

THE INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE ON LAND AND SECURITY

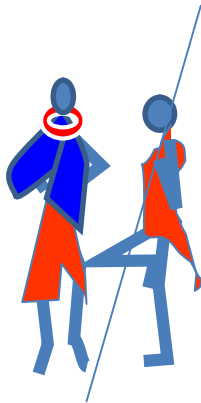
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1. REFLECTIONS ON RESOURCES WE HAVE ON THIS PLANET ALL ORIGINATED FROM THE LORD AND THAT IS ACCORDING TO THE GOD'S HOLY BIBLE. **Psams24:1 it reads that the earth and everything on it belongs to the lord. The lord and its people belong to Him.JOB41:11. I am in command of the world and in debt to no one.**

GOD, THE EARTH AND THE PEOPLE ARE INSEPERABLE (MATTHEW CHANA)

2. GENESIS CHAP 2:15 GOD'S HANDING OVER TOTHE GARDEN OF EDEN MANAGEMENT TO MR ADAM/ EVE ADMINISTRATION: AS HM PRACTIONERS WE HAVE BEEN APPROACHING GOD'S ASSIGNMENT TO ADAM IN THE SAME WAY TODAY- THAT IS HOW WE HAVE BEEN MANAGING.



3. THE LORD'S COMMAND TO THE ADAM'S CHILDREN:
NUMBERS21:16: THE LORD COMMANDS THROUGH HIS MEN TO CALL PEOPLE TOGETHER AND HE WIIL GIVE THEM WATER TO DRINK(GRASS)- FOOD. GOD'S NEWS IS A BLESSING TO ALL.
4. GOD'S UNLIKIY INSTRUMENTS: JEREMIAH1. GOD HAS THE BAFFLING HABIT OF USING THE MOST UNLIKELY INSTRUMENTS TO DO HIS JOB (VERSES 14)

FROM HOLISTIC EXPERIENCE,BARE LAND IS PUBLIC ENEMY NUMBER

- Land degradation is critical indicator of collapsing resource base.

What are some of the root causes of land degradation?

Is actually the process where the land is revealing how much the soil is shifting into dormancy/ dysfunctions: ecological suffering and failing?

Why we do not have healthy grass and healthy land: THE USE OF WRONG TOOLS

Overgrazing of grass plants occurs when any grass plant is not allowed to regenerate before it is grazed again.

Over resting of grass of grass (partial and total resting) applies in the ASALs. When plants are left without grazing, they can actually die and cause bare ground

Let me offer up **some root causes of degradation related to human behaviour**

1. Poor decision making
2. Poor land use planning
3. Poor land management
4. Misunderstood relationship between grass plants and users.

THE DEGRADATION IS A SOCIAL ISSUE

“Degradation begins in human mind and spreads into the land” (Matthew Chana)

Degradations we see today only reveal to us how much the society is degraded culturally.

Cultural erosions, land degradation and stressed livelihoods are signalling the need to do something about the mess.

THIS IS WHY WE ARE HERE

MY RECOMMENDATION:

1. Let us seek the social order(Pastor John Nambai) as we struggle with land degradation - we need to begin healing of our society
2. It is only through a healthy society (transformed) that we are able to heal the degradation which prospectively will facilitate healing of the overstressed livelihoods, economy and environment.
3. Holistic management is the most appropriate means to create range lands that works for all for sustainable social cohesions; environment and economy.