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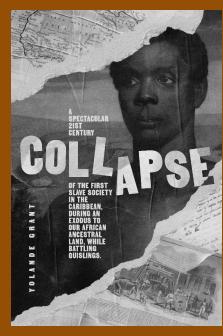
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Kemet (Egypt) falls into natural divisions, Lower and Upper. Lower Kemet (Egypt) stretches from the Mediterranean to the limit of the Delta. Upper Kemet (Egypt) extends six hundred miles south of the Delta to the first cataract. The broad plains of the Delta and the comparatively narrow valley higher up, make up the divisions of Kemet (Egypt). In the primitive days Upper Kemet (Egypt) was wholly Ethiopian. Bunsen says that the early monuments revealed the primitive Egyptian, with head low and elongated, the forehead not amply developed, the nose short, thick, the lips full and large, the chin short and receding. In those days the rulers of Kemet (Egypt) were wholly Ethiopian. Look at authentic plates of early Kemetic (Egyptian) Sahu (Pharaohs), they are undeniably Kushite.

The Heru Emakhety (Great Sphinx), emblematic of an earlier king, is the full-featured Ethiopian type. Look at the astounding countenance of Cheops. counterpart of such a face can only be found among Ethiopians today. He is a perfect representation of the Cushite Ethiopian race, that cast such giant shadows on time's dawn. The Delta is a rich. cultivated plain, which travelers describe as dotted with lofty mounds, under which lies buried cities. Here and there on the mounds are villages in groves of palm, where they may be above the flood waters of the Nile. Dews and rains are more copious toward the sea. At Alexandria, after sunset, clothes exposed to the dew become soaked as if it had rained. When rain falls in Lower Kemet (Egypt) there is general rejoicing. The people assemble in the streets and sing. From the middle of spring one p. 73 sees nothing but grey dusty soil full of cracks and chasms. At the time of the autumnal equinox, the whole country presents an immeasurable surface of reddish yellow water out of which rises date trees and villages.



Drusilla Dunjee Houston 1876-1941



Pebbles & Browne's Beaches



Crop Over Barbados 2023



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After the water retreats, we may see only black and The armies of ancient Kemet (Egypt) were led and slimy mud. In winter nature puts on all her splendor, very largely manned in the days of her supremacy by Kemet (Egypt) is then a beautiful garden, a verdant the Ethiopian element, which today is much more meadow, sown with fields of waving grain. Upper warlike than the fellah. Egyptians make themselves Kemet (Sudan) is a rich narrow valley hemmed in by cripples to escape military service. This would also mountains. It has a clear dry climate and is much lead us to decide that it was the Old Race, not these, healthier than Lower (Kemet) Egypt. The atmosphere who extended themselves over so great an area of the has a brilliance, which is almost intolerable, and the ancient world. Because of mistreatment the Egyptian torrid sun is unrelieved by any shade. This is all right of today resorts to fraud, trickery, and subterfuge, that for the races that can bear great heat. Rain rarely ever is easily detected. Nubians are frank and honest. We falls up the Nile valley. Because of this scarcity of have every reason to see why the nature of the moisture, agriculture depends upon canals much Egyptian can be no better. below the level of the land. Their greatest need lies in proper machines by which the water may be lifted. This extreme difference in Upper and Lower Kemet (Egypt) accounts for the physical difference in the two race types of the land. The bronzed hues are in the Delta, but the black hues are under the brazen skies of Upper Kemet (Sudan). In the Delta many diseases are prevalent, due to the weakness and poverty of the people, and the insufficient food because of the exploitation of a rapacious government. The plague and dysentery caused many deaths. In Upper Kemet (Sudan) all is different. Disease is not prevalent, and the natives are comely, kindly, and thrifty.

The Kemetian in general is simple, cheerful and p. 74 hospitable. These are genuine African traits. The fellahs are a quiet, contented, submissive race. Amrou says, that they have always been toiling for others never for themselves. The love of the fellah for his native Kemet (Egypt) is deep and absorbing. Remove him and he perishes. He would rather die than revolt. The whole family fortune is lavished upon diadems and necklaces of true or false gems. They have no other wealth. The Egyptian was made for peace, not for war, though his patriotism is intense, he has no spirit for conquest. The miseries of soldiers are a favorite subject for satire with Kemetian (Egyptian) literary men. At the first rumor of war, half the tribe takes refuge in the mountains, until the recruiting agents are gone.



Harbor View, Barbados



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Niebhur says, "When we reflect that Kemet (Egypt) has been successively subdued by Persians, Greeks, Romans, Arabians, and Turks, and has enjoyed no interval of tranquility or freedom but has been p. 7 constantly oppressed and pillaged, we need not be surprised that agriculture has been ruined or that hieracites have declined. The population is decreasing, and the inhabitants of this fertile country are miserably poor. The exactions of the government leave him nothing remaining to lay out in the improvement or culture of his land, and many unhappy restraints render it impossible for him to engage in any lucrative occupation. They are reduced to a small number compared to the Arabs who have poured like a flood over the country." The mass of Egyptians lived in a mere hut or heap of clods dug out of a neighboring ditch. A few cakes of durra suffice to nourish him. 1 Reclus says, "The Retu still greatly resemble their fathers, in spite of intermingling, the Copts are still known as the people of Sahu (Pharaoh). Under the Ptolemies they must have been greatly mixed. The Copts concentrate chiefly in Upper Kemet (Sudan). They possess whole villages to themselves.

In the towns they are artisans, money changers, and employers. They marry later than other Kemetian and regard more the family ties and their children. The old Coptic language, key to the hieroglyphics, is no longer spoken anywhere. Since the seventeenth century, Arabic is the general language throughout Egypt, simply the language imposed upon them by conquerors. Scribes and notaries are found among the Copts. They constitute the lower official class and are p. 76 decidedly voracious and more corrupt than the Turkish officials themselves. Copts are somewhat darker than Arabs. Their hair is of a soft wooly texture, their noses short and their lips wide. They are supposed to be the direct descendants of the Sahu (Pharaohs) and are about one sixteenth of the population of Kemet (Egypt).

Reclus thinks they do but little credit to those ancient sovereigns. (Africa, Vol. I, Reclus.) Modern research is leading us to the belief that culture was spread in Kemet (Egypt) from the south, especially from Meroe. The country was first ruled over by contemporary kings, who were at war with each other. At least the common difficulties in harnessing the Hapy Eteru (Nile) united them under Menes 5500 years B. C. For a thousand years the capital remained Memphis. This was the Old Kingdom, the period of the Mer Khut (Pyramid) builders. Sayce found the shape of the skulls subsequent to the Sixth Dynasty different from those that preceded it. This was a period of absolute decadence and must represent the domination of some other race in which time the monuments are silent as to any true achievement. It must have been during this silent period that Ethiopia turned from continued colonization in Kemet (Egypt) to send her swarms westward into the European continent and spread out into that broad band of nations that extended from India to Spain and in whom Huxley said there was a common origin. Sayce tells us in Ancient Empires that with the passing of the Old Empire the religion of Ancient Kemet (Egypt) p. 77 became gloomy and that in art the light-hearted freedom of the Ethiopian was gone.



by Yolande Grant

Chapter 2

Caribbean Governments Operating Under a Refined Commonwealth Controlled System with Zero Positive Upgrades

Another mystery worth unraveling is how these campaigns of degradation of a people could reoccur, and endorsed to continue in several variations of dreadful exploitative tactics throughout the 20th and marching into the 21st centuries. Aspiring politicians had the green light to enter parliament after becoming members of the previous overlord-controlled houses of assembly. Across the Caribbean diaspora and officially commencing in the 1950s.

The more recent representatives from the local descendant group enjoyed further freedom to govern the island: through an independence program, by order from England in the 1960s. The monarchy retained symbolic rule, and the new formation was accorded admittance. Giving the entire cast of African descended politicians some semblance of direct supervision over what happened in newly somewhat, but not entirely emancipated lives.





Inexplicably, the transfer of political power from the Kingdom, has shown nothing, after over 50 years. All evidence of positive social elevation, or other stated progress, is presently missing from the landscape. Therefore, significant wealth equality and accumulation are extended to minorities. Even to new arrivals. However, none are extended to descents, as a right and courtesy. Socio-economic security for the island's majority was seemingly deliberately abolished, and no one explained why. The intent is glaringly clear. The Afrikan descended is restricted from accumulating generational wealth, and have been for the last 100 years. A direct breach of human rights, and mysteriously instituted by politicians. Who are yet to explain this violating, unjust state of affairs. Limitless opportunities for the young are severely lacking and with no enlightening, regularly enhanced education system in place. What is available remains devoid of wide-ranging African history, tutelage, ancestral spirituality, cultures, traditions, or the well-known diverse languages and never made available. But need introducing and adjusted to reflect a distinct reality. Ancestral values have always been a faraway dream for successive generations.

Instead, the over 60-year-old antiquated whitewashed version of chronicled mind enslavement resembling nothing pragmatic derived from our ancestors persists. And the ever-present intent to deceive and coerce the African (20) psyche continues as invented. A completely revised form of contaminated stewardship to further weaken minds, filled with outright lies and duplicitous misinformation that poisons and crushes the spirit of the melanated indefinitely, and persists during every new life cycle. The current regressive conditions are not and will never produce an environment conducive to the progress and upward mobility of lineal ancestry. Untreated mental instability has become the derivative for many.





We must therefore hold these realities as truth with the understanding that doing so is integral to our survival. Unfortunately, long-awaited positive changes coming from suggestions by people who understand the problems, qualified to offer long-term solutions, and introduce conventions from the continent, garners no governmental acceptance or support and any response is woefully and incontrovertibly inadequate, insufficient, and meagre, in 2023, because that level of intelligence does not fit into the stereotype of what politicians believe a westernized descendant of the enslaved should project. This elevation will not be accepted outside of the well-known mediocrity mis-leaders have become accustomed to cultivating within the general population .

Familial history and heritage, that can aid in the healing strategy, effectively absent from people's lives because of lack of observance. Sacred ancestral rituals long denied us and needed to create cohesiveness, is disrespectfully and arrogantly excluded with contempt and condescension. Appreciation and reverence are omitted from the ceremony of observing only one day a year on Emancipation Day. When the ancestral trials faced are celebrated with a token performance. Our ancestry is deserving of a 24/7/365 jamboree.

The dishonoring of our ancestors comes naturally, and led by a gaggle of shirt-Jac-wearing, clueless fake Pan Afrikanists, who have to be told that there is no such thing as a bourgeoisie or elite Pan Afrikan. Two shady characters whom real Pan Afrikanists across continents never heard of, or saw before. Who then, cannot wait to forget and happily return to spiritual entrapment the very next day, after their crisis acting. When the little parade of staring up at and walking around the symbol of freedom, Bussa's statue is done. No significant changes ever occur. Another boring display, recognized every year as comfortably residing in a construct that goes nowhere and on replay. In an act of blatant contempt. The elected ministers upon entry into the parliament are given all the accolades, salaries, titles and rewards by voters in exchange for good governance. But, it makes no difference, none of it is ever practiced.

In each case and every instance: island managers hired by the electorate for over 10 five-year election cycles. Continue to enjoy all the trappings that elevation to positions of island power entails. But (21) taxpayers never seem to get their money's worth. Because of what transpired before, the demeaning expansionism of labels and harmful practices against African descents, administrations frequently demonstrate they are incapable and intellectually challenged.

Politicians passionately believe, and by their reckless actions shown, without any pause or care. That becoming elected and promoted to social prominence is the end of any verbal commitments made to those who aided in their rise to power. Regardless of the level of craftiness needed to stoop to achieve becoming part of leadership and what they call having "power" whatever that means. Then the newly minted ministers advance to the parliament, and happily spend the next five, ten years or more in the lives of the majority. Showing impertinence and scorn toward the broader population. Guess that is their definition of finally having power to show their real self.





A taxpayer-paid group triumphantly enters the parliament after their begging-for-votes spree. Then begins the pantomine, of wielding small island mightiness nonsensically, bereft of vision or accurate direction. Without ever having to perform the requisite work needed for improvement of Black lives. This retrograde step of biding time to reach pensionable age with added easy living at taxpayer's expense is distasteful. There are no mechanisms available to hold politicians accountable as representatives for their refusal to propel the denizens to self-empowerment, economic freedom, equity and self-determination. What exists is more in line with covert agendas rather than precipitating a psychological and cultural revolution: to aid in strengthening the spiritual and intellectual mindset through mass re-education and the restoration of certainty. The people are woefully aware they do not have the experience or tools required to push back as they should, partly due to a mis-education system riddled with colonial limitations, severe social and fiscal restrictions, and the leftover instilled fear of victimization by irresponsible leaders for upsetting the status quo of authoritarian manipulation that continues unabated in the society. The people know they are intentionally left in that twilight world by less than upstanding, and perceived as morally bankrupt representation. Who believe that no changes are necessary to a system that served them well and allegedly personally inflated their bank (22) accounts religiously. The sordid details are used to provoke each other during the campaign season. Behavior that disenfranchise and repress the people: and if not removed, will continue into future generations. As the culprits conjecture that no foundational modifications are required for improvement.

These disgraceful episodes and incompetence committed against the region's inhabitants and their children were highlighted on September 2020. This series of events, impacted every household and walk of life across the Caribbean Examination Council's CXC and CAPE. Each generation stretching as far back as the 1970s era depended on propulsion to greater achievements. But this time everything turned disastrous for the current youth in waiting. Historically, there is useful testing that usually assists in improving lives, when seeking out the best universities to attend worldwide and envisioning a brighter future. But because of unexpected events, it was apparently hampered by inefficiency and ulterior motives, as confronted students relayed.

Regional governments pay the entity tens of millions of dollars yearly to supply results and protect the integrity of the examination process. The media revealed that the Council was given immunity by island governments in the 1950s. No matter what was done to allegedly undermine the intellectual elevation of regional students, And in this episode rejected requests for transparency in the whole matter. Complaints surfaced for decades that the best interests of the most vulnerable students were allegedly not protected by the organization, taken seriously, believed, or the matter addressed.





On this date, the then Minister of Education and other island governments publicly requested that CXC Council, headquartered in Barbados: trigger a probe into why the 2020 results did not align with the system various schools employ to predict the grades of students who show potential; or exceptional and impressive performance during their exams from prior years. The current CEO and Registrar Dr. Wayne Wesley of CXC retorted in the media that there will be no investigation and hinted that "this year" was an (23) improvement to previous years. An announcement immediately proven as a deceptive when some students whose results erroneously reflected "ungraded, and "absent." Or debuted uncharacteristically low grades, without logical explanation, suddenly started receiving marks that accurately reflected their expectations after a loud public outcry.

This occurred amid an energetic protest and threats of a class action lawsuit from parents across the region, and caused the Council's Chairman Professor Hilary Beckles to enter the dispute; and promised an investigation. Whilst the CEO Wesley, continued to deny any wrongdoing in regional newspapers and retaliated by accusing students of "tampering" with results to perpetrate social media "rumors" and had the gall to threaten students with prosecution.



Although students have no direct access whatsoever to CXCs databases and portals to make any substantive changes; the accusation was a display of disrespect. Grades are relayed directly to individual schools, the only methods used. Then through email sent to students by teachers. A malevolent assertion and accusation that caused a massive backlash. Parents called on the people in the territories to hold governments responsible for CXCs thoughtless actions. Others on social media suggested if no attempt was made to resolve the situation satisfactorily, protests will continue. The entity still tried to claim there was no problem on their end despite evidence to the contrary. Yet, the damage was complete; some students, disappointed at the outcome, threatened to commit suicide, prompting close family members to exercise vigilance. Some parents, unaware of who the real culprit was, had already threatened to throw students out of homes for failing exams, a prelude to homelessness, only to later learn that CXC was at fault.





Due to the level of uncertainty introduced. New students who applied to foreign universities had their names dropped from programs because of unexpectedly low-grade profiles from the council's results. Only afterward with the release of further information showing whole classes had failed or denied scores in nearly (24) every school in the region, prompting parents and guardians to demand the institution restore the correct grades. At this point, the terrifying magnitude of outright treachery to allegedly roll back the progress of students by a generation or two was discovered and better understood.

There were also bothersome reports that students not entitled, received scholarships and rank that did not correlate with their performances throughout any school year. As reported in an October 1, 2020, local newspaper article, the Barbados Secondary Teachers Union (BSTU) through its President Mary Redman, petitioned for full communication and disclosure since the teacher's unions had expressed concern with written correspondence on March 26, 2020, to the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Education.

The highlighted grave disquiet about insufficient clarity and details surrounding the then-upcoming July examinations, prompted an official request for in-depth statistics. Regarding the way the process was handled by those declaring professionalism. Ms. Redman stated that other teachers' unions also wrote consecutive letters to their respective governments across the region and to CXC. No response was forthcoming, and they felt ignored by those paid to at least acknowledge queries.



The taxpayer-funded body showed no interest in accountability. Ms. Redman also lamented that Chair of the Council, Professor Beckles assured everyone through media that a review and investigation was imminent. But the CEO swiftly contradicted the Chairman, causing more confusion for all involved.





It is common knowledge and widely believed that something murky allegedly surrounds the entire operation. The office appears well protected, accused of allegedly acting as self-governing and a sovereign nation through an acquired immunity arrangement with Caribbean governments. A hired administrative office seemingly overly confident of a perceived untouchable status; and operating as though they do not have to answer to parents who show concern about their children's future. Instead of a company paid to perform a service to benefit successive generations, and owe the public accurate information.





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Carnival, Colombia



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Dr. Umar Johnson, Pan Afrikanist



Bongo Lights



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