Azania rising: some thoughts and ises for the dawn of a new epoch.

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Abstract:

In this paper I ‘n I will critically reflect on some thought regarding African culture and the need to create real alternatives to the bombardment of Eurocentric culture. I ‘n I will use the basic principles laid for all i-dren of the Light of the world, the conquering lion from the tribe of Judah, elect of god, peacemaker; Emperor Haile Selasie I. The second part of the paper is dedicated to sharing some of the interpretations around the seven seals and the implication for the faith finally the paper seeks to share some of revelations hidden in the Secret Book of Ethiopian Enoch.

The purpose of this paper is to kindle up conversation about the scripture; to reflect on our roles as messengers and agents of righteousness. It is also I ‘n I deepest hope that the paper may contribute to the urgent task scholarly inquiry and spiritual mastery of the teachings provided by the Most High to all the elect ones tasked with bringing Jah light unto a sinful world that has forsaken the Love and power of H.I.M.- the mighty creator.
Greetings in the name of Jah Rastafari, give tanks and ises for this glorious day of the millennium of the continent.

I-story teaches us that, in certain circumstances, it is very easy for the foreigner to impose his domination on a people. I 'n I also note that this domination can only be maintained by the permanent, organized repression of the cultural life of the people concerned. It is for this reason that I 'n I assert that cultural resistance – which is indestructible- must take on various forms (economic, churchical or armed resistance) in order to fully contest foreign domination.

Azania; like the rest of the motherland, is faced with what Cabral called the dilemma of cultural resistance. Still caught in the unreality of post Apartheid- colony- which perpetuates theories of gross racism which in practice translated into a stage of permanent siege for indigenous populations with a system racist dictatorship (democracy).

Note you Apartheid were the economic and political domination of the Azania i-dren by a minority foreigner population. The practice translated into unrestricted exploitation of the African labor force, incarcerated and repressed in the largest concentration camp on earth.

It is at this time, at the eve of this millennium that we note and reflect on realities of foreign imperialist domination as it confronts the cultural reality of the dominated. Culture is always in the life of a society the more or less conscious result of the economic and social activities of that society a dynamic expression of kinds of relationships which prevail in that society. Culture is at once a fruit of a peoples' history and a determinant of history. Principal characteristic of imperialist domination is the negation of the historical process of the dominated people- taking away peoples' free will to determine how to live their lives.

In most histories of national liberation struggles, there is a common tendency for the struggles to be generally preceded by an increase in the cultural expression of a people. This can be read as the desire of the oppressed to affirm the cultural personality of a
dominated people as a means of negating oppressor culture. Therefore a peoples who free themselves from foreign domination will be free culturally if they able to infuse all aspects of their indigenous culture nourished by the living reality of its environment and negates all harmful and subjugation aspects of foreign culture. It is in this perspective that we assert that the struggle for complete liberation from capitalist subjugation is an instance of Kulture.

Basic principles

These principles which we have long cherished and for which we have striven: collective security, peaceful and active co-existence, non interference in the internal affairs of other countries, respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of other nations and peaceful settlement of all disputes among nations.
( Teachings of H.I.M.-Haile Selassie I)

Love

Knowledge paves the way to love; love in turn fosters understanding and leads one along the path of great common achievement for one’s country.

A good leader.

A good leader is devoted to his work and will willingly forgo even the demands of sleep to see its accomplishment. This does not mean that he is impetuous. On the other hand, he maintains a balance between emotional drive and sound thinking. A true leader is one who realizes by faith that he is an instrument in the hands of the Most High- Jah Rastafari and dedicates himself to be the guide and inspirer of the nobler sentiments and aspirations of the people. He will kindle interest, teach, aid, correct and inspire. Those whom he leads will cooperate with him maintaining discipline, for the good of the group. He will instruct his followers in the goals towards which to strive and create in them a sense of mutual effort for attaining the goal.
( Teachings of H.I.M.-Haile Selassie I)
Spirituality

``the temple of the most high begins with the human body, which houses our life, essence of our existence. Africans are in bondage today because they approach spirituality through Religion provided by foreign invaders and conquerors. We must stop confusing religion and spirituality. Religion is a set of rules, regulations and rituals created by humans which were supposed to help people grow spiritually.

Due to human imperfection religion has become corrupt, political, divisive and a tool for power struggle. Spirituality is not theology or ideology. It is simply a way of life, pure and original as was given by the Most High. Spirituality is a network linking us to the Most High, the universe and each other. As the essence of our existence it embodies our culture, true identity, nationhood and destiny. A people without a nation they can really call their own is a people without a soul. Africa is our nation and is in spiritual and physical bondage because her leaders are turning to outside forces for solutions to African problems when everything Africa needs is within her. When African righteous people come together, the world will come together. This is our divine destiny.``
( Teachings of H.I.M.-Haile Selassie I)

House of the Order of Nyabinghi.

"Never forget your God," Garvey had warned followers. "Remember we live, work and pray for the establishing of a great and abiding racial hierarchy, the founding of a racial empire whose only natural, spiritual and political limits shall be God and Africa, at home and abroad!" Although Garvey himself never visited Africa, his teachings had galvanized Africans throughout the diaspora under the revolutionary slogan, "One God, One Aim, One Destiny."

We the Rastafarians who are the true prophets of this age, the reincarnated Moses and Joshuas, Isaiahs and Jeremiahs.....are those who are destined to free not only the scattered Ethiopians (Africans) but all people, animals, herbs
and life forms.... God came in many bodies to reign forever in Rastafari, the holy one of Israel, whose ray of light shall finally dim the eyes of the dragon and through whose power all those of many nations who embrace the faith and uphold its laws shall live forevermore with God...." House of the Order of Nyabinghi.

Purpose of Nyabinghi is to resurrect the people from darkness into light and to set all Black people free. Anyone can be a follower of Rastafari but the Order of Nyabinghi [exclusively] is intended to liberate all African people and set them in the ways of truth and right and teach them to love and live as Jah Rastafari had wished from the beginning." This seemingly abstruse concept finds its most popular expression in the festivals of the Order, where the Nyabinghi drummers beat out their infectious, hypnotic rhythms unceasingly in seemingly endless cathartic ceremonies.

"The term 'Nyahbinghi' comes to us from East Africa and refers to a religio-political cult that resisted colonial domination from the last decade of the 19th century to about 1928," Barrett writes. "The term might have been the name or title of a Ruandaise royal princess who was killed by colonialist because of her resistance. After her death cults arose which were influenced by her spirit. The members of the cult experienced spirit possession and the medium of these cults was always a woman.

The emergence and growth of Rastafari have been subjects of intense academic study, particularly in the Caribbean and North America, where the religion has flourished despite considerable opposition and misunderstanding. To many scholars it is the inevitable outgrowth of a dispossessed, displaced people seeking to define their own needs on their own terms and providing for themselves the appropriate answers to their unanswered questions.
"The Rastafarians and the Black Muslims are both the products of extreme social dislocation and the similarities between the movements are very striking Lincoln notes. "Both revere Marcus Garvey, both received their primary incubation in the Depression years of the early 1930s, both have dietary restrictions which sets them apart from non-believers and both are distinctive in their physical appearance. Both the Rastafarians and the Muslims consider their present expatriation to be temporary and both believe in a Black God,"

Africa is today at mid-course, in transition from the Africa of Yesterday to the Africa of Tomorrow. Even as we stand here, we move from the past into the future. The task, on which we have embarked, the making of Africa, will not wait. We must act, to shape and mould the future and leave our imprint on events as they slip past into history.

This world was not created piecemeal. Africa was born no later and no earlier than any other geographical area on this globe. Africans, no more and no less than other men, possess all human attributes, talents and deficiencies, virtues and faults. Thousands of years ago, civilizations flourished in Africa which suffer not at all by comparison with those of other continents. In those centuries, Africans were politically free and economically independent. Their social patterns were their own and their cultures truly indigenous.

The obscurity which enshrouds the centuries which elapsed between those earliest days and the rediscovery of Africa are being gradually dispersed. What is certain is that during those long years Africans were born, lived and died. Men on other parts of this earth occupied themselves with their own concerns and, in their conceit, proclaimed that the world began and ended at their horizons. All unknown to them, Africa developed in its own pattern, growing in its own life and in the Nineteenth Century, finally re-emerged into the world's consciousness.

( Teachings of H.I.M.-Haile Selassie I )
The interpretation of the Seals:

**First Seal**: (Revelation 6:1, 2), a white horse appears, "and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer."

**Second Seal**: (Revelation 6:3, 4) reveals a red horse. In this bloody scene, peace is taken from the earth, and many are killed with a great sword. From the beginning of the second century until Constantine’s edict of A.D. 313, Christianity was illegal throughout the Roman empire, and Christians were terribly persecuted.

**Third Seal**: The opening of the third seal (Revelation 6:5, 6) provides us a view of Christianity’s status for the 200 years following A.D. 313. The horse, now black, reveals that the church had lost its original purity. Its rider holds a pair of balances. A voice is heard declaring that the amount of money which previously was equivalent to a full day’s wage (Matthew 20:2), is now only worth a quart of wheat.

**Fourth Seal**: The opening of the fourth seal (Revelation 6:7, 8) ushers in a pale horse. Here is a church that is lifeless and pale. Its rider is Death, and the Grave follows closely behind. This represents the period of the Dark Ages during which the spark of true godliness was almost entirely extinguished. "And Power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth."

**Fifth Seal**: When the fifth seal is opened (Revelation 6:9-11), the figure changes. The cumulative deaths of millions of God’s people through centuries of oppression are now pictured as crying out to God, calling for justice. "How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?" The answer is given that the dead must "rest yet for a little season."

**Sixth Seal**:

***Sign #1***: November 1, 1755, "Lo, there was a great earthquake." **destroyed Lisbon on Nov. 1, 1755.** There were three great earthquakes (the first was the largest) at 9:40 A.M., 10 A.M. and at noon. The main shock lasted six to seven minutes, an unusually
long duration. Within six minutes at least 30,000 people were killed, all large public buildings and 12,000 dwellings were demolished.

**Sign #2:** May 19, 1780, "And the sun became black as sackcloth of hair." : Cocks crowded in answer to one another as they commonly do in the night: Woodcocks, which are night birds, whistled as they do only in the dark: Frogs peeped In short, there was the appearance of midnight at noonday.

**Source:** Samuel Williams (a Harvard professor), Memoirs of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences: to the End of the Year 1783 (Boston: Adams and Nourse, 1785), Vol. 1. pp. 234, 235.

[p. 234] People were unable to read common print determine the time of day by their [p. 235] clocks or watches dine or manage their domestic business, without the light of candles. In some places, the darkness was so great, that persons could not see to read common print in the open air, for several hours together.

**Source:** Timothy Dwight, quoted in Connecticut Historical Collections, compiled by John Warner Barber (2d ed.; New Haven: Durrie & Peck and J. W. Barber, 1836), p. 403

**Sign #3:** May 19, 1780, "And the moon became as blood."

**Source:** Benjamin Gorton, A View of Spiritual, or Anti-typical Babylon (Troy [N.Y.]: the Author, 1808), p. 73.

The second is that of the moon’s turning to blood; this I have not seen, but, from information, I have reason to believe it did take place between 2 o’clock and day break in the morning of the same night after which the sun was darkened, which was said to appear as a clotter of blood; and it is the more probable, as that night, before the moon appeared, was as dark, in proportion, as the day, and of course would give the moon an extraordinary appearance—not suffering her to give her light.
**Quotations from the book of Enoch Chapter 15**

3 You being spiritual, holy, and possessing a life which is eternal, have polluted yourselves with women; have begotten in carnal blood; have lusted in the blood of men; and have done as those who are flesh and blood do.

4 These however die and perish.

5 Therefore have I given to them wives, that they might cohabit with them; that sons might be born of them; and that this might be transacted upon earth.

6 But you from the beginning were made spiritual, possessing a life which is eternal, and not subject to death for ever.

7 Therefore I made not wives for you, because, being spiritual, your dwelling is in heaven.

8 Now the giants, who have been born of spirit and of flesh, shall be called upon earth evil spirits, and on earth shall be their habitation. Evil spirits shall proceed from their flesh, because they were created from above; from the holy Watchers
was their beginning and primary foundation. Evil spirits shall they be upon earth, and the spirits of the wicked shall they be called. The habitation of the spirits of heaven shall be in heaven; but upon earth shall be the habitation of terrestrial spirits, who are born on earth. (24)

(24) Note the many implications of vss. 3-8 regarding the progeny of evil spirits.

9The spirits of the giants shall be like clouds, which shall oppress, corrupt, fall, content, and bruise upon earth.

10They shall cause lamentation. No food shall they eat; and they shall be thirsty; they shall be concealed, and shall not rise up against the sons of men, and against women; for they come forth during the days of slaughter and destruction.

Chapter 10

1Then the Most High, the Great and Holy One spoke,

2And sent Arsayalayur to the son of Lamech,

(12) Arsayalayur. Here one Greek text reads "Uriel."

3Saying, Say to him in my name, Conceal yourself.

4Then explain to him the consummation which is about to take place; for all the earth shall perish; the waters of a deluge shall come over the whole earth, and all things which are in it shall be destroyed.

5And now teach him how he may escape, and how his seed may remain in all the earth.

6Again the Lord said to Raphael, Bind Azazyel hand and foot; cast him into darkness; and opening the desert which is in Dudael, cast him in there.
7 Throw upon him hurled and pointed stones, covering him with darkness;

8 There shall he remain for ever; cover his face, that he may not see the light.

9 And in the great Day of Judgment let him be cast into the fire.

10 Restore the earth, which the angels have corrupted; and announce life to it, that I may revive it.

11 All the sons of men shall not perish in consequence of every secret, by which the Watchers have destroyed, and which they have taught, their offspring.

12 All the earth has been corrupted by the effects of the teaching of Azazyel. To him therefore ascribe the whole crime.

13 To Gabriel also the Lord said, Go to the biters, (13) to the reprobates, to the children of fornication; and destroy the children of fornication, the offspring of the Watchers, from among men; bring them forth, and excite them one against another. Let them perish by mutual slaughter; for length of days shall not be theirs.

14 They shall all entreat you, but their fathers shall not obtain their wishes respecting them; for they shall hope for eternal life, and that they may live, each of them, five hundred years.

15 To Michael likewise the Lord said, Go and announce his crime to Samyaza, and to the others who are with him, who have been associated with women, that they might be polluted with all their impurity. And when all their sons shall be slain, when they shall see the perdition of their beloved, bind them for seventy generations underneath the earth, even to the day of judgment, and of consummation, until the judgment, the effect of which will last for ever, be completed.
16 Then shall they be taken away into the lowest depths of the fire in torments; and in confinement shall they be shut up for ever.

17 Immediately after this shall he, (14) together with them, burn and perish; they shall be bound until the consummation of many generations.

18 Destroy all the souls addicted to dalliance, (15) and the offspring of the Watchers, for they have tyrannized over mankind.

(15) Dalliance. Or, "lust" (Knibb, p. 90; cp. Charles, p. 76).

19 Let every oppressor perish from the face of the earth;

20 Let every evil work be destroyed;

21 The plant of righteousness and of rectitude appear, and its produce become a blessing.

22 Righteousness and rectitude shall be for ever planted with delight.

23 And then shall all the saints give thanks, and live until they have begotten a thousand children, while the whole period of their youth, and their sabbaths shall be completed in peace. In those days all the earth shall be cultivated in righteousness; it shall be wholly planted with trees, and filled with benediction; every tree of delight shall be planted in it.

24 In it shall vines be planted; and the vine which shall be planted in it shall yield fruit to satiety; every seed, which shall be sown in it, shall produce for one measure a thousand; and one measure of olives shall produce ten presses of oil.

25 Purify the earth from all oppression, from all injustice, from all crime, from all impiety, and from all the pollution which is committed upon it. Exterminate them from the earth.
26 Then shall all the children of men be righteous, and all nations shall pay me divine honours, and bless me; and all shall adore me.

27 The earth shall be cleansed from all corruption, from every crime, from all punishment, and from all suffering; neither will I again send a deluge upon it from generation to generation for ever.

28 In those days I will open the treasures of blessing which are in heaven, that I may cause them to descend upon earth, and upon all the works and labour of man.

29 Peace and equity shall associate with the sons of men all the days of the world, in every generation of it.

Chapter 14

1 This is the book of the words of righteousness, and of the reproof of the Watchers, who belong to the world, (18) according to that which He, who is holy and great, commanded in the vision. I perceived in my dream, that I was now speaking with a tongue of flesh, and with my breath, which the Mighty One has put into the mouth of men, that they might converse with it.

(18) Who belong to the world. Or, "who (are) from eternity" (Knibb, p. 95).

2 And understand with the heart. As he has created and given to men the power of comprehending the word of understanding, so has he created and given to me the power of reproving the Watchers, the offspring of heaven. I have written your petition; and in my vision it has been shown me, that what you request will not be granted you as long as the world endures.

3 Judgment has been passed upon you: your request will not be granted you.
4From this time forward, never shall you ascend into heaven; He has said, that on the earth He will bind you, as long as the world endures.

5But before these things you shall behold the destruction of your beloved sons; you shall not possess them, but they shall fall before you by the sword.

6Neither shall you entreat for them, not for yourselves;

7But you shall weep and supplicate in silence. The words of the book which I wrote. (19)

(19) But you shall weep...I wrote. Or, "Likewise despite your tears and prayers you will receive nothing whatever contained in the writing which I have written" (Charles, p. 80).

8A vision thus appeared to me.

9Behold, in that vision clouds and a mist invited me; agitated stars and flashes of lightning impelled and pressed me forwards, while winds in the vision assisted my flight, accelerating my progress.

10They elevated me aloft to heaven. I proceeded, until I arrived at a wall built with stones of crystal. A vibrating flame (20) surrounded it, which began to strike me with terror.

(20) Vibrating flame. Literally, "a tongue of fire"

11Into this vibrating flame I entered;

12And drew nigh to a spacious habitation built also with stones of crystal. Its walls too, as well as pavement, were formed with stones of crystal, and crystal likewise was the ground. Its roof had the appearance of agitated stars and flashes of lightning; and among them were cherubim of fire in a stormy sky. (21) A flame burned around its walls; and its portal blazed with fire. When I entered into this
dwelling, it was hot as fire and cold as ice. No trace of delight or of life was there. Terror overwhelmed me, and a fearful shaking seized me.

(21) In a stormy sky. Literally, "and their heaven was water" (Charles, p. 81).

13Violently agitated and trembling, I fell upon my face. In the vision I looked.

14And behold there was another habitation more spacious than the former, every entrance to which was open before me, erected in the midst of a vibrating flame.

15So greatly did it excel in all points, in glory, in magnificence, and in magnitude, that it is impossible to describe to you either the splendour or the extent of it.

16Its floor was on fire; above were lightnings and agitated stars, while its roof exhibited a blazing fire.

17Attentively I surveyed it, and saw that it contained an exalted throne;

18The appearance of which was like that of frost; while its circumference resembled the orb of the brilliant sun; and there was the voice of the cherubim.

19From underneath this mighty throne rivers of flaming fire issued.

20To look upon it was impossible.

21One great in glory sat upon it:

22Whose robe was brighter than the sun, and whiter than snow.

23No angel was capable of penetrating to view the face of Him, the Glorious and the Effulgent; nor could any mortal behold Him. A fire was flaming around Him.

24A fire also of great extent continued to rise up before Him; so that not one of those who surrounded Him was capable of approaching Him, among the myriads of myriads (22) who were before Him. To Him holy consultation was needless. Yet
did not the sanctified, who were near Him, depart far from Him either by night or by day; nor were they removed from Him. I also was so far advanced, with a veil on my face, and trembling. Then the Lord with his own mouth called me, saying, Approach hither, Enoch, at my holy word.

(22) **Myriads of myriads.** Ten thousand times ten thousands (Knibb, p. 99).

25And He raised me up, making me draw near even to the entrance. My eye was directed to the ground.

Chapter 37

1The vision which he saw, the second vision of wisdom, which Enoch saw, the son of Jared, the son of Malaleel, the son of Canan, the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam. This is the commencement of the word of wisdom, which I received to declare and tell to those who dwell upon earth. Hear from the beginning, and understand to the end, the holy things which I utter in the presence of the Lord of spirits. Those who were before us thought it good to speak;

2And let not us, who come after, obstruct the beginning of wisdom. Until the present period never has there been given before the Lord of spirits that which I have received, wisdom according the capacity of my intellect, and according to the pleasure of the Lord of spirits; that which I have received from him, a portion of life eternal.

3And I obtained three parables, which I declared to the inhabitants of the world

Chapter 39

1In those days shall the elect and holy race descend from the upper heavens, and their seed shall then be with the sons of men. Enoch received books of indignation and wrath, and books of hurry and agitation.
2 Never shall they obtain mercy, saith the Lord of spirits.

3 A cloud then snatched me up, and the wind raised me above the surface of the earth, placing me at the extremity of the heavens.

4 There I saw another vision; I saw the habitations and resting places of the saints. There my eyes beheld their habitations with the angels, and their resting places with the holy ones. They were entreating, supplicating, and praying for the sons of men; while righteousness like water flowed before them, and mercy like dew was scattered over the earth. And thus shall it be with them for ever and for ever.

5 At that time my eyes beheld the dwelling of the elect, of truth, faith, and righteousness.

6 Countless shall be the number of the holy and the elect, in the presence of God for ever and for ever.

7 Their residence I beheld under the wings of the Lord of spirits. All the holy and the elect sung before him, in appearance like a blaze of fire; their mouths being full of blessings, and their lips glorifying the name of the Lord of spirits. And righteousness incessantly dwell before him.

8 There was I desirous of remaining, and my soul longed for that habitation. There was my antecedent inheritance; for thus had I prevailed before the Lord of spirits.

9 At that time I glorified and extolled the name of the Lord of spirits with blessing and with praise; for he has established it with blessing and with praise, according to his own good pleasure.

10 That place long did my eyes contemplate. I blessed and said, Blessed be he, blessed from the beginning for ever. In the beginning, before the world was created, and without end is his knowledge.
11What is this world? Of every existing generation those shall bless you who do not spiritually sleep but stand before your glory, blessing, glorifying, exalting you, and saying, The holy, holy, Lord of spirits, fills the whole world of spirits.

12There my eyes beheld all who, without sleeping, stand before him and bless him, saying, Blessed be you, and blessed be the name of God for ever and for ever. Then my countenance became changed, until I was incapable of seeing.

Chapter 40

I said to him, Who are those whom I have seen on the four sides, and who words I have heard and written down? He replied, The first is the merciful, the patient, the holy Michael.

9The second is he who presides over every suffering and every affliction of the sons of men, the holy Raphael. The third, who presides over all that is powerful, is Gabriel. And the fourth, who presides over repentance, and the hope of those who will inherit eternal life, is Phanuel. These are the four angels of the most high God, and their four voices, which at that time I heard

Chapter 19 (Enoch 2)

Of the taking of Enoch to the sixth heaven

3These are the archangels (1) who are above angels, measure all life in heaven and on earth, and the angels who are appointed over seasons and years, the angels who are over rivers and sea, and who are over the fruits of the earth, and the angels who are over every grass, giving food to all, to every living thing, and the angels who write all the souls of men, and all their deeds, and their lives
before the Lord’s face; in their midst are six Phoenixes and six Cherubim and six six-winged ones continually with one voice singing one voice, and it is not possible to describe their singing, and they rejoice before the Lord at his footstool.

Chapter 20

Hence they took Enoch into the seventh heaven

2Have courage, Enoch, do not fear, and showed me the Lord from afar, sitting on His very high throne. For what is there on the tenth heaven, since the Lord dwells there?

3On the tenth heaven is Jah, in the Hebrew tongue he is called Aravat (3).

(3) Aravat. Or, "Father of creation."

4And all the heavenly troops would come and stand on the ten steps according to their rank, and would bow down to Jah, and would again go to their places in joy and felicity, singing songs in the boundless light with small and tender voices, gloriously serving him.

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JAH BLESS!