

One system, two countries: the case of Eritrea and Ethiopia

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Introduction

55 years have elapsed since the Eritrean Liberation began (1960-2015). That is, 55 years the Eritreans were under the yoke of colonial powers (1886-1941 or 1898-1941). The question is when was the Ethiopian colonialization started and ended. It did not end because it was not started, in the first place.

So for 55 years, what has happened between Eritreans and Ethiopians that millions perished, displaced or expatriated to foreign countries. I believed it is because of stupid concepts of Freedom, Independence or Liberation Movements (FILM). “Wow! So it is all about film making business? I don’t believe you” retort my friend who himself is in film making business. I had to explain to my friend who is not a successful business man as why he is also in the same mentality of distortion of facts and truths.

Truth, Opinion and Facts (TOF)

Truth for Ethiopians including Eritreans is based on the philosophy of Zera Yacob who lived in Axum in the 16th century. On the one hand, Contrary to the philosophy of Descartes, a French philosopher who reasoned out “je suis parce que je pense or je pense parce que je suis” meaning that I am; therefore, I think or I think, therefore I am. This tells us that there is a division of reasoning or prioritizing conceptual things. This logical philosophy was quickly adopted in most western countries including the United States of America.

While on the other hand, Eritreans and Ethiopians based on the Axumite philosopher, contradicted the division of mind and heart. According to Zera Yacob, man, nature and Egziabher are one and the same. They are inseparable elements of Nature. Up to the present time, the majority of Eritreans and Ethiopians live in concordance with Zera Yacob’s philosophy. Truth is one and there is no priority. Period. The Ethiopian Church determines Truth and the Ethiopian King follows prioritize it.

As to the opinions, the peasants of Ethiopia and Eritrea do exercise their opinions in their daily lives.

The question arises, what are facts and how do we obtain them? Facts emerged with the onset of science and as science develops higher and higher a branch of it became statistics further refined to information. This information age was delayed in Ethiopia and Eritrea until the present day.

Now, the Diaspora Eritreans and Ethiopians are caught up with information age, mind you after 555 years. That is the Reformation age started 500 years ago whereas Ethiopians Eritreans came face to face with information age some 55 years ago. Is this not incredible? I bet it is.

Take for instance, the case of Eritreans who live in Diaspora. When 500 of them were interviewed about the conditions of Eritrea, they gave 550 pages of information, practically one page for every one of them. These documentation have allowed the UN to put economic sanctions on Eritrea. Were the UN right to use these documentation? Yes, based on statistics and the absence of interviewers not to be allowed in Eritrea to seek for primary source. How about those Diaspora interviewees? They may be right in their own philosophy of Zera Yacob. I don’t think they were able to decipher the distinction between truth and facts. The Eritrean Diaspora community were giving their opinions on the conditions

of Eritrea that allowed the Human Rights Campaign to pressure on imposing sanctions on Eritrea. Opinions should not have played in the decisions for imposing sanctions. The fact that entry visa was denied to the UN mission to enter Eritrea could have been enough reason for argument to punish the officials of Eritrean government but to use opinions for imposing sanctions is totally insane. But again, how do the powers of the UN know that Eritrean Diasporas know the difference between truth, opinions and facts. The simple answer is that they don't know.

The Eway Ethiopian Revolution

My film maker friend hammer me on the Ethiopian Revolution. He thinks the Ethiopian Revolution stinks. Film making, even in the Western World is a new phenomenon. And so this Ethiopian film maker is also novice to the industry. Film making materialized some three-quarter of a century, mind you after a half Millennium after the Reformation Movement. Similarly in Ethiopia, Revolution not Reformation started 55 years ago. Why the delay? Ethiopia did not need Reformation. It had its own philosophy embedded in cultural faith, community and society, mapped and balanced in man-animal-plant (MAP).

The main reason why Ethiopia needed the Revolution was because of the arrival of destabilizing forces of Science and Technology. After humans emigrated Ethiopia for Europe and elsewhere, they did not return as the legendary Ras Yelas, the prince of Abyssinia, instead they settled everywhere around the Globe. And in their new settlements, they began to study nature, man and plants and they label their findings as Science. Further travelling to America, they discovered tools and label it Technology. This Arts-Science-Technology have created a new vision of film making industry. My friend is still in the Arts industry.

In the Reformation Movement, writings and publications were the galvanizing factors for the Movement. In Ethiopia and Eritrea, the Word was the galvanizing factor for the Revolution. The word of mouth have brought havoc to both Ethiopia and Eritrea. The Written Word have replaced the verbal word that depended very much on Trust. The Ethiopian revolution that was carried out by the so-called Marxist military DERG, the narrow nationalist TPLF and the advocate of freedom-liberation-independence (FIL or LIF) by the EPLF have downgraded the real Eway Ethiopian Revolution. Now the film maker is playing the same role as his predecessors of movements for Ethiopia and Eritrea.

In addition, there are organizations, communities and some call themselves as liberators to unite or crash one another. They may not follow the path of the 55 years of struggle but definitely, they have the same concepts, theories and applications i.e. FIL or LIF (freedom, independence or liberation).

The Ethiopian Eway Revolution was designed to decipher the alphaGeezNumeric (AGN). The concepts of freedom-independence-liberation were/are intertwined just like the philosophy of Zera Yacob. They are totally the opposite of the Western philosophy based on the separation of the mind, the body and the soul. Alternatively, the Eway Ethiopian Revolution is dependent on the Word transmitted by written or electronic devices. Trust and Truth (TT) as opposed to IT are the cornerstones of the Eway Ethiopian Revolution. Ethiopians and Eritreans can only come together when and if TT prevails. The 110 years i.e. 55 years under colonialism and 55 years of struggle, have to be accounted for and understood by all concerned. We cannot go back and repeat the same phenomena. There should be a closure. The closure is at hand. On my part, I am suggesting that we have two recognized countries but with one economic system.

Proposed solutions

The way to embark on the solutions for Ethiopia and Eritrea is as follows:

First to recognize that Eritrea is a key to Africa, you can see its geographical map.

Second to accept that Ethiopia would be the center of the world.

Finally, a project of transport and communication known as AAGMELGO should be considered as a feasible planning project. More on planning and programming will be coming on next articles.

TRUTH WILL PREVAIL

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