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Rastalogy Class: Ecclesiastes Chapter 12: 1 + 10 + 13 – Advice

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Today we will look at these three verses of Ecclesiastes chapter 12 verses one ten and thirteen. The verses will give counsel to the adherent of the faith. Let us look at these verses in the order they were written.

VERSE 1:

Verse 1 stated: “remember your Creator while you are still young.” Proverbs chapter 22 verse 6, verify that statement by stating: “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old he will not depart from it.” This commence with the disciplining of the mind.

When the question is asked, who is thy creator? The answer is Tafari, the son given unto us spoken of by Isaiah 9: 6. The same verse continues to state, “While evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh when thou wilt say, I have no pleasure in them.” “Evil days”: is the folly of vanity where the individual’s mind will seek the path and work toward goals which have no value. The Psalmist gives directive through Psalm 1 and Psalm 101 as criteria for adherents, those who will work toward goals which have value, through organization. Such that the adherent will say, evil days, I have no pleasure therein.

Organization is part of a community; hence the first organization or community is the family, which aims at the highest good, its aims at satisfying all the needs of men. Politics equal state equal family equal economics. Thus the adherent (initiate) or candidate can say, I am practical and political by virtues. For Tafari in the courts of Menelik II was political. Then you recognize your creator “Tafari”, his political

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preparation, his obedience by virtues, and merit of development to become Head of State.

VERSE 10:

The tenth verse establish “The preacher sought to find out acceptable words: and that which was written was upright, even words of truth.” The preacher represents a philosopher with a philosophy that is political and religious. As a philosopher, truth becomes his cornerstone and, and virtues is the merit of his conduct, therefore upright is a character of his attribute or essence.

VERSE 13:

This verse conclude by saying “Fear God”. When the question is asked, who is thy God? The answer, thy God is my liberator Emperor Haile Selassie I. To H.I.M. we must give reverence to keep his commandment. And what is His commandment? The written constitution of 16th July 1931 and the revised version of 1955. This is what we must keep. The person of the Emperor is sacred. The Emperor is Divine. The Emperor is unchallenged. It also establishes a dynastical rule that is to say, be fruitful and have a son. The philosopher establishes this was the whole duty of man. 1st Peter 2: 17 establish a philosophy compatible to how the philosopher made his conclusion by stating: “Honour all men” – for within the Law all men are equal, “Love the brotherhood” – we are all God’s creatures, “Fear God” – give reverence to your liberator and honor the King who is head of state and head of the household.

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