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"Greed is the thread that has been the catalyst of human destruction, many have fallen victim to its pleasures. Greed has played the role of the cheating wife or husband, stealing the hearts of humankind."— *Ras Ravin-I*



## What Ras Tafari Brethren Want.

- (1) The Ras Tafari brethren all want repatriation.
- (2) All the brethren want local recognition and freedom of movement and speech, which are essential human Right
- (3) All want an end of 'persecution' by Government and police.
- (4) Some brethren want improved material, social and economic conditions until repatriation.
- (5) Some brethren want educational provisions, including adult education and technical training. Many brethren are skilled men seeking employment.
- (6) Some brethren have suggested that a special Fund be set up, to be known as the Ras Tafari Rehabilitation
- (7) Others have asked for a radio Programme to tell Jamaica about their doctrine; some for Press facilities.



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The Freedom Fighter would like to welcome Sister Carla Johnson and Empress Gong to the paper.

Sister Carla will be serving as I n I new editor and Empress Gong will be joining our writing team.

**WELCOME TO THE BOTH OF THE  
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# RASTAFARI SPEAKS



Taken from His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie's *Autobiography*

*Events occurring during Mussolini's invasion of Ethiopia*

Chapter 35

We proclaim mobilization

IN all the civilized world, if one state seeks to wage war against another, it announces its intention of doing so. After such an announcement has been made, the diplomatic representatives of the two sides return to their home countries. If their citizens so desire, they may also leave.

But Italy continued making announcements that she had no intention of making war, while in fact she had long meant to wage war against Ethiopia, and for the past three years had decided upon it and had begun preparations. However, at some time, when the occasion arises, revelations are bound to occur, and so General de Bono has now spoken of it in the book which he has published about the war. And since this has been confirmed by Monsieur Mussolini's signature, it is not possible to claim that it is a lie.

When We heard of the dispatch by Italy of war materials and large numbers of soldiers to her colonies of Eritrea and Somali-land, up to the realization of the time-table she had fixed to start the war, We made enquiries through Our Charge d'affaires at Rome; a reply was then issued which no-one can accept as true, i.e. that it was as a safeguard against a surprise attack the Emperor might be launching against their colonies and that there was no other reason.

Since this was allegedly the reason, We made it known by radio to Italy and the whole world that we on our part were not thinking of a scheme of this kind.

Although We made this announcement, Italy did not interrupt the dispatch of military equipment and troops. There were no factories to produce war materials in our country, in order to make preparations on our part. We did not have enough money to make purchases abroad. When We asked for loans, Italy's resolve to make war being well known, We did not find anyone who would lend to Us. Furthermore, since Ethiopia and Italy had signed, with approval, what is laid down in the covenant of the League which the nations of the world had set up at Geneva, it seemed to Us that, if any kind of dispute arose between us, the matter was to be looked into by the League in accordance with the covenant with a view to being settled peacefully. Over and above this, if a dispute that arose between the two governments could not be settled by diplomatic negotiations on the basis of articles 5 and 7 of the Treaty of Friendship which the two governments specifically concluded on 21st Hamle 19203 (= 28th July 1928), then the matter was to be disposed of by arbitrators, but in any event there was to be no war between them for at least 20 years. Italy had claimed to be one of the great civilized nations, and it, therefore, seemed to Us that she would not violate the covenant of the League. Moreover, by virtue of the fact that We did not suspect that Italy would start a war without notifying her decision to engage in hostilities, as the heathen of olden times used to do, We had not proclaimed mobilization from the moment of the Walwal attack, on 26 Hedar (= 5 December 1934), until 22 Maskaram (=3 October 1935) when she began the war with her attack on Adwa.

But the Italians were well aware of the disposition of Our troops, in remote places and in the fringe areas of the country. As We entertained some suspicion that they might await the rainy season, when no-one would be able to march on the roads, and then launch an attack, We directed that a certain number of reserve troops from each unit should come to Addis Ababa.

## Mortimo "Bro Kumi" Planno (1920 - 2006)

Mortimer Planner or Mortimo Planno as he has come to be known was born in Cuba of Jamaican parents on September 6, 1920. He later moved to Jamaica with his parents and three older siblings. At some time in the late thirties or early forties, Planno came to believe that Haile Selassie I is the Living God. After adopting the Rastafari lifestyle, Planno moved to Trench Town and became one of the founding members of Kingston's first Rastafarian camp in the Dungle. From that time, Planno became one of the more charismatic adherents of Rastafari. Being intensely studious, an exceptional and eloquent orator, and harboring an abiding concern for the welfare of all Rastafari, his legacy is well known and respected worldwide among many Rastafari brethren.

In 1961, Planno was selected to be a member of the Jamaican delegation that traveled throughout Africa (Mission to Africa) to explore the possibilities of repatriation. On April 21, 1966, now known as Grounation Day (a Rastafari holy day), Planno was able to becalm a wildly enthusiastic and zealous mass of 100,000 Rastafari and other believers eagerly waiting to catch a glimpse of Haile Selassie I on his historic visit to Jamaica. This feat allowed the Emperor to make a more placid but still hurried de-planing to a waiting limousine. During Selassie's three day stay in Jamaica, Planno was among the selected Rastafari Elders who met with His Imperial Majesty (H.I.M.).

### *The Earth Most Strangest Man: The Rastafarian*

In 1969, Professor Lambros Comitas asked Mortimo Planno to write a treatise on Rastafari teachings. One year later, when Comitas returned to Jamaica, Planno delivered a handwritten manuscript with Comitas' promise that it would be made into a monograph. In 1995, Comitas had the manuscript typeset and printed and bound as a single volume in leather with gold stamping. He hand-delivered the monograph to an ailing Mortimo Planno in Jamaica.



### (Voice of the Lion)

We follow with the Greatest interest the struggle of the coloured people of the U. S. to achieve equal Rights and Human dignity and we continue to follow the progress of that struggle with intense pain and pleasure; Pain, Becomes coloured people in America experience inequality and Persecution, pleasure, Because of the efforts now Being made in the United States by Negroes Themselves. And by the Govt. To restore the Freedom and privileges to the coloured people which Have so Long been Denied them we Hope for and will continue to work for the speedy and satisfactory solution of the Racial problem in the United States. We want our coloured Brothers in America To know That we Are with Them in their Great struggle for Justice. Millions of Black Africans are proud of the American Negroes civil Rights fight. We in Africa desire success in This struggle. I personally reaffirm our Basic unity of purpose, what we Africans and coloured Americans seek is identical. We both desire dignity And freedom and a end to oppression and discrimination Base on color. Mankind faces with the task of distinguishing Truth. The truth will set the faithful free. But what does mankind expect or expecting for there wrong upbringing which is a Truth not easily accepted.

Rastafarian always have in mind the Responsibilities of the falsehood teach to a people; is a Creative Art Science. Rastafarian demonstration for Right against wrong. Misunderstanding Seem to be the Answer to disunity. I an I Suggestions to Unity is only a Method of approaching a Complex System. What wrong with Mankind can only be answered by the everyday Confusion of Self. The Materialisms of the Luxurious world has Created a Cloud of darkness on the Mentalities of the great world thinkers. When a system is created to prove a theory in its final analysis the creators of Such a System has come to the Realization that such a System in itself is a problem. The Theory is a transition of a former System, and how it can work.

Source: <http://www.rism.org/planno/mp39.html>



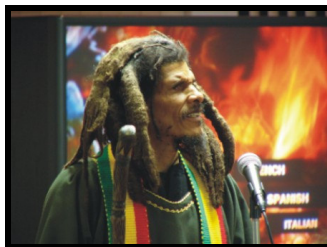
## Ras Jahaziel The Revelator

**REPARATIONS Continued From February** this is the remainder of the entire article by Ras Jahaziel, which brings it to an end. Next month we begin a new article.

Not only would the money filter right back to the slave master's house because of mental slavery, but also because **THE BASIC STRUCTURE** of the global economic system is geared to drain the victims of slavery and colonialism, not to secure their independence.

If **REPARATIONS** payments are not wisely focused on breaking the cycle of chronic dependency, then a mere fifty years from now the Black children of tomorrow will be no better off for it. They will still inherit the situation of this present generation where they are condemned to be **BOYS FOREVER** in a white man's world.

If it is to be true to its real purpose of resurrecting Black civilization from its grave of dehumanization and serfdom where it was interred by the forces of white racism, the focus of **REPARATIONS** must be on **those lynch-pins of economic and psychological dependency which continue to keep slavery intact long after so-called emancipation.**



The first and perhaps the most important of these unyielding cast-iron pins that keep slavery intact, is **LACK OF CONTROL** over **the mind-manufacturing industry.**

**Slavery is a condition where the one enslaved has no control over his life.** If someone else has control over the **mind-manufacturing** industry, one is essentially a slave in the controller's hands. This lack of control which was lost in the pit of slavery and Colonialism means that present-day Black civilization is still **living in a white man's world.**

What is the significance of the white man's ownership and control over **the mind-manufacturing industry?**

It means that as a Black parent, your child is not your own. Just like it was on the plantation of old, from the day that the Black child is born his mind is injected with **the Negro blueprint.** This means that he is instantly being programmed to think in a way that benefits the owners of the plantation and to the detriment of his own race. It is the presence of this Negro blueprint in the Black man's head that today causes him to collaborate in his own genocide. Removing this Negro blueprint must therefore be a central component of any **REPARATIONS** policy.

Without ownership and control of **THE EDUCATION PROCESS**, the minds of the newly compensated people would still continue to work against themselves in a way that would perpetuate their **CHRONIC DEPENDENCY.** Ownership of the education process should not be misunderstood as mere ownership and control of schools and universities, but also **CONTROL OF THE THOUGHT PROCESS** that sits within the books and the thought process that governs the television.

**INTENSIVE** effort backed by generous resources must be placed on **The Project of Re-education.** The people who have been mis-educated by the slave master to see themselves as separate peoples called Bajans, Trinidadians, Jamaicans, Afro-Americans, Ghanaians and Nigerians, etc, must be re-educated to see themselves as integral states of **ONE BLACK NATION.** When it is recognized that artificial barriers of separate national identity were specifically created to facilitate the slave master's control of the plantation, it will become clear that **PAN-AFRICAN THINKING** is the only life-boat for the drowning peoples of Africa wherever they are scattered. This new thinking can only be achieved if it becomes a priority on every school's agenda, and the bottom line of every church sermon.

The truth must be faced that the education system that was inherited from the Slave-master was designed to keep the plantation running on a more sophisticated level. Better and more highly skilled **SERVANTS** was the goal,

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and it is not an accident that **THE EDUCATED CLASS** of Blacks today are for the most part **ORDERS-TAKERS**. There is absolutely no way how the cycle of dependency and subservience will be broken without the introduction of a new education system that has as its goal the development of **AFRICAN NATIONHOOD** in place of the present goal of **Black servanthood**.

Seeing that the Black mind is still being invaded on all sides by the visions and ideas of the white man's house, its rehabilitation will call for the setting up of a vast and all-encompassing **PAN-AFRICAN CENTERED** education system. It must be realized that **NATIONHOOD** is first and foremost **AN IDEA** that needs to be cultivated, and it could never have been cultivated in the past while the plantation was being run by white owners who wanted to keep Black slave hands tied to the plantation. If the idea of **BLACK NATIONHOOD** is not being cultivated in our present religious and education systems it is because such an idea will make slaves question their landless-ness and their powerless-ness. All the teachings, be they religious or otherwise that have bound the allegiance of Black peoples to their separate estates in the plantation economy are complimentary to the global schemes of **THE WHITE WORLD ORDER**.

The United States of America is **AN IDEA** that had to be planted and cultivated, and it was cultivated essentially for the betterment of white civilization. Separate groups of Europeans were taught **THE IDEA** of the USA, and the idea was not considered inconsistent with their religion. **It is only slavery-inherited religion that holds the vision of BLACK NATIONHOOD to be unimportant.**

The white man had the wisdom to know that his personal security and prosperity depended on the establishment of **A COMMON NATIONHOOD** with a **land base**.

Those who are presently known as **JEWS** also knew that scattered as they were in minority positions all over the globe, they needed a central land base that made **NATIONHOOD** a reality, and hence they set up the state of Israel.

The Black man must ask himself, Where is my vision of Black nationhood?

Is my slavery-inherited religion blocking my mind from seeing the necessity for Black nationhood?

Does my long-term security rest with the fragmented plantation identity?

Am I comfortable with my centuries-old task of building the white man's house?

Should I continue to invest my labors and my monies in the white man's house when it is getting bigger and richer from my labors while Africa is getting poorer and more dependent every day?

Am I satisfied with my dependent position in world affairs where every major decision in my life as a Black man must be made by a group of white men who cannot help being racist?

Is this the situation that I want future generations to inherit? Am I contented with the island identity that the slave-master gave me so that I would remain a powerless satellite, always lingering on the outskirts of white prosperity?

None but the most drunken can fail to acknowledge the need to cultivate the idea of **BLACK NATIONHOOD** with the prospect of putting it into reality.

If white men can come together from all parts of U-rope and build their white strongholds, why should the Black man not be doing the same? Why should the Black man continue to seek refuge in the white man's stronghold instead of building his own?

In this stage of the struggle to correct the damage of slavery and colonialism, one of the greatest opponents is **the white high-tech mind-control system** that dominates the movie industry and global communications. It is so powerful that the way controlled people will be thinking fifty years from now can be plotted on a drawing board and then implemented without fail.

Therefore, to cultivate this idea of **BLACK NATIONHOOD**, major funding must also be allocated for the development of **an independent Black theater and movie industry** devoted to **THE BLACK RESURRECTION**. When the word **BLACK** is clearly defined as **that which is conscious and effective in its capacity to break chains**, there will be no chance of such a venture coming close to the **Blakspoitation** movie genre where Black just meant **putting a black face in place of a white face**. Neither minds that are bleached white by the U-rocentrick aesthetic, nor minds that are bleached color-less by white-liberal education can create the groundwork that is necessary for **Black independence and Black nationhood**. More than enough time has passed under the influence of both forms of mind-control to show that such thinking ultimately perpetuates white domination.

In this project of repairing Black minds for the fulfillment of Black nationhood, it will not be enough to put financial resources into the building of schools, universities and movie studios, but paralleled with all this must also be funding for the type of scholarship that is necessary for producing Black-centered books and learning materials to fulfill **A BLACK CURRICULUM**

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The building of any nation demands an education system that is **centered within the struggles and ambitions of that nation**. That is why the European education system has always been **WHITE-CENTERED** with a historiography that places slavers, colonialists, invaders and robbers at the center. The victims of the U-ropean project cannot correct their disadvantage or re-arrange their lives without an education system that is centered on their own historical perspective and national ambition. **It must be BLACK CENTERED in order to be redemptive.**

The importance of repairing Black minds has to therefore be seen as a major task on the **REPARATIONS** agenda, and success in this venture will determine whether generations fifty years from now or three hundred years from now will benefit from today's struggles for **REPARATIONS**. The work of breaking down the mental chains of white racism and colonialism has to be seen for what it is, the only key to unlock the dungeon of captivity. Without a break-through in these stubborn walls of mental slavery there can be no **TRUE BLACK NATIONHOOD AND ROYALTY**.

### A STRONG BLACK HOME BASE.

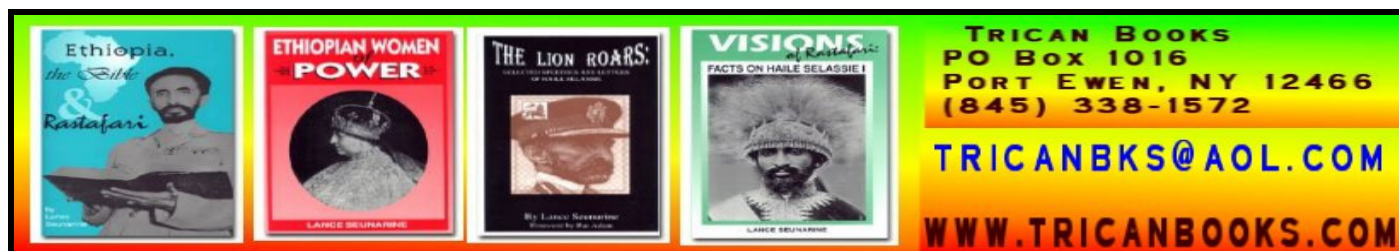
In every land, the welfare of the individual is directly dependent on the welfare of the state and its ability to maintain a prosperous economy. Take for instance the welfare of the average European tourist. He is able to be a tourist because he comes from a country that has a sufficiently prosperous economy that allows him to have enough surplus income to go on tour. He has a **HOME BASE** that is strong economically. It is not an accident that within the tourist economy, most tourists are white and the servants are black. While the white tourist has a strong economic home base that enables him to have surplus income, the black servant has **A BEGGING AND DEPENDENT HOME BASE** that barely allows him survival wages. If on the continent of Africa or in the Caribbean the safety of a white tourist is threatened, he has a strong government back at home that will come to his assistance with guns blazing if necessary. On the other hand look at the predicament of Blacks in the USA, the UK, or any part of U-rope where they are now exiled. They are subject to the worse treatment where they can be lynched and crucified on the cross of racism and there is no strong Black government that can forcefully intervene on their behalf.

A realistic look at the Black Diaspora shows that wherever they are presently domiciled, their economic survival is totally dependent on the economic health of the dominant white U-ropean nations. In places like the Caribbean where they depend on tourism, Black survival depends on the white man having enough money to go on tours. If the white man tightens his belt, many black belts will have to be further tightened throughout the islands. In places like the U-ropean strongholds of the USA and the UK, if the white man is losing money and decides to close his factory, out goes Black survival through the window of job cuts.

Throughout the history of the Caribbean, national survival has always been very dependent on exporting labor to the white man's home in the US, the UK, and Canada. Economic survival has long been structured along the lines of the plantation where the Black villagers had to leave their homes and trek to their workplace in the Big House to scrub floors, wash clothes, clean yards and do the dirty jobs. There is total dependency on the white man's economic health, and that is reflective of a situation where a people have no prosperous home base, Blacks from all over the world would be migrating to Africa in search of work instead of trekking to the U-ropean capitals of the world where they are subject to the scourge of racial discrimination which can escalate at any time.

In the white capitals of power that are so racially charged from centuries of white racism, it is quite unlikely, and even ridiculous to imagine any form of meaningful Reparations to the minority Black populations, for the simple reason that it would create what would appear to the majority white population as the creation of a privileged minority class. If in these countries, Reparations were paid on an individual basis, the majority white population can be expected to lash out angrily at the **DEFENSELESS** Black minority who would appear to be gaining an unfair economic advantage. Remember Black Wallstreet (see website <http://www.littleafrica.com/opportunity/opprage.html> The date was June 1, 1921, when "Black Walstreet," the name fittingly given to one of the most affluent all-Black communities in America, was bombed from the air and burned to the ground by mobs of envious whites.

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In a period spanning fewer than 12 hours, a once thriving 36-Block business district in northern Tulsa lay smoldering--A model community destroyed, and a major African-American economic movement resoundingly defused.

The night's carnage left some 3,000 African Americans dead, and over 600 successful businesses lost. Among these were 21 churches, 21 restaurants, 30 grocery stores and two movie theaters, plus a hospital, a bank, a post office, libraries, schools, law offices, a half dozen private airplanes and even a bus system. As could have been expected, the impetus behind it all was the infamous Ku Klux Klan, working in consort with ranking city officials, and many other sympathizers.

If the issue of REPARATIONS is broken down into insular pockets of interest where the Afro-American has one agenda and the Caribbean people have another, and the Africans on the homeland have another, one should expect the Willie Lynch mind-set to exploit the situation. A good look at the continent of Africa today demonstrates how eagerly the Willie Lynch mind-set exploits differences. If Willie Lynch has his way again, REPARATIONS will be granted with a great show of outward magnanimity that will prove to be the biggest PR stunt of the ages. An end would be put once and for all on the complaints that U-rope did this and U-rope did that, but with insularity and mental slavery still rampant, Black people would find themselves in the same old hole as before, **TOTALLY DEPENDENT ON THE WHITE WORLD ORDER.**

**MYOPIC VISIONS** will be exploited, and **INSULARITY** will be co-opted in the same way that present day **MIS-EDUCATION** is being enlisted in the age-old business of **COLLABORATIVE GENOCIDE.**

What is at stake is the future of Black peoples worldwide, and barring a serious intervention of **BLACK CONSCIOUSNESS**, that future is as dim as it could ever have been. What kind of future will the Black **visionaries** of this time hold out for the salvation of the race? All the **TRUE VISIONARIES** have already pointed to **BLACK NATIONALISM** as the only means towards ending the scourge of being Black and totally dependent in a white man's world, and it should never be forgotten that racial harmony in the white man's strongholds has always depended on Black obeisance and Black subservience.

The only hope for the Black race lies in its ability to get its act together **on the continent of Africa.** Little island satellites and little minorities are already being jettisoned by the onward sweep of history.

If the present agitation for Reparations is governed by a strong Black Nationalist commitment as it ought to be, priority will be given to establishing A **POWERFUL BLACK HOME BASE** as a means of securing the future of Blacks throughout the world. Greek thinking, U-ropean thinking, and insular thinking will have to give way to **PAN-AFRICAN THINKING.** It is only from this **WISE** base of Pan-African thinking that the proper areas of **NEEDED DEVELOPMENT** will be identified. **NEEDS** will be seen as the abolishment of every single relic of slavery and colonialism that serve to perpetuate current **BLACK DEPENDENCY, BLACK SUBSERVIENCY, AND BLACK DEHUMANIZATION.**

To correct the slavery-inherited maladies, **CONTROL AND OWNERSHIP** must be restored to those that have been robbed and chained in dependency. As long as the Slaver still controls **Black lands, Black resources, and the education process,** he will continue to control **BLACK LABOR AND BLACK MINDS.**

To negotiate and implement this vision of Black Resurrection, A **PAN-AFRICAN INSTITUTION** should be established comprised of people's representatives from throughout the African Diaspora and the African homeland. Similar to how the UN is structured with many subsidiary organizations, this institution should stand as an integral part of the now embryonic **UNITED STATES OF AFRICA.** This will enable negotiations to proceed on a **GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT** level which offers a much better chance of bringing about the long-term betterment of African peoples than would an individual arrangement.

On a much broader level however, it must be recognized that this struggle for the long-term betterment of African peoples will prove to be a catalyst for change to the present global economic system. Further up the ladder of **CONSCIOUSNESS,** the question will have to arise, **What are the chances of turning a vampire into a vegetarian?** Can the proposed betterment of African peoples be achieved while the global economic system is structured on the same rapacious model as the plantation system?

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The answer to this question will show that for African peoples, the struggle to end racial discrimination will be very much linked to the struggle of all the world's poor to end the fundamentally parasitic nature of global capitalism. That cherished brainchild of old pirates and slave masters who always valued profit above human life has now become a Frankenstein out of control, imperiling the continued existence of all life irrespective of race, class or creed. Even the very earth and its endangered ecological system are now crying out because of the same economic policies that continue to put PROFIT first to the detriment of all life.

The magnitude of the problem is so great that it is going to take more than just a political solution, more than just an economic solution and more than just a religious solution and the solution will not drop out of the sky. The leadership of THE BLACK RESURRECTION will have to be of a quality that is seldom seen in today's **human market place** where the price of a man's soul has dropped so very cheap. **Let the struggle for REPARATIONS become a uniting force that crystallizes the consciousness of AFRICAN NATIONHOOD. AFRICA AWAITS HER CREATORS.**

### Ras Jahaziel

## RASTA AND POLITICS By Ras Ravin-I

Continued from February :

Chapter 2:

### Representation:

Political representation of Rastafari People within the halls of the world's governments is imperative in the development of the Rastafari Nation as a sovereign entity. We must become engaged in political activity. And to achieve any measure of success, our representatives must be politically aware.

His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie I of Ethiopia, as a Leader and Statesman was very political in his approach to the development of Ethiopia and its people. While he stressed the need for education, he also stressed the need for political and economic development of the African continent as a whole. He traveled throughout the Diaspora and urged the displaced Africans to prepare strategic, organizational plans for the development of Africa. As a subsequent result, the Shashamane Land Grant of 1948 was born.

## RASTA AND POLITICS By Ras Ravin-I

The Rastafarian Movement is about addressing Black issues. To date, no such issues have been resolved, and one of the most important questions that continues to arise is, why? If we only deal with the mystic vibrations of the movement such as growing dreadlocks, the use of ganja as sacrament and the preaching of One Love, then we are neglecting to effectively deal with the economic and political development of the Rastafari Nation. We are more or less dealing solely with spirituality while not addressing the issues of racism, insufficient or nonexistent health care and overflowing poverty that exists in our communities.

If we are only striving for the development of our spirituality we will most certainly end up on the "dung heap" of religion, like so many of the "new houses of Rastafari" who are spreading their message of revised Christianity in a continued effort to divert attention away from the economic and political development of our people.

Marcus Garvey, being a prophet of Rastafari, was very political in his approach to African development in the Diaspora. He represented the social development of African people globally. Yet he did so while holding on to his belief in God.

The rise of Pan-Africanism during the 20th century gave birth to the social and political movements toward the development of African peoples. As we moved to separate ourselves from the Eurocentric mindset, we began to replace it with that perspective of Africa and its global presence befitting to us. The contributions to the world by Africans of the past became visible and we were made aware of the African social, economic and political contributions that are the original blueprint of the civilized world.

The Rastafari Nation needs to have representation on the world's political stage. In today's highly developed information arena, we must not reject our involvement in political and social uprisings for better living conditions. These are all political actions that need representing properly by politically aware and active Rastafari people.

To be continued in FF April issue.



Freedom Fighter Interview with Sister Issa (HumbleIssa) of the Internet web forum  
Haile Sisters International  
Interview done by Sister Ichel Abraham.

**FF : Why was HSI formed?**

**Sister Issa :** “Haile Sisters International (<http://groups.msn.com/hailesistersinternational/>) was formed because I was told to do it. I heard HIM speak to me and tell I to do this, to bring the sistren together. My initial reaction was “No, I can’t!” And I received the message that I didn’t have to be a leader. I didn’t have to take control or guide anyone; that if I provided the outlet, the sistren would empower themselves and that is really what happened really and truly. The sistren have built HSI to what it is today.”

**FF: How long has HSI been in existence?**

**Sister Issa:** “Almost 4 years coming in September of 06”

**FF: How many members does HSI have currently?**

**Sister Issa:** “Over 700 and counting!”



Sister Issa

**FF: Does HSI function offline?**

**Sister Issa:** “Not yet. It is something I would like, however. I have thought about creating other groups outside of the forum and having annual meetings, but it is sometimes difficult to get something like that off the ground. HSI is more aimed at encouraging sistren to do organize in their own communities. I never wanted to be the” leader” necessarily. I wanted the sistren to step up and take the lead; start their own projects and fulfill their aspirations to help others. The only way we will be successful at obtaining our goal is to work together, Jah is the true leader”

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Freedom Fighter Interview with Sister Issa (HumbleIssa) of the Internet web forum  
Haile Sisters International  
Interview done by Sister Ichel Abraham.

**FF: Are there any other organizations HSI is directly involved with?**

**Sister Issa :** “Not as a whole. Individual members are encouraged to support or even set up separate individual causes. I personally support The Jamaican Rastafarian Development Community (JRDC). I have donated to different groups and at one time worked directly with an orphanage program. HSI itself as a whole has not been approached by any one group in particular to join up or support, though we are open to this. I would love for the mission of the web forum to come to fruition and have sistren collectively step up and do works to support some of the organizations that are out in the forefront.”

**FF: What was the main purpose of HSI when it first started?**

**Sister Issa :** “The main purpose of HSI was to bring Rastafari sistren together, as is listed on the main page within the mission statement. I wanted to create a safe haven for women. For a long time, I didn’t have an elder woman to re-birth me and offer me guidance in my trod. I wanted to be able to make that happen for other sistren. I try to do more of a hands-off moderating with the board so that sistren can find the light within them selves. No one can really tell you what the truth is, so to speak, I think the truth *just is* and each person needs to find it for themselves. Often that comes by reasoning and learning with others. The forum is really fulfilling its purpose of bringing one and ones together and sharing. I have really learned a lot and seen some really beautiful things happen from the board.”

**FF: Has that purpose changed at all?**

**Sister Issa :** “The purpose itself has not changed. At times, though, other goals have taken the forefront. We developed a book club for a short time. That was nice because it really brought some of the sistren together and gave us the opportunity to reason more on personal levels. We tried a traveling journal over a year ago. But the journal has since been missing. (smiling)”

**FF: Have other organizations been started as a result of HSI influences?**

**Sister Issa :** “In my own opinion, yes. I think other organizations or web-groups have been started as a result of people who initially met on HSI; whether it be Bible study groups, home-schooling groups, newsletters or other women-centered groups.”

**FF: Is HSI strictly a women’s forum?**

**Sister Issa :** “Not necessarily. We do not discourage men from being a part of it, but 99% of the reasonings do come from the sistren. We don’t stop men from reasoning but we ask the bredren to limit some of their comments because it is a sistren’s site. We have a section called, “King’s Reasonings” which is an area where the bredren may contribute. But it isn’t very active much anymore. I think we have gained the respect of having our own space and I really give thanks to the bredren for overstanding that. It’s not a “Woman’s Lib” vibrations were putting out there, but simply that we as sistren just need to hold a vibes.”

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H.S.I INTERVIEW CONTINUED

**FF: Do the I feel as though this organization has been an inspiration for others to speak out where usually they might not?**

**Sister Issa :** “Yes – definitely. I do feel as if it has been an inspiration. Certainly it has been an inspiration in my own life. It has been a help to me to get through some difficult times in my personal life by allowing me to receive encouragement and strength when normally I would not have confided in others. This has a lot to do with the main purpose of the site. Being that all the sistren on the site are from different parts of the world, it has made it possible for them to meet each other for the first time or relocate each other as well as sharing”.

**FF: How much impact has it had on your life?**

**Sister Issa :** “A huge impact! There is not a day I don’t think about the board. There are times when I don’t comment because I want everyone else to talk. I don’t want to be the most dominant voice on the board. The sistren run the board and make it what it is, yet I feel a great sense of responsibility to each person on the board as far as their concerns, their feelings and life. This board was really conceived for one and ones to overstand and realize their true potentials, callings and so on and also to come together and strengthen each other. Honestly, everything thing in life has to do with how you choose to perceive it and from there, what you choose to do with it. “

**FF: Where would you like to see the forum in 5 years?**

**Sister Issa :** “I would like to see it function offline. I would really like to do more organizing off the board and leave the web alone, perhaps have a next sistren run it. I would love to see HSI form mini-groups and be able to strongly support the official organizations and projects that are out there, such as Trinidad & Tobago Rastafari United (TTRU).”

**FF: Issa, I know you have been working on your music career and recently it has really taken off. Is there any information you would like to share with InI readers?**

**Sister Issa :** “I am a part of a musical group called, “Sister Moy and the Fiyahlites.” You can listen to us at [www.myspace.com/sistamoythefiyahlites](http://www.myspace.com/sistamoythefiyahlites) We are just 3 sistren out to do the King’s work. We have become really good friends and this has been such a great addition to my life. We will soon be doing 2 shows in Orlando and have been in the studio working on a new album. I was on the Millennium Band record (Freddie McGregor’s backing band) and will be doing backing vocals and harmony for Latty Gouzang, whose album is due out in March, 2006. I have also worked with a couple of local groups It’s been a big blessing and Jah is just opening doors all over the place. I just attended the Bob Marley Day festivals in California and made so really nice contacts that I hope will prove fruitful in the future. I’m working on my own material outside the group as well. That is going slow, but when I free up a bit between college and other projects, I will be able to do more.”

**FF: Is there anything else you would like to share?**

**Sister Issa :** “I give thanks for everyone that is out there doing something positive. I have a lot of respect for the elders who have been trodding for many years because it’s not easy and respect to the people who have created web groups and groups that are helping to better the movement itself and dedicate their time to it because it is difficult. There are a lot of great groups out there who deserve a large up and much respect. I give thanks for all the sistren who come to my board and reason and I just want to encourage one and ones to do what is good and right in the fathers’ sight and remember that all of we are one people. The same Rastafari people on the same mission. We shouldn’t allow our differences to divide us, but allow our differences to be the learning tool to love each other and come together for the common cause because this is what our King and God wants us to do. Life is short, time is short. Petty differences have kept too many from obtaining their dreams and aspirations. I just want to encourage the sistren to keep up all the positive vibes and keep their goals in sight. Thank you to TTRU for your support and what your doing in the Rastafari community! Give Thanks-Jah Rastafari”

Speaking to I Sistren Part 6: Honoring the Crown

By EmpressGong

*We glow as Givers of Life  
Our circle is complete  
Nile and I  
The Divine in I..*

Blessed Love in the names of His and Her Imperial Majesties Emperor Haile Selassie I and Empress Menen I. Blessed Libations for the Seed of David, and Makeda Queen of Sabaea, the Mother of the Solomonic Dynasty of Ithiopia.

I give Ises and humble thanks for the Ispiration given to InI by the Power of the Ancestors Birthed from the Nile. Behold, I Rastafari Family, the Khamite (Kemetite) peoples who hold our hidden Identity as the first doctors, teachers, priests and healers of this Earth. As I speak to I Sistren, I will be using the Khamitic Dynasty and the first language of our Nile Peoples, *Mtu NTR*. I do hope that the Sistren and Bredren will seek further Knowledge on these things, for they are a part of InI.

We, the Wombmen of Rastafari are descendents of a loong line of Black Afrakan Queens and Divine Minds of Wisdom and Truth. As the Bobo Ashanti preach: We are Black Royalty in Flesh! We are the Sacred Feminine: Mothers, Sistahs, Lovers and Teachers representing the whole of Iration. We ARE Iration! For without the Womb of man, the Wombman, there is no Life!

As the Mother/Feminine Principles of the ONE Most High Creator we will forIver trod on with our mission to Reproduce and Sustain Life. We shall feed the hungry, clothe the poor and care for the sick and elderly. But our duty cannot stop here, because we are the Dawtas of Mother Auset (Isis): the Teacher and Forbearer of Roots, Culture and Irituality. We Heal our nation with Knowledge, Wisdom and Truth.

As we come together and resonate our Identity with *hesi* (chants) unto Jah, we must also recognize that part of who we are is personified by our Royal Beauty and Power. Our Divine Aunt Het-Hru brings to InI Khamitic Dawtas Eternal Beauty, Divine Love, Itection and Soul- full Nourishment. Let her speak to us through InI *aritu* (chakras), especially our Hearts, Wombs and Crowns.

As we Bless these Sacred Feminine Seats, let us join the Minds of the Rastafari Wombmen in this time with the Khamitic Wombmen of past. Like our Fore-Mothers, let us resurrect the Iritual Principles that dwell in all aspects of our Lives in Flesh. We the Wombmen of Rastafari like our Ancestral Mothers, honor and anoint InI Crowns with natural herbs and oils, dreadlocks and Sacred cloths. We shine our Hola Lights and Beauty through colourful expressions as is/was done in the Mamaland of *Afraka*. But there is one difference between InI Wombmen of past and present: some of InI Rastafari Dawtas have lost the Knowledge of the Power in wrapping InI Crown.

I firmly believe that in these times it is solely the choice of every Individual Sistren to wrap her Crown, or not to. There is no judgment. The reason why I have chosen to write this piece is not only to feed the Sistren who ponder on the significance of wrapping the Crown, but to teach Sistren a new source of Power: COLOR.

Our Khamitic Ancestors believed that Light and Colour radiated tremendous Power and Energy to InI Body Temples and Irits. *Colours radiate light that helps the body to heal and become whole. They also have a profound effect on our mind and emotions. Certain colours affect specific energy centres in our Body Temple, which helps our inner worlds and aritus to flow freely and unhampered*1. With such releases, InI are therefore able to reach the mental, Iritual and emotional Ites of Knowledge and Truth.

I therefore want to say to the Sistren, that as we Fari use our cloths as a covenant between ISelves and the ONE Most High, and as Itection against Babylon trends and pollution; let us also use our Sacred Wraps as sources of Power through Color Visualization.

Queen Afua teaches InI of the Ancient significance of everyday Colours:

Black & white together open up the Inner Self and bring true Peace or *hotep*.

White purifies the womb.

Yellow connects InI with the Divine Mind giving us the Power of Words.

Purple sparks our creative foundation.

Blue brings serenity and signifies the presence of the Divine Mother and Teacher.

Green rejuvenates the Irit and Body Temple with Divine Love and Nurturing.

Orange gives the strength, will and determination to face challenges.

Red gives energy to the Warrior.



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By *EmpressGong*

And finally Black, who we know so well, is the centre and groundation of Self; and Birthplace of Life.

Omega Sistren on the FrontLine, as we revolutionalize our Roots and Culture with Natural Vibes and Iditations, let us also break free from the bondage of Babylon with the Light and Freedom of Colour. With the Knowledge of Khamit we can look at our Black National Flags through new glasses. We can see the perpetuation of Istory, Tradition and Teachings because The Knowledge is still the same. It has transcended time and space to remind us of Who We Are. It is Truth! Our very own Rastafari Colors of Red, Gold, Green and black have stood the tests of time and proven that Black people are of One Heart, Mind and Soul because we have never truly lost InI Identity. We are successfully conquering the dead minds who try to hide us from our Selves!

Sistren of Rastafari, I urge you to Honour Your Crown in Prayer.

Honour Your Crown with Naturality.

Honour your Crown with Light.

Honour Your Crown with Breath.

Honour Your Crown with Love.

And Honour Your Crown with Colour, for these are Reflections of the Power of the Most High as S/He resides in the I as I.

What a Beautiful feeling to step out in Faith and Guidance! What a Blessing for I to pass on Knowledge within the Sacred Bond of Sisterhood and Love as I speak to you, I Sistren.

*Hetepu!* Peace unto You!

EmpressGong

### FROM THE KEBRA NEGAST

#### 6. Concerning the Sin of CAIN

**And that accursed man CAIN, the murderer of his brother, multiplied evil, and his seed did likewise, and they provoked God to wrath with their wickedness. They had not the fear of God before their eyes, and they never kept in mind that He had created them, and they never prayed to Him, and they never worshipped Him, and they never called upon Him, and they never rendered service to Him in fear; nay, they ate, and they drank, and they danced, and they played upon stringed instruments, and sang lewd songs thereto, and they worked uncleanness without law, without measure, and without rule. And the wickedness of the children of CAIN multiplied, until at length in the greatness of their filthiness they introduced the seed of the ass into the mare, and the mule came into being, which God had not commanded—even like those who give their children who are believers unto those who deny God, and their offspring become the seed of the filthy GOMORRAITES, one half of them being of good and one half of them of evil seed. And as for those who do [this] wickedness, their judgment is ready, and their error is lasting.**

**GLOBAL RASTAFARI UNITY CONFERENCE IN SOUTH AFRICA**

Rastafari love Ivine Family,

Give thanks and praises to InI Heavenly Father and Mother of Creation His Imperial Majesties Emperor Haile Selassie I and Empress Woizero Menen I for the teachings on Unity.

"The fact that We succeeded in laying the foundation of Our unity was due primarily to the desire of all Africans to unite in a common struggle against colonialism, poverty, disease and ignorance, which are enemies of Africa." H.I.M. on Unity and Brother (Sister) hood.

For the past 40 years, the Rastafari Family has struggle to Unite under one Rastafari Union. Now the time as come for the global Rastafari family to face the challenge for unity. On February 22, at the 12 Tribe of Israel Headquarters, InI elders and youths of the administrative, working committees and individuals of the Nyahbinghi, E.B.I.C- Bobo Shanite, 12 Tribe of Israel endorsed the Inity Conference in South Africa, November 2006. The family in Jamaica request that the houses and mansions in Africa work as a team with RYI and bring the unity to the fullness of the Emperor's mission on unity.

It give I great honor to provide this first hand information to the global family for Ras Peter Vhulahani, Ambassador of the Rastafari Yut Initiative, General Salem, requested of I to send this communication. Ras Peter trod forward to South Africa Feb. 27, after a journey of 17 days in Jamaica meeting and reasoning with ones and ones of InI Faith. He will provide a full report of his journey as soon as he makes a formal report to the family in the Mother Land. However, he asked of InI in the Diaspora to rise to the occasion and pick up the task to forward the Inity with ones and ones blessings and support.

He and the family in South Africa knows that November 2006 is only 9 months away and much logistics much be in place within Rastafari in the Diaspora to manifest the conference. However, The RYI has the support of the South African Government and their Embassy in Jamaica, and the African Union to provide the dynamo to fulfill this trod. The task is not easy but InI shall break ever chain through the Conquering Lion of Judah. Ones can contact Ras Peter at nicholasm@mintek.co.za

During the reasoning in Jamaica concerning items on the conference agenda, several topics were presented to Ras Peter. I will highlight few here:

1. The establishment of the Rastafari Global Secretariat
2. Repatriation/census/reparation planning, coordination and implementation
3. Promotion and implementation of Organic Agriculture in Africa and the Diaspora
4. Reestablishing African tradition in InI daily endeavors
5. Establishing a Rastafari Code of Conduct.

These are only a few topics projected on the conference agenda. Again I give thanks and ises for the honor in linking the family with this ilafull news. Readiness is a must now for InI, Africa awaits its creators.

Please be patient for the R.Y.I. report South Africa and make preparation for the trod.

Please Post on websites and forward to the global family. This information is also sent to the Hispanic family in Spanish.

Perfect Unity Love, Ras Sela - Psalm 137

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



**Ras Nathaniel Blake**— Coordinator, The Issembly For Rastafari Iniversal Education (IRIE)  
 IRIE has developed the Repatriation Exercise through the Repatriation Census and Star Order Five Year Plan. IRIE has also implemented a formal agreement with the African Union (through WHADN, the AU 6th Region Secretariat) entitled, “Memorandum of Understanding” which is specifically related to I&I Repatriation efforts. IRIE has provided commentary and suggestion in “The Proposal To Conduct A Series of Educational Workshops On The African Union 6th Region Diaspora Initiative & Repatriation Census/Central Diaspora Resource Skills Bank.” This is the proposal on which the Memorandum of Understanding is based and is included in the IRIE proposal package distributed in Jamaica.



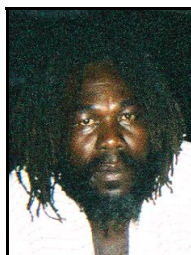
**Ras Berhane Mariam**—Interim Chairman, The Iniversal RasTafari Community Cooperative (IRASCOM)  
 IRASCOM was birthed as an organization geared towards the development of the "Inified Sovereign Nation of RasTafari." Their goals and initiatives include the economic and social development of our people, the re-education of Rastas and the public, Repatriation and Reparations and the academic and technical progression of our people. UPCOMING CONFERENCE IN THE BAHAMAS – MAY, 2006



**Dr. Lance Seunarine**— Educational Director of the TTRU / Trinidad and Tobago Rastafari United Inc.  
 Dr. Seunarine was born in Point Fortin, Trinidad. He has been a pioneer of Black Studies and in Alternative Education. He has lectured extensively on Africa, the Caribbean and Blacks in the Diaspora. He is the author of several books on Rastafari, currently available throughout the United States and Trinidad. Currently he is actively involved in the development of the TTRU multi-functional learning center in Trinidad and Tobago.



**Sister Ichel Abraham**— Founder of the Omega Frontline section of the Freedom Fighter Newspaper / TTRU Legal Consultant.  
 Sister Ichel has been actively involved with the TTRU for approximately 2 years and has become an asset to TTRU global development, She currently serves as Secretary— General and Legal Consultant. She has been instrumental in the development of the TTRU learning Center in Trinidad and traveled with us to Trinidad in 2005 as part of an advance team to initiate the Learning Center building project



**Ras Jag**— President of the TTRU/ Political Activist and Freedom Fighter  
 Ras Jag has been on the forefront of the Trinidad liberation struggle since the 1970's. He is one of the Founding Members of the TTRU. He lives in Trinidad where he operates the TTRU culture shop. Ras Jag's militancy and keen eye for detail has kept the TTRU focused on its objectives and has brought the TTRU through many of its trials and tribulations successfully.



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