

Response to Charges of Illegitimacy

THE EDITOR, Sir: - Please allow me to respond to an article written by one Errol Anderson which condemned the marriage by me in the Ethiopian Orthodox Church of Reggae artiste Jah Cure and Kamila McDonald as illegitimate. Errol Anderson was baptized under the Administration of His Eminence Abuna Yesehaq and given the name Wolde Dawit. It is necessary for the truth about Errol Anderson to be known. When Errol Anderson was invited to come to the Ethiopian Orthodox Church he was a devout Communist. The individual who invited him (Errol Anderson) was himself an emissary of forces opposed to the Ethiopian Orthodox Church and its presence in Jamaica. In addition, this person was working against the Administration of His Eminence Abuna Yesehaq at that time.

Now, after Abba Yesehaq had ordained him a priest it became evident that he had not accepted the Teaching of Christianity and instead saw the church as a means of achieving power and leadership. This was in order to mislead Orthodox Christians and to further his beliefs, which are the teachings of Vladimir Ilyich Lenin and Karl Marx and not Christ. He was found with many books on communism at the church and became an obstacle in the church. Anderson further started to fight against the Rastafarian members who were peacefully living an Orthodox Christian life. He and another priest of similar sentiment had to be excommunicated by Abba Yesehaq in the late 1980's. Errol Anderson from that time forth continued to agitate against Abuna Yesehaq and His Administration. Therefore according to Canon Law, Errol Anderson is no longer a priest, he cannot baptize nor Administrate in any form.

Further, to give a little more background, according to the Canon Laws of the Church, when a Patriarch is appointed he stays in his office until his passing, then a new Patriarch is appointed. In 1992 Gabri Medhin now calling himself Paulos forced the legitimately appointed Patriarch in Ethiopia, His Holiness Patriarch Mecurios, out of office. Paulos then took the Patriarch's position. His Holiness Patriarch Mecurios had to flee Ethiopia in order to save his life and now resides in the United States. His Eminence Abuna Yesehaq, who was present at the Holy Synod in Ethiopia when Paulos installed himself, rejected that action. He along with sixteen other Bishops opposed the appointment of Paulos. Abuna Yesehaq did not break with the Mother Church as Errol Anderson has falsely claimed. He kept the contact with the Mother Church and the Holy Synod but opposed Paulos himself on the grounds of the Canon Laws of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church. This was the beginning of many problems.

Among the problems were these dissident ex-priests, who by devious means got themselves reinstated into the priesthood. This also is against Canon Law, according to Ethiopian Church Tradition, when a Bishop excommunicates a priest he cannot be reinstated by anyone but that Bishop who excommunicated him.

Thus, till this very day, Errol Anderson remains an obstacle to the Ethiopian Orthodox Church and its mission in the West, to gather the scattered sons and daughters of Africa together under their own vine and fig tree.

I, Father Haile Malakot Dobson am the Chief Priest and Administrator of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church in Jamaica appointed and ordained by His Eminence Abuna Yesehaq.

Further, I am an official Marriage Officer of the Sovereign Island nation of Jamaica and thus am fully and legitimately qualified to baptize, give communion and marry whomsoever are baptized members of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church. In addition, my administration is fully recognized and accepted by the members of the church in Jamaica and in the Western Hemisphere. Our Archbishop, His Eminence Abuna Yesehaq, did not support the politically installed Paulos and the members are fully in support of his position, which was a canonically correct one.

Errol Anderson needs to remember how the church came to Jamaica. It was the Rastafarians who petitioned His Imperial Majesty Emperor Haile Selassie for the church for over ten years. He sent His Eminence Abuna Yesehaq to Jamaica to teach and baptize all people, Rastafarians and the Afro-Centric Minded. All are welcome as long as they abide by the Teachings and Principles Of the Holy Ethiopian Orthodox Church; this is the Teachings of His Imperial Majesty Emperor Haile Selassie First.

In conclusion Mr. Anderson's problem is that he knows that His Eminence Abuna Yesehaq has excommunicated him and another Bishop cannot reinstate him. His conscience will never be free, as he knows the spiritual laws of the church. Our Fathers, the Apostles themselves, gave these laws to us. Errol Anderson knows that he will never be a real priest again and cannot spiritually be reinstated. He is further jealous of the ones who have been privileged to continue on with the real mission of the church that was the Dream and Prophecy of Marcus Garvey.

That we would worship our God Through the Eyes of Ethiopia, that is what we have now in the Ethiopian Orthodox Church, which is from the First Century when St. Philip baptized the Ethiopian Eunuch (Acts 8: 26-end), ten Months after the Resurrection of Our Redeemer Eyesus Kristus (Jesus Christ).

I am, etc.,

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