eritreans accept that Mah'ber 7 (an organized pioneer unit) is dead for the number 7 is the completion of man and not the beginning. The new preferred number is 11. Compare this with that "Adam was an Eritrean and Eve is an Ethiopian."

Second, that the 13 Eritrean university students who asked pardon from Emperor Haile Selassie were not rebellious enough to reject the pardon of guilt. This history is repeating itself. Eritrean elites are not

rebelling against the government of Eritrea, rather they are rebelling against themselves or at best against the peoples of Eritrea. Their case seems identical to the 13 Eritreans who were pardoned by His Majesty Haile Selassie carried out through the proxy of Seyoum Haregot, an Eritrean who had power and connection to the Ethiopian throne. Today, there is no majesty in Eritrea only dictatorship of the peasants and military.

The case of Bisha Mining and Sawa training are not cases for contention against the government of Eritrea unless we compare Nevsun with Cecil Rhodes, the scramble for Africa. As to Sawa, the training for skills is not the problem, it is the assignment after the training. They are separate issues and goals.

Alternative Solutions

- Let each Eritrean or Ethiopian learn and teach from one another the meanings and counter meanings of liberation, freedom, democracy and Independence. They may mean different things to different people.
- We should stop comparing if not interfering with each other's country or government. They do more harm than good.

Alternative solutions are abundant. The world has changed and we want our children to excel in the global world. Let us listen to what our young adults say and do. It is their time and not our time, as the tools of communication is in their hands. If they succeed it is because of our past sacrifices, if they don't we have failed. We gave them Independence, whatever it means. We showed them how to survive and struggle for Revolution.

One the one hand, it was not an easy accomplishment for the Eritreans to be recognized via embassies and passports. It is an accomplishment by itself to be recognized by the "outsiders." It is a different thing, though, to use the embassies and the passports for its citizens to travel all over the world.

The Ethiopians, on the other hand, should come together to have one flag and one language. The flag is becoming like the nonfunctional embassies of Eritrea. They are just one is stationary, the other is floating. The language case is similar to the passport of Eritrea which is mostly dysfunctional.

There is one fundamental truth which this generation or the next should never ever forget. That is the Ethiopian Eway Revolution was successful. More coming on these success stories to tell.

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