

## AFTER THE CHAMPAGNE POPPING & THE WOUND-LICKING ...

### THE WAY FORWARD?!

I certainly do not claim to be an expert on “POLITICS”. In fact, I’ve never run for any position in my life; neither have I been affiliated with any political party, and I have no intention of changing either fact. However, I do have some VIEWS on “political matters” because, in the long run, the decisions and stances politicians - and their supporters take, affect my well-being. Needless to say, I thank God Almighty for the fact that I am just as free to express my views, as anyone else is, to disagree with them.

Therefore, mindful of the fact that,

\*Millions of dollars, trillions of paper and ink, and zillions of spit after, we have wound up right where we were before the whole campaign/election season began – with a **DEMOCRAT** as President, and a **REPUBLICAN** House which, in the last 4 years, resulted in unprecedented GRIDLOCK, ACRIMONY, VITRIOL, (as in “YOU LIE!”), & DIVISIVENESS,

Mindful also of,

\*The following “local” election results that hit much closer to home – and as such, matter greatly to me, given the fact that a good amount of the legislation that affects me will NOT come down directly from “ETOUDI” (aka The White House):

*“The Republican majority expanded after Tuesday’s election to veto-proof margins. The NC House will be made up of 77 Republicans and 43 Democrats. The NC Senate will have 32 Republicans and 17 Democrats.”,*

I have decided to give my totally UNSOLICITED (and, most likely, UNSAVORY & UNWELCOME) advice to the “CAPOS” and their “PEEPS” on **BOTH** sides of the now wistfully mentioned AISLE, which, in recent Weeks, Months and even Years, has hardly, if ever, been crossed. Not even for a semblance of a show of PRETEND, MAKE BELIEVE compromise or bipartisanship! I will not waste my time or anyone else’s trying to “judge case” or apportion blame. I will simply point out or reiterate the following CONSCIENCE & SOUL-SEARCHING facts, truths and quotes, most of which have been tried, proven and tested over the years:

- **NO MATTER HOW THIN A PANCAKE IS, IT ALWAYS HAS 2 SIDES TO IT!**  
No one can be right 100% of the time, and the people we consider “haters”, enemies and detractors are not ALL wrong, ALL of the time either.
- **IT DOES TAKE TWO TO PALA-PALA!**  
Hardly are BOTH parties involved in a “PLEASE MADAM! TWO ARE FIGHTING!” scenario, BOTH COMPLETELY or EQUALLY INNOCENT and BLAME-FREE!!
- **SPEAK YOUR TRUTH QUIETLY AND CLEARLY; AND LISTEN TO OTHERS, EVEN THE DULL AND IGNORANT; THEY TOO HAVE THEIR STORY!!** (Line from DESIDERATA)

The fact that someone does not share your views on abortion or same-sex marriage should not earn them such derogatory epithets like “primitive”, “stupid”, “ignorant”, “dumb” or “satanic”, as I’ve seen and heard bandied about lately – just anyhow, anyhow! Weh-heh-heh!

The “funny” thing is that, the same people we consider “dull” and/or “ignorant”, think the very same – or worse, of us oh!

- **DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO UNTO YOU!**  
(A saying that exists in various forms in practically every religion from Judaism, Christianity & Islam, to Buddhism, Hinduism & Confucianism – and plenty-plenty ohdah kind-by-kind “-ism” dem!!! In fact, given the prevailing times, I would much rather quote the “flip-side” version of this age old Golden Rule:  
**DO NOT DO TO OTHERS WHAT YOU WOULD NOT LIKE OTHERS TO DO TO YOU!**
- **IF ANYONE SAYS “I LOVE GOD”, YET HATES HIS BROTHER, HE IS A LIAR. FOR ANYONE WHO DOES NOT LOVE HIS BROTHER, WHOM HE HAS SEEN, CANNOT LOVE GOD, WHOM HE HAS NOT SEEN.” (1 John 4:20)**  
OUCH! AÏE! AH TÉ! WO MOH OH!! TOUCHÉ!
- **MY COMMAND IS THIS: LOVE EACH OTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU (John 15:12)**  
Needless to say, Jesus who gave this COMMAND, loved and still loves us – in spite of all our filth and sin, so how about we even start by attempting to do likewise with our fellow man – irrespective of RACE, POLITICAL AFFILIATION or MORAL PERSUASION??
- **LOVE YOUR ENEMIES, DO GOOD TO THOSE WHO HATE YOU, BLESS THOSE WHO CURSE YOU, PRAY FOR THOSE WHO MISTREAT YOU. BE MERCIFUL, JUST AS YOUR FATHER IS MERCIFUL.** (Matthew 5:44; Luke 6:27)  
I can just imagine the number of “ah beg, moof man theres” that this is likely to produce. Well then, I guess we can just CONVENIENTLY DELETE this part of the Holy Scriptures, along with the Parable of The Unforgiving Servant and the part of The Lord’s Prayer which says “forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us”, making sure of course to keep the portions that talk about the BLESSINGS we get from the same God who REQUIRES, not *suggests* the above course of action. Sure! We can certainly invoke the “Separation of Church and State” and then turn around the next second and plead “GOD BLESS AMERICA” when 9/11 comes a-knocking, abi?  
Too bad, noble statesmen of Nelson Mandela’s caliber are hard to come by but there is no doubt that his decision NOT to seek revenge upon his political adversaries and persecutors went a LONG way into making South Africa a country that was proudly capable of hosting a World Cup Soccer Tournament, instead of a war-ravaged and desolate hell hole!
- **AN EYE FOR AN EYE; A TOOTH FOR A TOOTH; FIGHT FIRE WITH FIRE; etc.**  
Results of these “strategies”? A nation of **blind, toothless** and **charred** people!!! Adhere to these extreme strategies, and chances are that we shall go from The U. S. of A. to the

U.S. of M & H., as in THE UNITED STATES OF THE MAIMED & HANDICAPPED! (Who wan turn “Bamungo/Briquetterie SOYA???”)

2 WRONGS DID NOT MAKE A RIGHT back when one was in Infants 1, Primary School; They still don’t! Definitely, the wrongs done to Blacks, (**AND NATIVE AMERICANS – anyone remember them??!!**), in this country do need to be addressed and redressed, but if I understand Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s speech and philosophy correctly, he was not advocating “REVERSE RACISM” - a REVERSAL of the then existing situation, whereby Blacks would then turn around and disenfranchise or “suffah” whites, (à la Black Panther Movement), but one of EQUALITY & FAIRNESS, where people – BLACK, WHITE, HISPANIC, ASIAN etc. would be judged NOT by the color of their skin, the slant of their eyes, their “mopeh” as in, the thickness of their lips, their gender, or by what language they “hablan”, BUT by the content of their character!

- **VOX POPULI, VOX DEI**

This was the name of a Bar in Elig-Effa (or somewhere in Yaoundé like dat) when I was growing up oh! It wasn’t until later in my teens that I became aware that the words were LATIN for: “**The Voice of The People is The Voice of God**”. And it is even later than that, that I understood the statement even better, to mean, NOT that, whatever “the people” decided upon, would then instantly be “ratified and adopted” by God, but the complete reverse, as in, whoever a given people wind up choosing to be their leader, is THE PERSON God intended to be chosen; the one He has hand-picked to fulfill his Divine Purpose. In other words, Barack Obama may have been voted in by the people of the United States as President, but he sure as heck would NOT be in that position, if God did NOT want him there – any more than Kings Saul, David or Solomon could have. Consequently, there is no law or decree he could pass that would “take God by surprise”, leave Him wringing His hands in utter despair and mumbling “Ah don die mah own; how ah go manage fix dis one one eh??!!” Not the God of the Bible who KNOWS THE BEGINNING FROM THE END and who had a plan for our Salvation, “siiiiiince ‘ere long”, as in “FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD”!

- **PRAY FOR THOSE IN AUTHORITY OVER YOU!**

“I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— <sup>2</sup> **for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.** <sup>3</sup> **This is good, and pleases God our Savior,** <sup>4</sup> who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.”  
(1Timothy 2: 1-4)

**COMMONSENSE TRANSLATION (No “I was”/Sasse required):** Both the **DEMOCRAT President** and the **REPUBLICAN Governor or Congressman** are to be prayed and interceded for! (Abi ah lie?)

- **SWEEPING GENERALIZATIONS AND BROAD CATEGORIZATIONS**, as in

**ALL DEMOCRATS** are ...;

**ALL REPUBLICANS** are ...;

and then being sorely offended when someone says things like:

“You no know “BAMI” dem wit their ....”

“Trust “NYANGI” dem wit their ...”

“You surprise? No be “GRAFFI”/”BAKUNDU” Man?

“Ma pikin marret Bamoun/Ewondo/Hausa /Bakossi/AKATA ... ? GOD NO ‘GREE!  
Not to talk of the way we flare up and hit the roof when some kid (quite often of African-American descent, ironically!!) makes fun of our child at school, by simple reason of their name, hair or accent.

- **ASSUMPTIONS, JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS, INADEQUATE OR NO FACT CHECKING  
KWATA-KWATA:**

Report card don reach house. Sylvanus don get “F” for Algebra. Question to Sylvanus: Is the Algebra teacher Black or White? If Sylvanus ansah say “Black”, then Okay; Alright; Ah go try write de teachah email, make we arrange aftah school tutoring. If Sylvanus try ansah say “WHITE” eh, - as in Caucasian!! GOD KRACH MATCHES; SATAN SMOKE CIGAH – AND BANGA!!! Woosai mah cutlass, rubber gun, and mortar pestle dem dey??!! Woosai Al Sharpton & Jesse Jackson their cell phone numbah dem dey??!! Woosai ma “mpang” dey, make ah moof one foot, so dat make me and da oyibo teachah, make we wear de remaining one foot trossis??!! Hmm! True, “Teacher Caucay” (as in Caucasian), may be the Roving Ambassador of deh KKK, BUT SHE ALSO MAY NOT OH!!! What if it turns out that Sweet, buttah-no-fit-melt-for-e-mop Sylvanus has been dodging school, sleeping through the occasional class he does attend and not turning in his homework? And how, biko nu, is this scenario which I personally witness day in, day out, so different from the Caucasian Mall cop’s deciding that it must be “Kwanza” and her braids who shoplifted at TJMAXX, and not blue-eyed Jane, even though the sensor “beep-beep-beeped” at the exact same time as BOTH ladies walked out the store?

- **WHAT IS GOOD FOR THE GOOSE OUGHT TO BE GOOD FOR THE GANDER TOO OH!!**

It just isn’t cool (as in fair), to have Double Standards! Neither are Selective Praise and Criticism, the way to go, as in:

Ma pikin score goal, ah talk say e don do wandas;

Ya pikin too score goal, ah talk say na “by mistake” yah! If wind no be dey blow, de goal no for evah-evah entah!

HEBEI! HEBEI! AH KÍÉ! Or,

We 2, we moof lie: In my case, I simply “misspoke” or had a “lapse in my recollection”, (most probably due to “altitude issues” à la Al Gore), and I am held blameless and my record remains untarnished!

When it comes to you, it turns into a totally different story!

You are branded a BOLD-FACED LIAR, TIFF MAN and HARDENED CRIMINAL. Un point, Un trait! Case Closed! No Debate! No appeal!

And talking about fact-checking, I cannot tell you how SHOCKED I was to see the article from 2006 below, regarding George W. Bush, aka “hater of Black People”, per Kanye West. Does it absolve GWB of all the “sins” attributed to him? NO! But do the little-known, vastly UN-publicized facts therein cast him in a more positive light?? In

my opinion, THEY CERTAINLY DO! As far as I'm concerned, deciding to report SOLELY on someone's negatives and conveniently ignore their positives, OR catalogue only an individual's achievements and "omit" any trace of their failures, is disingenuous and deliberately misleading. (By the way, this "teeny" sentence that snuck its way, courtesy of Reuters, into a story posted earlier today on our ExSSA-USA forum did catch my attention:

***"Obama visited sub-Saharan Africa just once during his first four years as president— a stop of less than a day in Ghana".***

Is this a statement of bare, hard, cut and dried, stark fact or is it Criticism?  
Or can we only decide which one it is, if we know the political leaning of the writer?

Frankly, if someone had removed the names of the Presidents in both "stories" and asked me to "fill in the blanks" I would NEVER have gotten the answers right! WHY? BIAS! ASSUMPTIONS! PERCEPTIONS!! PREJUDICE! The very same things I take exception to when the shoe is on the other foot!

And as for my answer to the question asked regarding the Kenyan twins named Barack Obama and Mitt Romney, to wit:

**I WONDER IF THESE TWINS WILL GET ALONG?**

My answer is, "WHY, THE HECK NOT?" They certainly could, just like Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton of "**SHAME ON YOU, BARRACK**" fame has gotten along with Prez O for the past 4 years, and done a FINE job of it too, if you ask me. In fact, she not only brought her brains to the job, she brought Oga Willy Jefferson along with her, who campaigned long and hard, (sotey voice crack kwata-kwata), VERY SUCCESSFULLY, I might add, for his marram's boss!!!

**AS LONG AS THERE'S THE WILL, THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A WAY!**

Thank God for the few and far between Christopher J. Christies who can give praise where it is due, no matter whether the recipient or beneficiary of that praise is affiliated to the Elephant or the Donkey!

C'MON NOW!!! It's about time someone tuned "KUMBAYAH", or "COME TOGETHER", or "GIVE PEACE A CHANCE" or something!!

My sincere apologies to you, if you are so Pro-OBAMA and soooo in a gloating, "mash'am lekeh pepper", non-conciliatory mood, or so Pro-ROMNEY and mad as Hades, that this write up made you puke. (CONGRATULATIONS, for even reading this far!)

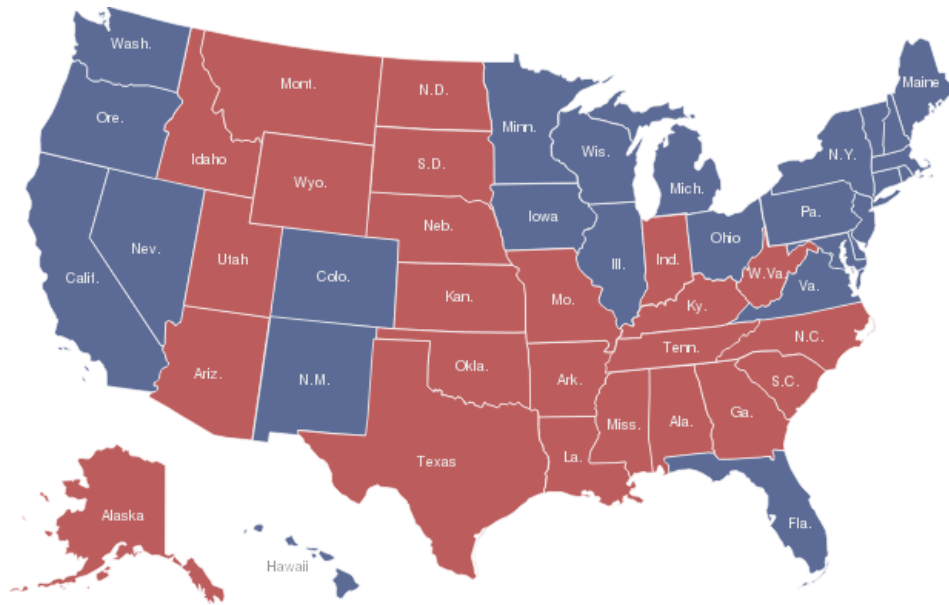
Well, just before you hit the delete button, Dear ROMNEY Die-hard, let me say this:

**61,170,405** people and 302 electoral votes constitute a clear and decisive Victory! The People, (Black, Hispanic, Asian – and WHITE), have spoken. Get over it! Come to the "Bargaining Table", IYA/TATA!!

And, You, Dear OBAMA Cheer Leading/Hallelujah Chorus squad:

If you think the number **58,163,977** (those who *did* vote for Romney) is "negligible", or that de plenti red wey flop for dis map for under here so no mattah at-all, at-all, (as in "je m'en fou"/"who cares?"), I think, Dear SANGO/NYANGO, that you just might be making a mistake. I will be praying My President – The President of these SORELY & FRIGHTENINGLY DIVIDED States will be reminded of what St. Mark says in the 25<sup>th</sup> verse of Mark 3: **If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.**",

and not make the same mistake! Judging from his Victory Speech, he doesn't plan to, SO HELP HIM GOD!



A happy & THOUGHTFUL weekend to all!

Blessings,

Egbe Mbiwan Monjimbo

p.s. Below is the George W. Bush article I was referring to. Who would've think it?!

## - **Bush Has Quietly Tripled Aid to Africa**

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- President Bush's legacy is sure to be defined by his wielding of U.S. military power in [Afghanistan](#) and [Iraq](#), but there is another, much softer and less-noticed effort by his administration in foreign affairs: a dramatic increase in U.S. aid to Africa.
- The president has **tripled direct humanitarian and development aid** to the world's most impoverished continent since taking office and recently vowed to double that increased amount by 2010 -- to nearly \$9 billion.
- The moves have surprised -- and pleased -- longtime supporters of assistance for Africa, who note that because Bush has received little support from African American voters, he has little obvious political incentive for his interest.
- "I think the Bush administration deserves pretty high marks in terms of increasing aid to Africa," said Steve Radelet, a senior fellow at the Center for Global Development.
- Bush has increased direct development and humanitarian aid to Africa to more than \$4 billion a year from \$1.4 billion in 2001, according to the Paris-based Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. And four African nations -- Sudan, Ethiopia, [Egypt](#) and Uganda -- rank among the world's top 10 recipients in aid from the United States.

Beyond increasing aid to Africa, Bush has met with nearly three dozen African heads of state during his six years in office. He visited Africa in his first term, and aides say he hopes to make a return visit next year.

**Although some activists criticize Bush for not doing more to end the ongoing genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan, others credit him for playing a role in ending deadly conflicts in Liberia, the Congo and other parts of Sudan. Meanwhile, Bush has overseen a steady rise in U.S. trade with Africa, which has doubled since 2001.**

**"He should be known for increasing -- doubling development assistance and tripling it to Africa after a period in which U.S. development assistance was essentially flat for decades,"** Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said in a recent interview with the Associated Press. **"He should be known for the largest single investment in AIDS and malaria, the biggest health investment of any government program ever."**

To many longtime Africa supporters, all of this is surprising for a president who is often criticized as lacking curiosity about much of the world and who heads a political party traditionally skeptical of the efficacy of foreign aid.

**"The evangelical community raised the awareness of HIV and AIDS to the president,"** said Rep. Donald M. Payne (N.J.), the top-ranking **Democrat** on the House International Relations subcommittee on Africa. **"When the Bush administration came in, HIV and AIDS were not an overwhelming priority. Now we have seen a total metamorphosis."**

Current and former White House aides and independent analysts say Bush's interest in Africa is rooted in the numerous humanitarian crises that continue to bedevil the continent, as well as in the growing importance of Africa in a world increasingly linked by economics and terrorist threats.