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## **BEYOND WORDS AND THOUGHTS...**

### **THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AFRICA (US OF AFRICA). Good will Act and UNAVOIDABLE! Part (3/4)**

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#### **THREE GREAT HISTORICAL AUDACIOUS FIGURES**

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- **MARTIN LUTHER KING jr** (January 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968)

#### **THREE GREAT HISTORICAL SPEECHES FULFILLING PROPHECY**

- **I speak Kwame N'krumah** (In his book 1961)

In his 1961 book, *I Speak of Freedom*, Nkrumah writes of the need for a united black Africa: He stated that: "*Critics of African unity often refer to the wide differences in culture, language<sup>1</sup> and ideas in various parts of Africa. This is true, but the essential fact remains that we are all Africans, and have a common interest in the independence of Africa. The difficulties presented by questions of language, culture and different political systems are not insuperable. If the need for political union is agreed by us all, then the will to create it is born; and where there's a will there's a way...*" **"The task ahead is great indeed, and heavy is the responsibility; and yet it is a noble and glorious challenge - a challenge which calls for the courage to dream, the courage to believe, the courage to dare, the courage to do..."**. "*Divided we are weak; united, Africa could become one of the greatest forces for good in the world*"...

- **I have a dream Lutterh King** (August 28, 1963)

"*I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character*". "...*And when this happens, when we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last! free at last! thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"*". "I have a dream today..."

- **Imprisonment and Freedom speech of Nelson Mandela** (20 April 1964 and 11 February 1990)

"...*who will deny that thirty years of my life have been spent knocking in vain, patiently, moderately, and modestly at a closed and barred door? What have been the fruits of moderation? The past thirty years have seen the greatest number of laws restricting our rights and progress, until today we have reached a stage where we have almost no rights at all*".... "*Our struggle has reached a decisive moment. We call on our people to seize this moment so that the process towards democracy is rapid and uninterrupted. We have waited too long for our freedom. We can no longer wait. Now is the time to intensify the struggle on all fronts. To relax our efforts now would be a mistake which generations to come will not be able to forgive. The sight of freedom looming on the horizon should encourage us to redouble our efforts*"...

*Do not let us be ashamed to dream, hope and believe in brighter future of Africa. Do not let us be ashamed to be treated dreamers or fools because of our faith in unity. Remember that there are dreams and hopes only for people of good will. The above dreamers were not fools as we can see their dream becoming true today and making the whole world cheerful and happy!  
Want to wait more and see? Certainly, time always will be the sole judge whilst enduring wears and tribulations.*

## THE THIRD AND LAST GREAT DREAM AND AUDACITY

In all humility, I dare to believe today, that our daily sufferings and humiliations were much reduced if not tempered. Thanks to the sacrifices and fights carried out by all these heroes and heroines, whether they are African, Afro-Americans and even western sympathizers. Salute, peace and rest to their souls. Remember that the said “**coloured**” persons were not allowed to attend the same school, to board on the same bus, subway or plane, to express freely their opinions, to exercise their religious faith, to choose or demonstrate publicly their political affiliations or to get together in a crowd meeting, to use the same public toilets, restaurants and hotels, to vote and to be elected.... How many were humiliated before the eyes of their beloved ones, families, children...? The ending of these nightmares was in the true realm of our dreams and hopes as persecuted people. But, these freedoms and rights were acquired through the steadiness of those dreams and hopes, transformed into hard and long civil and human right fights to enable us to continue in the same race until all our roads are bituminized, all our villages and hamlets are electrified and receive drinking water, and all of us receive the basic medical care and have access to employment without any discrimination. To give up or inflect these fights, paves the way for the injustice to be restored or rooted in other forms and appearances, always to the advantage of the pernicious, vicious and malignant spirits.

Note worthy is that these fights are not any more against the colonizers and slave masters of the past, but against the anti-historical behaviour of the neo-colonialism attitude entrenched in the brain of some African themselves. They are strongly worried by self-centred material possessions and anointed by a nihilist ultra nationalism which prevents the integration and the union of the micro-states inherited by the will of their former torturers. Today, their diverting behaviours and ineffectual speeches (always impregnated of calls for development aids and fallacious promises to the populations) betray our history and seem to ruin the fights and efforts of our martyrs, by projecting them like impostors and great dreamers in regards to their vision of the destiny of the African continent. Today, the history catches up with them, and these historical speeches and fights of our heroes and heroines, seen like dreams or ineptitudes, are becoming to the great displeasure of their detractors, prophecies, except for those who still refuse to see the world effectively in dynamic motion and changing. Indeed, [the speeches of imprisonment](#) (1964) and [release](#) (1990) of [Nelson Mandela](#) did not predict his election as first “black” [president](#) of South Africa (1993). In fact, his dreams and hopes appeared utopian to many, but finally, their steadiness expressed in audacious fights were worth the sorrow and pain. The election of an [Afro-American](#) as the leader of the USA (2008), appeared hitherto also for many a cinematographic fiction, hilarious matter, madness and a waste of time. Audacious and referring to the civil and human rights fights of Martin Luther King jr and other American leaders and world martyrs, [Barack Obama](#) has fulfilled the fight and awaken the need for a genuine change for the democracy in the world. He has revealed to the whole world that only dream, hope, knowledge, love, integrity, virtue and the will to serve in justice and equality are the tools and the finality of politic, the success and the victory on the fear. If his election is not a reference and a signal for the present African generation, allowing them to look forwards and towards the leadership of the change, the union and the development, hence, they will not have understood anything of his slogan, his sacrifice and his combat. I will not say any more on the dream, hope, fight and certainty of [Kwame N’krumah](#) (1961) to see one day the United States of Africa to become a reality, in spite of the course of the history of [his own destiny](#), because having been humiliated by African themselves like [Malcolm X](#) had been by his own [fellow-comrades](#).

We should turn the back on these political villainesses, retrograde and deceiving military coups and to reassess our way of doing politic, to learn how to be interdependent in our achievements and projects, to demolish in us ultranationalism or nihilist patriotism, and to love each others for the wellbeing of the entire continent and the world. No one can arm a hand against his brother or sister if this same hand is not already corrupted. In this 21<sup>st</sup> century, it is great time to avoid blaming on past slave masters and colons for our own misdeeds and responsibilities<sup>1</sup>. Killing or pushing into exile the brains or the vigorous popular masses is a crime against oneself and a serious delay in the development of our continent. Today some spirits are happy to justify this massive emigration in term of remittances (money sent by migrants to their home country) which profit to Africa! They should reflect deeply on the fact that it takes engineers to build infrastructures as well surgeons in operating rooms to save life, and not only sending money in. The return of the brains is priceless for Africa’s development.

**We** have witnessed (thanks to Almighty God) the realization of two of these fights, dreams and hopes, which put the whole world into happiness and joy. I dare to believe that, by the will of the Supreme, the fights carried out by our martyrs will not be lost, nor be worthless. The creation of the United States of Africa which was the dream of many of them will become also true, through the love, the will and the audacity of the present African generation. This is possible, provided that this whole generation does not choose deliberately to turn the back on their history and missions! May this African generation be reassured that it takes the ambitious and ambition, dreamers and dreams, audacious and audacity to bring joy and happiness to the whole world as we have recently lived it in the USA. To applaud such a historical election without learning the fundamental lesson from it in order to give him the positive feedback (echo) under other skies, would be to betray the veracity of the dynamic slogan of the change: “Yes we can”. Yes we can by our dreams, hopes, audacities and goodwills, brought the change for the better best in Africa.

The end of [apartheid](#) in South Africa and this election in the USA are two great historical facts which must enable us to learn how to understand the laws of the history and not to neglect the history of the future, because the life of the future generations depends on it, and our actions of adults today will be their references tomorrow. The joys and happinesses of these two historical events could be completed only by the concretization of **the third and last Great Dream**, i.e. the creation of the United States of Africa. The construction of the UNITED STATES of AFRICA (EUA), is an act of good will, and INEVITABLE throughout the audacity of the present well educated generation!

Each one of us should wonder deeply and endlessly, which other history will inherit the future African generation since that of the fights of independences to which we are referring copiously ourselves today?. Certainly not those of the military coups, the crippled constitutions, the political intrigues, the despairing emigrants, the ethnic wars and conflicts, the massacres of the children and rapes of the women in the conflicts and wars zones, nor of the genocides or the looting and misuses of public money... Indeed, it is difficult for us nowadays to find glorious African historical figures others than those of the ordinary citizens who strive daily in the construction and the development in the main spirit of the pioneers for the advance of the fights of independences. Unfortunately, their autonomous contributions, although useful, requires a greater mobilization and union of all the forces of great virtues. The efforts of the many local and foreign non governmental organizations (NGO) seem to be only blows of swords in water considering the immensity or the enormity of the recurring cataclysms caused by governance and managerial irresponsibilities. Individual micro-activities, if praiseworthy by their character of spontaneous assistance, seem not to meet the emergencies and general needs. Hence, there is a real necessity to set up aggressive macro-activities or even global revolutionaries actions!

This lack of emergence of historical figures of the change is the fact of the political and economic intrigues and interminable heinous conflicts, which are the daily thoughts of many of our politicians to the great displeasure of the innocent population who wishes only food and to rest in peace. This peace seems for many of us to find solution in even the despairing or suicidal emigration, much like fleeing a more and more seemingly infested and despised continent! No one can survive on a continent without qualified and renewed human resources. The human senescence is the alarm of the time of change and the transfer of power to perpetuate life, dream and hope.

Considering that the human reproduction is worth it only in the good setting or the decent organization of the environment or society that must to welcome the complexity of the life and the offspring called to grow within, then, let us work all in concert to leave the posterity a history it will be proud to tell and to refer to, in order to build Africa of truth progresses on the basis of a unified management of our riches which are so complementary. What a great and marvellous history and endeavour than that of the beginning of the CONSTRUCTION of the UNITED STATES of AFRICA (EUA) to turn the back to this non glorious past-present events!?. May the will of the Lord be. May God preserve our faith. In God I trust.

*'There are dream and hope... for people of good will'.*

<sup>1</sup> "We have the resources. Yes, but if it is initially the colonialism which has prevented us from accumulating the capital necessary to the development, it is ourselves who did not succeed to use fully and efficiently our capacity to mobilize our resources, in order to effectively start our economic and social development since we are independent."

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# OBVIOUSNESS OF THE BENEFITS OF THE UNION FOR ALL THE AFRICAN MASSES

[Cheick Anta-Diop](#) (1923-1986) was a truly scientific-minded and great African militant for the purposes of African Unity, progress and social justice. He has presented a dynamic and convincing argument for the creation of a continental or a subcontinentwide federated state in his two astonishing books: *“Towards African renaissance”* and *“Black Africa: The Economic and Cultural Basis for a Federated State”*. According to him, and I share profoundly his opinion, *“economic development and cooperation can not succeed apart from the political unification of Africa. It is true that the national and tribal groupings share a common cultural heritage and a linguistic unification<sup>1</sup> is even possible. There is no doubt that the preservation and development of Africa’s natural resources could transform all of our lives”*. According to him, *“the upshot is that only a continental or a subcontinentwide federated state can offer a safe political and economic area, stable enough for a rational formula covering the development of our countries with their infinitely varied potentials to be put into effect. Because the federated state involves a real surrender of sovereignty, it is an irreversible structure that has nothing in common with the transitory economic groupings that have proliferated since independence. Within a federated state, today’s political boundaries would become mere local administrative lines, and disagreements such as the ones which have pitted or presently pit Mali against Burkina Faso, Ghana against Togo, Libya against Chad, Morocco against Mauritania in that Polisario, Somalia against Ethiopia, would no longer be conceivable”*. We could infer that, the military coups, the internal disagreements whether based on ethnicity or tribalism or religions, we have been faced with today, could have been avoided (i.e., Rwanda, Burundi, Somali, Sierra-Leone, Liberia, Ivory Coast, and Nigeria, Guinea Bissau, Guinea Conakry, Madagascar... ).

Believe me these were not mere speculations since he has dedicated his entire life studying the truthfulness of these facts for the posterity so that other African genius could continue to gain in power for the successful implementation of this union. He has shown his deep love for his continent “despising” even his own Senegalese nationality. He was Cheick Anta Diop the African as many identified themselves American or Canadian. Let us make it clear, that there will be pride and dignity for us only if we identified, simply and naturally ourselves as Africans.

Today, none of us could deny the truthfulness of his statements made already 49 Years ago. Within a federated state we will be able to rest at least from military coups and I believe from ethnic and tribal sordid political conflicts. What to hope more my fellows Africans?

The economics for a federated state is at a great advantage of all our nations if we understood the meaning and the power of the union. As clearly stated by, Nkrumah in the *“I Speak of Freedom”* and which has been evidenced by [Cheick Anta Diop](#) in his book entitled *“Economic and Cultural Basis for a Federated State”*: *“although most Africans are poor, our continent is potentially extremely rich. Our mineral resources, which are being exploited with foreign capital only to enrich foreign investors, range from gold and diamonds to uranium and petroleum. Our forests contain some of the finest woods to be grown anywhere. Our cash crops include cocoa, coffee, rubber, tobacco and cotton. As for power, which is an important factor in any economic development, Africa contains over 40% of the potential water power of the world, as compared with about 10% in Europe and 13% in North America. Yet so far, less than 1% has been developed. This is one of the reasons why we have in Africa the paradox of poverty in the midst of plenty, and scarcity in the midst of abundance”*. To become aware of these facts can only awake in us, the dream, ambition, courage and the necessary action in order to save our soul from criticisms and blames of the generations to come.

**Is it really surprising that the power and the force of the following unions and federations continuously enable them to help, and assist the other divided people?. The United States of America = 50 United States in their complexity, the Federation of Canada= 13 provinces federated in their cultural diversity and policy, the European Union = 27 Member States in their geographical diversity. Then, the United States of Africa will be of 53 United States or federated. Even in our cultural diversity like the others, this is also possible. Hence, **why so much hesitation to the union, when its benefits are so obvious!!!?****

God the Almighty could not create poor continents, but in the disunion and unwillingness to promote general wealth, human beings condemn, deprive, and impoverish themselves and pity on their fate and future. Hence they become serious social issues for the international community. Therefore, we could grasp fully on the essence of *“ the paradox of poverty in the midst of plenty”*.

There seems to me at present to be great occasion to invite you for raising a United Network for virtue and integrity. It is also a great occasion in regards to the economic melt down for informing, raising more consciousness for actions, forming the goodwill’s people of all African nations into a regular body of the United States of Africa. Imagine the goodness of the union which will be governed by a sole and same constitution and rules, in which all nations’ people may probably be more unanimous in their obedience to, than common people are to commons law. I think if we attempt this aright, with the full body of expertises we constitute, we can not fail of pleasing God, and of meeting with success. Note that, aid and debt expose African continent to confinement and a slave of its creditor or donors. There is no joy in the reduction of the debt or to be regarded as heavily in debt and incompetent to release oneself from it.

<sup>1</sup> Note that Africans learn or speak generally French or English since nearly 51 years as second languages; hence the paradox of double problematics of the political unification and the linguistic unification.

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# Meditations and reflections!

- *“The history forks only when adventurous, concerned beings of the safeguard of their freedom and defence of their values, make in general for their own misfortune, to advance the cause of humans”.*

Excerpt from *“A short history of the future”*, Jacques Attali

Let us think of the great African resistants, the heroes of the fights of independences, and of all the martyrs of our continent! All have fallen for the little freedom and justice from which we profit today. (dh)

- *“Any collective intelligence is the result of bridges, of bonds between the individual intelligences, necessary to bring innovation.”*

Excerpt from *“A short history of the future”*, Jacques Attali

Only the union and the collective force can bring innovation for the happiness of all. The Diaspora and the continent intelligentsias must unite for the creation of this new and wholesome Africa. Unite our efforts for the realization of political and economic unity of Africa. (dh)

- *“Each one of us is responsible for everything in the face of others.”*

Dostoïevski in « the Karamazov brothers ».

## FINALLY

*“Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, and fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small doesn't serve the world. There's nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do. We are born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us, it's in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.”*

Excerpt from the Inaugural Address speech by Nelson Mandela, May 10th 1994

*“There are dream and hope... for people of good will”.*

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