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Socially accommodative and philosophically consistent: the timely request for imminent change in Eritrea: the land of dualism.

Yes change is imminent in Eritrea. The point posed as a big challenge is the type of the change. Here and for sure, the entire social fabric, be it minor or majority is in quest for a change which is attributes are socially accommodative and philosophically consistent. The jungle laws and experiences of EPLF/PFDJ do all lack accommodation and consistent. At times, their vision jogs with the chauvinistic attitude of self-reliance. At times, used to be perfect house-maids (qedemti) of invisible forces.

Eritrea, the land of dualism: Islamic vs Christian cultures, highland-lowland dichotomy, Arabic Tigrigna competition, radical-reform type of changes, Muslim-Christian religions is at a cross road. Diversity is only and still limited to dualism. There are more than three religions but ignored. There are more than two languages but still ignored. There are semi high and lowland regions or landscape but no more worries about that. Its of multicultural land but squeezed to only two. The grass root or radical change is the one the entire Eritrean social fabric is looking for but reform is the timely option forces of reform are looking for but why?

Talking for multi-cultural polity and political pluralism in Eritrea and confining to the unproductive and unhealthy nature of dualism and preaching for it day out and in is unconvincing approach. Could it be peaceful a transition without honouring diversity? To acknowledge diversity means ignoring dualism in Eritrea because it's the land of multicultural polity. No one wants to be a junior partner in the ongoing course of the change we Eritreans are looking and opt for. That change should stop the influx of refugees. That change should bring a new vision of development. That change should bring equality of nationalities and religions. That change should guarantee minorities rights. Any change minus the said is the usual visual circle. A peaceful transition is unattainable unless the concept of dualism, the timely set back of Eritrean politics is dumped. There won't be a visual and acceptable change unless diversity is respected practically. To do this, we Eritreans, be it personally or organizationally, have to be accommodative and philosophically consistent.

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