

Century old Obdurate Policies of Slavery, Exploitation and Strategic Denigration; the case of Ethiopia

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I. A Pernicious influence of Abyssinian gangs of criminals over non-Habeshas

I am not an illusionist. Nor am I a pessimist. I don't try to be judgmental though do not mask the truth as the first victim in any prejudice or conflict is the 'truth'. As a person of conscious, morality and value; I never dare obliterate reality as Abyssinians do. I discuss based on objective reality, personal experiences, historical facts and existing circumstances. Thus, my theme of discussion does focus on exorbitant tyranny of non-Habesha (Abyssinia) nations by the Abyssinians and their obfuscating history of 3000 years rhetoric at the expense of the sufferings of others.

I think the most immoral thing is making up a story. In particular if the story is made up distorting others' reality and true way of life, it will be incontestable mistake. Abyssinian historians and their sympathizers have written for past half a century about Habeshas unethically obliterating non-Abyssinians history. Such people so called Habesha historians and their sympathizers don't like their racial incitement and brutal treatment of others to be known by global community. Their successors, currently are repeating the same cruelty and crimes committed by their predecessors since 1880s.

They don't learn from the past mistakes, neither do they have a will to learn. After their brutal colonization; neither they lived for the benefit of the entire empire nor for their own nations'; but virtually for their belly making the empire first in global poverty list. They don't feel ashamed of making up three thousand years story, that itself is fallacy.

Ia. Personal experiences of a strategic denigration and the psyche of Habeshas'

Eight years ago. I have been working for Ministry of Health as a health professional in the capital, Addis Ababa, and had many friends from every corner of Abyssinian Empire. I traveled over most regions of the empire and was lucky enough to critically observe the culture and values of other nations. During those times, I have tried to know what it looks to be a part of given nation's culture. I incredibly inspired by what I have observed all over and my appreciation gave me hope and courage to think that sooner or latter those nations shall regain their lost identity and pride to Abyssinian colonizers. For the first time I realized that the experiences of strategic intimidation and slavery by Habesha rulers over my nation (Sidama) is similar every where I went apart from the northern regions of colonizers.

Most people are forced to change their names and religion all over the empire to the rulers' one and their way of life is being obliterated. Nations of every region made to depend on Amharas traditional way of life including food and custom whereas theirs are regarded useless and uncivilized. If you call Ethiopian tradition, culture, value and music, it's that of Amharas. If one needs to know Ethiopian language, it is that of theirs. If one

likes to be entertained, he/she would be told Amharas way of entertainment. No one mentions within the country or abroad about Sidama, Oromo, Oagadenia and others more than 80 different nations of the empire's culture and values.

Three years ago. I had some Abyssinian friends who were doing their postgraduate study when I went for similar study to the UK. Fortunately, I have been teaching some foreigners friends of mine how to say 'good morning' and 'good night' and other words in my nation's language 'Sidaamu Afo'. The Habesha friends heard these students saying hello to me the other day using my own language. Immediately both Habeshas were infuriated and said to me 'why on earth do you teach regional languages to the foreigners where there is a national one?' in front of them. My friends have been obscured. I continued telling them what those people are and Abyssinian historical reality ignoring their rhetoric.

The psyche of those Abyssinian intellectuals is exactly the same with others who are back home. Their conformity to the commandments of the Abyssinian monk's for both Abyssinian constitution and Orthodox religion; the book called 'Fitha Negest' literal meaning 'Kings are Vindicators' was very important than fundamental human rights of non-Habeshas. In that book Abyssinian monks left historical milestone for today's successive rulers to be led with and preach others non-Abyssinians.

That is; ***One Country, One Culture, One Flag, One Religion and One Language***. Thus, my Abyssinian friends didn't want me to say a word of my mothers' tongue other than their language (Amharic) let alone seeing me teaching my language to others abroad. We lived for certain period of time with one of them. When he receives phone calls for me at home he says some African phoned you, because the one phones me talks in 'Sidaamu Afo' thinking the receiver is I. They consider such an act an offensive against Ethiopianiness. Thus they changed their attitude towards me ever since. One can imagine what the motives of Abyssinian intellectuals, not only just the ordinary 'Neftegnas' who virtually lived for their belly for the past century. The mentality of such people is filled with illusionist ideology that focuses on that only they are the ones to be called Ethiopians and rule the empire eternally.

I had many other pals from Amharas and Tigreans including those who were Coptic Orthodox religion leaders. Those religious leaders, so called Priests are found every where all over the empire for a number of reasons. In the hospitals where I have worked, such people do exist under the pretext of 'giving blessing to the patients and record the 'will' when people who are hospitalized die. In practice they teach the ideology of dogmatism. They have strategically got enormous significance in the process of keeping the dominance of Abyssinia, their religions as well as culture.

One day, one of such priests was arguing with me about the Bible. He couldn't get logical answer for his argument. His argument mostly was based on Abyssinian version of religious story written by their monks than internationally recognized and accepted Biblical facts. In the end, the priest tells me that we (non-Abyssinians) were pagans when they (Abyssinians) received Christianity. He added; 'when we received Christianity, you

(non-Abyssinians) even weren't part of Ethiopia' he meant 'before the colonization'. Thus, he continued 'you can't tell or argue with me even if you know the bible better than me'. He knows that I can logically argue with him based on Biblical facts, but couldn't accept the reality that non-Abyssinians can analyze things better than him. That is their myth and psyche! Therefore, the Habeshas don't let any creative mind to flourish within their empire. However, they incite racial hatred, discrimination against nations, and superiority of the north and distortion of true history of non-Habeshas.

Another person who was an administrator of the hospital where I have worked said to me the following irony. He observed my strong activities while I was a chair person for one of professionals' association. He asked me my whereabouts. I told him that I am from Sidama. He said 'you can't at all be non-Amhara'. Why? I replied. He said 'I haven't seen non-Amharas or Tigreans as confident as you are'. This is simply because Abyssinians expect all other nations to be obedient and subservient to their rule regardless their cruelty. In the contrary, he found me repeatedly raising different issues at national level based on law and basic rights. What can we draw from this personal experiences is, that, the rulers believe that they are the only ones' created to rule other nations of Ethiopia. It's all about their perception and mentality. For instance, when their king 'Haile Silassie I' was taken away from his palace in 1974, he didn't believe that military can take such an action! His psyche was that the only people who can do things better were solely Abyssinians.

II. Brief Historical facts about Colonized Nations

There are tremendous problems that all subjugated nations are going through to date. Our forefathers have been treacherously brutalized during the era of African colonization. It is a paradox that we are being colonized by the black colonizers of the planet. My father and grandfather told me how they suffered under the cruelest treatment of belly-minded Neftegnas. They made them to travel on foot to Shoa (Addis Ababa, in its Oromifaa real name 'Finfiinee') carrying tax in kind to be paid to Amhara lords hundreds of miles where they don't know where to go. Most of the Sidamas perished on the way back or forth; or made to lead life of slavery in the houses of obdurate land lords who were assigned by the central government. Our generation at the moment is suffering the same fate where the world is free of at least direct colonial yoke. This might look just a pretext to outsiders, particularly for those who read a twisted history of non-Abyssinian; and an embellished story of Abyssinians.

Their tyranny against others has got different magnitude and depth. They undermine, suppress and obstruct the lives of non-Habeshas in a number of ways. For instance, any one who wants to go to scarce Abyssinian schools built for their own people and their loyal don't get registered unless she/he changes his/her name and religion to 'Orthodox' until as recently as 30 years ago. According to their delusive principle, every one ought to be discouraged not to practice their way of life, culture, and values. Instead they are told that, theirs is uncivilized and backward. Thus one needs to change his/her true way of life (halaale) and get injected by poisonous spirit of hallucination; violence of forced unity of Ethiopianiness galvanized dogmatic ideology.

The one who is baptized in turn feels like those who brutalize the nations and starts to undermine the culture and values of others pretending to be Amhara. Then he/she starts to lecture 3000 years of Abyssinian civilization. In the end, he/she would be immersed in their sea of imagination. It is good ambition which helped the empire to be best of the world poorest. At least we are now first in one thing! Those who changed their hierarchy will be inevitably made to be loyal to the rulers and obliged to hide their identity. Instead of telling that they are Sidama, Oromo, Kambata, Gambella, Hadiya and so and so forth, they dictate that they are Amhara and their religion is an Orthodox. I'm a re-born Christian & don't have any problem with Christianity. But the scenario behind their rhetoric is far different from preaching Christianity for the sake Biblical truth. It's all about the power that signifies their politico-economic and socio-cultural dominance.

In addition to the discussed points above, they tie you in marriage with Amhara women. The wedding ceremonies must be in their way and culture, not in the way the indigenous people wed. After the marriage the dominant role would be played by wife's relatives who put tremendous pressure on you to confirm your subservience to the rule of Abyssinia. Your offspring's thus must be called by the name of Amhara and learn the way of Abyssinia. Therefore, they strategically diminish the spirit of nationalism and substitute their dogmatic Ethiopianism. This trend at the moment galvanizes all nations in more strategically precarious way. Such strategic cultural genocide of indigenous Africans however didn't draw any attention to date.

Like in other developing world, most histories in Ethiopia remain anecdotal. In developed world in contrast for many centuries all that mankind has done, thought, gained or been, is lying as in magic preservation in the pages of books. However, my generation depends on tale-tale by asking elderly of the nations. All histories written about Ethiopia are an imaginary abstracts of Abyssinian myth. The monks who mostly wrote on Abyssinian history have obliterated all other nations' true history including their true names and put them in most denigrating way. Their sympathizers themselves write the same distorted history.

On the other hand, our precious libraries, 'the elderly' of colonized nations of Ethiopia are the only source of true history. They play a significant role in the struggle for 'Decolonization'. Such elderly are very keen to let their offspring's know what had happened to them due to insufferable cruelty of Abyssinian colonization and its rulers towards them and their dignity. They encourage us to continue our century old struggle for freedom to restore our forcibly lost identity. Such invaluable elderly of developing world, therefore, are considered as an ancient library of history and art gallery.

III. Fantasy of 3000 years History and their Consequences

The Abyssinians have got a number of monks (who are parts of government and promoting the Ideology of discriminating others' culture and values, inciting religious hatred) in the past century. Those monks had a dream and imagination of writing three thousand years history of Abyssinian Empire. All rhetoric written about Abyssinian

empire are premeditated fantasy of those monks that later had been embellished by others Abyssinian intellectuals and their sympathizers'. In practice the country so called 'the form of today's Ethiopia' hasn't been in place before 1880s; of course only Abyssinia in three regions; i.e. Gonder, Gojam, Tigray and part of Shoa.

Obliterating others' history, those monks and the latter writers made up the story of colonization of other non-Abyssinian nations as though it was territorial expansion of king 'Minilik II'. In practice it is real colonization that took its historical part during the era of African colonization by Europeans. As king of Abyssinia 'Minilik II' was an Orthodox Christian. French, Britain and others their allies have helped Minilik II to get modern weaponry to crush any resistance arises from colonized nations according to many non-Amharinized writers. Modern weaponry given by the west has helped Abyssinian king, Minilik II to massacre tens of thousands freedom fighters of non-Habeshas'. We are sharing the tyranny at present time by TPLF's regime.

Incontestably, the form of today's Ethiopia came to existence under the leadership of the said king from 1880s. Existing non-Amharinized literature confirms the reality of this fact. Before the mergers of 1880s, all nations of today's Ethiopia had their distinct culture, identity, traditional way of life and sovereignty. This is the facts of reality for all others African nations before the era of African colonization.

Peoples of distinct cultures and identities with evolved values for a number of centuries in today's Ethiopia are sharing agonizing similar experiences after they all lost their identity ever since. Excruciating poverty, illiteracy, diseases, forced Ethiopianiness on one hand; relentless civil wars, dogmatic ideology and bad governance on the other are predominately affecting the lives of nations. While the Habeshas discuss their usual mythical legend, the people of the empire are paying a precious sacrifice of life due to relentless drought and deliberately caused underdevelopment. The Habeshas on the other hand claim that they are descendants of King Solomon of Israel. Thus they are pure blooded races and rulers of others according to their monks' fantasy.

I remember once when I was teenager thinking of what these all Amhara people who insult and consider us as an 'uncivilized' look like. This is because I only know the Neftegnas who were in our region to brutalize my fathers and myself. I myself several times have been insulted brutalized and saw others being degraded in such a way that cause them life long trauma. So I was more than eager to know what those people really look like. I think like; in colour, physical appearances, feature and texture almost all of us look alike. Why do they call us in an inhumane and degrading way? During those times I wasn't in position to analyze the psyche of human nature as I was very young. In the end, I came to know that they have got a psyche of callousness and of fantasy.

Since I started to go to primary school (thank God and 'Swedish Philadelphia Mission' those who brought us the light of Education; if they haven't came to our village I would have been as rural farmer as my father); I have a critical attitude and want to explore more about myself and others. Basically, such missionaries are the ones who opened primary schools virtually in all non-Abyssinian regions before the downfall of 'Haile

Silassie I' in 1974. They don't at all let any non-Habeshas to go to school until as recently as the downfall of the said king unless one is baptized by their dogmatic ideology.

Such inhumane acts makes you feel during your teenage life to think who those people are. The irony here is that the similarity of all people of the empire perhaps due to their co-existence regardless at the same geo-ecology? Rather the Amhara and Tigray regions rural people have got intolerable natural hardships compared to colonized nations whereas their elites' live for their own belly and violate the rights of others by the name of Habeshas. Their regions are repeatedly affected by drought and famine compared to others. Thus, the rulers deliberately plan to destroy others fertile natural resources as retaliation of the nature or to make them infertile like that of theirs.

The current famine and drought are the results of such insanity and deliberate policies of making other regions unproductive. They exploit natural resources from non-Abyssinian regions and destroy other regions development activities whereas building up their regions. In Oromia, Sidama, Ogadenia and other regions they deliberately set fire on irreplaceable forestry, but none of such events happened in Amhara and Tigray regions for the past 13 years of TPLF's deceitful tyranny. Such hideous acts obviously are their inheritance.

Some of others 110 years legacy of colonization in addition to the above arguments are; relentless civil wars and ultra poverty, lack of creativity and strong resentfulness; policies of divide and rule, domination and hatred over other nations. Their psyche of superiority even when they beg on the street of non-Abyssinian regions is another irony. For instance, the beggar who comes from north to beg your money insults you in a degrading way. The culture of begging, commercial sex work which is causing catastrophic disaster to the lives of tens of millions due to sexual transmitted diseases made to spread to non-Abyssinian regions is deliberate acts of those rulers. They diminish the spirit of creativity and work for common goals. Instead, they sow the seeds of laziness, gossip, envy, dogmatic ideology of superiority and fantasy of three thousand years of Abyssinian civilization. However, the reality is only myth.

By this and that, they are confusing international community. They don't let any nation get rid of them simply because they can't exist without exploiting other nations of today's Ethiopia. However, as a matter of historical facts; it will be very unlikely for them now on wards to sustain their cruelest policies of superiority. The level of truly civilized consciousness of colonized nation is tremendously increased beyond the scope of their imagination. This in turn makes the colonized nations more and more determined to raise their arms against the obduracy of dogmatic thinkers.

Thus, it will be worthy while if the Abyssinians let nations decide their destination by themselves based on international conventions & fundamental rights. I am not talking myth or delusion; but reality. We all non-Abyssinians are relentlessly struggling to increase the awareness of international community until the hidden face of hideous Abyssinian rulers is fully exposed. We need to persevere and continue our struggle until

we see our lands free of such treacherousness and cruelty. It won't take us long; God almighty willing!!

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