

I-CALLING RAS IRATION I (1955 – 2011)

'Yod along I-ngel, Yod along inna JAH own way'



Today I dare not speak with my own voice for instead of honourable thoughts expressed with fine words, there may be a wail and a screech and a howl. Instead I give thanks for the words of comfort, strength and encouragement received from the Rastafari family worldwide and share some of the reflections sent forward by others, in testimony to the life and works of Ras Iration I. I also take the opportunity to remind I and I all of the aspirations of Ras Iration I, not for himself but for building of the Rastafari Nation.

Testimonies from the global Rastafari Community

► Ras Iration was a true soldier and champion.
Sister Firkete Carridice, Florida, USA

► Give thanks for your light. I am so thankful your talk in JA has been saved for posterity. Kal Hiwet Yesimaleh. One Love **Amaha Sellassie, USA**

► Hail to InI giver of life Haile Sellassie First and Royal Balance Empress Menen - Truly a loss within InI soul, the family and the wider Rastafari Community, words can't express. However, InI were able to speak with Ras Iration I on the day he transitioned, so diligent in his expression with lots of love and thanks giving...I will always remember Ras Iration I in that diligence, resonating Irits of Haile Sellassie First and Empress Menen. **Sister Iffyia Holmes Seales, North Carolina, USA**

► Rastafari Love - There is no words InI can find to describe the passing of I man beloved Idren Ras Iration I. InI reasoned yesterday with him and his spirit was still well grounded in the love of Rastafari. I pray that the I hold strong and continue the works because this is what Iration will want the I to do. It is a great loss to Rastafari globally, Hold the faith, Perfect Rastafari love, Sela.

Ras Carlos (Sela) Seales, North Carolina, USA

► I-ternal reverberations within the portals of Ras Tafari. I-I-I-I-I-I-Iley I forIvar. Rastafari Love.... **John (Jakes) Homiak, Washington DC, USA**

► Bless, walking the streets of Coronation Market with Ras Iration and riding Kingston's buses for a day together is lodged deep in my memory and heart. His use of the word I-loved came forward so uniquely and pure. Ras Iration is the only man I have met that I would follow. This is to say he became a model and guide and will be so in the ancestral realm. Rastafari Yodding.

Liontree, North Carolina, USA

► Lion - The roar reverberates and echoes iternal... Let Rastas never die.

Ras Ayinde Tafari, St. Kitts and Nevis

► Though he no longer walks among us, yet he lives in the consciousness of those of us with whom he came into contact. Rastafari Lives!

Sister Janis Elijah, Crocus Hill, Anguilla

► Ras Tafari Live! - I MAN meditation took I Ezekiel Chapter 2, as I Ites on the works and perhaps the meaning of Ras Iration's life within the Movement of Ras Tafari.

"And he said unto me, Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee.

And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto, and set me upon my feet, that I heard him that spake unto me.

And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, even unto this very day.

For they are impudent children and stiff-hearted, I do send thee unto them: and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD.

And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they are a rebellious house,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them,

And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns be with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions; be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house.

And thou shalt speak my words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear; for they are most rebellious.

But thou, Son of man, hear what I say unto thee; Be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house; open thy mouth, and eat that I gave thee.

And when I looked, behold, an hand was sent unto me; and, lo, a roll of a book was therein; And he spread it before me; and it was written within and without; and there was written therein lamentations, and mourning, and woe."

This is just I MAN own meditation, may the Power of the Trinity, Haile Selassie I be InI ever-living guide! Love to the House of Ras Iration and the nation of Ras Tafari! With deep humility and great respect, Giving Thanks for Life and Strength! Haile Selassie I Love - **Ras Wayne Rose, Maryland, USA**

Words of Iration (2006-2009)

► “Blessed love Iloved Ras Tafari. InI global community languishes in pathetic dis-organization and subsequent lack of collective development. This debilitating situation exists only because, InI have consistently refused to do the right things the right way... Most essential to InI revolutionized success, is a radical transformation in InI organizational support philosophy. The organizing and administration of InI family affairs needs full time dedicated staffs. It cannot be effectively done by non-financial part time volunteers. InI must find sustainable ways means to financially employ InI strategic workers.”

Do the Right Things the Right Way, 20 October 2006

► “InI cannot do any thing for Ras Tafari collective welfare without firstly organizing the Ras Tafari critical mass. It is in organizing the masses of Ras Tafari that will provide an empowered constituency capable of mandating accountable, collective leadership and readily identifiable material and creative resources. Without an organized critical mass constituting a legitimate constituency, to whom are InI answerable?” **Let’s Get Practical, 21 December 2006**

► “The Ras Tafari community needs fresh soldiers on the front line. InI need solid soldiers with vigour, commitment and vision. InI need young soldiers with confidence, resoluteness and integrity. InI must view the trod like a relay race. The baton is passed from one generation to the other. The more systematic the baton is passed the more efficient and competitive will the team be.”

Time for Greater Involvement of InI Youths, 22 January 2007

► “InI need to rethink InI concepts, precepts and priorities. My generation needs to create and implement a mass organizational and educational drive among InI family. InI must take up from where Marcus Garvey and Leonard Howell left off and bring the liberation program to fruition. InI must not be afraid to form and reform...This journey and goal can only be accomplished through constructive collective leadership and organized cooperation.

Generation on the Verge of Being Delinquent, 30 April 2007

► “Haile Selassie I instructed InI to organise and centralise. Leonard Howell demonstrated the potential of communal organisation. Marcus Garvey showed InI the power and the value of mass organisation. The Rastafari Movement at present is poised to evolve the most permanent centralised mass organisation in the history of I and I people’s struggle. All the necessary ingredients exist to materialise this greatness. They only need to be administratively formalised.”

Organising and Centralising Rastafari from the Ground Upward: A Practical and Strategic Proposal, 31 May 2007

► “It’s time for the realization that we can only safeguard our nations from the destructive onslaught of European industrial and financial globalization by integrated global Afro-centric cultural and economic cooperation. Alternative sustainable development in renewable resources is of urgent necessity. The collective creativity of our people will reveal the know-how. We need only the will. Be confident in yours. Let the Caribbean behold the merits of Ras Tafari centralization.” **The merits of RasTafari centralization in the Caribbean, 10 November 2007**

► “Ras Tafari ingels must evolve from the darkness of inherited misconceptions which have served to embitter the relationship between man and woman. Misconception in practice ensures the horrors of oppression, discrimination and unfulfilled social harmony. Ras Tafari is the light of conductual integrity emanating

from the conscious practice of the awareness and appreciation of the natural laws of human oneness, equal rights and justice. By all measures of consciousness and natural reality, man and woman are interdependent.”

Man and Woman are Interdependent, 15 April 2008

►“I speak with experience of the male prisons. I feel confidently that the same is true of the female prisons. Ras Tafari prisoners now called clients are in need of InI support. A letter, a book etc. can go a far way. Some of these brothers and sisters are doing very long time... I won't attempt to depress the I with the inhuman and insanitary living condition of prison. I only seek to remind InI that InI brothers and sisters are in prisons, some without ever breaking a law.”

Experience Enriches, Knowledge Empowers, 09 October 2009

To Ras Iration I's family of love, blood and faith, I say let I and I give thanks for having been blessed with the presence of this special Ras Tafari son.

Give Itinual thanks and Ises to the Living I, JAH Ras Tafari.

**Sister Ijahnya
30 June 2011**