

Political cause or political party? The next step for Eritrean and Ethiopian Youth

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This article is written exclusively for the Ethiopian and Eritrean Youth who were born in 1986 and are currently going uphill, the hill of what is known as AAGMELAGOⁱ

Your future

No one can explain or predict the future of the millennials better than a scientist and an explorer. The scientist is [Stephen Hawking](#) and the explorer is **Paul Salopek**, a journalist.

According to the scientist, there seems a way out for humanity's annihilation on this Earth simply by launching space colonies. This should be examined in the context of your parents wide Belief that the Chinese, the Europeans, the Russians and the Americans are going to Africa to colonize Africans. Both Eritreans and Ethiopians were victims of these powerful nations interference in the past as well as today.

Paul Salopek, www.outofedenwalk.com, a renowned journalist is on his way to travel around the world in order to give us the sense of ancient migration. Mr. Salopek calls his project "out of Eden." Eden being the land mark in Ethiopia. The walk will cover 21,000 miles and it will take 7 years (2013-2020). Paul Salopek is walking on his global trail on the assumption that the first human started to migrate out of Ethiopia and Eritrea, known as the Afar land. He is recreating a journey for slow journalism without science and technology. Actually, it is a project funded by Geographic Institute to study the climate change as impacted by technological innovation.

Here again, Hawking tells us that science and technology will not be of any use on planet Earth.

This stark reality being established by a well-known scientist and a journalist does not seem to be noticed by all millennials (ages 15-34). Mass migration and cultural survival are rampant. What should be done for Eritrean and Ethiopian Youth, the very vulnerable youth generation of our time? That begs the question.

The past

I don't know what Eritrean or Ethiopian parents have told their children about Eritrea or Ethiopia or any stories about kings and dictators that existed. It is not relevant for you at this time and space age. What is relevant for you currently is to train your brain and learn more by heart and move on foot. It is the simple life style of your parents and ancestors who still inhabit Eritrea and Ethiopia since time immemorial. I will furnish you with two examples of survival skill if not life skills:-

1. Read a book about Rasselas "the Prince of Abyssinia" written by Samuel Johnson in 1759. This book though fictional in character shaped your parents belief that Ethiopia (utopia) is the best place on the face of the earth. To prove the point Dr. Johnson, his character the prince tired of living in the secluded Godjam region, the source of the Blue Nile (AbbaY) where everything was abundant migrated to the outside world but returned home tired of seeing the outside world.

Dr. Johnson wrote a wonderful fictional work about happiness: the choice of life in Ethiopia. This is the basis of your parents' love for Ethiopia. There is no home like home, they say.

2. The second reason is the deep philosophical belief of Ethiopians and current Eritreans who always balance the trilogy of Heart, Nature and EGZIABHER (God). If you want to understand further why your parents stand on your way, it is good to read about Zera Yacob, the philosopher from Axum. Be careful not to confuse with Zera Yacob, the king from the village of Ankober.

With this background on books about philosophy and physical geography, the Eritrean and the Ethiopian Youth will be able to equip with survival skill if not with life skills. Without the background knowledge and wisdom of your parents and ancestors, without the history of the Ewayⁱⁱ Ethiopian Revolution, and without the science of Hawking and without the anthropological journalism of Paul Salopek, the Youth of neither of Eritrea nor of Ethiopia would go uphill.

Since you are the brainiest and best informed generation, you should use your full potential while in DIASPORA and your parents will not stop you from achieving your goals, if you have any. I mean if you want to follow the dreams of Ressalas or the philosophy of Zera Yacob. It is your choice, the ball is in your courts. That is if you love your country based on the Prince of Abyssinia or if you love happiness based on the philosopher of Ethiopia and Eritrea, go for it. It is your territory.

As to our selfless generation alias "Yatwld", we have things to sort out. That is our political cause is being derailed and mixed up with political parties. My generation fought tooth and nail in order to be conscious and conscience about political cause in Ethiopia and Eritrea at the same time. It took us fifty five years to make an impact on politics and political parties. We have not succeeded in forming correct political parties but we have successfully nurtured political causes. The Ethiopian and Eritrean Youth are galvanized to change the current systems of government both in Eritrea and Ethiopia. The way they do it, is to reverse the pathway of AST (Arts-Science-Technology). Arts began in Africa, when it crossed the Atlantic Seas to reach Europe, it developed into Science and when it further crossed the Pacific Ocean to reach USA, and it was transformed to Technology. Now, it is time to reverse the pathway or follow the scientist Stephen Hawking's advice to go to somewhere out of the Earth. Again, it is your choice.

Conclusion

But my way is the A'Agmelago trail which ultimately be the panacea for both Ethiopia and Eritrea. For this to happen, we need political parties whose life blood depends on freedom and liberty (Harnet & Nazanet). As I see it, we seem to have miscomprehend the concept of politics and democracy.

Take for instance, the Ambassador of Eritrea in France claiming that there are no political prisoners in Eritrea. What a ridiculous assertion. What about the Eritrean Youth who are escaping the country illegally, or those who are hiding inside Asmara for fear of imprisonment or those who are in the field of Sawa who do not wish to stay there had it not been for fear of imprisonment. Imprisonment does not mean physical or can we say prisoners of conscience! Don't we have a common language? Actually, the French where the ambassador was educated and where she lives, are good at using precise languages. I have heard such comments by the ambassador of Eritrea in the UN. I forgive him because he was not educated as she is and he lives among cheaters and dealers of all sorts. They say birds of the same feather flock together.

However, we call it, the Eritrean or Ethiopian Youth do not desire to be stopped by either their governments or their elders. Their struggle is an uphill and not downhill as their predecessors. The journey from Nakfa and Assimba mountains down to the valleys is over, the reverse is true now. Eritreans and Ethiopians deserve to live peacefully in the plateau. No more hassles for the benefit of others, unless and otherwise compensated by mutual trust and respect.

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For questions and concerns

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ⁱ This is a conceptual trail starting from the bottom of the Red Sea (Eritrean) to the top of the highest mountain Ras Dashen (Ethiopian).

ⁱⁱ Decipher the letter B; spin the letter E; put them together and be whatever you want to be.