

THE RECOMMENDED RASTAFARI CODE OF CONDUCT

ADDITIONS AND AMENDMENTS

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PREAMBLE

Human Diversity

"The very diversity of the worlds peoples today constitutes one of mankind's great resources; the different philosophies with which nations approach their problems lead inevitably to a vast array of methods and techniques. These variations are necessary, for each people must find solutions which are responsive to its particular needs... each nation will inevitably pursue that course which appears best suited to its own unique characteristics..."

We seek Africa's economic growth and development, the betterment of the way of life of Africans and all men.

HIM Haile Selassie 1

Whereas the People of The Rastafari Nation worldwide:

- a. have affirmed that the Nation of Rastafari is founded upon Kingciples that acknowledge the Divinity of His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie 1st, Emperor of Ethiopia, King of Kings, Lord of Lords, Conquering Lion of the Tribe of Judah, Elect of God and Light of this world.
- b. have faith in fundamental human rights and freedoms, in a world of free people and the dignity of the human person and the equal and inalienable rights with which all members of the human family are endowed by their Creator;
- c. respect the Kingciples of justice and integrity;
- d. recognize that people remain free only when freedom is founded upon respect for moral and spiritual values.
- e. recognizing that African Liberation must be the concern of all Rastafari
- f. desire that the Rastafari Code of Conduct should enshrine the above mentioned Kingciples for ensuring the protection of fundamental human practices and freedoms:

The following provisions shall have effect as the Code of Conduct of the Rastafari Nation

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"By word and deed, we have sought to inspire Our beloved people to retain the past - to cleave to its faith, to preserve its tradition, to cherish its self respect; and to acclaim the present to recognize its challenges, to work diligently, to attain higher levels of achievement."

(The Law of Life, .Haile Selassie I)

O Most high Jah Rastafari INI have love the habitation of thy house, and the place where thy honor dwelleth
Gather not INI soul with sinners or INI life with bloody men: In whose hand is mischief and their right is full of bribes.
But as for INI, INI will walk in INI I-tegrity
Redeem INI and be merciful unto INI
INI foot standeth in an even place: in the congregation will INI bless the Lord Most High
PSALM 26

GENERAL CODE

Rastafari Family must:

- 1) Accept the divinity of Haile Selassie I
- 2) H.I.M. Emperor Haile Selassie I of Ethiopia, King of Kings, Lord of Lords, Conquering Lion of the Tribe of Judah is the Almighty in Person, and that I n I Rastafari keep faith in HIM for the full and final salvation of Man unto Iternal life.
- 3) Abide by the laws and teaching of Haile Selassie I (That is, INI must always read and overstand the selected speeches of Haile Selassie I and apply their relevance to INI daily lives for the betterment of humanity)
- 4) The collected word of Emperor Haile Selassie I are the true and Ivine foundation of righteous governance.
- 5) Respect and honor Empress Menen
- 6) Declare that Ethiopia/Africa is the mother land
- 7) I n I must uphold the Kingciples of African Unity as represented by the Organization of African Unity (O.A.U.) founded by His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie I, and such organs as the African Union (AU) being legitimately derived from said root organ OAU.

Abstain from activities, such as

- 1) Abuse, slander or disgrace any Rastafari, brethren or sistren or others in public places either through the Printed Press, Radio, Television or the Internet.
- 2) Theft
- 3) Money- Laundering
- 4) Adultery
- 5) Drunkenness
- 6) Fornication (Any one who enters into a relationship knowingly aware of person intimate situation with another as such to cause a break up or instability)
- 7) Oral sex

DO NOT COMMIT SUCH ACTS AS:

- 1) Homicide
- 2) Rape
- 3) Human trafficking
- 4) Whoredom
- 5) All unnatural sexual acts – such as:
 - a. Homosexuality,
 - b. Sex with animals
 - c. Sex with children.

DIETARY PRACTICE

"And every creeping thing upon the earth shall be an abomination, it shall not be eaten, whatsoever goeth upon the belly, and whatsoever goeth upon all four, or whatsoever have more feet among all creeping things that creep upon the earth, them ye shall not eat, for they are an abomination"

Lev 11:41-42

"God (Jah) said, behold I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of the earth, and every tree, in which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed, To you it shall be for meat"

Genesis 1:29

Also

"The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nation"

Rev 22:2

ITAL IS FRESH ORGANIC AND UNPROCESSED FOODS

The highest form of dietary practice of the I-ncient Order of the Nyah Binghi is ITAL.

Rastafari who defends the ITAL way of life accept a more holistic and nature-oriented life style that ones and ones sight to be more in harmony with the earth. Ital diet cleanse and purify the physical being it also offers the most life-energizing way of sustaining the physical structure and the inner Irits in their original creation.

For them and those who sight a non ITAL way due to cultural background and other personal reasons they must acknowledge the fact that ITAL livity is the highest on the diet list and in time will embrace the ITAL trod

AVOID THE FOLLOWING

- 1) Pork
- 2) Animal products/ by products
- 3) Process foods /Genetic foods
- 4) Sodium salt
- 5) Alcohol
- 6) Tap or pipe water (use spring water)

AWARENESS

- 1) Be concerned with Re Education, Current Events, Politics of African Liberation, Repatriation and Reparation
- 2) I n I must uphold the right of all Africans to Repatriate to Africa, including the descendants of those Africans taken into captivity.
- 3) Uphold the rights to Repatriation granted by His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie I.
- 4) Always proud to be African or of African decent
- 5) Always proud to be a Rastafari Ingel
- 6) InI Rastafari will uphold the spiritual and cultural values of the ancient Ithiopians, and promote ital livity (culture) as the best and most appropriate lifestyle for Rastafarians and Africans alike.
- 7) Properly maintain his or her children, raising them in the order of righteousness
- 8) Must not enforce religious practices on any individual, as religion is personal

"As we guarantee to each the right to worship as he chooses, so we denounce the policy that set man against man on the issue of religion"

Haile Selassie I Nov 2 1966

AVOID RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

"Above all Ethiopia is dedicated to the principle of equality of all men, irrespective of difference of race, color or creed. As we do not practice or permit discrimination within our nation , so we oppose I wherever it is found"

Haile Selassie I Nov 02 1966

SPECIFIC CODE

- 1) Always respect the decision of the Council of Elders, I-ncients Guardians of the Faith
- 2) Always acknowledge the contributions of the Patriarchs, Matriarchs and Founding Fathers of the Faith
- 3) Never use the I-ncients to obtain money for self benefits
- 4) Always acknowledge the contribution of African Leaders, African Liberators and Freedom Fighters, noting important dates and events

Respect for the Flag of the Lion of Judah

The flag of Ethiopia the tricolor, Red, Gold, and Green, with the Gold charged with the crown lion, in natural colors supporting a cross-staff bearing a Red, Gold and Green pennon, known as the Lion of Judah is the accepted emblem of the Faith (Note the Green the uppermost color, the Gold in the middle, followed by the Red)

The Emblem must be

- 1) Present when representing Haile Selassie I and Empress Menen
- 2) Present at all individual gates
- 3) Raised high at all times

The Emblem must not be

- 1) Torn, or in Rags
- 2) Misused
- 3) Must never be worn on feet or as socks

HERB SMOKING

- 1) The Hola Sacrament must not be Abused
- 2) Not be used for recreational purposes nor given to minors nor mentally disturbed individuals
- 3) Always remember smoking is an individual choice

RULES OF HOUSES OR MANSIONS

All rules of Rastafari Houses or Mansions must be obeyed as these rules relate to specific areas

Such as listed along with other groups not listed

Rules that govern the Nyah Binghi Priests, 12 Tribe Priests and EABIC Priests must be obeyed

Rules that govern the NyahBinghi male/female, 12Tribe male/female, EABIC male/female must be obeyed

Rules governing the Councils and committee of the Nyah Binghi 12 Tribe, EABIC and others groups must be obeyed

All Rules of the Nyah Binghi 12Tribes EABIC and other groups that relate to the Binghi Grounds, The Altar of the Tabernacle the Nyah Binghi Drums and the Fire Key must be obeyed

Glory to word Glory to sound Glory to the blessed Iwa

Glory unto the Highest Jah Rastafari and Empress Menen

PLEASE RECOMMEND ANY CHANGES OR ADDITIONAL POINTS

Selon ena fiker igzee abihher yimmasgan

Peace and love, give thanks to Jah Rastafari