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Dead men, they say, tell no tales  
"In an exchange of fire"  
BUT WHILE WE'RE STILL ALIVE...

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- Haile Selassie I

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# ANNOUNCEMENT

To our valued readers,

**THANK YOU ALL FOR THE SUPPORT IN MAKING WISEMIND E-MAGAZINE A SUCCESS, AND ALSO FOR HELPING US TO GROW IN READERSHIP.**

We have announced a change to the name of our magazine. The name WISEMIND E-MAGAZINE, will no longer be used. Beginning with our February 2017 issue, expect the first issue of "THE CALABASH".

During the month of January, we revamped the publication and modified its format. The content, news, and stories you have come to be familiar with will indeed continue, with a few new additions, and include a focus in reporting on the indigenous peoples of the world and the struggles against colonization and imperialism.

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Thank you for your patience and overstanding.

Chief Editor: Sister Katrice Beepath





**F**ebruary 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1973, it is a day I will always remember until my last day on this earth. My emotions changed during writing this article of some of the day's events. Nathaniel "Sookoo" Jack, Mervyn "Blanca" Andrews, John Beddoe and Ulric Gransaul, were killed by the Police/Army "Flying Squad" led by Randolph Burroughs in Trou Macaque, Laventille, Trinidad & Tobago.

Blanca and Sookoo along with John Beddoe were revolutionary role models; they schooled us, gave us guidance and counseling, and were members of the National United Freedom Fighters (NUFF), with the exception of Ulric Gransaul who was also killed that day. I knew Blanca and Sookoo growing up in Fyzabad, they were a few years older than I.

Blanca was a very good soccer player; he used to play with the Evergreen Football Club. He encouraged and influenced a lot of young brothers from Fyzabad to become members of the club. He was a father figure to Massy, Merlyn and Joyce Wright during their teenage years; he was also the same to a lot of other young sisters and brothers in the village and was related to as a "big brother".



Sookoo was a Farmer, a man who did everything for his parents, and in other ways, was very helpful to other villagers. He was a good son, and took care of his family's farm animals; he encouraged us youths to get an education and to look out for each other. He was the husband of Sister Merlyn Wright. She bore him two daughters, who have never had the pleasure to grow up in his company, because of his early and untimely death. My last memory of him was in some khaki coveralls wearing tall black rubber boots holding his first daughter, a baby just a few months old, in front of the house where he lived on Gerald Hill, perhaps either just coming from the bush or going.

**I F YOU ARE NOT THEIR SLAVES, YOU ARE REBELS.**

**C.L.R. JAMES**



John Beddoe was a man of great academic achievement who organized and coordinated the various NUFF units throughout the country. He was a graduate of the College of Immaculate Conception (CIC) from where he received seven *O's* and four *A's* and was about to further his studies at University level, which he aborted because of his involvement in the Struggle. He was Marxist and was an avid reader of all the philosophical classics from Plato to Karl Marx. He felt that the basis for our Revolution should be African/Indian unity.

Ulric Gransaul, a Rastaman, was very good friends with John Beddoe. He was not known to be politically active in any organization; matter of fact, word has it that he abhorred violence and politics. It would seem like he was in the right place at the wrong time on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1973.

The village of Fyzabad is filled with retired oilfield workers with almost every adult being involved with the oilfields in some capacity. And



I, like Blanca and Sookoo, were no different than the other children and grandchildren of those retired oilfield workers who were Butlerites. We are the grandchildren of those people who forged the trade unions. We were all brought up in an atmosphere of labor strikes, sit downs, walk-outs, "go-slows" and demonstrations. Some young people were blacklisted from ever having jobs in the oilfields, because

of the actions of their parents and grandparents.

Sookoo and Blanca were part of that new generation of Butlerites, who died for a better Trinidad & Tobago and the Caribbean at large. They fought against Neo-Colonialism and the Imperialist domination of our National resources. They were following the proud tradition left by their fore parents who fought the foreign owned oil companies for improved working conditions and control of our resources in 1937 during the Butler days. They will forever be remembered and loved.





Earlier that day, I remember it being hot and sunny. The news was blaring on the radio of a robbery at the Bank of Barclays in Port-of-Spain, in which a very large sum of money was taken.

We were having an ideological reading session up on the hill, under the mango tree by Blanca's mother's house at Khan Trace, Fyzabad. There were a few brothers gathered, as it was on most days. Up on "the hill" was bubbling with activity. People were just "liming" (hanging out) and lots of conversation was taking place as usual between the neighbors. Blanca's mother was sitting inside her house peering out the window as the radio broadcasted the news.

There were several different political organizations operating in those days, National Joint Action Committee (NJAC), TAPIA, United Revolutionary Organization (URO), the National United Freedom Fighters (NUFF), and then there was the Oilfield Workers Trade Union (OWTU), and sugar cane unions and a few others. The people of Trinidad & Tobago were dissatisfied with the way the country was being run at that time. This is three years after all the Black Power demonstrations and labor marches, during which the country was under a state of emergency, operating on a dusk-till-dawn curfew.



Around 4-5 pm, there was an announcement made by the broadcaster, stating that 4 men were killed in a joint Police/Army raid on a house in Trou Macaque, Laventille. I remember the neighborhood getting very quiet as the news went on, revealing that the men who were killed were members of the Revolutionary organization the National United Freedom Fighters (NUFF). At this point we weren't sure who the men were. This we learned later on that night.

The news went on to say that the Police and Army acted on a "hot" tip and made their way to Trou Macaque, Laventille, a neighborhood riddled with poverty in the foot hills of Port-of-Spain. The broadcaster went on to say that the police cornered the "bandits" in a house and were met with gunfire, in order to justify their deadly



actions. The underground “grapevine” told a different story, one in which the bredren were tear gassed and riddled with bullets as they lay on the floor of the house. We learned thru the grapevine that Sookoo was wounded outside and left to die on a hospital gurney.

NUFF had always advocated against collateral damage and the killing of innocent people, whereas the police shot first and asked questions later. The house was divided into two apartments. In one apartment were the four bredren, and the other was occupied by a woman and a small baby, who was in her home at the time of the shooting. The entire house was riddled with bullets. In truth and actuality, those brothers died without firing a shot at the Police/Army units, something that was not

reported by the media. Two of the young men were from Fyzabad, Nathaniel “Sookoo” Jack and Mervyn ‘Blanca” Andrews. The other two brothers, Ulric Gransaul and John Beddoe, were from Port-of Spain. The news spread like wildfire throughout Fyzabad. I am not sure if that night or the next was the wake for the fallen brothers. However, once the news sank in, people began to gather; be they sympathizers or NUFF urban units. Drums were playing loud with singing and chanting till morning throughout the next day. A few days later, a joint funeral was held for Blanca & Sookoo. I want to say that that was probably the largest funeral to ever take place in Fyzabad. The coffins were carried on the shoulders of family and NUFF members down Guapo Rd. Today, there are **NO** graves to mark the burial plots as the cemetery was bulldozed a few years later.

NUFF also released its first official newsletter called *The Freedom Fighter* on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February 1973, which was reprinted by *the Express* newspaper in its entirety with an edit of its own. *The Express* changed "**taking advantage of the enemy's many weaknesses**" from the original *Freedom Fighter* newsletter, to "**taking part of the enemy's money problems**". *The Express* also carried the story of the killings in Trou Macaque, accompanied by pictures of the brothers lying dead on the ground (the same pictures featured in this article).



NUFF had released an **earlier news bulletin in 1972**, handwritten in ink .The government of the time didn't want the country to realize that an insurrection had begun, and therefore it was never published by the media. It took the highly publicized deaths of Sister Beverly Jones and Kenneth Tenia in the hills of North Trinidad before the masses began to wake up to the reality of an armed resistance organizing and assembling around the country; and that the stories publicized in the media of "bandits" and "armed gangs" was not the truth, but was a cover-up of the government's failure to address the concerns of the people of Trinidad & Tobago. NUFF had begun to write itself into the history books of Trinidad and Tobago and the Caribbean – a fact which local historians FAIL to admit.

These brothers, Nathaniel "Sookoo" Jack, Mervyn "Blanca" Andrews, John Beddoe, and Ulric Gransaul and all the other fallen NUFF members will stay in our hearts and minds, while saluting those who survived and are still living.



Gransaul and all the other fallen NUFF members will stay in our hearts and minds, while saluting those who survived and are still living.

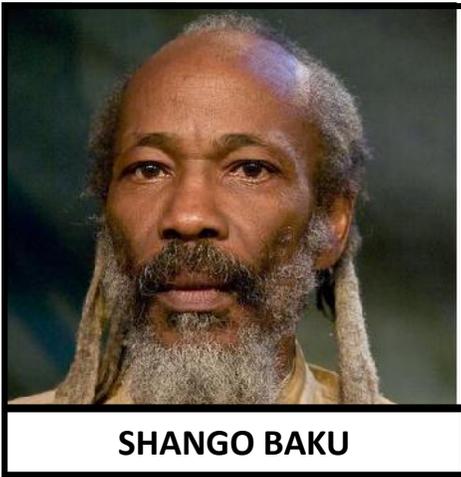
— *WRITTEN BY RAVIN BEEPATH IN COLLABORATION WITH MALCOLM "JAI" KERNAHAN & EDITED BY KATRICE BEEPATH.*

**NATIONAL LIBERATION, NATIONAL RENAISSANCE, THE RESTORATION OF NATIONHOOD TO THE PEOPLE, COMMONWEALTH: WHATEVER MAY BE THE HEADINGS USED OR THE NEW FORMULAS INTRODUCED, DECOLONIZATION IS ALWAYS A VIOLENT PHENOMENON.**

**FRANTZ FANON**

**IT IS IMPORTANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT GUERRILLA WARFARE IS A WAR OF THE MASSES, A WAR OF THE PEOPLE. THE GUERRILLA BAND IS AN ARMED NUCLEUS, THE FIGHTING VANGUARD OF THE PEOPLE. IT DRAWS ITS GREAT FORCE FROM THE MASS OF THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES.**

**CHE GUEVARA**



**SHANGO BAKU**

**Great day in Accra!** Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2016. Signing of the Diasporan Citizenship Act at the WEB Dubois Centre in the presence of outgoing President John Mahama.

Huge gathering in a spacious hall at the Centre. At least 400 splendidly dressed African dignitaries and returnees from the Diaspora. Massive Rastafari presence adding colour, quality and poignancy to the occasion. Songs of Bob Marley fill the auditorium as the expectant crowd awaits the President's arrival: Redemption Song, Africa Unite, Exodus, etc., setting hearts a-flutter as eyes grow misty with historical remembrance.

The President arrives amid great applause. National Anthem from the Police Band. Opening Prayer. Speeches. The occasion is livicated to Marcus Garvey (Black Star), WEB Dubois, Kwame Nkrumah, Martin Luther King, Bob Marley. Now, at last, their hopes and aspirations for Africa's redemption were being fulfilled in reality. President Mahama in his address described the Slave Trade as "the most evil act" perpetrated by human beings against their fellowmen and women. He recalled seeing Alex Hayley's "Roots" as a young student, and being moved to tears at the horrors suffered by Kunta Kinte and his fellows, torn from the bosom of mother Africa and taken in chains to a life of torture in the West. Today, he said, the "Door of No return" has become the "Door of Return!" There were loud hoots of approval and ululation from the crowded auditorium. Many were moved to tears.



**JOHN MAHAMA  
PRESIDENT OF GHANA**

He made mention of the many forts and castles that lined the Ghanaian coast and the chapels that were constructed above the dungeons in which captive Africans were held in atrocious conditions.

Elder Dr. Malauna, a revered long-term returnee activist spoke of not merely history, but of prophecy being fulfilled. He quoted Genesis 15, Vs 13 and 14, Matthew 21 Vs 42.

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Others re-intoned the words of Martin Luther King in which he promised that future generations would see the blessed land - even if he did not get there himself. "Free at last, Free at last, Thank God we're free at last!"

A 'first batch' of 34 diasporans were solemnly sworn in at the close of the ceremony and awarded certificates of citizenship. Among them were several Rastafari brethren and sistren, notably Ras Byron (music producer) and his wife, who have lived in Cape Coast for at least a decade. Honoured guests included Samia Nkrumah, Ghanaian MP and daughter of the late great Kwame Nkrumah. Other key players were Ambassadors Kwesi Kwartey and Dr Erica Barnett who were highly commended for their roles in bringing this Act to pass.

It seems that the long-awaited gate of Repatriation is now open. Ghana welcomes (it was said) her long-separated brethren and sistren from the Diaspora who can return with skills to help build Africa in the great design presaged by its mighty advocates, its legendary Mother and Father figures.

I felt truly privileged to be part of this historic event, which came out of the Joseph Project (2007) and the many antecedent struggles for the right to return. Skeptics may say this was Mahama's attempt to secure a lasting legacy. He vacates his office on 7th January 2017. But his public pronouncements cannot be revoked. The pressure will be maintained to ensure that the promises enshrined in this belated but timely Act are adhered to in full, are replicated throughout Africa, and accelerated in this crucial UN Decade for African Descendants.

The event augurs well for 2017 and beyond. As it is the Will of His Imperial Majesty and Empress Menen, so may it bring mutual blessings to the sundered families of Africans at home and abroad.

One perfect love

- SHANGO BAKU

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ONE OF THE MOST SERIOUS ERRORS, IF NOT THE MOST SERIOUS ERROR, COMMITTED BY COLONIAL POWERS IN AFRICA, MAY HAVE BEEN TO IGNORE OR UNDERESTIMATE THE CULTURAL STRENGTH OF AFRICAN PEOPLES.

AMILCAR CABRAL

# CONQUERING THE DRAGON OF ISM

REFLECTIONS ON A COLD JANUARY MORNING IN SHASHEMENE

Like InI Founding Fathers, I frequently greet people with the words peace and love. But these are not mere words. Conquering the isms that can plague everyday life if allowed, means fine-tuning InI cultivated livity for the Irit of peace and love to remain. This is at both the personal and the Iniversal level and I hope InI as a Nation can conquer one such ism – racism.

Racism is to be starkly distinguished from the racial consciousness of His Imperial Majesty, Haile Selassie I when he granted the land in Shashemene as a gift to the Black Peoples of the West. Personally, I have had to fight a tendency towards certain isms in my own life but I have not been as careful to preserve my racial consciousness. This is important in several ways.



**MAMA IJAHYNA  
CHRISTIAN**

First, it is critically important to know and to ensure that InI children and youth know, who InI are and from whence We came. That is the only way the Rastafari Nation can know where it is headed. Second, heightened racial consciousness leads to decisions about how the Nation develops - its consumption patterns that show where money spent ends up. All that is to say it manifests in ways like buying and investing Black.

People are Black, White, Yellow, Red – none of them actual skin colors but color designations for the beautiful tapestry of the human race that makes it so Itiful. All are made by the Creator. Racism is therefore not an issue of Biology but one of historical inequities and atrocities inflicted by pale-skinned nations against dark-skinned nations. The benefits of those power relations continue in the present to flow one way as the nature of the exploitation has shifted from the triangular trade in African peoples to a globalized trade regime. Put simply, the Black peoples and their resources in the Developing World, continue to fuel the wealth of White people in the Developed World.

This is possibly the root of the intense anger that so quickly surfaces in response to conflict in too many organizations. I call it plantation damage. Dr. Joy DeGruy calls it Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome. To my mind, conscious white people should also be showing some signs of pain and discomfort with their own role. If not, this is how I define Black Supremacy. It is not about

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a skin color that spells superiority but an ongoing sense of the need to right historical wrongs. Getting rid of those isms that His Majesty addressed the United Nations on in 1963 is a start.

Race is the elephant on the Shashemene Land Grant. Make no mistake about it, I love my family in its entirety but politically, I do not support anyone living on the Land Grant who is not a Black person from the West. Let me hasten to add that I would not be part of, say a vigilante gang to move anyone who is not a Black person from the West off the land. That would really be madness. However, when a young White youth recently told me he would like to be the leader of Shashemene, I chose not to share my immediate vexation. I love this youth. He is an irie I-ngel, ambitious and progressive but my first thought was something like, 'you see'. Initially, I slapped myself for having a racist response but the more I thought about it, the more I realized it was not racist at all. It was a lazy racial consciousness kicking in to remind of the myriad instances of carelessness by which land on the Shashemene Land Grant has been lost. Black institutions in the Nation have also been careless in not adequately preparing children and youth for leadership. We joke about how Chinese children as toddlers are at the cash register.

As I have said to another young, White man finding his Rasta self, to be White and Rastafari means throwing in your lifelong lot with the cause of African Redemption for that is the overarching mission of the Rastafari Nation. It may mean talking with your own relatives about support for Reparations and how we can all heal the wounds. The day we stop feeling uncomfortable talking about race and seeing that skin color does not matter in the realm of human progress is the day we know we have been healed. At no time at all is it a good idea to be careless Ethiopians for then we would lose the reputation of being Blameless Ethiopians.

- IJAHNYA CHRISTIAN

**WE ARE FIGHTING SO THAT INSULTS MAY NO LONGER RULE OUR COUNTRIES, MARTYRED AND SCORNE FOR CENTURIES, SO THAT OUR PEOPLES MAY NEVER MORE BE EXPLOITED BY IMPERIALISTS NOT ONLY BY PEOPLE WITH WHITE SKIN, BECAUSE WE DO NOT CONFUSE EXPLOITATION OR EXPLOITERS WITH THE COLOUR OF MEN'S SKINS; WE DO NOT WANT ANY EXPLOITATION IN OUR COUNTRIES, NOT EVEN BY BLACK PEOPLE.**

**AMILCAR CABRAL**

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## DE SEAGULL AND DE OCEAN BY RAVIN-I

AH WAS STANDIN BY THE OCEAN JUST DE ODDER DAY,  
LISTENING TO WHA DE SEAGULLS AN DE WARTA HAD TO SAY,  
DEY TELL MEH DEY MEET MARCUS AN NKRUMA SITTING BY AH RIVER,  
HOLDIN TALKS WID EACH ODDER,  
WHEN WALKING UP DE STEPS WAS MANDELA, HE COME IN WID TURE AN LUMUMBA.

SAME TIME DE TREE OPEN HE MOUTH AN START TUH SHOUT, AH COULDN'T UNDERSTAND HIM,  
AH DIDNT MAKE OUT WHA HE TALKIN BOUT,  
BUT DE WARTA SAY, HUSH NAH MAN, YUH IS AH YOUNG TREE, AN I IS AH ANCIENT SEA,  
SO YUH MUS LISTEN TUH ME, I BEEN HERE BEFORE YUH MAMMY, EVEN YUH GRANNY.

NOW I STAND UP DEY WID MEH JAW DROP, WONDERING WEN DIS ARGUMENT WAS GOING  
TUH STOP.

DE SEAGULL SAY, ALL YUH FELLAS WASTIN TIME,  
SO MUCH TING GOING ON EAST, WEST, NORTH AN SOUTH, AN ALL YUH HERE JUST RUNNIN ALL  
YUH MOUTH.

SO WE GET BACK TO THE TALK BOUT DE ANCESTOR SITTIN DONG BY DE RIVER.  
DEY ACCUSE DE WATER OF TRANSPORTING THE OPPRESSOR,  
AN DEY TELL DE SEAGULL, HE WAS DE WATER PADNER,  
BOTH OF DEM DENY OF HAVING ANYTING TUH DO WID DE COLONIZER.  
DEY SAY, WARTA, YUH COULDA CALL UP AH BIG WAVE AN CHASE DEM AWAY,  
STOP DEM FROM TAKIN WE PEOPLE TUH MAKE DEM SLAVE UP TILL TODAY,  
DEN DEY ACCUSE DE SEAGULL OF MAKIN DE TRIP ON DE DECK OF DE SLAVE SHIP,

SO WE JUST STANDIN DEY, ME AN DE TREE, LISTININ TUH DE RHAPSODY,  
WONDERIN WHO WILL WIN DE CONTEST WID DE WARTA AN DE SEAGULL IN DIS BACCHANAL  
AN COMMESS.

DE WARTA WAS TRYIN HARD TUH DEFEND HESELF AGAINST DE ANCESTOR,  
DE SEAGULL THRO DE BLAME SQUIRE AT MORGAN AN DE QUEEN OF ENGLAN.  
SAME TIME RODNEY WALK IN AND REMIND DE WARTA ,  
HOW EUROPE UNDERDEVELOPED DE LAN OF HE FADDER,  
DE WARTA SAY HE IS NOT TUH BLAME, DE SEAGULL HAVE TUH TAKE SOME AH DE SHAME.

WELL ME?, I JUST LISTININ  
AN DE TREE WAS JUST SHAKIN IN DE WIND THAT WAS BLOWIN,  
DE SEA SHOUT AT THE WIND REMINDIN HIM OF DE PART HE WAS PLAYIN.  
SO I SAY... LOOK, ALL YUH FELLAS DIDN'T HAVE NO CHOICE IN DE MATTER,  
SO STOP BEATIN UP ONE ANOTHER, ALL YUH DAYDREAMIN,  
WE HAVE TUH UNITE AN STOP DIS COLONIZING TING,  
DE TREE AGREE WID ME, DEN HE TURN AN TELL DE WARTA,  
GO MY BRODDER... ASK FORGIVENESS FROM DE ANCESTOR,  
BEFORE YUH HAVE TO MEET UP WID SHAKA.

## FIRST LIGHT BY BONGO JOE

AFTER A REASONING SESSION WITH I AND I GOOD BRETHREN AND SISTREN  
LAST NIGHT

I WENT INTO DEEP REFLECTION  
ABOUT THE CONDITION OF THE AFRICAN  
LAST NIGHT

AND THE VOICE OF EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE  
APPEARED UNTO I AND I  
LAST NIGHT

THE EMPEROR SAID, GO UNTO THE RULING POWER  
AND TELL THEM TO FREE ALL AFRICANS IN THE DIASPORA  
LAST NIGHT

AND IF DEM DON'T SET I AND I FREE  
EARTHQUAKE, LIGHTNING AND THUNDER WILL FREE WE!  
LAST NIGHT

AND THE VOICE SAID, YOU HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR  
LAST NIGHT  
THROUGHOUT THE DIASPORA

LET THE MESSAGE BE CLEAR  
LAST NIGHT

MILES AND MILES OF ITES, GREEN AND GOLD AIRLINERS  
TO TAKE I AND I ACROSS THE WATER  
LAST NIGHT

AFRICA HAS EVERYTHING!  
ONLY THE SKILLS ACQUIRED IN BABYLON SHALL YOU BRING  
LAST NIGHT

EMPRESS MENEN'S ARMS WIDE OPEN  
HER TEARS OF JOY WERE FLOWING  
LAST NIGHT

AGAIN THE VOICE OF THE EMPEROR  
PROCLAIMING DESTINATION AFRICA  
LAST NIGHT

AND EMPRESS MENEN  
WITH TEARS OF JOY FLOWING . . .  
SAYING, MY CHILDREN SHALL BE HOME BY FIRST LIGHT  
MY CHILDREN SHALL BE HOME BY FIRST LIGHT.



IN ITS WAKE NOT ONLY WERE VAST VISTAS OF CHALLENGES  
AND OPPORTUNITIES OPENED BUT ALSO A STIRRING HOPE  
AND SOBER RECOGNITION HAS DAWNED ON AFRICA;  
A FAITH AND A DETERMINATION THAT,  
IMMENSE AS ARE THE CHALLENGES THAT LIE AHEAD,  
THEY SHALL ALL BE CONQUERED, AND ABUNDANT AS ARE THE  
OPPORTUNITIES THAT AWAIT US, THEY SHALL NOT BE WASTED.

HAILE SELASSIE - TUESDAY, MAY 26, 1964

THEN ONE OF THE ELDERS SAID  
UNTO I, "WEEP NOT! BEHOLD THE  
LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH, THE  
ROOT OF DAVID HAS PREVAILED TO  
OPEN THE SCROLL AND TO LOOSE ITS  
SEVEN SEALS."  
REVELATIONS 5:5



"LET US NOW, AS WE PLAN FOR THE  
COMING YEARS, SET OUR GOALS TOO  
HIGH; LET US DEMAND MORE OF  
OURSELVES THAN WE BELIEVE WE  
POSSESS."

H.I.M. HAILE SELASSIE I

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# INTERNAL CONFLICT

## THE MADAGASCAR SYNDROME

**S**alam Tenayistilingn Rastafari Glory to the Word Sound and Power of the Most Highest King of Kings Haile Selassie I Jah Rastafari. Thanks for life lternal.

Time is gliding on, from season to seasons, gliding on whether time is heeded or not, time is gliding on. Rastafari knows that it is a hard road to travel and a mighty long way to go. Many are the trials and tribulations we must bear and conquer.

I sight that many so-called Rastafari Imples have become totally hypnotized and deeply caught by these masters of illusion, so much so, till that which gave us the initial fiyah light and blazing zeal, is daily being worn down, till most ones become fully frustrated, iritically demoralized and pessimistic as the new day dawns. Rastafari ones have become deeply entrenched in the lands of our captivity physically and mentally.

Much of the witchcraft steadily being attached to I&I, is seemingly expanding at the quickest possible speed. The name 'Rastafari' and the word 'disunity' within itself is surely a paradoxical concept. Now, some YURUGU thing, has now taken form, and crept in from the dark murky shadows of the harlot mystery Babylon. That which was NOT, is NOW, and is in the forefront of the worlds portraying representation of I Rastafari. (be careful of this UNIVERSAL blah blah)

It must be said, that this is not to discredit those Imples who have been upholding the integrity of truth and right from such time, til this time. These Imples, I am sure, are and have always been in the minority ones, even in the midst of great congregations. (despite hostile take overs and the like) These one never had any ulterior motives, never accepted bribe and never retreated on the battlefield of HIM Haile Selassie I.

This paper is forwarded to all concerned ones within the fullness of Rastafari. I will not focus on the so-called multiple symptoms and manifestations of this disease. Instead focus on the very disease itself. Most of the fuckery is the manifestations of something much more deeper. A disease called FEAR.

"Fear"? Some may say, "Fear of what? mi nah fraid of Babylon, bun dem". Yeah Hottah coals!!!



# INTERNAL CONFLICT

## THE MADAGASCAR SYNDROME

Man and man a champion freedom and liberation, within the irites of Ipatriation from the very day we have been stolen from the womb of mama Afrika and exiled in the concentration camps in the hells of the west.

The example or comparison that I will use as an analogy is a very basic concept or idea. This has been highlighted in the western so-called pop-culture media, movie called "Madagascar".



We don't know what freedom and sovereignty looks like, taste like, feels like and definitely don't know how to go about attaining it.

Look at it. Our great fore-parents were kings, queens and rulers of the earth. This is the free lion, living in his natural environment, fully free, so much so that he didn't even realize it, as this was normalcy. Now the lions have been caged, exported and placed in

the zoo for the entertainment and pleasure of their captors. These ones that never knew captivity and imprisonment remained restless, ever looking and fighting to escape from their captivity. Why? Because they knew what it meant to be free within every fiber of their being and would never be content as prisoners of war. These ones upon careful observation were increasingly demoralized till death is welcomed.

Now during the captivity they are forced to breed and to bring cubs into this world of captivity. The young lions, look like lions, smell like lions and even roar like lions but yet are not lions within naturality. These cubs were born and raised in captivity and don't even know that they are captive. Very accustomed to the zoo-keeper bringing them their food at the appointed time along with whatever drugs to help keep them in this state. These lions are on display, paraded and even taught to ride a bike and perform every un-natural act for the benefit of the captors. (REGGAE INDUSTRY SUB-CULTURE) The zoo is all they have ever known and have ever actually experienced throughout their lives, so much so, that moving into a larger cage appears to be an upgrade that is greatly appreciated and lick the hand of the captors in thankfulness.

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# INTERNAL CONFLICT

## THE MADAGASCAR SYNDROME

Now observe how the cubs fuss and fight over the scraps that the zoo-keeper gives them. Fuss and fight for the best perceived place in the cage, and even will damage each-other in the vain attempt to be the favorite of the zoo-keeper. They treat each other with the most animosity and yet lick the hand of the keeper.

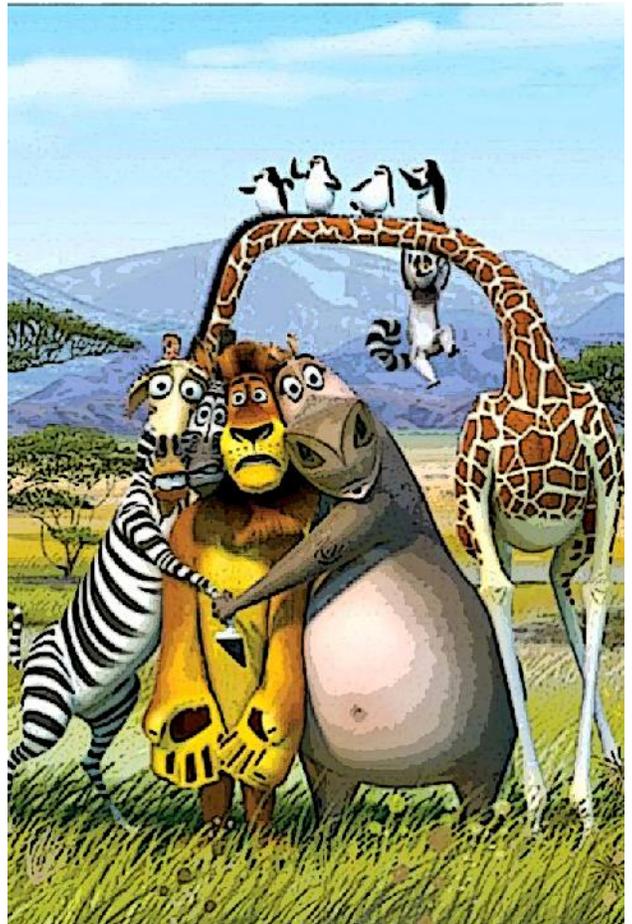
There is something inside them that is conflicting in their inborn nature. Reality is based in perceptions. This forms the roots of values, beliefs and purpose. What you perceive is what you believe. Therefore the zoo keeper is always to benefit.

Now take these aid lions born in captive, and transport them to the land of their origin and release them into Ethiopia / Afrika. These lions represent confusion and identity crisis. Again these said lions cannot rule as lions within their natural birthright. They carry with them the stain of the zoo-keeper fully emblazoned in their foreheads, similar to the Mark of the biblical Cain.

Thus it is presently so with many of ones and one who sight themselves as so-called Rastas. What we observe is the manifestation of the symptoms. This is evident in almost every individual, group and faction. Still it remains to be the re-occurring questions as to why is it that Rastas can't get it together, and live and do that which is right and perfect altogether.

One would imagine that we would be further along on the road of Afrikan Liberation and independence, from that time till now. The Faith, Courage and the Just Cause so necessary in this victory has never, and could never neither change, modify nor dilute.

So, what is it, that is holding us into this position and condition? Yes, I heard you, yes I know, you said; Satan, da Debil, and Babylon. So what is it? The wicked dun finally conquer Rasta? The whole thing dun mash-up? Rastafari is da loser? HIM is just some pipe dream in a cloud a ganja smoke? Trust me, I don't take no pleasure in saying these things.



# INTERNAL CONFLICT

## THE MADAGASCAR SYNDROME

For I, after 33 years, this is shameful, lyah, and touch I personal. So don't take this like some personal vindictiveness against I&I. It is much higher and deeper than that. For this reasoning is in the realms of I&I looking honestly at ourselves. Learn from our errors, love one another and fulfill da livity and work. A so it go.

Anyway, the internal conflict must be confronted and eliminated from the mind of I&I people. If one never truly tasted, smelled, or even lived in a sovereign free heights of independence and self-sufficiency? How do you go about attaining it? HIM again said with reference to African Liberation that "UNITY IS THE ONLY ACCEPTED GOAL". So herein lays the agenda, which is in the heights of Jah will help those who are willing to help themselves. We must take responsibility for our destiny. This is where the fear lays. Why? Because basically it means that you got to be a real man now, you got to be a real woman now. Which means you must be a god or goddess inna earth. No one or nothing to blame. So if its Repatriation or Zion-ites a one is sighting, then it is your responsibility to make it happen. Straight.

Sizzla and Snoop Lion? Whatever happened to Marcus Garvey? Not Garvey the person, but what Garvey REPRESENT and STAND FOR among Rastafari groundings. Black fe Black, kin fe kin. Overlooking this foundation is the main venue for DA CREEP-UP to come CREEP-IN. The mixed up moods, attitudes and the GREAT AMALGAMATION, THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION, which result in stagnation of white-supremacy and so-called jew-menati take-over. This is easily seen taking place globally.

Whatever a one may have to say against Garvey the man, irrespective he was a man who brought forth a plan and program for blacks globally. Many of his detractors have yet to come with anything greater, so no need to debate Garvey the person as Garvey roused us to the responsibility as Blackman and women to take our rightful place in this world, second and inferior to no other race, which will always be to his credit among his life and work.

Also this is another symptom of the fear that results in internal conflict.

Until next time.....Peace and love to all and malice to none, Rastafari.

- AMDE MIKAEL — AKA NEGUS AMLAK



## EXCERPTS FROM RAS JAHAZIEL

**“WHEN WE MAINTAIN THE SILENCE** we are collaborating with the evil slave-master in strangling the voices of our fore-parents, and by keeping their story buried in the pit of forgetfulness **WE ARE AGREEING WITH THE SLAVE-MASTER THAT OUR ANCESTORS WERE BEASTS OF BURDEN NOT WORTHY OF BEING HEARD.”**

**“In a very real sense, in our dereliction of duty that springs from our miseducated ignorance, we have all been walking on the graves of our fore-parents with great contempt. “**

**“If the truth were really to be told, it will be realized that in this time ONE IS EITHER AN AGITATOR OR A PASSIVE COLLABORATOR. “**

**“It is typical of robbers to want to safeguard the wealth that has been gained from robbery, so that their posterity can rest comfortably without being challenged about the legitimacy of their stolen property. and if they can they will use various deceptions to convince the victims of their crimes that the present is NOT connected to the past, and that they should not waste time digging it up. No effort is spared to persuade crime victims that they are not really crime victims. The robber will persuade them that the crime that is done to the baby is not a crime to the adult, and that the crime to fore-parents is not a crime to offspring. But in normal circumstances, a mind that has NOT been thoroughly doped-out will always want to know more about the past, so as to comprehend the present, so as to predict the future... especially in light of the fact that so much has been done to erase the past from Black memory, especially in light of the fact that so much has been done to make the present look like it exists in a vacuum, and especially in light of the fact that if crime victims do not realize that they are crime victims they are likely to blame their disadvantaged condition on their own intrinsic inferiority. “**

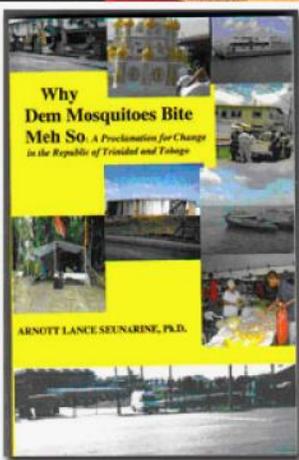
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SHIRTS BY RENOWNED ARTIST RAS JAHAZIEL



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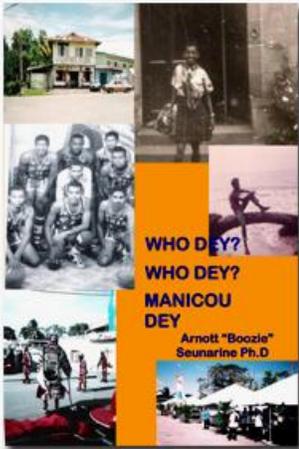
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### Why Dem Mosquitoes Bite Me So

A Proclamation for Change in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

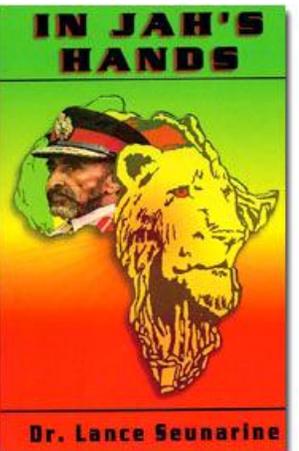
... We must understand that camaraderie and shared experiences helps to foster a united bond and thwarts any attempts to exacerbate conflicts. We must seek to have wider representation in our local government which reflects the makeup of our Borough. We must end "the coolie nigger" syndrome which has plagued this country and our Borough for so long. Egypt and Icacos are a part of our Point Fortin community and we must embrace this reality



### Who Dey? Who Dey? Manicou Dey

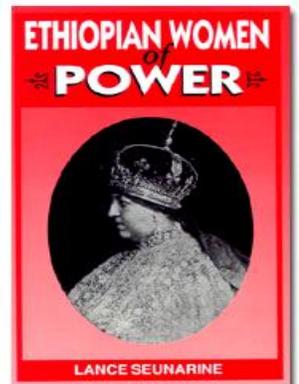
How many of you remember the "Pick - a - Box" show on Radio Trinidad? Ah caught the Point Encyclopedia off guard; ah stun Showboat... Pick - a - Box was a show that we heard every Monday night on Radio Trinidad. The person who was selected "was asked a number of questions of a general nature." If you answer all correctly, "your prize was a Bosch refrigerator, a return trip to Jamaica, a sewing machine, a cash prize or a "booby prize" (Shell Trinidad Topics Vol. II No. 57. February 8, 1957).

"Did you know about Lover's Lane in the guava patch next to Techier Village? Man ah tell yuh, when we go to pick guava for we mother to make jam and guava cheese, we used to climb dem trees and before we could get back down, a car would pull up with a man and woman in it. Yuh know how much married man used to spend time in dey? Ah eh calling no names but dem know who dem is. Dem woman know, too" (Billy Singh 9/21/08).



### In Jah's Hands

Some non Rasta believe that Rastafari "has lost its light". There have been attempts to blind side we but Rasta have expectedly known that there will always be those who think they know us better than we know ourselves. Some have even attempted to create their own brand of Rastafari calling it Christafari resulting in confusion within some camps. For potential new wannabees to overstand (understand) the fundamentals of Rastafari, so called prophets of doom have bombarded the cyberspace and have published their cacophony rampantly adding to the mass confusion/hysteria. Nevertheless, from this invasion, Rasta will build a tower towards the heaven and in it spread their message as they overcome the evils and frustrations of Babylon. One thing in certain, they cannot drive us away anymore.... "The people themselves must come to realize their own difficulties in the development of their communities and try to solve them by collective participation, following an order of priority and taking their potentiality into account. It is well known to you all that recognizing one's problems and striving hard to challenge them is a mark of an attempt at self - sufficiency." The Conquering Lion of Judah Haile Selassie I, 1963.



### Ethiopian Women of Power

"...We are indeed glad for this evening which has caused our voice to be heard by all women throughout the world. Regardless of the different countries and the different climates they live in, women in this world are connected and have the same desire in maintaining world peace and love .. . In spite of the differences of colour, race, creed and religion between the women of this world, they all hate war, because the fruit of war is nothing but disaster...

"Empress Menen on the Italian invasion of Ethiopia, 1935



DONE BY IRIE TREE CEE & RAS RAVIN-I





## WHO ARE DALITS? & WHAT IS UNTOUCHABILITY?

The word “Dalit” comes from the Sanskrit root dal- and means “broken, ground-down, down-trodden, or oppressed.” Those previously known as Untouchables, Depressed Classes, and Harijans are today increasingly adopting the term “Dalit” as a name for themselves. “Dalit” refers to one’s caste rather than class; it applies to members of those menial castes which have born the stigma of “untouchability” because of the extreme impurity and pollution connected with their traditional occupations. Dalits are ‘outcastes’ falling outside the traditional four-fold caste system consisting of the hereditary Brahmin, Kshatriya, Vaishya, and Shudra classes; they are considered impure and polluting and are therefore physically and socially excluded and isolated from the rest of society.

Dalits represent a community of 170 million in India, constituting 17% of the population. One out of every six Indians is Dalit, yet due to their caste identity Dalits regularly face discrimination and violence which prevent them from enjoying the basic human rights and dignity promised to all citizens of India. Caste-based social organization extends beyond India, finding corollaries in Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh, as well as other countries



outside of South Asia (see below). More than 260 million people worldwide suffer from this “hidden apartheid” of segregation, exclusion, and discrimination.

India’s Constitution abolished “untouchability,” meaning that the dominant castes could no longer legally force Dalits to perform any “polluting” occupation. Yet sweeping, scavenging, and leatherwork are still the monopoly of the scheduled castes, whose members are threatened with physical abuse and social boycotts for refusing to perform demeaning tasks. Migration and the anonymity of the urban environment have in some cases resulted in upward occupational mobility among Dalits, but the majority continue to perform their traditional functions. A lack of training and education, as well as discrimination in seeking other forms of employment, has kept these traditions and their hereditary nature alive.

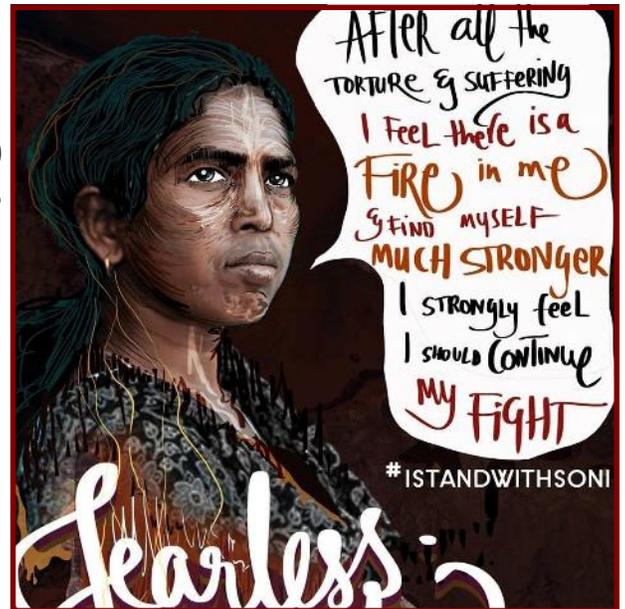
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## TYPES OF UNTOUCHABILITY PRACTICES & DISCRIMINATION

In the name of Untouchability, Dalits face nearly 140 forms of work & descent-based discrimination at the hands of the dominant castes. Here are a few:

- Prohibited from eating with other caste members
- Prohibited from marrying with other caste members
- Separate glasses for Dalits in village tea stalls
- Discriminatory seating arrangements and separate utensils in restaurants
- Segregation in seating and food arrangements in village functions and festivals
- Prohibited from entering into village temples
- Prohibited from wearing sandals or holding umbrellas in front of dominant caste members
- Devadasi system - the ritualized temple prostitution of Dalit women
- Prohibited from entering dominant caste homes
- Prohibited from riding a bicycle inside the village
- Prohibited from using common village path
- Separate burial grounds
- No access to village's common/public properties and resources (wells, ponds, temples, etc.)
- Segregation (separate seating area) of Dalit children in schools
- Prohibited from contesting in elections and exercising their right to vote
- Forced to vote or not to vote for certain candidates during the elections
- Prohibiting from hoisting the national flag during Independence or Republic days
- Sub-standard wages
- Bonded Labor
- Face social boycotts by dominant castes for refusing to perform their "duties"





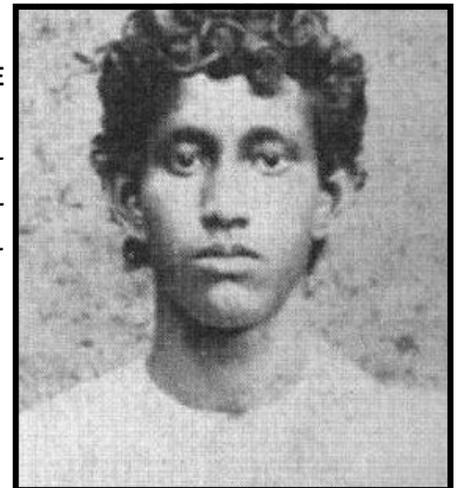
**ALLURI SITARAMA RAJU**

*He is the leader and brains behind the Rampa Rebellion of 1922-24, which focused on revolting against British Raj around East Godavari and Visakhapatnam districts of Andhra Pradesh. He killed various British army people but they were eventually cornered and killed in Chintapalli.*

**ALLURI SITARAMA RAJU**

*He is one of the youngest martyrs in the history of Indian Independence. Hanged at a young age of 18 he is one of the youngest revolutionaries in the earlier phase of India's battle to independence.*

**KHUDIRAM BOSE**



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**POTTI SREERAMULU**

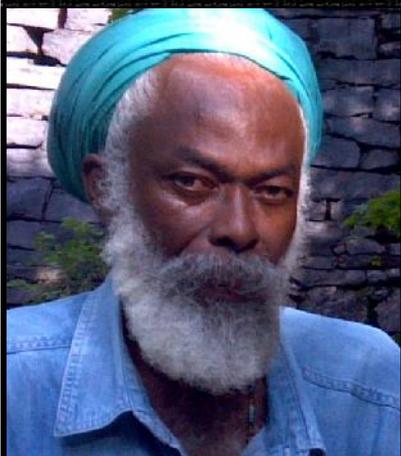
*He is a major contributor to the revolution in the treatment of Dalit community. He led the fast unto death movement to create a separate Andhra state. His death led to the formation of Andhra State. This was mainly because of the riots that broke loose after his demise and played a major role in the decision made by the then Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru.*

**POTTI SREERAMULU**

**A CULTURE IS A TOTAL WAY OF LIFE.  
IT EMBRACES WHAT PEOPLE ATE AND WHAT THEY WORE;  
THE WAY THEY WALKED AND THE WAY THEY TALKED;  
THE MANNER IN WHICH THEY TREATED DEATH  
AND GREETED THE NEWBORN.**

**DR. WALTER RODNEY**

# WHO IS RASTAFARI ?



RAS FLAKO TAFARI

## Qidamawi Haile Selassie is Jah RasTafari!

It is always good to remind ones and ones of the utterances of Qidamawi Haile Selassie, which state,

“It is because of the situation of our race that it is necessary to put so much emphasis on knowledge. Knowledge is the one thing that will lead out of this oppression. We must first start with what happened to us as a people and how we develop along the Earth. We are not some happen-along race of people who have being living in ghettos or jungles, with no culture or contributions to the Earth”.

I man totally agree that personal laundry should not be aired in public. This trend is very distasteful and disturbing, as it nurtures strife and conflicts.

The majority of RasTafari are not within any House or Mansion, they are set on a free lites Trod, and therefore, many disagreements are vented through available channels that feed global audiences. This route has never been encouraged by any House or Mansion.

*“If ones cannot deal with the Original Order of RasTafari, then perhaps the trod is not for some”.*

Well said.

RasTafari Incients have paid in blood, prison sentences, humiliation, discrimination, and even Death to defend the Trod. The youth of today have received a paved road. Seen Fiya? This legacy must not be squandered.

It is unwise to “diss” the Order, or more so to hack away at its foundation, as this will only bear rotten fruits. In the early days, the Bible was the only point of reference due to the unavailability of the Utterances of Qidamawi Haile Selassie. This situation has changed for the better, many were privileged to see Qidamawi Haile Selassie in person and many are now happily cherishing his Utterances. Now what kind of RasTafari are you if you are not being guided by Qidamawi Haile Selassie?



**NO JUSTICE NO PEACE**

# WHO IS RASTAFARI ?

The livity of RasTafari has no tolerance for black and white oppressors. The lessons learnt must not be forgotten, history must not be allowed to repeat itself, the I know!

The Global liberation of the African People is first and foremost to RasTafari. InI know that this can only be realized when all Africans are free. It is the duty of White Rastas to contribute without hesitation in a positive way and set a fresh example for their generation to emulate.

There are certain seeds that will never be allowed to grow in the livity of RasTafari. The seeds of RE-ENSLAVEMENT, DIVIDE & RULE, BRAINWASHING, SLANDERING, and DISCRIMINATION will always be trampled under foot.

The many Utterances of Qidamawi Haile Selassie have pointed to the governance of oppressive regimes and solutions to InI daily problems. There are also constant reminders of dangers ahead and the need for world peace.

It must be emphasized that RasTafari is not an escape route to mask one's bad character, or to spy out a situation, or to hitch a ride on a cultural experience. The livity of RasTafari is definitely not one of Trial and Error.

RasTafari should always use the Internet constructively; I agree.

It can be noted that many thoughts will not be shared on Myspace but will always be communicated through InI head space.

It is a wakeup call for all RasTafari of Itegrity to take command of their affairs.

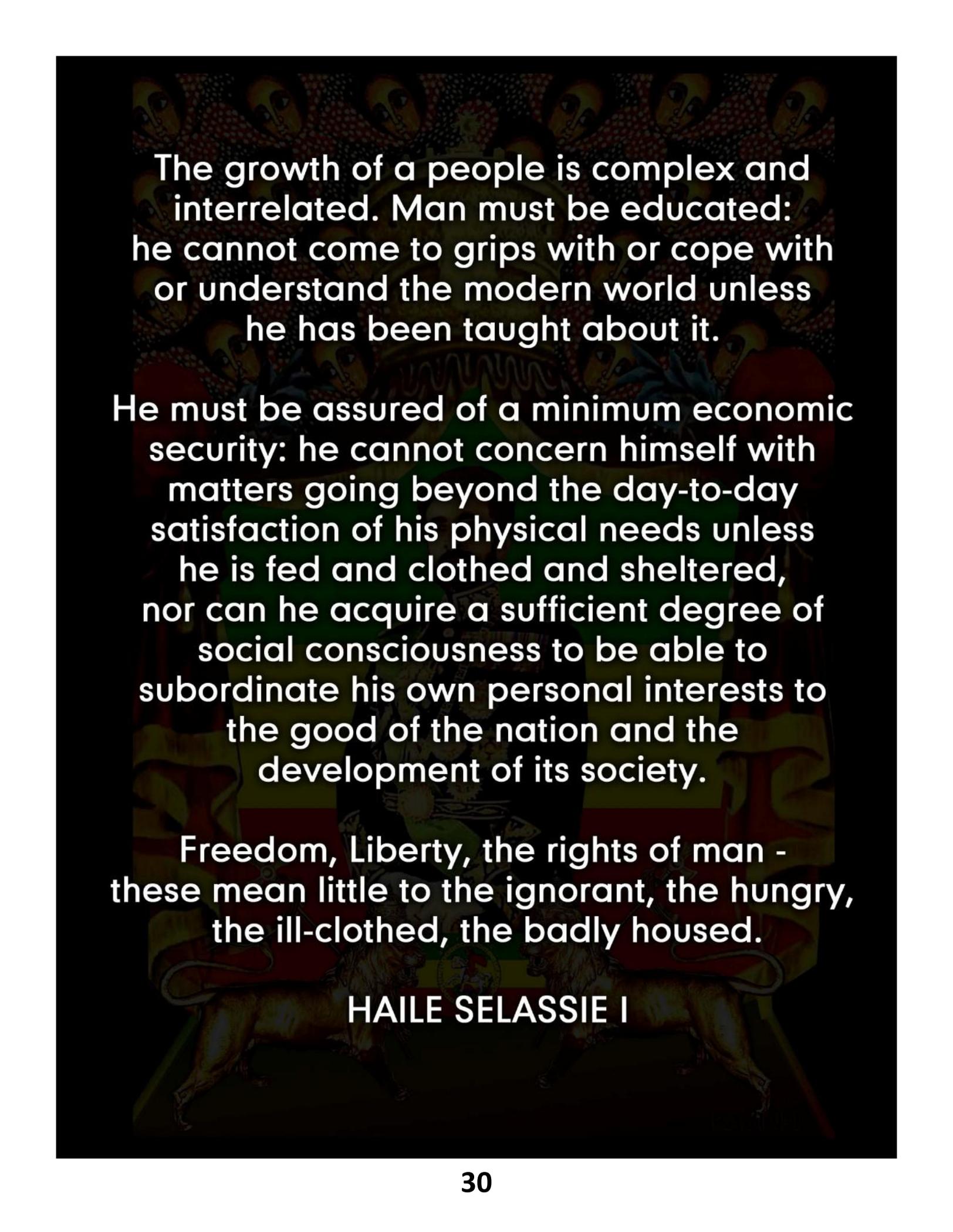
Guidance and Blessings

**RAS FLAKO TAFARI**

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**ALWAYS BEAR IN MIND THAT THE PEOPLE ARE NOT FIGHTING FOR IDEAS, FOR THE THINGS IN ANYONE'S HEAD. THEY ARE FIGHTING TO WIN MATERIAL BENEFITS, TO LIVE BETTER AND IN PEACE, TO SEE THEIR LIVES GO FORWARD, TO GUARANTEE THE FUTURE OF THEIR CHILDREN. . .**

**AMILCAR CABRAL**



The growth of a people is complex and interrelated. Man must be educated: he cannot come to grips with or cope with or understand the modern world unless he has been taught about it.

He must be assured of a minimum economic security: he cannot concern himself with matters going beyond the day-to-day satisfaction of his physical needs unless he is fed and clothed and sheltered, nor can he acquire a sufficient degree of social consciousness to be able to subordinate his own personal interests to the good of the nation and the development of its society.

Freedom, Liberty, the rights of man - these mean little to the ignorant, the hungry, the ill-clothed, the badly housed.

HAILE SELASSIE I



## “ READY FOR REVOLUTION”

“WE KNOW THAT ONE OF THE GREATEST CRIMES AN INDIVIDUAL CAN COMMIT IS THAT OF BEING UNGRATEFUL. I HAVE MADE MANY ERRORS, BUT OF ONE THING I AM CERTAIN, MY ABILITY TO CONTINUE SERVING IN THE AFRICAN AND WORLD REVOLUTION IS GREATLY ATTRIBUTED TO A NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTIONS THAT I HAVE RECEIVED FROM THE MASSES OF AFRICAN AND OTHER OPPRESSED PEOPLES WORLDWIDE”.



**Kwame Ture**— Stokely Carmichael— , was born in the Port of Spain, Trinidad, In 1952.

He is the author of the slogan and movement, “Black Power.”

The movement was more radical than Martin Luther King’s nonviolent stance. It promoted racial pride, black unity, self-defense, and political and economic power. He served as prime minister of the Black Panther Party. He was a prominent figure in the civil rights movement and a man whose shifting politics took him from advocating nonviolence to urging armed revolt and eventually to calling for pan-African unity.

“In 1967, Presidents Ahmed Seku Ture and Kwame Nkrumah, through the intercession of Shirley Graham DuBois, invited me to attend the 8th Congress of the Democratic Party of Guinea (RDA). They invited me to live, work, study and struggle here in Guinea, an invitation which I readily accepted, despite tremendous criticism from almost every quarter. Thirty years later, I still live in Guinea, working, studying and struggling for the African Revolution. And I will continue to do so until the last second, of the last minute, of the last hour, of the last day. And it is my wish to sleep here in Guinea, eternally”.

"Kwame Ture made us realize we were no longer just Negroes, we were African. We now know that even if we were born American, we are all African". Beverly Sylla, an American teacher married to a Guinean, said privately that Ture often called to cheer her up after her son died of brain cancer early last year.

"He wasn't just about politics. He was caring, he was human. And they need to say that."

"Kwame is a struggler. He struggled all his life, he struggled until the last second of the last minute of the last hour of the last day," Bob Brown, a longtime friend of Ture, told 400 cheering people at a memorial service held earlier Sunday at Conakry's Gamal Abdel Nasser University. Speakers, some of them aging radicals in graying dreadlocks, lauded Ture beneath a banner that read: "The CIA gave me cancer. Kwame Ture." Conrad Worrill, chairman of the U.S.-based Black United Front, recalled his early efforts at fostering pride in African heritage.

*“ In 1967, U.S. imperialism was seriously planning to assassinate me. It still is, this time by an FBI induced cancer, the latest in the white man's arsenal of chemical and biological warfare, as I am more determined to destroy it today than in 1967”. Kwame Ture*

The slogan “ BLACK POWER” was troubling to many in the civil rights movement, including the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. He called the phrase "an unfortunate choice of words." Some whites who had supported the goals of integration viewed it as a call for racism in reverse.

Toure tried to explain the term in the book "Black Power," published in 1967 with Charles V. Hamilton, "It is a call for black people in this country to begin to define their own goals, to lead their own organizations . . . to resist the racist institutions and values of this society."

"The black man should no longer be thinking of transforming American society," he told Jonathan Power, a who interviewed him in Guinea. "We should be concerned with Mother Africa. "America is an octopus with tentacles all over the world,"

Kwame Ture died of prostate cancer on November 15, 1998. YOU WILL BE MISSED...

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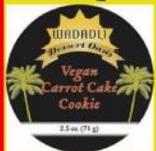
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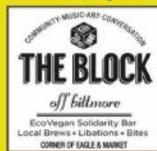
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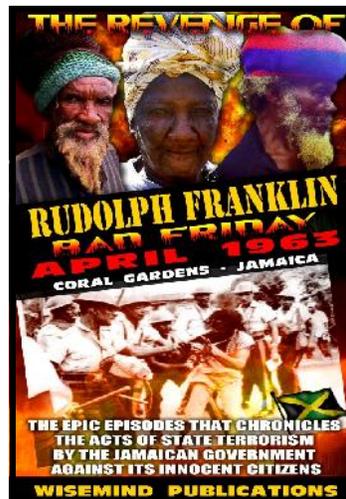
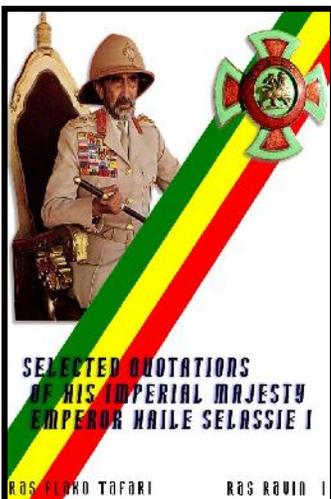
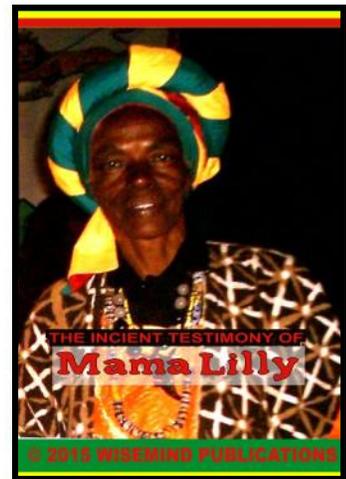
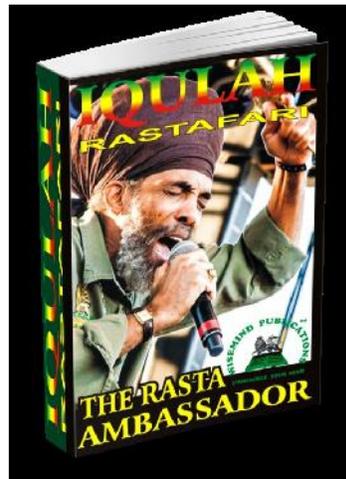
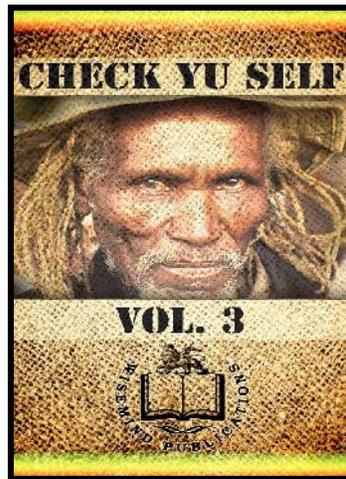
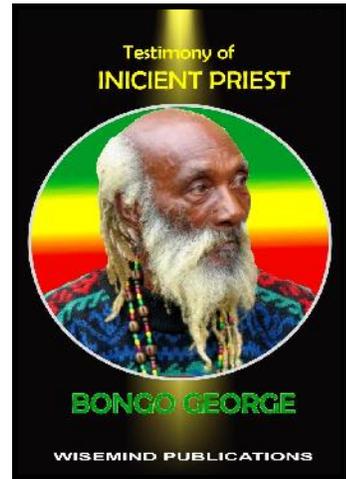
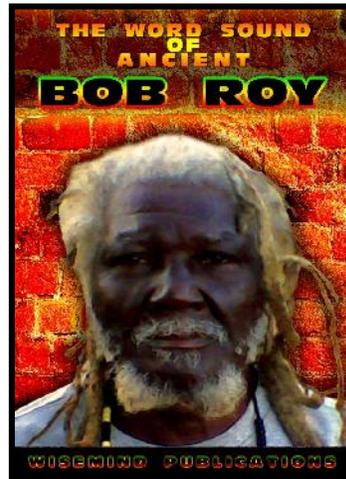
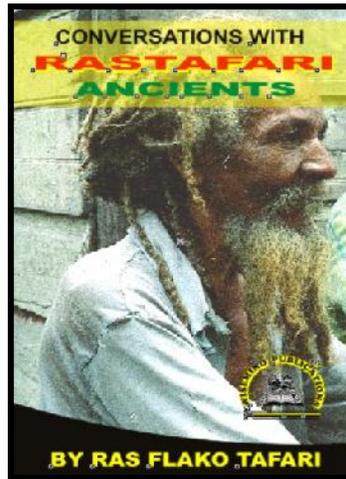
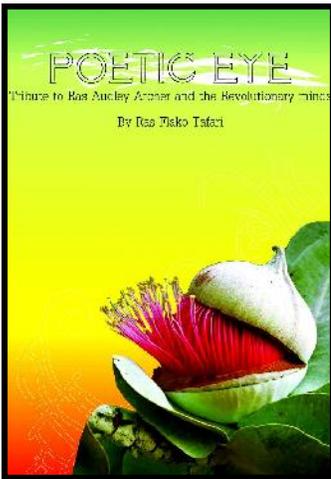


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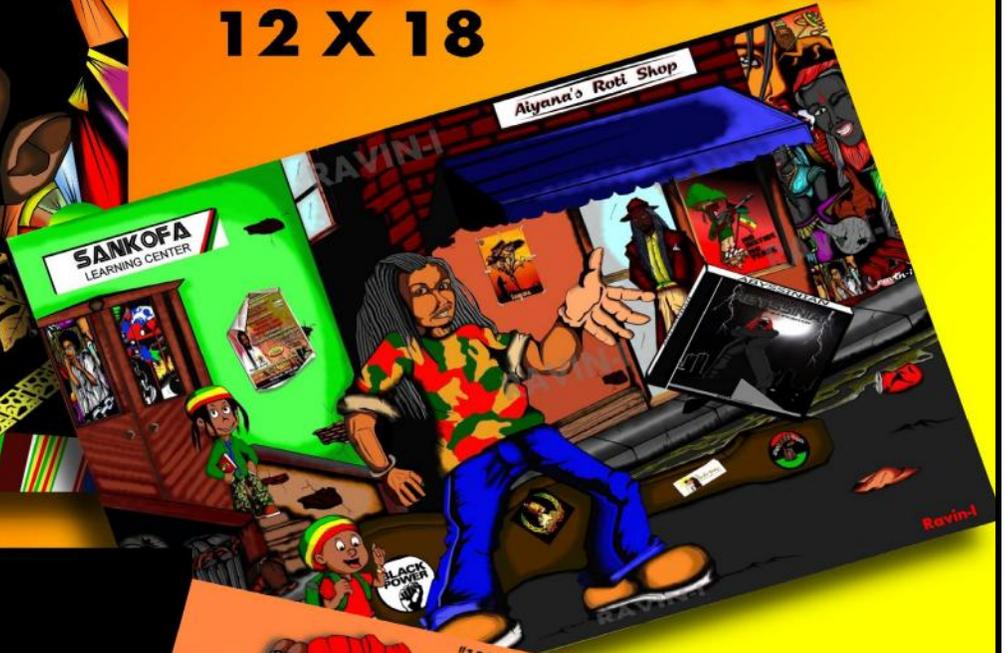
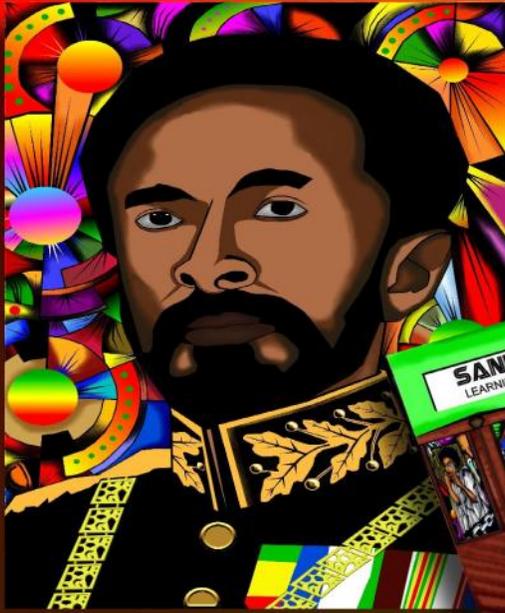




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