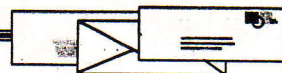


FORUM

Your letters to the Editor
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Why I support devil worship probe

Probe team most welcome

EVERY human being has a right — a God-given right — to worship. Luckily this freedom of worship is enshrined in our constitution. Naturally man (the creature) owes allegiance to God (the creator). It is, therefore, expected that everyman should worship God. How he worships may differ but these differences are not the subject of this article. Suffice it to say that different people call the creator by different names and worship Him in different ways.

The issue at stake is: should anybody who wants to worship anybody, any power or anything other than the Creator be allowed to do so? Is he included in the constitutional clause that allows for freedom of worship?

As stated earlier, the most natural thing for any intelligent creature, after realising that he didn't come into being by accident but was created by a creator to do is to recognise the Creator as the creator and pay homage to Him.

This is not forced by God! Believe it or not, God wants voluntary service. This is the greatest gift given to man — choice! Man (every man everywhere) has the freedom, the right and the ability to choose to obey God or not. The consequences of any choice made are made manifest by a loving God — the creator. If one

chooses to obey God he knows what the consequences are and if he chooses to obey Him he again knows what to expect.

That some men choose to worship idols should not be a surprise. That some men choose to worship the works of their hands should be a surprise. That some men choose to worship the devil is not a new thing. God has made in nature for ever Him! Those who don't do it they may give to the devil who Satan, but they know that they are serving the creator. This is an in everyone's mind. It should be in some Kenyans, of life, worship has been going on have had the Ken is not a surprise those who condone shipper! (1 Job Bible states clear one serves is on Holy writ also service talked words but de profess to serve deed one is serv says "Those who my command 15:14). So, the keep His comm

love Him and consequently do not worship Him. Unless our worship is voluntary and springs from love it is like noise to God.

I am compelled to say that anybody who does not worship God (by obeying His commandments) is a devil worshipper.

thing and doing another. Whoever calls himself a Christian (or anything else) but does not do what God requires of him, serves the adversary. Anybody who claims to know God but continues in sin is a liar (1 John 2:4).

Let somebody tell me why we have not investigated those who worship the works of their hands! There are many idols in our homes, our churches, temples, and shrines. Some of us carry idols wherever we go in form of protecting charms. Why hasn't

anybody complained? Are those of us who do these things not devil worshippers? Government has an obligation to safeguard the lives of its citizens.

In conclusion, I support a probe on any organisation on criminal grounds but do not support any probe whatsoever on religious grounds. I welcome all to "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

Arasa Mokoro,
Kericho Boys Boarding

THE recent appointment by His Excellency the President of a committee to probe devil worship in schools could not have come at a better time. But since this practice is prevalent in other institutions, the law should be extended there too.

For example organisations with hidden agenda's should come out clear on this matter and prove themselves clean.

Jonathan Njoroge,
Nairobi.

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WESTERN NEWS

Too is dividing Nandis -leaders

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By NATION Correspondents

A number of Nandi District leaders on Saturday accused the KGGCU chairman, Mr Mark Too, of dividing Nandis in a bid to capture the Kanu branch chairmanship.

Former MP Ezekiel Barngetuny denied claims by some Kanu officials that he was being used by former Energy Minister Nicholas Biwot to undermine the Tinderet MP, Mr Henry Kosgey, who is the Kanu branch chairman.

Mr Barngetuny said he was no longer interested in any political seat in Nandi and he was capable of making independent decisions without any influence from Mr Biwot, the MP for Kericho South. Addressing a women's funds drive at Baiyey's trading centre in Mosop where Cabinet Minister John Sambu was the chief guest, councillors from Mosop led by Paul Kerich, Wilson Kosgey, Kurgat Rop and a university student leader, Seronei Chelulei, accused Mr Too of undermining the leadership of Mr Sambu and vowed to defend him.

Mr Sambu, the MP for Mosop, told Nandis not to agree to be divided by some self-seekers who were out to create wrangles.

Problems

Mr Sambu said that problems facing the Nandis should be solved by the local people.

The Minister urged Nandis, Luhya and Luo to live and work together and reject inciters. The Harambee helped to raise Sh164,000 with Mr Sambu donating Sh64,000, Mr Barngetuny Sh12,000 and Councillors Kerich, Rop and Wilson Kosgey donated Sh1,000 each.

In Eldoret town, three Nandi Kanu officials criticised the detractors of Mr Kosgey and said they were doomed to fail in their activities since Mr Kosgey was a popularly-elected leader.

Addressing a press conference, the local Kanu chairman of Leasos, Mr David Langat, the Kanu chairman for Loleminiget Location, Mr Paul Arusei, and the organising secretary for Leasos location, Mr Joseph Sitienei, said the Nandis were solidly behind Mr Kosgey.

The three challenged those trying to undermine Mr Kosgey's leadership to resign from politics. Meanwhile, Mr Kosgey helped to raise Sh400,123 in aid of four Nandi District primary schools at Tulon Primary School in Tinderet division over the weekend. Mr Kosgey contributed Sh80,000.

Hailing Moi's stewardship

WHEN you took over the tough task of leading your beloved children, men and women of Kenya, from the late Mzee Jomo Kenyatta, many were aggravated, while others were totally perplexed. The hearts of other politicians thumped. Their complex brains rushed with decision.

Truly and plainly speaking, Your Excellency, some called you a hero with vigour and vivacity but other leaders described you as a passing cloud. In other words they never believed that you will propel this nation to greater heights of prosperity. Vividly and brightly speaking however you did it. We have a lot of sectors which have lifted this country.

For example

- Nyayo Tea zones
- Nyayo wards
- Nyayo busses and several others.

You have also improved the standard of living in the country and that is a distinct indication that you love all people regardless of their social background or political affiliation. If you were not a peace maker, we could not have lived in peace for the last 16 years. It could have been Rwanda like situation, but because of your preaching of peace and stability you made our country succeed.

The rumour-mongers who are hurling abuses and insults at you should be apprehended and decisively punished. Those issuing inflammatory remarks

against you should also be condemned because they are hollow attempts to tarnish your name as the leader of this country. The way you have led signifies that.

You are the true son of Africa and a nationalist, a patriotic Kenyan with wisdom, love and pride.

May the Almighty heap blessings on you because as you know, the main objective of the opposition is to oust you from power, not because you have messed up this country, but because they are greedy for power.

Kipkemboi Kiriu
Nakuru

Bring back prog

WHOMEVER in KBC has cancelled one of its favourite programmes which used to be aired every Thursday morning between 8 to 9 am has some questions to answer.

Some of us who are great fans of reggae were badly affected. The programme has suddenly gone out of the airwaves and there seems to be no explanation from the corporation to customers, not even an apology.

It is like many people associate reggae with shabby people who are always immoral. I have said before in one of my articles in this column that Kenyans should forget their distorted beliefs that *rastafari* is not a good religion.

In countries like the United States of America, Britain and South Africa, reggae is among the popular music for the existing generation.

It should be remembered that William Jefferson Clinton, the United States President, invited reggae artists to entertain fans and guests from many countries when he was being inaugurated. In Africa, when our dear brothers in South Africa gained their independence, their first democratically elected President Dr Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela invited the country's famous artist Lucky Dube to entertain guests during his coronation day.

When will Kenyans learn that reggae is like any other kind of music?

Many, I believe will agree with me when I say that this is the only kind of music with a goodwill message to all mankind. Lucky Dube in one of his hits say "Blesseth is the hand that giveth than the one that taketh", he also says that "Let us fight down war and crime, racial discrimination, tribal discrimination..."

Reggae is not about dreadlocks and drugs which is what

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Why Gatabaki is wrong

THE recent article run in the *Finance* on majimbo intends to ridicule the Kalenjin as a people.

It is worth noting that in the letters to the editors column, there is an obsession by the publisher to publish what sings his chorus.

In fact Mr Gatabaki should not be blind to the fast emerging emperor-worship that he seems to be promoting. The objectivity of the alternative press cannot be overestimated. Unless the publisher rectifies this anomaly then my fear is that *Finance* would digress to becoming a mouthpiece of the Agikuyu — the tribalising of the paper which would limit its readership.

This is because of the obsession of the paper to portray the Agikuyu and conveniently the Luo as the only thinking Kenyans.

The bias with which the paper ridicules the proponents of majimbo, especially the unfortunate assertion that they are pastoralists with a supposed less intellectual power is in itself ridiculous.

The paper's chauvinism has been painted and intends to say that majimbo is not correct since it has been proposed by the people he deems to be less intellectually equipped.

What is amazing is that the paper tends to hate majimbo but supports federalism. The conclusion based on the Swiss type which has worked in a way convenient to the minority tribes in a way the majority accept, has put the paper's stand in an awkward situation — it is saying that majimbo can work so long as the Agikuyu are the

proponents.

Gatabaki's paranoic outbursts cannot be excused especially now when he is an Honourable Member of Parliament. He has a sort of phobia in which he never spares any chance to lambast and ridicule the government of President Moi and his people; the Kalenjin. It is a sort of short sightedness in the part of the publisher cum editor.

Gatabaki lacks all journalistic finesse and ethics. Hatred comes first before anything else to him. To him, Moi is a villain and that Kenya was Godly and that democrat. What a fallacy!

Anyway, Gatabaki's sentiments should be treated with all the contempt it deserves. His writing is not worth the paper it is written on.

For those who came to know Gatabaki the other day they may be excused. Prior to the sacking of the late Karania, Gatabaki was

a staunch supporter of Moi, KANU and the Government. His militancy cropped up when a scathing attack was launched on Mr Kibaki, the then V-P by the *Weekly Review*.

Gatabaki went out for Mr Ngweni's throat. Gatabaki gave a sigh of relief when his tribesman from Kiambu was appointed to the V-P perch.

He saw a lot of wisdom in the President's choice because a Kikuyu was appointed.

When Gatabaki realised that a Kikuyu was not to be near the presidency, Gatabaki went berserk. He came up with the language of abuse and directed his energy and so called brains to the present regime, KANU, "marginalized tribes" especially the Kalenjin he perceives as dimwits, and danger to his tribe.

Tony K. Kirwa,
Seronei Chelulei,
Eldoret.

Protect our forests

I AM prompted to react to an article which appeared in one of the local papers on October 22, 1994 in which Environment Minister, Mr John Sambu criticised officers who condone destruction of forests by colluding with saw-millers.

While the Minister must be congratulated for issuing a timely warning to the concerned officers he left those who neglect duties to participate in politics. They

should not be spared.

Cheptais Forest Reserve is a case in point.

The forester is living in Kitale leaving administration of forest in the hands of irresponsible officers.

Mr Minister, forests must be protected at all costs.

W. Kwemol,
Bungoma.