

Eritrean/Ethiopian Youth: What is your priority, Political cause or political party?

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Ever since the initiative for carrying out the Ethiopian Revolution for DEMOCRACIA namely liberty and freedom and the Eritrean Revolution for INDEPENDENCE, namely freedom plus liberty, there seems a complex of interpretations and explanations resulting complications among the youths of Ethiopia and Eritrea. It is time now to put the history of struggle to rest and move on to the next level of consensus and compromise (CC), the alternative for leadership by Central Committee.

The question is why and how? Especially why now when opposition groups are on the march of toppling the government and the regimes of Eritrea and Ethiopia. It is precisely for this reason that I am advocating for putting off the fighting spirit of the Youth of Eritrea and Ethiopia. The world has changed into digital age; the numbers of 0 and 1 have taken over our lives. Even the alphabet of A-Z is becoming irrelevant. I am sorry for my Oromo friends who use the Latin alphabet. It is too late for Information Technology (IT). For those who want to use the arsenal of war machinery, first they have at least been able to produce some of the bullets. One Ethiopian astrologer boasted that Ethiopia will be a nuclear nation in the near future. He does not understand that Ethiopia was a nuclear country with its 24/7 solar receiving end and its people are always energetic and vibrant to fight without nuclear power produced by humans.

A friend of mine from Eritrea told me the following story. A homeless African American came to his store and asked my friend where he came from. My friend told him that he was from Eritrea, and the homeless man told him that Eritrea has a nuclear power. My friend was surprised as to how he came to know, the homeless man told him that the UN and USA sanctioned Eritrea because, it has nuclear power. "Otherwise, why on Earth the UN embargo on you guys?" the homeless stated. The spirit of fighting in the field as being propagated by Ginbot 7 and the Demhit from Eritrea are becoming irrelevant. This is an old model; pursued by TPLF and EPLF and others. The real model was that of the EPRP whose army was an educator before a fighter. Many people forget, even the core members of EPRP that politics command the army and not vice versa as we have seen before and seem to repeat the same.

I do not want to argue back and forth about the history and counter history about the war and revolution in the two countries, as I have comprehensive understandings through experience and education. That is what I want to share it with the youth of Eritrea and Ethiopia. I mean the struggle for DEMOCRACIA in Ethiopia and INDEPENDENCE in Eritrea. Both these terms of DEMOCRACIA and INDEPENDENCE have enormous impact on the peoples of Ethiopia and Eritrea, often resulting in confusion and delusional conditions and situations. I do not wish the Youth to be tuned and attuned to their parents or elders misunderstandings of these concepts, theories and practices. Instead I am proposing an alternative approach to the past, to the present and to the future of Eritrea and Ethiopia.

In my previous article addressed to the Youth of Ethiopia and Eritrea, my suggestions are posted at www.Assimba.org recommending that the Youth should or would benefit from the following two books.

1. Of Ethiopian philosophy produced and authored by Zera Yacob, a philosopher from Axum who lived in the seventeenth century, Most Eritreans and Ethiopians lived and are still living under the influence of Zera Yacob's philosophy.
2. The other book is about Rasselas, the prince of Abyssinia, written and authored by Samuel Johnson. Although this book is fictional in character, it narrates the nature of the heart and homeland of Ethiopia. This book is especially relevant to the current youth living in Diaspora as well as to those who are escaping their homeland instead of fighting the injustice in their respective countries.

These two books will give the youth a glimpse of who they were and where they come from and why they will be enamored with the land, the people and the climate of Eritrea and Ethiopia.

As to current struggle for change, the Youth can take lessons from the American Presidential campaign currently running. The political cause or revolution as advocated by Bernie Sanders has been carried out by your predecessors, parents and elders. Political parties are yet to be formed in Eritrea and Ethiopia- as they are the missing links. The question is what kind of political parties? Amara-Tigray-Oromia (ATO-TAO-OAT) or using any color is not appropriate for political parties. Parties based on these structures will not be useful to anybody or any one.

The Ethiopian Revolution has an agenda for freedom and liberty while the Eritrean one has an agenda for ናፅነት - NAZANET and ሐርነት - HARNET. The Youth should explain and expound these fundamental concepts for the ordinary folks of Eritrea and Ethiopia.

Let me ask the Youth why the EPLF and the TPLF were working side by side? Why the ELF and EPRP were cooperating at one time? Why the DERG and the MIESONITES were working hand in glove? And why Ginbot 7 and EPDJ are cooperating to topple the Ethiopian regimes? And why did Walleigne and Marta die together? And so on and so forth.

There seems a simple answer for the youth that is going on right now here in America. That is the visit and revisit of the Presidential candidates to the three states of America may have something to do with winning and losing. We better notice why Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina are very important to all the presidential races. I leave the question to you to sleep over it.

Let us take this situation to Ethiopia and Eritrea. We have the Highland for South Carolina, we have the New Hampshire for Weina Dega, and we have Iowa for Kola. If you have visited or checked the temperatures of these three zones, we can see the similarities of the liberal New Hampshire, the conservative S. Carolina and the moderate of lowans existing in Ethiopia and Eritrea for Millennia.

So we can see why causing and caucusing with one's ethnic or language affiliations is no news for either Ethiopia or Eritrea. But the question is how do we go about it? We travelled from the mountains of Nakfa, Assimba, and Tola Mountains down to the lowlands of Eritrea and Ethiopia. What about now? Shouldn't we go up hills from the lowlands to the mountains? Yes, we should. We should travel from the bottom of the Red Sea (Eritrea) onto the highest mountain of Ethiopia (Ras Dashen). We call this conceptual project as A'ag'melago (ላግሞላግ). This is similar to the Ho Chi Minh Trail and we prefer to call it the TSEGEYE DEBTERAW TRAIL (TDT).

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