



June 10th Ead Bubarak: A Blessed Event

The Rise of the Sleeping Giant

By Ptah Ra, HP, Fahamme Temples

The time is slowly approaching to rise from slumber. It has been a long and agonizing sleep. And worst of all is the nightmare of a dream that has endured throughout the entire night. The sleeping giant softly moans and begins to turn in his sleep, repositioning himself and pulling the covers over his head to retard the approaching light of the new day. He inhales deeply then slowly releases the deep breath and empties his lungs. The giant tries to change the dream much like you would change the channel on the TV, but to no avail, the remote control of his mind fails to work so the dreadful images persist. Why am I having this dream, he wonders? Through his mental anguish there comes to him a soft whispering voice, the voice of a woman assuring him that assistance is on the way and will arrive by the time he awakens. Returning to his dream he ponders how can the images in his dream be so vastly different from the way he remembers things at the time I lay down to sleep? No, the things I am dreaming cannot be, they are not real. My life cannot have changed that much overnight. Yet, it could be a glimpse of the future that I have received. In that case I had better correct some things and that will change the course of events. I must make sure that this nightmare I am having never becomes a reality. Perhaps it is better to awaken fully, get up, get dressed and begin my day, the giant suggests to himself. At the very least that would bring an end to the nightmare that I can't seem to bring to an end. Yes, that is what I think I will do. I will rise.

And so it is that Khem, the sleeping giant decides to awaken from his night of ill rest and terrible dreams. The sights and sounds he encountered while dreaming was really more like a nightmare than a dream, it was quite terrible. Terrible indeed! It is a long and terrible nightmare that has marked this period of sleep for the giant. As Khem gasps his first semiconscious breathe of the new day he becomes aware that he is locked in a cell that constrains his movement. He attempts to stand only to find that the ceiling is low and he can't assume his full upright standing. As his eyes focus more he realizes that this is not a place that he is familiar with. This is not home. This is not his room, and this is not his bed. Khem calls out for aid and those that respond to his call do not understand him nor does he



understand them. The language is familiar but different. What is going on he wonders? What has happened to me? Where is my family? Oh woe is Khem, the sleeping giant, struggling to awaken from a 12,000 year slumber.

Khem hears the sound of a key turning in the heavy lock on the door. The inner working of the lock were stiff, hard to rotate because they had not been moved for a long time. With a final turn, the lock opened and fell from the clasp, clanging to the floor with a great noise. The door to the sleeping chamber of the giant swung silently on its hinges until fully open. A tall figure of a man stood silhouetted in the doorway by the light of the rising sun shining over his shoulder. The statuesque man cast an imposing shadow reminiscent of the shadows Khem had seen in his homeland as

a boy. The god-like figure stands in the doorway and gazes intently but respectfully at Khem, the giant struggling to awaken from his nightmare.

The giant man Khem is the first to speak and softly he whispers "who are you"? "I am Ra, I have again taken on the image of a man to complete a task. I have been tasked by the divine spirits of your ancient fathers and mothers to find you. They have sent me to lead you away from this place and this terrible condition and restore you to your proper status, a status befitting your heritage, befitting your ancient past and befitting the accomplishments of your ancient ancestors." Ra explains. "What has happened to me", asks Khem. Ra answers him, "one day you began to act very foolishly, and while you were in that state of folly, you were drugged". "The drug caused you to fall into a long and deep sleep from which you are just now starting to awaken". "How long have I slept?" Khem wanted to know. "For more than 12,000 years" was the solemn reply from Ra. And with that answer to Khem's question, Ra took Khem by the hand and led him through the doorway into the sunshine of the new day, away from confinement, away from the sleeping chamber where he had spent the 12,000 year long and dreadful night.

As they traveled together, Ra began pointing out to Khem all of the problems that he would need to address in order to regain his

stature. After the tour of the troubled province ended, Khem quietly asked "what is it that I must do to regain my lost stature and correct this awful state of affairs?" Ra responded with great conviction, "*as in the days of old, you must put your states in proper order!*" I have written for you a Holy and most enlightening book, a guide filled with instructions you must follow. By following the directions contained in your holy book, you will be able to regain your lost stature and become the leader of yourself and other nations as you are intended to be. It is not an easy task that confronts you, but it is a task that you must face and resolve. With that final comment to Khem, Ra presented to him the HOLY FAHAMME GOSPEL and then withdrew and left Khem to begin his arduous task.

And so it is that on June 10 each year we commemorate the arrival of Ra again manifest in the image of man, in the person of Ahmad Din, the Fahamme RaRasool, to take Khem (the sons and daughters of Africa) by the hand and guide them into the promise of restoration. And never has the evidence for the need of restoration been stronger than now, as I hope this need will be reflected in the ongoing dialogue about how to respond to the need to address the problems of our youth. Portions of this dialogue is included at the end of this essay. This dialogue was initiated by Susan L. Taylor. Ms. Taylor is editor-in-chief emeritus of Essence Magazine. The responses to Ms.

Taylor are unedited, please feel free to add your comments to the dialogue by sending an email to gingerd2007@hotmail.com.

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Subject: **Standing strong for our children** MUST READ
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Standing strong for our children

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Let's tell the truth: We've fallen into forgetfulness and apathy. Though our foreparents risked all that was dear to them to open a way for us, we have relinquished the fundamental Black values that guided their lives. The great benefits that millions of us enjoy today don't come from nothing. They have grown out of a long and glorious legacy of mutual love, faith in God and commitment to the children. These core values traveled with them over the seas and centuries. They emboldened enslaved Africans to get up from servitude, challenge racist practices, stand strong in the face of heinous acts of violence today's Black people will never know.

We are the beneficiaries of unimaginable suffering and sacrifice and also strategic thinking, planning and action. But on our watch, with all our privileges, technology and

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supports, we are doing far less for our young than was done for us. We are the first generation of African Americans to allow the next generation to lose ground. Millions of our children are in peril; it's their worst time since slavery, said Marian Wright Edelman. Yet, there isn't a single issue we are organized around. Not one that Black leaders have agreed upon and are standing together on to work for change.

When we shrink back from the values and work that moved us forward, the consequences are life-destroying. The village falls apart. Today, on our watch, these are the chilling facts:

- 58 percent of Black 4th graders are functionally illiterate.
- In some cities only 18 percent of Black males graduate from high school.
- A Black male is 700 percent more likely than a White male to be sentenced to prison.
- Nearly one million Black men are imprisoned in a for-profit system built on unfair drug-sentencing laws.
- Suicide is rising fast among our children.
- HIV/AIDS is the leading cause of death for our young women.
- The leading cause of death for our Black boys is homicide.

All of this and we are not outraged—but pointing the finger at sagging pants, do-rags and the misogynistic and murderous messages in music we've allowed. Instead, let's look in the mirror. Let us accept our responsibility for not governing the village more carefully. Our young in crisis don't need more policing or punishment.

They need us. They need our attention, guidance and encouragement. They need Black love.

A recent study by the California Mentor Foundation of 124 mentoring programs showed that, of youngsters matched with mentors:

- 98 percent stayed in school
- 98 percent avoided a teen pregnancy
- 85 percent did not use drugs
- 98 percent avoided gang participation

It's time for us to act! Greatly disproportionate numbers of caring White sisters and brothers are mentoring our children. They are the first respondents. We are the last. The National CARES Mentoring Movement (NCMM) is a call to us—to our faith leaders and leaders in the public and private sectors and every able, stable Black adult—to come out of our silos and work together to galvanize volunteers to guide and encourage our vulnerable young. Here's the ask: Let us do what Black folks have had difficulty doing for several decades. Let us get along. Agree. Link arms and aims and take care of the mothers and fathers of our tomorrows. Their future is in our hands.

Mentor a child. Mentoring is one investment that has shown disproportionately positive returns. Dedicating just four hours a month can save and secure a life. Log on to caresmentoring.com and input your zip code for a list of nearby mentoring opportunities.

With family and friends, group mentor our struggling young in a reentry program, an underserved school, or a group home. Push your faith leader to do the work of the church, which also lies beyond the congregation. Support the educators and children in the nearest failing school with books, supplies, encouragement — and mentors. Working together we will write a new history for our children. Mentoring is the answer. And it's a privilege.

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Responses:

From: tafari_sudra@yahoo.com
Subject: Re: Standing strong for our children

Question is mentoring for what aim?????? another negro-pean american success story, "micheal jackson"???

Grown peoples whole paradigm must change toward africentric education-mentoring /spirituality- philosophy.

Their won't be a we, but a person who has a african physiognomy but who hates their blackness.

we wear european clothes and talk the european language, we work for the profit of european corporations,

Our religion is european. Could this be a prime (one of) reason for the dismal state we are in, , , , , , , , , , " integration/ assimilation.

just mentoring means a continued legacy of integration. why not mentor with african ideals, principles, language, spirituality with a goal of saving ourselves and Africa.

From: Ginger Daniels <gingerd2007@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Standing strong for our children MUST READ
To: "Ta_Seti@yahoogroup s.com"

How about mentoring to keep our young men off the corners.

Mentoring to keep our young girls off their backs and in school... better yet of the corner too... selling them selves. To keep our young kids from popping extasy, drinking robitusin, sniffing coke, and smoking weed from sun down to sun up.

To stop the black on black murders... which is a direct result of self hate. How do you stop that cycle, when you **really** dont think anyone loves you? To stop the black male suicide rate which is

continuously growing as the days pass. To stop our young women who think its fly to shake their *sses to look like Beyonce. And stop their mothers who encourage the ignorant behavior.

To save the souls of the countless negroes who have achieved some level of success in their lives, and as a result see no reason to reach back and pull someone else up. The ones that want to get as far away as possible. Malcolm called them house niggas.

To examine the new phenominom of homosexuality in our communities; to ascertain whether the imbalance of the household - woman vs man / mother vs father (or lack thereof) has any link to the phenom by inserting a male figure into the equation, if only for a short time - and study the results and the psychological effects on our people.

To move toward healing our own wounds. I knew a young man that sold drugs on the same corner that his mother bought hers. She sometimes performed services on this 13 yr olds friends to support her habit - to his knowledge of course.

Some of our problems were not faced by our ancestors. I am deeply in love with my African history and am on a constant search for more insight into it. But Frantz Fanon made a salient point to me - "I will not make myself the man of any past. I do not want to sing the past to the detriment of my present and my future."

Most of the young people I know dont have a religion. They claim whatever their family claims (sometimes), but they are not active. They are fed up with religion and what it claims and never delivers on. So religion is not holding them back as with previous generations. Not the majority anyway. All our young men sitting in juvenile detention halls... prisons. They have access

to a plethora of reading materials if they so choose to. The internet has changed everything. They are not seeking knowledge on our fathers, our African history.. they are seeking ways to survive. Ways to become men in a society that continuously aims to strip their man hood. This is a new battle we are fighting! Of course we must know our history. We must seek to master it. But I dont think there is one clear way to right all of the wrongs. We need mentors, we need African scholars, we need doctors, lawyers, accountants, hospitals, bank, soldiers etc. I don't see too many brothers and sistas going down to the grimmiest cities in this country and trying to pull their people up with knowledge... period. It sounds great... and if you are doing it wonderful. But we need to find a new language / a new approach to sit down and learn about what they are going through. Once we have their ear and are helping them to make strides, then we will have their minds and the possibilities are endless!

And we, each of us individually has a responsibility to do something. I think mentoring is a great start... it takes a village right... so each time we see or hear about a black man being murdered by another or a 14 or 15 year old young girl getting a "train" ran on her by the boys she goes to school with... we all step up to the plate and address the issues as they come.

There is no one way. And God must be in the equation for it to work. Not religion, but God.

From: jenjud@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Standing strong for our children MUST READ

I love this discourse, now can we include some young people so they can reap the benefits. If you want to mentor to make a difference then do it in the way that makes you feel best and whole. Focus on family values,

afrocentric education-mentoring /spirituality-philosophy whatever rocks your boat but please get out, get active with young people and touch some lives. There are schools filled with young children who are hungry to see us older, mature, responsible black people who really and genuinely care about them. Lets begin by first showing up and then debating the merits of our actions after we see the benifits these children recieve. We can compare their grades activity level number of smiles per day and so many other tangible responses to our positive actions. Enough of the banal discussion and continued infightling, lets make a diference already!.

Jennifer Esteen
Mother to two strong young black men.

From: Ginger Daniels <gingerd2007@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Standing strong for our children MUST READ

Hey Jennifer... thanks for your comments. Got this earlier on Ta Seti. Not sure who the banal discussion and infighting comments were for... I believe that both of our points were relevant and need to be addressed in order for us to make progress. I include young people from my classes in on many of these discussions, so these emails / conversations are particularly important to me. It is ok for us to agree, or agree to disagree... as long as when the time comes we can meet in the middle. His response was positive and a good perspective for me to look through...

From: "Tafari khumbaka"
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Tuesday, May 12, 2009 7:37 PM
RE: Standing strong for our children MUST READ

As soon as God is defined/assumed by any group or individual you have religion, You are completely right mentoring from our present paradigm is all we have.

I suggest there is a greater

method to what we do as mentors of westernism (lol, made that 1 up) mentoring using the creflo dollar or obama or young republicans or democrats ,td jakes and all the other ways will cause us to make a capitalistic world like we now have with peasants/cannon fodder soldiers and prisoners.

having a peasant class,, a group that can be used for the wealth of the middle class and the aristocrats is the way of america and we are americans...

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All the history of europe it has used imperial expansion and peasantry,. so the poor must constrip itself to the elite and corporations/ prisons, military ,.

and the lowly are in ghettos, wretched areas of the city or town; it's the way of europe and its new negropean.

the Ancient African city-state or villages of a peticular nation never had ghettos-grottoes grave places for the living with no hope, a place where a boy would pimp his momma.

no village had a a corner where people were out of work, the fields and hunts and guildcrafts had a place for everone.

the african model is a work Africans perfected before the arab and portugese hittite and englander, its a model than can work today.

the negropean went to Africa and did just like their white counterparts . check out the missionaries over there now and the 1st Liberians.

our ancestors were always faced with these problems ALWAYS ,,,they are innate to the human/Divine experience they managed them in manners that were not for profit .

Our ancestors divined a way to combat greed and sloth and all the evils of humanism and mental illness/psychotic-neurosis' s by a rites of passage system that made boys

into god's and lil gurls (lol) into goddess's.

Editors remark: This dialogue sort of sums up the need for Fahammes to become a greater part of the solution, doesn't it?

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Friday, May 15, 2009 5:18 PM

From: "Ptah Ra"

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RE: Standing strong for our children

MUST READ

I would like to weigh in on the topic of saving our children also. I have decided that the best response I can offer is an excerpt from a lecture I delivered two years ago titled "The Need for Culture©". I am a student of The Honorable Paul N. Johnson, and consider him to be the divinely anointed person to guide us from all of the predicaments in which we as a race find ourselves today. The following excerpt is based upon his teachings in 1919.

"The Need for Culture©"

The Honorable Paul N. Johnson teaches us that "Culture is the heart, and soul, and lifeblood of a race". How is this possible? As its heart, culture animates and regulates the pulse, the rhythm, and beat of the life and vitality of a nation. As its soul, culture is the spiritual and cosmic guide, directing the race to success and achievement and inclining the race away from self destructive practices. As the lifeblood of a race it is their culture that perpetuates the continuous flow of creativity that emanates from the fertile minds, the creative minds within the race. This continuous flow of creativity is the force that sustains a race. Control of that creative process guarantees the continuing success of the race.

The heart of the race is the organ (culture) that tirelessly pumps its life promoting and life sustaining forces throughout the body (race). It is the culture of a people that takes in all of the constructive and creative ideas of the race and interprets

them according to the temperament and needs of the race. It then expresses those things according to the unique perspective of the race (as determined by their unique culture). Hence it is the heart that is responsible for the spiritual development and enhancement of the race. The heart is the seat of the emotions and the brain is the seat of the intellect.

As the soul of the race culture is the invisible intuitive guide of the race. It is the collection of spirit power available to the race via the developed souls of the race—both past (ancestors) and present. The soul (culture) of the race is responsible for the harmonious thought vibrations it receives from the God of the race via the Angel of the race. It is responsible for the proper dissemination of the thought vibrations it receives. Like attracts it's like—so a developed, receptive mind is a requirement to receive these noble inspirations. Culture is responsible for character formation and development, and retention of learned life lessons. Culture is responsible for the transmission of all of the lessons of life that have been learned to succeeding generations. It is the lessons from the soul that dignify a people, protect and safeguard that people.

As the life blood of a people, culture is the educational/ instructional processes (temples, schools, etc.) that synthesize the experiences of life into systems of action that support the directions given by the soul.

What educational processes are available to us? There is informal training, formal training, life experiences, psychic and intuitive experiences, dreams/visions, and religious/cultural training.

The oldest and strongest educational channel available to us and used by modern Kushites-Khemites is our intuition. Intuitive learning is not founded upon the learning processes recognized by the western civilizations. Yet it is

the process that the FAHAMME Rasool advocated “need not be laughed to scorn”. Laughter and ridicule by Khemites and other nations causes this intuitive ability to be suppressed in individuals capable of exercising it. The resulting shame and stigmaticism causes a person/people to further suppress rather than develop their intuitive faculty(ies).

However, it is these glimpses of inspiration that lead to both mental and psychic growth. Hence the teaching of the FAHAMME Rasool that “The African’s way of seeing and understanding things needs to be developed into a science making it useful, practical and up to date”.

When a people become cultured, they develop a unique philosophy of life and a unique philosophy of death (or the absence of life). This is followed by the development of a people’s unique concept of both heaven and hell (reward and punishment).

A people’s philosophy of life addresses questions such as: the purpose and meaning of life, how life is defined, how is a full life achieved, how is a completed life evaluated, and if there is anything other than life, i.e. is there life after death? If so what is death?

A people’s philosophy of life compels a consideration of death or transition: what is death, what is the function or purpose of death? How are the consequences of death evaluated? If the philosophy defines a event produced by death, then that philosophy of life will produce concepts of an after-life: i.e., heaven and hell, how defined, how accomplished, and how it is to be developed.

A people’s unique philosophy of life also produces concepts of accountability for life: heaven and hell (real or imagined), purpose of a heaven and hell, how is heaven or hell accomplished, how is heaven and hell evaluated or how are the effects or results of heaven and hell evaluated?

With this explanation of the

awesome responsibility of a people’s culture, we can begin the process of examining the exact state of affairs of our race and begin the corrective actions needed.

I hope this brief statement adds to the growing consciousness of the urgency we face in taking corrective actions to save not only our children, but the entire race.

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Upcoming Events

Every Friday, 2009, 8:00 pm

Salat with Sheikh Abdullah Ra and Chela Priest Khalid Omar.

Wednesday, June 10, 2009

Commemoration of the birth of the FAHAMME Rasool. Gravesite visits encouraged.

Saturday, June 20, 2009 7 pm


FAHAMME lecture by High Priest Ptah Ra at Sabayet Community Center, 4400 Maffitt, St. Louis, MO

Sunday, June 21, 2009

Summer Solstice. FAHAMME Holiday: Old People’s Day and Ramazan FAHAMME picnic (see ad below)

April, May, June Birthdays

A very happy birthday wish to all readers born in the months of May, June or July. If you would like a more personal acknowledgement please send us your name and your date of birth.



Fahamme Celebrates
the
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LECTURE

Friday

June 19th 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sabayet Cultural Center
4000 Maffitt Ave.

FEAST


Sunday

June 21st noon til 7:00

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