

Kemetic Spirituality Series - An important part of the KhepRa curriculum by NewEarth University Fellow, Chief Sylvestre Ngakale

Part 3

THE IMPORTANCE OF INITIATION IN OUR ANCESTORS' WAY OF LIFE AND WHY IT IS PARAMOUNT TODAY?

REINCARNATION

To understand what Kemetic initiation is all about one must know that we believe regarding reincarnation. This world is where one comes to carry out specific projects. A birth is therefore the arrival of someone, usually an ancestor who has important tasks to do here.

For us every new born is an ancestor that has returned. But the living must know who is being reborn, so that we can know how to guide them during their life mission.

So, when a woman is pregnant, a few months before birth, a ritual is held. The pregnant mother, her brothers, the grandfather, and a traditional High Priest are the participants. The child's father is not invited for the ritual, but he will prepare the space. Afterward, he is informed about what happened.

During the ritual, the High Priest will ask questions to the unborn child like: "Who are you? Can you introduce yourself to us? Where has your soul come from? Why it chose to come here? And what gender it has chosen?"

The incoming baby's soul will take the voice of the mother and the mother will fall into trance and answer every question the priest asks.

Sometimes, based on the life mission of the incoming soul, the living can object to the choice of gender and suggest that the opposite choice will better accommodate the role the unborn child has chosen for him – or herself. This will help to avoid a soul getting lost in the opposite gender's body or vice versa.

Some souls can ask that specific things be made ready before their arrival – it can be talismanic objects, medicine bags, metal objects in the form of rings for the ankle or the wrist. They do not want to forget who they are and what they have come here to do. The name of the newborn is based upon the results of these communications. A name is the life program of its bearer, it has the necessary energy of your life program, it vibrates every time someone calls

you. That is the main reason why the name you carry is so important, as it has a meaning.

GRANDFATHER AND GRANDSON RELATIONSHIP

What the grandfather and grandson share together – that the father cannot – is their close proximity to the cosmos. The grandfather will soon return to where the grandson came from, so therefore the grandson is the bearer of news the grandfather wants. The grandfather will do anything to make the grandson communicate any news from the ancestors before the child forgets, as it happens very often.

A child's first few years are crucial. The grandfather must remind the grandson what he said while still a fetus in his mother's womb. Then he must gradually help him build a connection with his father, who will help him with the hard challenge up ahead. That is why we say the frustration of a grand fatherless male child has no cure.

SO, WHAT IS THE KEMETIC INITIATION?

Traditional Kemetic initiation is an educational process every child will go through to acquire knowledge that is needed to accomplish their life mission. Knowledge that is passed down from generation to generation through intense practical training.

Through initiation the child will be exposed to reality.

Even to go out and share the knowledge with the rest of the world, it must be done with the permission of the elders. So that's how we have been preserving this powerful knowledge that we will be talking about. My bloodline has been preserving the spiritual, cultural, and philosophical aspects of our traditional way of life. And we have been preserving it: through intense initiations, where the young initiates learn how to approach the existence and face the challenges existence presents to them.

This is for one to be able to rise up to a certain level; the level of knowledge required in order to carry out whatever destiny you came to achieve in life. Let's honestly look around as human beings and see the state in which our species is. Look around and see how the world is really moving. Then

we will understand that people in the modern societies are actually not fitting into the dialogue of energies, into the universal harmony of everything.

WHY IS IT PARAMOUNT TODAY?

Now one has the tendency to live life removed from nature, trying to move “forward” in what is more like virtual knowledge, pursuing science and those New Age philosophies. The New Age movement doesn’t really give the individual a way to discover the self. I’m not a guru. I’m not a master. I’m just a disciple of the traditional mystery schools and a pilgrim of the temples which have the responsibility and the mission to go out and share the knowledge that the elders passed down to my generation. So, I’m not here for propaganda. Just like my master wasn’t here for propaganda.

Whenever you see someone presenting themselves to you, or writing a book about some type of knowledge, and already that person starts presenting himself or herself as a guru, a teacher, god, master, or prophet of that kind of knowledge, one is obliged to ask unique questions... because as human beings we have a brain, a brain that functions, and we are inclined to ask questions.

Depending on the way people present themselves, the knowledge seeker or pilgrim has to ask questions to know where the other person stands and intends to lead them. I must ask questions in order to be able to understand whatever knowledge or prophecy you’re bringing to me, and I encourage everyone to question what my temples and my master offers. We always tell people in the initiation process that when they see an individual coming to them with some type of teachings, to make sure to ask the following questions:

Where is your knowledge coming from?

Who is your master? If you happen to have answers for these two questions, then that will take you to the third question, which is: where is your master coming from? Or who is the master of your master?

Knowledge has only one way of traveling. You don’t happen to get your knowledge sitting in the bar drinking, or in a nightclub getting high, or maybe sitting somewhere smoking and hallucinating and then wake up and start writing your “epiphanies.” Since the beginning of time, constructive and

productive knowledge travels through intense initiations or intense training from a Master, who got his knowledge from his or her Master, who got his or her knowledge from another Master, and so on and so on.

When the knowledge itself is already challenging you, and when you finally strive to overcome those challenges, your Master or mentor will be the one to announce to you that you have just achieved one level. But one thing to understand about Kemetic initiation is that you don't finish learning as long as you are living. The initiation into life does not have an end until the day you die.

On that day your next initiation begins in the World of the Dead. It's understood in our temples that you live to die, and every life requires an initiation. We don't finish the initiation. I'm still being initiated. I have teachers. I have masters that I have to always go to. I have to follow them every time to gain more because knowledge doesn't finish.

I keep going. I don't just get a little bit and say, "Hey, I'm done now. I'm a guru," or "I'm a Master," "Kemetic Master," or "priest," or anything like that. I have to keep going because first of all it's about me trying to fit into existence - to fit into the dialogue of energies of the universe. And then after that, I have to keep working to get to the level I'm trying to get to. I must keep learning and working hard in order to rise up and assist those looking for assistance.

You have to keep working on yourself to be able to help other people, too. The lack of initiation and proper education in the modern world has become a tremendous handicap to the spiritual and intellectual evolution of the modern human being. That's why one can claim to be a "guru," "master," or "prophet," just from waking up from having a dream or reading a book.

Well, the goal behind initiation is this. In the village, in Merita (Africa) initiation is for young people. Young people who just came into existence, and now at the age where they are trying to enter the society, they need to be initiated. They need to receive the knowledge of how everything has been going. Because the society actually hopes on those people to keep going, to carry on. You can't really build the society, a perfect society, without initiating or giving the knowledge you have, passing it down to the next generation.

So that's how it goes in the Kemetic system. And then at the end of the initiation process, everyone comes out ready to uphold the undeniable

principles and customs in society. When you're a girl and you enter the initiation camps, you come out of the camps already a full woman, ready to fulfil whatever a woman can do in order to help the society march towards its evolution with that mission. And if you're a boy, you come out as a man, a full man. Only initiates are allowed to sit and make decisions for the progress and the wellbeing of every community in a society of initiates.

When things go wrong in the society and there's a need for council to solve problems, every initiate is obliged to honour his spirits and Ancestors by their presence and wisdom to help lead the community to the next level. So, the goal of bringing initiation to modern society and why we're doing it with dedication and rigidity is to help provide the modern societies with women and men who know where they're coming from, where they're standing, where they're going, and the part they have to play in the well-being of humankind.

We're doing it because our elders, through Earth energy readings and divinations, noticed that somewhere on the face of the planet many people are cut off from the original ways of doing things and are being set up for self-destruction by mother nature. Nowadays, the Greco Roman understanding of life makes it so that modern people don't live as human beings. It's almost like they forgot how to be human and function like robots instead, living the way they have been programmed to live, conditioned to live a life of fantasy, utopia, and consumerism.

That's how everybody lives in the modern society. So that's something that needs to change. People need to be aware. People need to wake up and understand their human nature. Remember: it is said that the modern human uses less than 10% of their brain capacity. What about the other 90%...? Take this as an opportunity to become human and start using the other 90% of your brain you weren't using.

The initiation will make sure to give you the ability to awaken and start using all of those capacities that your brain is capable of. There's this aspect of spirituality behind it, which is that every human being has the responsibility to carry on what his or her Ancestors have been doing since the beginning of time until now. Whatever I'm doing today, my Ancestors did it before me.

My father saw his father doing it. I grew up seeing my father doing it, too. And my children will grow up seeing me doing it. From there they will learn to step

just like me, and pass it down to their children, and so on and so on. That's what we call tradition. That's what we call civilization. But we have to take care of the spiritual world and at the same time take care of the physical world. You have to be walking with both of these in mind and make sure you fit in harmony with it. That's what is missing in the modern world.