



**The House of Sankofaa**  
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*Hotep! We first would like to give thanks, and praise to our Ancestors, for their continued blessings. Welcome, to another lesson-study with The House of Sankofaa! In the spirit of our Ancestors, we bring you the greeting words of peace, revelation, and struggle! One Aim! One God! One Destin! It is always our purpose to seek truth, produce justice, and produce correctness in all things we do! In practice, there is no other way for any person to justify his/her existence!*



**True Meaning of the Congo**  
*(What should it mean to us?)*

△ In reverence of Congo Week Oct 14-20, 2012 △

Today our focus is on the special lesson study called “**The True Meaning of the Congo**”! We do this as dedicated friends of the Congo! We as members, of The House of Sankofaa, bear witness to the One Love of the Global African Community! We believe our theology must be in tune with our spirituality. We are now living in the refinement stage of what is incorrectly called “Racism” but what is correctly called “White Supremacy”! This stage is the last and the most vicious of all stages of White Supremacy! This is the stage where its victims participate in their own destruction.

What is called Congo week is presently upon us! We must raise our conscious level as a matter of spiritual principle and obedience! We must resist the unmerciful onslaught against our historic Afrikan personality, as witnessed in the present plight of the region in the world now known as the *Democratic Republic of the Congo*! The plight of the Congo should be in harmony with our mission as an Afrikan people in the twenty first century that is for us to re-humanize ourselves with ourselves. This knowledge and understanding can only come as the great son of Africa has told us, “*Where there is no struggle there is no progress!*” (*Frederick Douglass*)

In other words, the more we struggle with anything the stronger we get! We must struggle for, and ask for clarity concerning the plight of our people in the Congo! Yes, our spiritual well being depends on it! It is an Ancient Afrikan spiritual principle which tells us: we must be active participants in our own spirituality! In other words we must not waste time praying to any God outside of ourselves over and above focusing on aligning our own Godlike faculties to ensure that we establish a system of true justice on this plane of existence! Our great teacher

and historian *Dr. John Henrik Clarke*; tells us why we should embrace Congo week; we when he says: “Afrika has always had something that others have needed, and could not do without but is not willing to pay for!” *This in essence, is what we want to share doing Congo week! Our spiritual poet bro. Bob Marley* has extolled us in song: that we as an Afrikan people are to get up and stand up for our rights! Yes bros. and Sisters, we must never give up the fight!

This timeless message must be central to our theme during Congo week! When we raise this question of the True Meaning of the Congo! We must ask ourselves how we as members of the global Afrikan community should view Congo week! This should be our opportunity to build Congo week as an institution across the globe! It is through this building process that we become active participants in our own liberation; this is what we mean when we say we must be properly harnessing our true “*Godlike Essence & Nature*”.

We must be the *main agents* in the world for the change we desire! Additionally, we must begin to see and clearly understand that everything in the world revolves around Afrika! This has not changed! All history is a current event! Yes! bros.& sisters, everything from Starbucks Coffee, to Apple I pads, Microsoft computers, Airbus Aero planes, the components of the Mars research Rover and the resources employed by NASA to man it's missions speaks to this crisis in the Congo! In other words, all these things and more are taken from Afrika without the permission of the Afrikan people! This is what is meant by the True Meaning of the Congo and the Recolonization of Afrika in the Twenty first Century! The question raised by *Dr. John Henrike Clarke* in his book: *Afrika at the Crossroads*: is; as an Afrikan people can we save ourselves? The point which we should be clear on; is at the lowest level the dynamics of what is going on in the Congo is given to us as Afrikans killing Afrikans!

Yet, a clear understanding of these dynamics and what is meant by the “*stage of refinement*” as White Supremacy's most destructive stage can be seen only in the global need/desire of all these natural and mineral resources in the world. In other words, what we are saying is that there is a direct relationship to the need of these resources in one part of the world (Europe/America) to death and destruction in the other parts of the world! (Afrika- Congo!)

In other words, bros. and sisters, in order for the world capitalist system under the umbrella of White Supremacy to acquire these things that is so vital to its day to day operations they must do the thing they have always done from the beginning! That is to kill, steal, plunder, and destroy! It mainly for this reason why we should embrace Congo week and raise our conscious level!

Now you might be asking yourself why we should be placing emphasis on the Congo! First, we should not be confused; it is through the skilled use of deceit, direct violence, and /or the threat of direct or indirect violence in this region of the world known as the Democratic Republic of the Congo! Which are covers for the Imperialists to continue their path of plunder and destruction in this most mineral rich region of the world? In other words where there are minerals there are Devils to be found! The plight/condition of our people in the Congo is diametrically opposed to will of the supreme God of the Universe! *This is another reason why we should embrace Congo*

*week!* We must spiritually understand we cannot effectively speak or act to eliminate any major problem that involves people without first eliminating the problem we incorrectly call racism, but what is correctly called “White Supremacy”!

Bros. & Sisters, let us be clear and give a true definition of the concept called *Devil/Satan* for it is certain only an evil backward system can be at the core this continued assault of our well-being as an Afrikan people! First, the *Devil/Satan* is not some monster located somewhere under the ground as presently taught to us by the priest guild. It is when we have a clear definition of *Satan/Devil* are we to become clear that there is nothing that the *Devil* under the ground can do to us which this *Devil* on top of the ground is not continuing to do to us! That is the continuation of its desire to steal our natural and mineral resources, with its program of plunder and theft of humane sounding policies in the world! Let us be clear *Devil/Satan* is a concept which means an opposer of God!

This is why we in The House of Sankofaa say that it is three things those who call themselves Hue-man should be doing;

- 1.) Seek Truth
- 2.) Produce Justice
- 3.) Produce Correctness

Surely, if we are not doing these things we cannot justify our reason for living! The Devil/Satan has come as one who is misleading the entire inhabited earth. (This is why we say the major crime on the planet is white Supremacy and the major criminal is the White Supremacist!) In other words, the very word Devil means slanderer! At the same *Satan means being an opposer of all things good!* Certainly when we witness the lies & trickery in the world press as Afrikans killing Afrikans as a cause of the devastation in the Congo,

We must use Congo week to expose these lies! The first thing we should be very clear on is that Afrika in general and the Congo in particular is the world's resource base! What do we mean when we say this! First, Afrika is still in possession of a vast amount of untapped resources! This is critical to our understanding of Congo week and the True Meaning of the Congo! Apart from gold, diamonds, copper, uranium, coca and many other strategic & natural resources in abundance! There are an over abundance of oil/gas resources which has not been developed for the benefit of the people of Afrika! It is now being said that Afrika have so many untapped resources that no single institution in Europe/America can correctly estimate its true value!

When we see the gravity of this, it is here where we began to see the truth that the world moves around only in activity because of Mother Afrika! For instance, while there is a brewing peak of oil crisis in other parts of the world, we are discovering oil in unthinkable quantities in Ghana, Uganda, Sudan, Algeria, Nigeria, Angola, Gabon and other parts of Afrika. It is no accident that these countries are seen in the world press as failed or corrupt! There is a

relationship here with this commentary and the amount of resources each of these countries possess.

Now let us examine the Congo! *The Democratic Republic of the Congo! (DRC)!* Did you know that the world's single richest country in natural and mineral resources is found in the Congo! The question for us is how does this Devil/Satan ensure he get this free and clear! The answer to this is through the continued stealing, killing and plunder of the natural & mineral resources of the people of the Congo! They do this in the same or greater spirit as that evil king *Leopold of Belgium!* The Congo is estimated to possess over 24 trillion worth mineral reserves! Think about that for a moment! Then you will not be confused on the truth about why *Patrice Lumumba* had to be brutally murdered! (For those who seek some clarity on this you should consult the book by **Kwame Nkrumah** entitled, *The Challenge of the Congo!*)

As events in the context of White Supremacy are predictable you begin to understand why the Congo and its neighboring countries are kept in total chaos today! We ask that you dedicate yourself to Congo week to become informed! Simply follow the trail of the processing of the Congo's natural & mineral resources, and you will find why the Congo is looted on a daily basis! Bros. & Sisters, as our bro. *Kwame Toure* has told us: “they attack us without pity or mercy every second and every hour!”

Where ever, we see the connection of the natural resources of these countries from Zimbabwe to Libya, there is a human devastation, in the blood and death of the people of these lands .Let us be clear this relationship is only real because the capitalist world under the umbrella of white Supremacy cannot do without the resources of these lands. In other words, true economic growth in these lands such as the region of the Congo is diametrically opposed to imperialist world agenda! We must see and understand Satan/Devil for what he truly is! We can all do our part by our participation in Congo week!

We must make Congo week an institution in the Afrikan world! Indeed we must struggle to end the whole economic situation in Afrika as being in the interest of foreign capitalist only! In his book: *Towards Colonial Freedom*, **Kwame Nkrumah** wrote: “It is the aim of colonial governments to treat their colonies as producers of raw material, and at the same time as dumping ground of manufactured goods of foreign industrialist & foreign capitalist ”Let us all be clear that with this current devastation of mineral rich places like the Congo, the number one resource of these countries ( the youth) are denied the ability to matriculate in an environment that is feasible for mutual economic growth. In closing let us remember the words of **Kwame Nkrumah in his book: *Consciencs*** (pg. 98). When he says: “I have always believed that the basis of colonialism is economic, but the solution of the colonial problem lies in political action, in a fierce and constant struggle for emancipation as an indispensable first step towards securing economic independence, and integrity!

Until we meet again! One Love &! One Aim! One God! & One Destiny! Hotep!

