

Omatando rejects OTA-RDP coalition

We, the undersigned and listed residents of Omatando no. 2 Village in Okatana Constituency of Oshana Region hereby reject and totally condemn with the contempt it deserves the Rally for Democracy and Progress (RDP) politically inspired conspiracy and tactics of oppression, confusion, manipulation, exploitation as well as divide and rule being employed through the Oukwanyama Traditional Authority (OTA) against us.

One specific case in point is the public gathering which took place at Omatando no. 1 Village in Ongwediva Constituency on the 27th April 2010 whereby the OTA-RDP dictators invited us outside our area of jurisdiction to impose on us a poorly thought out and unpopular decision. The unpopular and provocative decision by the OTA-RDP Coalition was that the Omatando no.2 Village will be absorbed by the other Villages of Omatando no. 1 and 3 under

Mr. Johannes Nghidinwa Mulongeni and Mr. Thomas Ashiyana respectively.

This particular meeting was chaired by Mr. Hangula "Kapitiya" Mwatotele and also attended by among many others Mr. Amon Shipanga, Senior headman of Onamutayi District, Mr. Simon Kaupa Mwatotele, acting Sub-senior headman of Efidi -lomulunga, Mr. Andreas Naikaku, spokesperson of OTA, Mr. Joseph Nghitumungobe Kamati from Ondehaluka Village who acted as the main speaker, Ms. Beata Mupika Mengela-Haufiku, the nephew of Mr. Shipanga and anointed heir-apparent of his senior headman ship throne, Mr. Victor Kanhalelo, Headman of Oshali Village who acted as the attendance register caretaker and many other key RDP members, supporters and sympathizers who were pulling the strings behind the scenes.

This unpopular and incorrect decision was arrived at follow-

ing the failed OTA-RDP instigated Village leadership dispute between the two brothers who are both sons of the previous headman.

Since the OTA favoured candidate who is not legitimately nominated by the previous headman was rejected by us not only because he is an RDP Central Committee member, RDP spokes person in Oshana Region and a parliamentary candidate, but also as a non-starter when it comes to customary legitimacy as a Village Headman candidate. As a result, the OTA-RDP Coalition resorted to unethical and undemocratic tactics to achieve their ill-intended goals. The duo, acting out of frustration, decided to marginalize the other legitimate candidate together with the community of Omatando no.2 Village by way of handing over or "donating" our village to Omatando no 1 and 3 Villages as if we are for sale. Thus making us to lose our dignity, iden-

tity, historical and cultural heritage, something which is an insult to our intelligence and ancestors. It is therefore totally unacceptable, practically and morally wrong to apply or experiment the most primitive law of the jungle on us.

Besides that, the OTA-RDP Coalition is acting with a hidden political agenda and also in solidarity with one of their colleague who was exposed in the media by the legitimate candidate for his (their colleague) alleged corrupt practices, cheating and abuse of power following a self-enrichment and money - making scheme regarding gravel mined from the land of a widow at Qmusheshe village.

Having said the above, we would like to state our position categorically clear as follows:

We reject and condemn with the contempt it deserves the OTA-RDP Coalition's conspiracy of dividing and ruling our Village of Omatando no.2.

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known by their fruits.

The finality of the Church in God's purposes shows that the church is not just the most important thing that God is doing in History. The Church is the only thing that God is doing in this world that will last through time and eternity, because it is the only earthly reality that will survive time and last throughout eternity (Bilezikian 1993:194).

You have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the first born, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God the Judge of all men, to the spirits of righteous men made perfect, to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkle blood that promises much better promises than does the blood of Abel (Hebrew 12 vs. 22-24).

Teaching on the End Time

The End Time refers to the beginning of the Day of the Lord. It also talks about when Jesus the lowly crucified Lamb becomes the supreme ruler and brings history, time, the nations, evil, and death under His dominion (Bilezikian 1993: 254).

The End of Time signifies the period of Universal Renewal (Bilezikian 1993:264).

This implies that God will restore all things unto Himself in line with His purposes and plans.

The damage of the Fall caused at the beginning, the Resurrection will restore at the End. The Fall thwarted God's purposes; the Cross will restore them to His original intent. The Fall drove humans away from God; the Cross will bring them close to Him. The Fall disrupted God's image in human life; the Resurrection will make it perfect once more. The Fall gave Satan his greatest victory; the Cross will hand him his greatest defeat (Bilezikian 1993: 264).

The coming of the Lord is not far. The Bible gives us signs in Mathew 24 about the signs of the End. Revelation 18 accurately, speaks of the Fall of Babylon the Great, which is the apostasy religious, economic - political system based on humanistic philosophies. The global financial - economic crisis is God's judgment on human driven institutions and systems.

According to bible scholars we are in the End of Times. Therefore, it is our duty to watch, for the Coming of the Lord is near. The Lord will come like a thief in the night to fetch His Elect and to deal with sinners. Judgment of sinners means that they will not share in the Kingdom of God.

The Kingdom of God involves the setting up of God's theocracy as it was in the beginning before the war in heaven and the fall of man. God will restore all power back unto Himself. Creation will be freed from the curse and be transformed into paradise. The elect shall co-reign with God in the new age.

Conclusion

This particular comparative analysis looked at the major ideologies/philosophies/teachings that influenced man. At the same time it looked at the relationship between development and phi-

losophy on how it addresses societal problems.

It is clear that the in put on Christianity in this research stand out as a mountain in its reference to God, Salvation, the Messiah, the Church and the End Time. These teachings are based on God's word and can only be discerned by those who are spiritual. Recently the subject of spirituality has begun to enjoy a lot of attention. Man is now looking on his holistic development as opposed to atomistic focus on the physical and the mental alone. The spiritual dimension answers questions to praise and worship, fellowship, spiritual growth, ministry, evangelism and restoration (Rick Warren).

The Christian teachings strive to mold man to become like Christ. Dispositions such as self-control, joy, love, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility, gentleness and servant-hood leadership are prescribed. The transformation will not be by might but through the intervention of Christ's spirit.

Christ require the Church to teach His word and portray kindness, goodness, love, care and hope to all and sundry. The Church is Christ's representative on earth and ought to welcome all despite their past and present weaknesses. Christ is the one who changes hearts. For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Christ will restore those who accept Him and give them a new life. Their sins will be forgiven and they will be justified meaning that God will declare them righteous. Christ is not only concern about the spiritual but He promise to provide for the elect in every way. The Psalmist puts this convincingly when he states, In all my life I have never seen the righteous lacking any bread. Jesus also made a promise by stating, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and its righteousness then everything shall be given unto you" Mathew 6 vs. 33)

Christianity is about the establishment of the Kingdom of God on earth. It is about God restoring man unto Himself and the restoration of man's dominion. Humanistic ideologies/philosophies/teachings are but timely. They are based on trial and error. They are not based on God's teachings and therefore remain short sighted and fallible. They lack the wisdom of God.

God purposely chose what the world considers nonsense in order to shame the wise, and He chose what the world consider weak in order to shame the powerful. He chose what the world looks down on and despises, and thinks is nothing, in order to destroy what the world thinks is important. This means that no one can boast in God's presence. But God has brought you into union with Christ Jesus, and God has made Christ to be our wisdom. By Him we are put right with God; we become holy people and are set free. So then, as the scripture says, "Whoever wants to boast must boast of what the Lord has done (1 Corinthians 1 vs. 27 - 31)."

For what seems to be God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and what seems to be God's weakness is stronger than human strength (1 Corinthians 1 vs. 25).

God's judgment on the world has come. Since God placed His Spirit in man as well as logic and intelligence, and being persuaded by the order of things, His creation and His word we are required to repent from our sins in order to qualify to reign with Him during the new age.

We pledge our patriotic co-operation with the Central, Regional and local government institutions such as Ongwediva Town Council, Okatana Constituency Office and various government ministries and agencies.

As a matter of fact, it should be made clear that we are part and parcel of Okatana Constituency but not Ongwediva Constituency where the OTA-RDP Coalition has placed us by force since the 27th April 2010. Their illegal action is a clear violation of the political demarcation of the constituencies of Okatana and Ongwediva respectively. We therefore urge the OTA-RDP Coalition of troublemakers to cease and desist from any acts of exploitation (such as the imposition of N\$ 10.00 and N\$ 30.00 annual fees for homesteads and shebeens as well as charges of N\$ 25.00 for customary land rights as if we are living in a communal area under their control), provocation, oppression, blackmailing and manipulation against us.

The reason for this request is that the overwhelming majority of the residents of Omatando no.2 Village are not members, supporters and sympathizers of the RDP. Furthermore, we are residing within the town land (proclaimed area not a commu-

nal area) since the 22nd January 2003 and do not have practically anything to do with OTA.

Kindly refer to the agreement for the transfer of rights and interest in land in a proclaimed area by and between the Ongwediva Town Council and traditional leaders in and around Ongwediva Town as per Council Resolution no: CM 30/99 of the 5th May 1999.

As a result and based on the aforementioned reasons the message to OTA and their cohorts should be loud and clear namely: to keep a reasonable distance from us as humanly as possible because we can do without them and they equally can do without us, the Omatando no.2 Village community.

Against this background, we are hereby pledging our unrestrained and unwavering support to the fairly, squarely, procedurally and legitimately nominated Headman of Omatando no.2 Village who is currently being victimized by the OTA-RDP Coalition of confused people and trouble makers for having exposed the alleged corrupt practices, cheating and abuse of power by the OTA-RDP ally.

Down OTA-RDP Coalition Viva our Candidate!

Signed by 144 people Omatando Village NO 2

Soccer brings peace, unity in Africa: Mugabe



President Robert Mugabe

HARARE, — Zimbabwean president Robert Mugabe said Tuesday that Africa is proud to host the 2010 FIFA World Cup that kicks off in South Africa on June 11.

The president made the remarks during celebrations to mark Africa Day.

"As Africans we are proud to host, for the first time, the soccer World Cup that starts in South Africa in just over two weeks' time," he said.

Mugabe hailed the unifying role of soccer, saying it had fostered an atmosphere of tolerance and understanding among African people thereby contributing to peace and security on the continent usually known for conflicts, political strife

and famine.

"While ethnic and religious differences have sparked sectarian conflicts in Africa, soccer more than any other sport has helped people to look beyond their differences and celebrate ...," Mugabe said.

As South Africa's neighbor, Zimbabwe is hoping to cash in on spillover business from the host country including through tourist inflows.

Africa Day is commemorated on May 25 every year to celebrate the 1963 founding of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) now African Union which helped African countries to gain political independence from Western colonial rule. (Xinhua)