

## Death from Fear or Fear from Death? The Eritrean Ethiopian case in Diaspora

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Zemene Yohannis is a year for both death and salvation. These days a lot of people both from Ethiopia and Eritrea die from the three major causes of cancer, heart and stroke. It seems scary but not really!!!

Here in America people fear of death from causes of cancer, heart and stroke because they very much revere life here on earth. Whereas Ethio-Eritrean in Diaspora revere life after death. The Ethio-Eritrean Community in Diaspora for generations believed that they enjoyed liberty from EGZIABHER without any cost. The concept of COST in Ethiopia or Eritrea does not exist as up to now. The only man who understood what cost was Dr. Tesfaye Debessay. He was teaching it and practiced it, despite Catholic priests make fun of it. This truth penetrates deep into the souls and psychic Ethiopians and Eritreans especially who were involved in the real Eway Revolution of Ethiopia and Eritrea and in the guilty ones who betrayed the ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION.

Let us take the current situations of Eritreans and Ethiopians in America. Last week there was a meeting in Washington DC explaining why Eritrea and Ethiopia should unite? What is unity in the first place? Who unites with whom? The majority or the minority? A big question and an important one at that.

Since I was born I have heard the same question again and again. The daughter which is Eritrea should unite with her mother land Ethiopia. Can this be reversed? I guess it can according to some media outlets such as Esat and its ally Ginbot-7. I can see that President Issais is the father now instead Emperor Haile Sellasie. According to some circles, President Isaias has deep belief in the unity of Ethiopia. Of course, what is wrong with that assessment? What was the purpose of the Eway Revolution after all? Was it not to be united with a family member? But according to the old school, the prodigal son was returned to his family in this version the lost mother is returning home. What a waste of time, energy and resources? This was not the object of the Ethiopian Revolution to break the cycle of Monarchy and change the leadership for Ethiopia. The purpose of the Ethiopian Revolution was to empower individuals without regard to men or women, ethnic or race, religion or belief. It was not meant to replace Haile Selassie by Menghistu, Menghistu by Melese or Melese by Issais Afewerki.

It was by democratization and DEMOCRACIA. No more no less.

Having said that, let me say something about those who think that they have written books about Ethiopian Revolution. Menghistu and his associates such as Fikre Wogderes and Fisseha Desta are not allowed to utter about the Eway Ethiopian Revolution. I am boldly saying not allowed because they are dead already. They are already dead not from fear of death but from fear of living. They wrote false and fake books not to rectify or repent but to extend their survival skill actually they do not have skill except to falsify documents and obtain asylums. Their training skills were to protect the country and defend its people, instead they butchered their people and lost their country. That was why they were labelled as fascists in the first place. They have to admit and apologize in fact everyday to their people or pray to God by showing up in the Ethiopian Orthodox churches. Writing I am sorry to a few readers is not going to do the trick for liberating or living extra life.

The saying that “cowards die many times before their death” is very appropriate for people like Fisseha Desta, Wogderess, Menhistu and thousand others. Yearning for Black life or Dark life be it in America or back home will be the future norm for these guys. Their lives depend on fear not from death but from living.

Notwithstanding my commentary on the past pseudo revolutionaries of Ethiopia and Eritrea, there are numerous individuals who hide behind the curtain of the truth or pretend to know the truth. One such individual who is going to be buried today or tomorrow is Asmamaw Hailu. This individual claims that he was a Revolutionary without discipline of any sort. In the language of EPRP or EPLF, discipline was very important than anything else. The difference though dwells on “the discipline propagated by EPRP was/is an internal one whereas that of EPLF was a discipline from the outside”. I am giving up the information of comrade Assmamaw so that others will learn from the operations of EPRP versus of EPLF as they have been misunderstood by too many Ethiopians and Eritreans. Discipline is a paramount in both organizations and nations. Life, liberty and the pursuit of Zere Yacob of Axum is in the Ethio-Eritrean history and culture. This is and was the core value of being Ethiopian or Eritrean as the case may be.

By the way what is the Eway Revolution? It is an Ethiopian Revolution to change the political landscape of Ethiopia and Eritrea. In the struggle, politics for leadership became the central focus as opposed to other factors such as social or economics. Why because as people interact, they need politics of relationship or as President Isaias explained to Esat reporters, it is **engagement** that matters. EPRP leadership and EPLF leader had engaged in numerous dialogues and preparations but not much of a success story. EPRP was dwelling on individual power while EPLF on people’s power. A different approach but the same goals and objectives. There is a whole lot of stories to tell but the tellers or the so-called writers embellish the political struggles of Eritrea and Ethiopia. The FFM (FikreSelasie-Fisseha-Menghistu) group of writers don’t have either the guts or the capacity to research the true history of the Eway Ethiopian Revolution. Their revolution is not equivalent to EPRP’s or EPLF’s. Theirs is a misnomer at best.

So what is the solution now? According to my readings, The Americans, the Europeans and the Chinese would like to maneuver the minority of ethnic groups of Ethiopia. The TPLF came up as a minority in Ethiopia with four to five million population but they created over fifty minority ethnic groups. These definitely have already created problems of governing by minority ethnic groups. Ethiopians and Eritreans think that they should always be ruled by majority. Other than these, they cannot accept, they rather die than to be ruled by minorities. That is the dilemma for all Eritrean and Ethiopian Community.

According to knowledgeable experts in the Horn of Africa, I am told that the opposition will be led by the minority of B’Here Gurage led by Dr. Berhanu Nega whereas the minority B’hare of Wollaita will act as the governing body until the dust settles in the Horn. As to the problem of Eritrea’s government, the expert says that, the President will be asked to disassociate or slowdown from his Shia groups in Eritrea. That will be the current trend in both governments of Ethiopia and Eritrea. There is no mystery in it. And I believed in what the expert has told me.

As to those who think they can do it by themselves without outside help, they better research the clandestine history of the Eway Revolution whether it was conviction, commitment or vision that prompted them to engage in the long MARCH OF protracted guerrilla warfare.

The real solution for the Ethiopians and Eritreans do not squarely depend on waving colorful flags and shaking hands, if it were, the shaking of hands was carried out between Zenawi of Ethiopia and Afewerki of Eritrea in Algiers some fifteen years ago. Now it seems to come as depicted from the photo album of Professor Mesfin Wolde Mariam who is sitting behind/front of the Eritrean flag, Mr. Cohen and Ambassador Shin using the flags of USA and Ethiopia as a symbolic representative for reconciliation. I believe that they are doing this because they have the notions of believing Eritrean President frequently blaming the USA. The President of Eritrea specifically refers to Langley, the location of CIA. For those of you who don't know, Eritreans are very much in love with their land identity expressed in their respective A'Adis (villages). They don't care about time. Time is irrelevant for most Eritreans.

The real and honest brokers for peace and reconciliation is yet to be discovered for the Eritreans Filtet (wisdom) lies in their hearts whereas for the Ethiopians Ewqet (knowledge) resides in their brains. Two perspectives and two philosophies. These phenomena will make things worst especially when M'huran (educated) Eritreans and Ethiopians are allowed in the negotiations. It is only feasible when the Ts'nhate M'hur Akal gets involved in resolving the Ethio-Eritrean conflict, otherwise, it is all a futile attempt to consent and advice. It is better to wait to heal the wounds of the two nations independently.

To introduce an alternative perspective for resolving the conflict between Eritrea and Ethiopia would be to implement the A'Agmelago project. **This project is about building a bridge originating from the Red Sea crisscrossing civilization, beliefs and governance to reach the top of the highest mountain of Ethiopia.**

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