

## RASTAFARI IN COVENANT

### DANAFFA

Month of the Triumphant

(1<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> Danaffa / 1<sup>st</sup>– 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021)

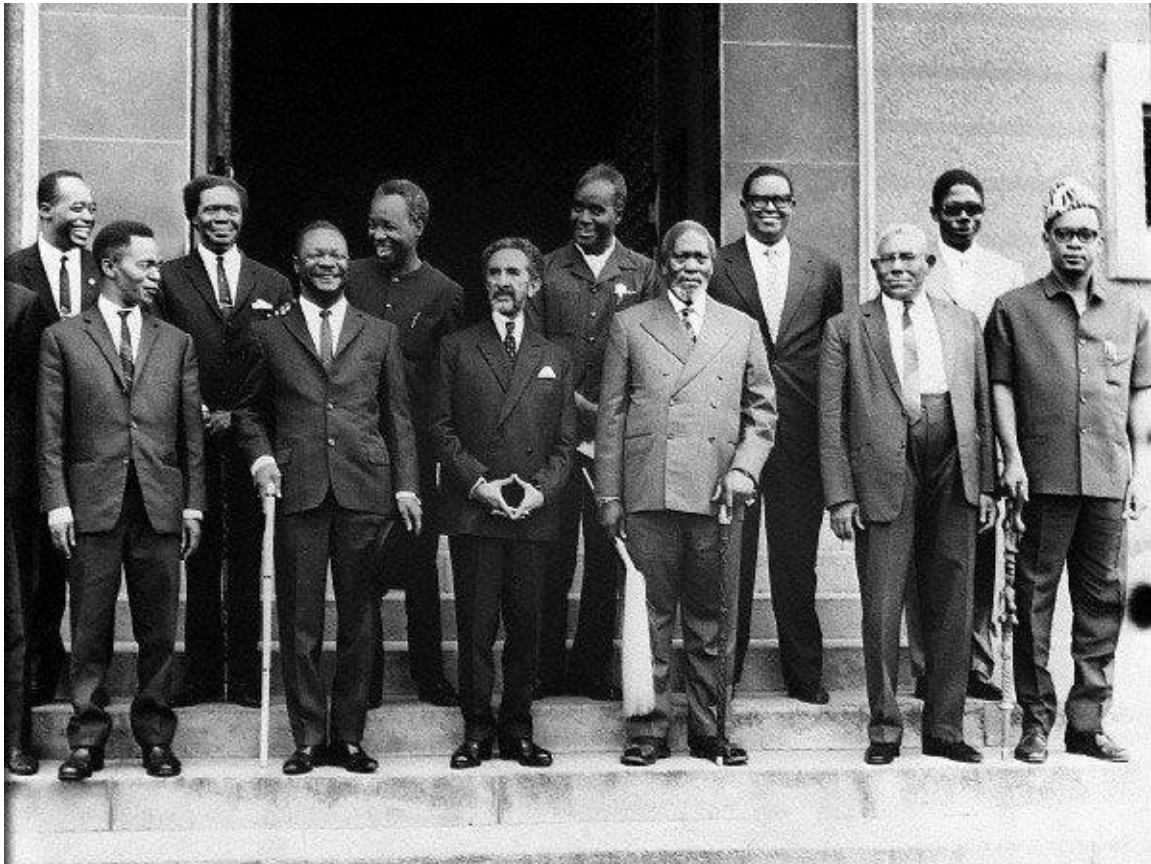
Revelation 19:15-16

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## AFRICA UNITY



**Organisation of African Unity**

**Founded 25<sup>th</sup> Danaffa 32HIM / 25<sup>th</sup> May 1963**

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### **JAH! RAS TAFARI! HAILE SELASSIE !!**

Blessed, Holy, Majesty Love to one and all! Danaffa blessing, Rastafari!

Let us once again give thanks to Jah! Rastafari! For this wonderful month of I n I liberation, the month of Danaffa.

This is the time of blessing, a month and era of liberation and exaltation, therefore, let us be glad and rejoice in it.

We give thanks to You, Most High, for what You have done, what You are doing now and what You will do for Your glory.

As Rastafari, You have liberated I n I spirit, soul and body and have empowered one, and ones to follow You in the way of full salvation and in the keeping of Your eternal heritage and livity.

I n I Rastafari are overcomers and more than conquerors as Yesus said:

“...in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer. I have overcome the world (St John 16:33)

And so, we are not of that which is passing away but of Him, Kristos, For it is in Him that we live and move and have our being. For in the name and revelation of Haile Selassie 1<sup>st</sup>, our Lord has set us in place for such a time as this, to go from glory to glory, in newness of life and livity, in being and doing.

### **In This Edition**

Ethiopia's victory over Italy, at the Battle of Adowa in 1892, thwarted the expansion of Italian colonisation into Ethiopia. As we have seen in these Danaffa articles, forty-four years later, during the reign of His Imperial Majesty, Italy tried again to take over Ethiopia. This time, it resulted in Ethiopia's occupation for 5 years. This attempt brought the judgement of God on the nations of the world, while bringing liberation to the Ethiopian people

This was the beginning of the liberation of colonised nations of the world and that saw the start and rebuilding of a new Africa, which of course included the struggle to free the southern African nations

The founding of the Organisation of African Unity was a declaration to the world that African nations, despite their limitations due to the effects of colonialism, could and would come together to resolve their problems as they arose on the continent and agree on how to advance the peace and prosperity of African people.

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The Organisation of African Unity (OAU) was formed in May 1963 by 32 African nations and its headquarters was established in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Its purpose was to bring the leaders of African nations together to resolve issues that affected the well-being of the continent and its inhabitants, preferably, without the involvement of external forces.

The members of the OAU adopted the following principles:

- *The sovereign equality of all Member States;*
- *Non-interference in the internal affairs of States;*
- *Respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of each State and for its inalienable right to independent existence;*
- *Peaceful settlement of disputes by negotiation, mediation, conciliation or arbitration;*
- *Unreserved condemnation, in all its forms, of political assassination as well as of subversive activities on the part of neighbouring States or any other State;*
- *Absolute dedication to the total emancipation of the African territories which are still dependent;*
- *Affirmation of a policy of non-alignment with regard to all blocs.*

The OAU is the culmination of Pan-African philosophy, which is based on the principle that African people and their descendants, both on the continent and in the diaspora, share a common history and a common destiny. Modern advocates of Pan-African philosophy include Henry Sylvester, who organised the first Pan-African Conference in London, in 1900; Marcus Garvey, who founded the Universal Negro Improvement Association in 1914 and Kwame Nkrumah, who was Ghana's first president after it gained independence from Great Britain in 1957.

However, had it not been for Ethiopia, the last remaining sovereign, indigenous nation after the Scramble for Africa and the tenacious resolve of His Imperial Majesty Emperor Haile Selassie 1<sup>st</sup> and his people to frustrate and defeat Italy's colonial ambition, Africa, as we know it today, might not have existed.

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### Father of Liberation ~ Haile Selassie 1<sup>st</sup> Address to the OAU

It was therefore fitting that His Imperial Majesty was appointed as the OAU's first president and that the OAU headquarters was established in Addis Ababa, the location of his victorious return, after five years exile.

What follows are extracts from his acceptance speech at the OAU's first 'Africa Summit' in 1963:



### His Imperial Majesty Speaks ~ Africa Takes Centre Stage

*This is indeed a momentous and historic day for Africa and for all Africans. We stand today on the stage of world affairs before the audience of world opinion. We have come together to assert our role in the direction of world affairs and to discharge our duty to the great continent whose 250*

*million people we lead. Africa is today at midcourse, 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...*

*...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...*

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### Bright Hope for Africa



*...Africa has been reborn as a free continent and Africans have been reborn as free men...The blood that was shed and the sufferings that were endured are today Africa's advocates for freedom and unity...There are others whose hopes for Africa are bright, who stand with faces upturned in wonder and awe at the creation of a new and happier life, who have*

*dedicated themselves to its realization and are spurred on by the example of their brothers to whom they owe the achievements of Africa's past. Let us reward their trust and merit their approval...*

### Africa Awaits its Creators

*...But through all that has been said and written and done in these years, there runs a common theme. Unity is the accepted goal. We argue about means; we discuss alternative paths to the same objective; we engage in debates about techniques and tactics. But when semantics are stripped away, there is little argument among us...We are determined to create a union of Africans.*



*In a very real sense, our continent is unmade; it still awaits its creation and its creators. It is our duty and privilege to rouse the slumbering giant of Africa, not to the nationalism of Europe of the nineteenth century, not to regional consciousness, but to the vision of a single African brotherhood bending its united efforts toward the achievement of a greater and nobler goal. Above all, we must avoid the pitfalls of tribalism. If we are divided among ourselves on tribal lines, we open our doors to foreign intervention and its potentially harmful consequences...*



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*...We are meeting here today to lay the basis for African unity. Let us, here and now, agree upon the basic instrument which will constitute the foundation for the future growth in peace and harmony and oneness of this continent. Let our meetings henceforth proceed from solid accomplishments...*

*...Let us not put off, to later consideration and study, the single act, the one decision, which must emerge from this gathering if it is to have real meaning. This Conference cannot close without adopting a single African Charter. We cannot leave here without having created a single African organisation possessed of the attributes We have described. If we fail in this, we will have shirked our responsibility to Africa and to the peoples we lead. If we succeed, then, and only then, will we have justified our presence here...*

### **Africans Standing for Principle, Right and Justice**

*...We Africans occupy a different—indeed a unique—position among the nations of this century. Having for so long known oppression, tyranny, and subjugation, who with better right can claim for all the opportunity and the right to live and grow as free men?*



*...Ourselves for long decades the victims of injustice, whose voices can be better raised in the demand for justice and right for all? We demand an end to colonialism because domination of one people by another is wrong...*

*...We demand an end to racial segregation as an affront to man's dignity which is wrong. We act in these matters in the right, as a matter of high principle. We act out of the integrity and conviction of our most deep-founded beliefs...*

*...If we permit ourselves to be tempted by narrow self-interest and vain ambition, if we barter our beliefs for short-term advantage, who will listen*

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*when we claim to speak for conscience, and who will contend that our words deserve to be heeded? We must speak out on major world issues, courageously, openly, and honestly, and in blunt terms of right and wrong...*

*...We reaffirm today, in the name of principle and right, our opposition to prejudice, wherever and in whatever form it may be found, and particularly do we rededicate ourselves to the eradication of racial discrimination from this continent. We can never rest content with our achievements so long as men, in any part of Africa, assert on racial grounds their superiority over the least of our brothers. Racial discrimination constitutes a negation of the spiritual and psychological equality which we have fought to achieve and a denial of the personality and dignity which we have struggled to establish for ourselves as Africans...*



### **The Road Ahead**

*...The challenges and opportunities which open before us today are greater than those presented at any time in Africa's millennia of history. The risks and the dangers which confront us are no less great. The immense responsibilities which history and circumstance have thrust upon us*

*demand balanced and sober reflection. If we succeed in the tasks which lie before us, our names will be remembered, and our deeds recalled by those who follow us. If we fail, history will puzzle at our failure and mourn what was lost. We approach the days ahead with the prayer that we who have assembled here may be granted the wisdom, the judgment, and the inspiration which will enable us to maintain our faith with the peoples and the nations which have entrusted their fate to our hands.*



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### I N I RASTAFARI

*“JAH set I n I free, We are liberated, We are overcomers;*

*For we are JAH New Creation, with New Prosperity;*

*We have a New Life, set at liberty.*

*We are free and over, overcomers;*

*Seated with JAH*

*Seated in this era of victory*

*We are free”.<sup>1</sup>*

Forward up Rastafari! I n I have been liberated from self and the power of the enemy.  
In the way of our Saviour and faithful and true, like our King;

**Forward up Zion, Triumphantly!**



**The Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the Root of David has Prevailed!**

**The Power of the Holy Trinity Has Conquered!**

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<sup>1</sup> *Jah Set Us Free* © Mark Moore Ras Mahitema Selassie 2021