IN COMMEMORATION OF WORLD BOOK AND COPYRIGHTS DAY

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This year’s World Book and Copyright Day theme is “In book I find...” I dedicate this article to 92-year-old Credo Mutwa, author, historian and spiritual leader, with whom I spent a week at his homestead facilitating interactive learning between him and students from all nine South African Provinces, as part of IKOSA Trust Skills Transfer Programme from National Living Treasures and Indigenous Knowledge Holders. Credo Mutwa is a Living African Library, who has paid the ultimate price of veneration of indigenous Knowledge Systems; his books have become targets for western knowledge holders, committed to suppressing Africa’s greatness, to maintain the continent’s loony world order. Credo Mutwa’s lost his copyrights to knowledge mongers committed to using this prolific organic intellectual as their captive; and during our interactive learning with him, he repeatedly accused them of having attempted to kill him, as when don’t his works would report remarkable increases. Why was Credo Mutwa’s copyright rights refused by knowledge mongers? Credo Mutwa argues firmly on how Africa is the Cradle of Humankind and how in the beginning of time, other Africans migrated into Europe; the colour of their skin was affected by the cold weather, whilst other Africans migrated into Asia; the colour of their skin. These are uncomfortable truths that are found in the books of African organic intellectuals like Credo, that are suppressed using patents. The feeling of inferiority is an intricacy of the human mind. This inspiring prolific organic intellectual believed in himself and his eminent role of leading Africa out of knowledge captivity created by colonial and apartheid regimes, designed to control and limit our imagination and appreciation of Africa’s greatness.

The loss of copyrights reflects how Credo Mutwa was courageous to write uncomfortable truths during the tyranny of the Apartheid Regime, whose members were powerful as control through suppressing all forms of knowledge affirming African greatness.

In my view, Credo Mutwa must be honoured by all southern Africans as a hero in the single struggle against all forms of captivity and suppression of Africa’s knowledge, particularly Indigenous Knowledge Systems.

I honour Credo Mutwa for not narrowly restricting his role as being a renowned traditional healer with herbs and roots, for he practically lived with knowledge that resonates in our souls, constantly channeling God’s wisdom

FAMILY SUPPORT: Joy Ndwande far right, front centre is Credo Mutwa.

Blessed with harmony, balance, truth, interconnectedness since the beginning of time. The perpetual conflicts in Africa, especially in post-apartheid diseases, poverty, corruption, greed, conflict, war, and xenophobia, indicative of Africa’s failure to unite, as it is by unity that we can conquer the power that controls scarce social resources.

Most significantly being members of the Cradle of Humankind, means that all we come from the same source, God the ultimate source of all that is. God within and not in the Sky. Baba Credo pleads with Africans to acknowledge the God within them, to spend precious time and effort looking into the sky for God to provide solutions, and yet God is within them. According to Baba Mutwa, Africans are God’s people and it’s time for them to realise who they are; in order to evoke the God within them, “n’feka” and that God sends to the world to learn to be “n’feka”.

The acknowledgement that all Africa’s have within them, ‘n’feka’ is of great importance as a caution of how they represent the God within whilst on earth. They will be cautious on how they relate to themselves, and others, as it was revealed to Africans from the beginning of time that we are God’s representatives on earth. Umagula use ‘n’feka’ indicative of how we are God’s representatives on earth, representing the God that is within us, hence we embody God and we do not require power as control to be true representatives of God.

Protect Women as Higher Spiritual Beings

Africans have from the beginning of time been the keepers of the spiritual beings, who give birth, food, and nurture children to understand the God within them. According to Baba Credo the word ‘n’feka’ is a verb in the natural order, and man and women is the subject of the sentence. Africa’s greatness requires us to revert into respecting women as higher spiritual being, evident in the use of ‘Muthi’ the great cow when referring to women indigenous vs. Indokobulise, manuva vs. malamobutse, inokazi vs. Inkubulise; common as the Basotho language. Symbolic on how the femininity power is revered for its greatness as a survival process and symbol of civilization, when living according to spiritual mandates.

Spiritual warfare on IKES

Baba Mutwa expressly stated that there is a spiritual warfare targeting Indigenous Knowledge Systems, as they challenge western knowledge; and he was poisoned because his books tell uncontrollable truths, which are being suppressed for they will empower Africans with self knowledge. He asserted how western Professors harvest the Indigenous Knowledge Systems and try to kill the indigenous knowledge holders, so that they claim that this is their knowledge. This is fundamentally true as the fact that Africa has always been decades ahead spiritually from the western world hence we were not enslaved as the oppressors feel they will feel vulnerable and at the mercy of western development and Christianity. IKES do not contradict Christianity.

Indigenous Knowledge Systems do not contradict Christianity and yet Christians despise these knowledge systems; because they consider them barbaric, uncivilised and knowledge of’s the poor. Baba Mutwa appealed to Africans not to allow Christianity to create conflict, within families and communities by despising IKES; and most recently by the current practice where one family has gone against the principles of God. This creates division within the family as each church member that the others are not born again Christian enough; resulting in competitive religion that fragments the concept of family.

In despising IKES is oblivious to the fact that Africa accepted missionaries because from the beginning of time understood the concept of the trio, God the Father, God the Son and God the Mother of David.

Hence it was easy for Africans to embrace Christian Christ, whereas, according to Baba Mutwa as Black; an astronomic that resulted in his campaigned from Catholic school at a young age.

Africa’s second Enslavement According to Baba Credo Mutwa, Africa will experience a second invasion from Asians who have infiltrated into Africa through marriage, and these Asian businesses are in every corner of this continent including the villages and small towns across Africa. Leading back to the colonial era, when Africans aspiring to be white, they were required to shaving clean and straightened hair.

Today Asians are buying sympathy from Africa; Asians, they buy traditional clothes from Africa; these trends of the second invasion begins with cultural dilation and the illusory of how Asia is classier Africa is not classier.

African Governments are signing bilateral agreements with Asian countries for infrastructure investments, and we are uncertain how these poor governments will repay the loans. However these bilateral agreements are predicting the listing of a United Nations of Africa, which could result in the collapse of the African continent, as an economic giant as opposed to the economically weak individual states, with unregulated natural resources as private goods.

African traditional healers must unite Baba Mutwa called for the unity of traditional healers, as the acquired knowledge is vulnerable. Hence the inability to find an HIV/AIDS cure.

He was born in the 1960s to investigators who created the laboratory, as Africans during famine and war survived on the meat, which was monkey meat and there was no HIV/AIDS virus.

This vulnerable healing space requires a strong association of traditional healers, who will protect their individual knowledge, whilst pulling their efforts towards the sustainability of the African health systems due to the HIV/AIDS cure. His major concern is that advancement towards the HIV/AIDS is motivated by lack of unity, hence short term personal gains dominate healers whilst perpetuating pharmaceutical industry domination.

And yet traditional medicine within Africa, when co-created in a cohesive manner, can produce a cure for the HIVAIDS. Africa is a Prophetic Continent Lastly Africa is a prophetic continent; hence the Africa Renaissance must be about following God’s footpath. This requires that Africa stop hating, detesting, attacking, and oppressing each other, but focus on working together following the path that God’s path.

As we are still the same Africa as 12 decades ahead of the western world in our spirituality, hence it should be the mission of the Christian Church to sustain that spiritual leadership space. As the African Renaissance enables us to prioritize the foundations of indigenous knowledge systems, through acknowledging how they benefit to those greater than ourselves.