

"THE TINY BIRD TESTIFYING FOR THE TINY MOUSE" THE SAD SAGA OF "AL" MARIAM AND MESFIN W. MARIAM

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Poor Mariam!

How many village idiots and murderers have taken up your name!

It has been said that absurdity is the ecstasy of intellectualism. How true. Before I proceed though, let me get some garbage out of the way. The recent blind, and pathetic defense of Mesfin Wolde Mariam by Alemayehu Gebre Mariam, cannot be ignored because we find both absurdities in one package. Let me proceed to "the dimbit becoming the witness of the ayet" and deal with Alemayehu's really stupid article defending the notorious Mesfin. Remember George Orwell who said "some ideas are so stupid that only intellectuals believe them"? Mesfin as a fighter for democracy and a lone ranger one at that (as Alemayehu presents him) is so false and stupid that it takes the likes of Alemayehu to believe it. The Alemayehu fellow even believes that a Monday column he writes gives proof that he is a staunch anti Weyane fighter. Delusions, delusions! By the way, I have ignored the "tapela" (professor, etc) that the likes of them attach to their names and have chosen to call them by their parents given names. Mesfin and Alemayehu as they are, naked emperors to boot.

Let me proceed. Alemayehu wrote:

"He has been a singular voice of dissent against tyranny perpetuated by an outdated monarchy and a bloodthirsty military junta called "Derg".

When his efforts failed, he became a voice of reasoned dissent to publicly counter-check the excesses of tyranny.

Unfortunately, his dissent made him a target of persecution than a welcome agent of social and political change".

Fact? Utter fiction. Mesfin was never a singular voice of dissent. During the time of Haile Sellasie he strutted as a progressive but was in reality in conformity with the autocracy. He refused to support progressive students, refused to be an advisor to the student publication STRUGGLE (a condition for its legal operation) and when assigned by the regime to go to a provincial town he begged and humiliated himself to stay in Addis. During the Derg time, he was their advisor (" do not hand over power to the civilians"), their vicious " mermari committee" who made the ministers cry, the one who told the Derg to use their guns and power to deal with the jailed ministers and the emperor and coalesced with them to exist peacefully while the country was awash in blood by Terror. When the Derg was on the verge of collapse Mesfin came with the idea of an elders (shimagile) committee to sow confusion, went to the London conference with the backing of Abdul Aba Bora, met with Meles and Isaias, backed the secessionists, held meetings denouncing the multi- party Ethiopian coalition (COEDF), accompanied Meles to Addis Abeba, called the whole TPLF cabal my sons, informed millions of Amharas they do not exist, held a televised meeting with Meles and Endrias Eshete to sell the TPLF, went on to consult with Endrias to setup the EHRCO, called the murderer Kinfu Gebre Medhin a friend and , when the dog died, said Ethiopia has suffered a big loss, etc . The role of Mesfin in the formation of the Kinjif (to eliminate Hibret) and in the downfall of the same Kinjif is well known.

Alemayehu goes on to write without shame:

"Today, he remains the sole fearless dissenting voice against the tyranny and corruption of the Thugtatorship of the Tigrean People's Liberation Front (T-TPLF), an unholy alliance of murderous thugs and gangsters in designer suits play-acting "government" in Ethiopia".

Again the reckless and bombastic Alemayehu plays with the fact. The sole fearless voice? On his dead body perhaps. Mefin had never been fearless. A clever "feri" perhaps. Thugtatorship is Alemeyahu's favorite fabrication; he likes it, he wants the whole world to adopt it. A futile attempt to be original and as expected no one has picked it up except another masquerader of the same order. Mesfin has never been a dissenter, has never been a sole dissenter and has never been a sole fearless one at that. His life history denies this assertion. He sailed with the official ships, behaved, supported and survived. Mesfin is and was opportunism par excellence. Survival is his primary instinct.

Alemayehu writes:

"The regime of H.I.M. Haile Selassie also harassed and threatened him throughout the 1960s. He was perceived as an intolerable irritant".

Another white lie.

Alemayehu wrote:

" He (MWM) kept on marching on the long walk to freedom stepping to the beat of a different drummer. Himself.

I would venture to guess that he was a professional dissenter long before he was a university professor".

LOL. Fiction. yeayet miskirnet! Second level demagogy!

Mesfin belittles and dirties Ethiopian history. He admires Eritreans as a proud people and castigates Ethiopia and Ethiopian with no quarters given. Even those imprisoned at Azinara, Italy, have been called traitors by him. Mesfin never knew the long walk to freedom and never took even a tiny step on it. Professional dissenter? Let alone Mesfin, even professor Alemayehu does not really know the meaning of this.

Alemayehu wrote:

" Second is the failure of Ethiopian intellectuals. The intellectuals and educated classes sold out to the powers that be, whomever they may be. With every regime, they behaved like the three monkeys named "Hear No Evil", "See No Evil" and "Speak No Evil".

The intellectuals and educated classes have failed to guide the powers that be to do right; they have failed to record their crimes and misdeeds of the powers that be for future generations; and worst of all, they have propagated the mistakes of the past for the future generations as the right and proper thing to do compounding their own mistakes."

The very one who sold his soul to three repressive regimes is none other than Mesfin and pseudo intellectual admirers. Intellectuals or person having the duty to guide the powers that be is a lame conception. Intellectuals cannot and should not guide the usurpers of powers. They should criticize and oppose and stand with the people and not with dictators. If the blanket condemnation of intellectuals is deemed right the ones who should be held responsible and condemnable are both Mesfin and his acolyte. The mistakes of the past for that the generation of the time chose to stay and fight and paid the necessary sacrifice.

Alemayehu wrote:

" What is even more disheartening is the fact that ignoramuses in power today aspire to intellectual respectability by purchasing academic credentials from internet diploma mills. "To embellish and burnish their power, the ignoramuses in power buy bogus papers with official-looking seals and call themselves doctors, professors, government advisers and representatives of international organizations."

How very true. But is this relevant not only to the Weyane pretenders? How many of you out here use the professor tag to peddle your nauseating nonsense? How many of you are conceited because the White Man has allowed you to call yourself professors? Alemayehu himself is preaching to all and sundry because he is proud he is a Professor. That is why he is lying for and with Mesfin Wolde Mariam, another fellow whose credentials are still being questioned. To both, we can say they have depth but only on the surface, deep down they are both shallow. Actually, as was said before, the

average Ph.D. thesis is nothing but a transference of bones from one graveyard to another ". Not to say a Pile of Horse Dung.

As Socrates said, slander becomes the tool of the loser. I quote because pompous Alemayehu likes to quote to browbeat us. Mesfin has lost it, he is discredited. He insults Ethiopia and a fighting generation, he smirks at our history shameless and "maferia" as he has been for decades. If Emphysema does not kill the old one shame should. As for Alemayehu, he should take a vow of silence and a sabbatical for some years to study Ethiopian History and learn the values of humility.