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— Dedication —

INI dedicate this spiritual enlightenment to all of INI bredrens and Sistrens trapped within the belly of the beast. utilize this time to learn the inner 'I'.

INI give thanks and praises to the most High Jah Rastafari!! whom INI continue to work by-through-for. INI forever gives thanks TO INI beloved Empresses Africka and Kim who's love and support give INI the physical strength needed to handle these troubled times.

I Love
Jah(ove,
Bitwoded Abijah
(Ro'sha' Bennett)

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(Sang unto God, Sing praises to his name: Extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name 'Jah' and rejoice before him. Ps. 68:4)

This revelational dialogue is an attempt to reach striding Rastafarians and non-Rastafarians alike. What is a Rastafarian? One who knows that 'Roman 1:20' is fulfilled through the person of the last Ethiopian monarch, Emperor Haile Selassie, and accepts that this Emperor and direct descendant of King David is indeed the 'Redeemer' of the African people, home and abroad. The main objective of the Rastafarians is to produce productive and self-reliant communities.

Like 85% of the Rastafarian adherents, I too, was raised by one 'Christian denomination' or the other. I was brought up in a Southern Baptist denomination. From a youth, I was educated on the bible and the main events therein. For example, the Creation, Noah, The Flood, Abraham and Isaac, Elijah, Daniel, and on and on. Unfortunately, at this time, 'Education' was all I had; However, no 'Inspiration'. I could never figure out why, I was never motivated by education alone. I recall sitting in church every Sunday listening to the preacher preach. It was never his words that held my devoted attention; but, I always found myself engrossed by the images that decorated the windows and walls. Even then, to my young mind, the images didn't coexist with the events that were taking place around me. There was no picture of the reverend who stood behind the pew sweating week after week, nor was there any indication of our little choir, that consisted of friends and cousins, whom never stopped singing and humming. The greatest puzzlement was that there wasn't an image of the forever present

elderly women dancing and passing out in the aisles after being briefly possessed by the holy Spirit.

In all honesty, the images that kept me captivated for hours, didn't resemble anything about this dominate African Congregation. They were all images of 'Europeans.' How could this be; and why was it so? Not one of the painted angels was African; more importantly, neither was the man, whom the reverend constantly considered 'our savior', Christ or also Jesus.

This weighted heavy on my conscience; and burdened my soul. At one point, I even wondered if African people were associated with the things of heaven. I tried to view the few 'Europeans' that came around our neighborhood as these 'Godly' figures; but I couldn't. What made it difficult was the fact that, the 'individuals' were either selling something, or coming to remove a child from someone's house. either or, was a constant reminder of 'dependency' on them.

These disturbing facts, caused me to dread going to church; so, when I became of age when I wasn't forced to go, 'I didn't.'


Please, don't get my entire experience coming up in church misconstrued; because, not all of it was unfavorable. I actually was once blessed with the responsibility of 'head-usher'; inside of our family ministered church (who's congregation's support, stretched from North Carolina to Colorado). This position I've come to learn as the beginning of ministry. I've felt the overwhelming power take complete control over me, as I stood behind the pew and spoke to a full congregation (eventhough mamma Forstain got on me afterwards for chewing gum) if she only knew how nerves I was.

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I thank and send blessing to the Alford, McNeill, and Bennett family for making that such a memorial moment.

Growing up as a youth, I truthfully can say that, me and my mother shared a special bond. A bond that left people questioning rather or not she loved anything or anybody more than she loved 'her only begotten son.' This bond has become stronger with my acceptance of the Rastafarian way of life; our bond has surpassed all of the physical attributes of life and placed us back at the embryos stage of my life, sharing the 'oneness' of each other's comfort all over again.

She still holds firm to her Southern Baptist beliefs, while openly understanding my Rastafarian views. After all, who could blame her? For when it's all said and done, 'all mother souls are at ease when her child seeks to travel any path that brings them to an awareness of their indwelling divinity and its natural relationship to a most High Power of Powers'..... Jah Rasta-Far-I!!!


Bitwoded Abijah

Thank you for the spiritual
guidance, Dewey, Ant,
Whammy, Al, and Shagur.

"Whenever conflict arises between material and spiritual values, the conscience plays an important role, and anyone who suffers from a guilty conscience is never free from this problem until he makes peace with his conscience."

(H.I.M Haile Selassie I)

- One love -

The most misinterpreted, informed, and misunderstood way of life in all school of thoughts, is 'Rastafarian'. Please allow me to shed some light on this way of life by way of metaphysics. Notice I say, 'way of life' and not religion or culture. For as the Elder Bas Judah stated in Reasoning of a Rasta: "Rastafarian is not a religion; but a return to righteousness, nor is it a culture, but the cultivating of an authentic spiritual awareness."

Rastafarian 'objectively' as I noted earlier, revolves around a productive community. However, it all begins with individual growth, not just a physical growth, but, one of the mind and soul as well. A growth that begins with our lower selves, and ends with the awareness of our higher selves.

Throughout this growth process, we learn to channel negative vibes (thoughts) into positive ones. This transition of energy can only take place in the conscience of the indwelling Divinity (Soul-Spirit) that special place or source inside of us that was, 'called, formed, and made' as quoted in 'Isa. 43:7' in the likeness of Jah. In '1 John 4:8' it's revealed to us that, throughout all

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the things that people make Jah out to be, 'The most High Power' is merely 'LOVE!' Therefore, if we were called, formed, and made in this image then, this classifies all of humanity as 'LOVE' also.

'The one complete idea of the perfect human is who we're always looking to become'. The Rastafarian know that in order to reach this height, we must know that pride, jealousy, covetness, and greed were not in our conscience in the beginning; but, intelligence, love, life, substance, and strength were. When we live for the later, we enter the Divine mind; the full awareness of that Godly being within us all, and its relationship to Jah. However, humanity has fallen so far out of Jah's grace, this Divine state of consciousness seems more of mere an illusion. This doubt continues to work in Babylon favor. Why? Because, it strengthens our thought errors 'negative thoughts'; which in return, causes us to behave ungodly. When Jah tells us in (Ps. 82:6)" we're gods and children of the most High"; This reinstating factor nullify any doubt that one may have that Jah isn't the one God of all humanity and that we're all one Irit (spirit).

There's only one way to rid ourselves of these thought errors, and that's through fasting, prayer, and meditation. This is the only way to strengthen our indwelling's Divinity's (Soul/Spirit) relationship to it's father/mother; After all, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

our souls travel throughout these planes in agony, longing for

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the 'Iniversal love' they were created to give and receive. Hence, the reason why the world is in the state that it's in. Jah, insist that (INI)we "Love thy neighbor." This doesn't just apply to the people in our neighborhood; but, those of the entire Iniverse(universe). See 'John 15:17-26'

In order to achieve a 'Love' of this magnitude, one must Consider the words of Haile Selassie in his quest toward international morality; and look past the color of a person's skin and eyes, one must also negate the barrier of first class and second class citizens." This is why you see European Rastas, Chinese Rastas, Native American Rastas, etc. Being that Rastafarians are devoted and adhere to the teachings of Haile Selassie, they overstand (understand) that their 'way of life' isn't a color thing; but rather, a 'Righteous thing'; and Righteousness knows no color, sex, creed, nor nationality.

'Righteousness' as we know, merely means: Doing what's right; Not what's right in the eyes of humanity; but, what's right in the eyes of Jah. We overstand that humanity is virtually impossible to please. However, as for 'The most High', all that is asked of INI(us) is that INI 'Love' one another unconditionally; looking not at each other's faults; but the good that's in us all. The fullness of this concept can be seen in (Luke 7:47) when Yahshua (Jesus) blessed the 'sinful' woman.

'Love' is the only way to heal our society; For 'Love' is the only true means of rubbing out 'hate'. Before we can begin to entertain the idea of healing society through 'Love'; we must first heal ourselves. It's impossible to radiate 'Love' to others, if we don't

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'love' ourselves.

The greatest hindrance many people face learning to know themselves, is 'Blame'. Blame, has been around since the beginning of 'Irration' (Creation), from the time of Adam and Eve (Gen. 3:12-13). No matter the language, school of thought, way of life, or religion, the master of Blame, is 'Ha Satan' (which is no more than, the deceiving phase of mind in people that has fixed ideas in opposition the truth). This phase power is granted by our distance to 'The most High'; the further we are to Jah, the stronger this phase power and authority is. We must stop blaming others for our own 'thoughts' and 'actions'; this is the first step of many in getting to know and 'Love' thyself.

There's no stronger example of 'Love' than the story of 'Job'. Through the tests he was forced to endure, INI Pastas found the true meaning of (ps. 44:17-18) "Not declining our hearts back, nor letting our steps decline from 'Jah' path." Interpreted as: Forward ever, Backwards Never!!

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— Empresses Worth —

" Obviously war is one of the major problems which brings disaster on the life of mankind. In spite of the differences of Color, race, creed, and religion between women in this world, they all hate war, because the fruit of war, IS NOTHING BUT DISASTER." (From a speech unto the women's world Federation before Italy invaded Ethiopia in Oct. 1935. By: Empress menen)

When it comes to the role of women within the Rastafari 'way of life', I beg to differ of several Rasta Sects. I do not hold as an opinion that ~~man~~ (our) Sisters, Empresses, and Dawtas of Zion should ever be considered or regarded as 'secondary' and bound to a life of domestic duties. For in the 'object' side of Rastafarian IRI (we) strive to establish a productive 'Community' or place to 'Come amongst unity'. This means that the Empresses are more than necessary, because through them our generations are produced, and by them our children learn the importance of morals, ethics, and values. H.I.M (His Imperial Majesty) Haile Selassie made this point valid on November 2, 1930, The day verse 9:11 was fulfilled in the book of Amos and the fallen 'tabernacle of David' was restored. During this royal coronation, he broke away from the Ethiopian's orthodox church 3,000 year tradition by allowing the high priest Abuna Kirillos to place the royal crown upon the head of Empress menen.

This moment in Ethiopia ~~is~~ story (History) marked the first

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time a priest of this magnitude was allowed or ever asked to place the royal Crown on the queen's head, on the same day of the Emperor.

However, some Rastafarians view women somewhat as taboo, because of the role that women such as Eve, Jezebel, and Diliath played in the Ibtical (Biblical) scriptures. Therefore, limiting their part within the movement. I question IRI (my) beloved bredrens; what of the women in these same scriptures like, Mary, Ruth, Judith, Ester, and Queen Candace, Empress that were in Jah's grace?

The role that women play in the overall perspective of the Rastafarian likelihood can be better overstood (understood) by one reading up on the many manisons in the house of Rastafari.

Forward bredrens and bring your Empress 'beside' di i (you) . For who knows what the child that she conceives is destined to become.

_____ Empress worth _____

Zion

"We have gradually won our way back into the confidence of the Creator and he shall speak with a voice of Thunder, and shall shake the pillars of a corrupt and unjust world, and more, restore Ethiopia to her ancient glory." (Marcus Mosiah Garvey's August 1, 1925 message to the U.N.I.A. membership. 'Philosophy and Opinions' pg. 324).

Rastafarians understand and accept 'Zion' as a part of their identity to the world and they whom dwell therein. The metaphysical aspect of Zion is revealed as such; Love abode in the phase of the subjective consciousness where high holy thoughts and ideas abide (clear, established, unobstructed, sunshine, sunny, set up, monument, fortress, landmark). With this conscious concept in mind, Rasta elders set out to seek Zion's place of inhabitance here upon earth, following the guidance of the Ibiblical (Biblical) scriptures.

As we will determine later, Rastafarianism is based upon (upon) the divinity (Divinity) of Emperor Selassie and his direct relations to King David; who in (2 Sam. 5:7-10) took the strong hold of Zion: The same is the city of David. Reading further we see that Jah approved this (monument, fortress, landmark). We know this because David went on to be great and Jah was with him. This without question marks the beginning of I-story (History) between Zion, David, and the Rastafarians.

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From here I will make mention of all the references of 'Zion' as they are found in the scriptures; as well as apply metaphysics to bring forward a broader understanding.

Iman (our) journey begins with (ps. 2:6) 'yet have I set my king upon my Hbla hill of Zion.' The key word here is 'my' Hbla hill. Here Jah stakes his ownership to Zion. Why a Hbla hill? For those that don't see Jah ownership sufficient enough, know - that here, the tent of meetings (gathering place for the elders) and the Ark of the Covenant resided, during David's reign.

(ps. 9:11) Here a trodden down humanity is asked to sing Ises (praises) to Jah which dwelleth in Zion; declare among the people his doings. Notice the word "Dwelleth" is used in its present tense.

(ps. 14:7) 'Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! When Jah bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.' Keep in mind that David's reign was over during this time; therefore, he couldn't have been talking about himself.

This psalm was also seen as a forward message to the Has-tafarians, who see themselves as 'Ancient Israelites' "Bringing back the captivity of his people"; This verse doesn't have to just apply to the physically enslaved; but to the enslaved conscience as well (awakening out of darkness).

Why shall Jacob rejoice? Because Jacob represents an idea of the 'I am' identity, through which the faculties of

the mind receive their 'original inspirations' (which we know comes direct from Jah).

And Israel shall be glad. Israel (a prince with Jah) is the real of humanity, that consciousness which is founded in Jah. In Irit (spirit), soul, and body each of us must come into the perfect expression of 'Godlikeness'... then we become fully glad.

(ps. 20:2) Send the help out of the sanctuary, and strengthen the out of 'zion'!

Question to ponder. Who in this 21st century has stood in the consecrated place of the altar and made known the importance of Zion to all humanity; with emphasis to the African churches that continue to this day, to sing about the 'Great ship of Zion'. The ship that's destined to bring back the captives of his people? Before this question can be answered, we must first determine the where about of "zion". (which we will later).

(ps. 48:2-11 & 12) Beautiful for situation, 'the joy of the whole earth is mount Zion'. So, if 'zion' is upset, so too is the whole earth.

(11 & 12) 'Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments.' out of all the children of Israel, why Judah? Because Judah is the ritual (spiritual) faculty that corresponds to accumulation of increase in the mental, this is 'prayer and praise'. (Gladness within this faculty assures clearer and stronger prayer and praises). To fully understand 12, read 13 & 14.

(ps. 50:2) 'out of 'zion' the perfection of beauty, Jah hath shined. This is another verse that'll be better understood once Zion's geographical location is verified.

(ps. 51:18) 'Do good in thy good pleasure unto zion, build thou the walls of Jerusalem'. Overstand that these walls of Jerusalem are being built at a time when Jah judgment is against King David for adultery. However, mercy is asked to be bestowed upon 'Zion'. This wall signifies in individual consciousness protecting 'iritual substance' (Zion - the iritual consciousness) which limited error thoughts can't penetrate.

(ps. 74:2) 'Remember thy congregation which thou has purchased of old; the rod of thine inhabitation, which thou has remembered; This mount 'Zion' wherein thou has dwelt.'

The congregation purchased of old is the Ancient Israelites (the Rastafarians) who believe in David. The 'Rod' of thine inhabitation is the 'Golden Sceptre' (Sceptre of government and ruling through which the 'messiah' returned). 'This' mount Zion wherein thou has dwelt. No other! This mount Zion.

(ps. 78:68) 'chose the tribe of Judah, the mount zion which he loved.'

The importance and blessing of Judah can be read in (Gen. 49:8-10). The tribe from which the 'messiah' would return, through the bloodline of King David.

(ps. 84:7) 'they go from strength to strength, everyone of them in zion appeareth before Jah.'

This is the faith of Jah raising within individual con-

sciousness in 'Zion'.

(ps. 87:5) 'and of Zion it is said, this and that man was born in her; and the highest himself shall establish her.' Here Jah will choose from Zion a man, and by Jah will, 'Zion' will be established forever in history.

(ps. 97:8) 'Zion heard and was glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of thy judgment.' an awakening to its glory, brought forth this gladness.

(ps. 99:2) 'Jah is great in Zion; and he is high above all the people.' Jah not being comparable to earthly images and exalted as the true high powers (powers) of powers (powers).

(ps. 102:13, 16 & 21) 'Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: For the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come'.

(16) 'when Jah shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory.' who shall appear (become visible) in his glory? He who Jah chose and raised.

(21) 'to declare the name of Jah in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem.' With this verse the inhabitants of Zion are expected to understand that there's 3,000 names of God. However, regardless of the attributes, all the names mean the same: The most high powers, the omnipresence (all present), the omnipotent (all mighty), the omniscience (all knowing) self-existent one. This must be understood by the inhabitants, before the glory of Zion can be praised as 'The new Jerusalem'.

(ps. 110:2) 'Jah shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.' once again the rod of iron (sceptre) and rulership are mentioned together. which we read in

(Gen. 49: 8-10) This rulership belongs to 'Someone' out of the tribe of Judah.

(ps. 125: 1) 'They that trust in Jah shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth forever.' Recall that metaphysically 'Zion' means, established as well as landmark. In other words, no-one but Jah himself can remove this establishment or landmark.

(ps. 128: 5) 'Jah shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life.'

(ps. 129: 5) 'Let them all be confounded and turned back that hate Zion.' This protection on Zion was demonstrated in 1896, in the battle at Adonia, then again in 1936-41.

(ps. 133: 3) 'As the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there Jah commanded the blessings, even life forever more.' The dew being unclear thoughts were unable to affect our high intellectual thoughts which Jah blessed with life forever more.

(ps. 134: 3) 'Jah that made heavens and earth bless thee out of Zion.' Who is thee to be blessed out of Zion? Another question to be answered later.

(ps. 137: 1 & 3) 'By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea; we wept when we remembered Zion.' The captivity of Zion had been carried away to Babylon (a corrupt and unjust system) and desired to return home.

(3) 'For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song; and they wasted and required of us mirth, saying "Sing us one of the songs of Zion." Oh, ship of Zion!! show thyself and

take us home.

(ps.146:10) 'Jah shall reign forever, even thy Jah, O zion, unto all generations.' Clearly a passive verse for the enslaved children of zion, who feel that the God of Babylon has reigned over their Jah.

(ps.149:2) 'Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: Let the children of zion be joyful in their KING.' Pay strict attention to this verse, we know who 'made him'; but, who did he make? who was this special King ordained to cause Israel to rejoice and zion to be joyful?

This completes our trek through the book of Psalms; but not our journey out of Babylon and into zion. For this final trek INI (we) begin in

(Isa. 1:27) 'zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness.' All due to the King that Jah has made.

(Isa. 2:3) 'For out of zion shall go forth the law, and the word of Jah from Jerusalem.' Jah words being passed by the law of the made King, who's lineage is of Jerusalem.

(Isa. 8:18) 'Behold, I and the children whom Jah hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from Jah which dwelleth in mount zion.' The made King and his children/converts (the Pastafarians). The sign of wonders being that of the ancient Israelites and their marvelous 21st Century glory back into Jah grace.

Let INI now enter the gates of zion and bring this journey to an overstanding by revealing the geographical whereabouts of

'Zion':

(Isa. 18)

This Chapter and Verses 'especially 7' leaves no question that Ethiopia (Zion) is Jah's tabernacle; and Negus (King) Tafari is Jah's 'made King'.

— Zion —

Haile Selassie

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called wonderful counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting father, the Prince of Peace. (Isa. 9:6)

The roof was made of plant material (as straw) and the floor was of dried earth. The house was located in Ejarsa Gora, just miles from her nearby home of Harar. She had been brought here because of the clean air and quietness of the village, with hopes of this child surviving. The house had been prepared by her husband, the governor of the Harar province of Ethiopia 'Ras' mokkonen Woldemikael Gudessa.

Wayziro (Lady) Yeshimebet Ali Abajifar travailed in pain while wondering, what was going to become of this child. This thought haunted her because she has lost the previous eight, either at birth or to one of the various diseases that plagued Harar.

The year was 1892 and Ethiopia was witnessing one of its worst draughts ever, a drought that was going into its third season. The chaplans and astrologers foretold Ras mokkonen of this infant's birth. This birth they assured; "would take place after a major drought; and the returned rain would confirm the identity and destiny of this child."

The servants crowded to her as the pains came in rapid sections. The windows of heaven opened releasing a massive downpour of rain and thunder as the midwife pulled the child clear. The roaring thunder drowned out the child's first cry, unable to hear it, (Lady) Yeshimebet thought that this child too was lost. Until, the excitement of the midwife and servants filled the room, as they cleaned and prepared the child before bringing him to her. On July 23, 'Lij': meaning child and bestowed upon nobility, 'Tafari' brought with him the omen of a much needed and welcomed rain. The celebrations could be heard for miles as men shot their rifles into the air and the women rejoiced by singing and dancing; knowing that unto them the 'Cosmic-Child' had been giving.

Never in Ethiopia history was a birth more anticipated; because, this native son inherited his imperial blood through his paternal grandmother and father. His grandmother Princess Tenagnework Sahle Selassie, the aunt of Emperor Menelik II, was a direct descendant of Makeda (The Queen of Sheba) and King Solomon of ancient Israel. Indeed his bloodlines had been traced back to Solomon's grandfather 'Jesse' the blackest Jew the world had ever known. (Extracts from a paper by Ras Carlisle A Kelly)

Rastafarian elders used history (history) and scriptures to draw their conclusion of this miraculous birth. Trod with me as I reveal some of this history and these scriptures.

III begin with (Rev. 12:1-6); here the dragon stood before the woman, waiting to devour her child. However, she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a 'rod of iron'; and her son was called up unto Jah, and to the throne.

The focal point of this verse is; 'who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron'; and the dragon that waited to devour this child. The latter causes III to revert back to the section on 'Zion' and (ps. 129:5) Let them all be confound and turned back that hate Zion. In 1886 eventhough, it was written and told that Italy invaded Ethiopia for political and economical wealth, aswell as for the expansion of Italy's empire, the real hidden reason was to kill the 'christ-child' Lij Tafari makonnen, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron (Golden Sceptre). After failing to kill the christ-child on a cosmic level the 'dragon/Pope' then tried to do so physically (which is symbolical to Herod Killing the babies during christ first advent) But, the church and state of Rome was defeated at the battle of Adowa.

Let III step outside the letters for a broader understanding of what's taking place here. Viewed metaphysically, Herod is the ruling will of the physical, the ego in the sense consciousness. This ruling ego is temporal; because, it does not understand human true origin or the laws of it's being. It is narrow, jealous, and destructive. "I know nothing about another world." He says. "If I have plenty of money, I can get along alright aswell

as anything I want. You can take your religion, I know nothing about a hereafter." This is Herod. He is the ruler in the mind, and if we don't watch him, he will slay the 'christ-child'.

Forward IWI story (ps. 87:4) "With Ethiopia, this man was born there." Rome knew that the christ-child was to be born in Ethiopia, for their astronomers and soothsayers saw that the star of David was once again over the Hala (Hty) land of Ethiopia.

However, when Tafari grew in wisemind (wisdom), might, and knowledge to sit upon the throne of David as Haile Selassie. 'Goliath-mussolini' invaded Ethiopia in 1935, defying the living I Ras Tafari, to wit, 'David-selassie' slew Goliath-mussolini in battle, and Pope Pius. For it was after David was anointed that he slew Goliath, and it was after H.I.M (His Imperial majesty) Haile Selassie was anointed, at his Coronation in 1930 that he defeated mussolini.

As it pertain to Kingmanship and reigning Yahshua (Jesus) let's ~~III~~ know in (Jn. 18:36) that his Kingdom is not of this world; and before his ascension, he assures us of his second coming. (This concept of the returned messiah isn't accepted by all the houses of Pasteri).

(Jn. 14:3) "I will come again..." This promise alone obligated the Pastafarians to learn, study, and look for the signs that will announce his arrival, and they are as such.

(Gen. 1:14) The first mention of the lights in the firmaments being for signs.

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(Acts. 2:18-21)"...and I will show wonders in the firmament above and signs in the earth below...The sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood, before that great and noble day of Yahshua Second Coming..."

Then he turns around and tell IRE again in (Luk 21:25-28)
"and there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars..."

Nor can we look past (mat. 24:29-30)"Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give light, and the stars shall fall from the firmament."
.."

The 'TRIBULATION' mentioned here is no doubt that long period of time and times, and dividing of times, or forty and two months, 1,260 days or years, in which the Roman Catholic Church made war upon the saints and blasphemed (Rev. 13:5 & Dan. 7:14).

To the Pastafarians, the occurring of these signs which have been seen in 1780 and 1883' respectively, is the fulfillment of prophecy.

On May 19, 1780 (Acts 2:20 and mat. 24:29) were fulfilled, this day is known in 'his. story' as Dark Day - the day the sun and moon withdrew their shining.

(Type of the race pg. 221)." This unexplained darkness on this day covered a large portion of the new world, it was necessary to light candles. The birds were silent, and disappeared, and domestic animals acted as they would at night. No satisfactory natural explanation has ever been given of the strange occurrence."

Joseph Dorr of Salem, Mass. (History of the town of New Hamp. Vol. 1 pg. 217 Boston Public Library) wrote: "This Supernatural darkness is the work of the almighty. The 19th May 1780 was unprecedented in New England for its darkness, the darkness extended over several million square miles."

Why did the sun and the moon withdraw their shining? Surely it was the fulfillment of prophecy.

On the morning of Nov. 13th, 1883 prophecy fulfilled itself again, 'when the stars fell'.

Professor Dennison Holmstead, the celebrated astronomer of Yale College (Concerning this display of Celestial fireworks) wrote: "This was the greatest display of Celestial fireworks that has ever been since the almighty God created this world, or at least within the recordings of his story."

Fredrick Douglas wrote in his book (My bondage and my freedom pg. 186) New York City 1855 "I witnessed this great spectacle and was awestruck. The air seemed filled with bright descending messengers from the sky. It was about daybreak when I saw this sublime scene. It was not without suggestion at that moment that it was the harbinger of the second coming of Jesus Christ the son of man..."

(Lukie 21:28) "When these signs come to pass, then look up, for your redemption draweth nigh." Uj Tafari Morkkonen was born 111 yrs. or days after the sun withdrew its shining; and 59 yrs. or days after the falling of the stars.

It is written in (Rev. 19:12) that Iman 'Lord' will wear ma-

ny Crowns. At age 18 Tafari was governor of Harar; at 24 he became regent, then in 1928 he became 'Ras' (which is a high title in Ethiopia that means Prince or Head) Later this same year he became Negus (King) of Ethiopia; and in 1930 Coronated as Emperor under his baptised name of Haile Selassie (which translates as the might of the trinity).

Other notable titles bestowed upon him during this coronation were; King of Kings, Lord of Lords, Conquering Lion of the tribe of Judah (Born in July under Leo the Lion), Light of this World, and Defender of the faith.

(May 5, 1941) He delivered his 'great mercy proclamation' speech; in which, he asked the people of Ethiopia not to return evil for evil against the fascist aggressors. This speech earned him the uncontested title 'Prince of Peace'.

(Nov. 2, 1930) He became the 225th King of the 3,000 year old unbroken Solomonic lineage to sit upon the royal-covenant throne of King David.

"and he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne." (Rev. 4:3) Not only is this pointing out the Ethiopian (Green, yellow, and red flag of Judah); but, the throne room as well, for Ethiopia has the only throne room in the world that has the rainbow ensign.

Let's turn your attention now to the 'Conquering Lion of Judah'; beginning with (Gen. 49:8-10) "Judah thou art he whom thy brothers shall praise, thy father's children shall bow down

before thee. Judah is a lion's whelp from the prey. my son, thou art gone up. The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be."

The Sceptre was returned to Judah-shiloh-Selassie at his coronation. This 'rod of iron' or 'Golden Sceptre' was stolen from Judah during the reign of King Hezekiah (2 King 20:17). During his coronation this Sceptre was brought back to Ethiopia by King of England (Babylon) George II who sent his son Edward VIII to Zion the throne of Israel in Addis Ababa (New Jerusalem), with the Sceptre they had stolen.

He bowed low at the feet of the Lion of Judah saying: "master master! my father has sent me to represent him. Here is the sceptre we stole from sheba hundreds of years ago. we promise to serve the lord until our end."

_____ Haile Selassie _____

_____ marcus' mosiah' Garvey _____

Who among you will give ear to this? who will hearken and hear for the time to come? (Isa. 42:23)

The spectacular coronation you just read about in the section Haile Selassie may have gone unnoticed by many if it wasn't for the Pan-African teacher and liberator marcus' mosiah' Garvey; and his rally of African awareness. A rally that was heard from the hills of Jamaica to the streets of Harlem New York.

Being that this is a mere overview on the Rastafarian way of life; I will not go into great depths regarding marcus Garvey; but, will show his worth; not only to the Rastafarians, but the whole African Nation.

He was born on August 17, 1887 in St. Ann, Jamaica. In 1914 he founded the Universal Negro Improvement Association (U.N.I.A). This organization's sole purpose was to, 'unite all the negro peoples of the world into one great body to establish a Country and government absolutely their own'.

Garvey's movement, more than any other, made Africa into a powerful (powerful) symbol of unity. (According to sociologist Barry Chevannes) "to be a good Garveyite means to be a keen analyst of events and conditions that affect the lives of Africans, at home and abroad."

Being that marcus Garvey was literate, he was able to keep

up and analyze these events as well as conditions to a greater degree than that of Jamaica inhabitants, who only had little or no schooling.

In the 1920's Garvey placed Ethiopia on a high pedestal with the chant of (ps. 68:31) "Princess shall come out of Egypt, Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto Jah."

Garvey is known by many quotes. It would be determined by the school of thought, religion, or way of life, which of his quotes would have the greatest impact. For the Rastafarians it came when he advised Inz "to look towards Africa where a King would be crowned, for the day of deliverance is near."

The crowning of King Tafari of Ethiopia, earned Garvey the just and right title of 'Prophet'. Still yet, he would go farther; he also wrote plays, in 1929 he wrote one entitled (The Coronation of the King and Queen of Africa). It has been written that this play was so accurate that the only difference was the fact that the real coronation took place a year later.

Marcus Garvey truly left a legacy for the Rastafarians and no doubt to the world; because, the development of Islam in Harlem is indeed an offshoot of Garveyness, although they do not hold the same concept as the Rastafarians. The moors of America also credit Garvey for the African awareness of their founder 'Prophet' Noble Drew Ali; who like the Islamic movement and Rastafarians adapted Garvey's four themes: 1. Africa for the Africans 2. Unity 3. Self-reliance and 4. Keep your black pride in the presence of whites.

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'John the Baptist' as he's come to be known; because of the role that he played preparing the world for the return of 'Christ in his Kingly Characteristic', was not prejudiced to the degree of hatred. He merely desired for his people to obtain that what all other nationalities had, an identity and purpose in life.

As a Rastafarian I know and understand that Marcus Garvey later became distraught with Emperor Haile Selassie when he left Ethiopia during the Italian invasion, to seek support from the League of Nations. He was recorded saying: "The cowardly lion" in place of the Conquering Lion.

This only strengthened Marcus Garvey's position as the 21st Century John the Baptist. For after awakening the African people of the Western world of the awareness of the King and Redeemer, as well as restorer of the black race. Symbolical to (Mat. 3:11) ; and like Marcus Garvey was disappointed, so too was John the Baptist when Yahshua fled and left him in prison. (Mat. 4:12)

_____ Marcus Mosiah Garvey _____

_____ patriarchs _____

"For I am the Elohim thy Jah, the Holy one of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee."
(Isa. 43:3)

In IRI many years since realizing that IRI was Pasta IRI have read in places where many Rastafarians credit Marcus Garvey because of his prophecy as being the 'First Rasta'. However, the majority of Rastafarians do not place this title on him; simply because, he never acknowledged the divinity of Haile Selassie. In retrospect, this same majority anoint and associate this title highly on the head of 'Leonard Percy Howell'; and rightfully so. IRI will now present an historical report and show why he accepted this praised title Welcomely and wholeheartedly.

Born in 1898 June 16, in Crooked River Clarendon Jamaica, but started his ministry in the dilapidated slums in West Kingston. He was known as a traveler and warrior. He also spoke several African languages. His knowledge of Africa and ability to read and write along with his discrimination awareness of the black race fueled his desire to uplift the down-trodden inhabitants of Jamaica. (1930) After the coronation of Haile Selassie, Howell appeared in the streets of Kingston preaching the divinity of this Ethiopian Emperor. Unable though, to grasp the attention and support from the urban crowd, he went to St. Thomas. He traveled to places such as Seaford, Trinityville, Morant Bay, and Port Morant. Here the seed of Rastafarian

was planted, watered, and sprouted.

According to scholar Louis Moxson, the following dates mark the highlights of Leonard P. Howell's impact on the Rastafarian movement.

(1932) - Returned back to Jamaica

(1933) - Began preaching 'Ras Tafari' as the returned messiah.

(1933) - Arrested for sedition (revolution against the government).

(1934) - Arrested a second time and sent to an asylum.

Keep in mind that during these moments of incarceration the movement continued to grow.

(1936) - Released from prison, went back to St. Thomas.

(1938-39) - He was driven violently out of the parish by the terror of the police, politicians, planters, and trade unionist mobs from Port Morant.

(1939) - Established the 'Ethiopian Salvation Society'.

(1940) - Bought Pinnacle (First Rastafarian Community).

(1954) - The government, in its Anti-Communist drive, invaded and destroyed Pinnacle.

Leonard P. Howell is without question one of the most influential Jamaicans of the 20th and 21st Century. Three other patriachs that helped forward the Rastafarian movement and are highly respected are: Robert Hinds, Joseph Hibbert, and Archibald Dunkley.

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