

We The People
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Suffer the Little Children



Here is a view point about Africa and its people you may well have trouble with but listen carefully. Somalia in Africa is not a humanitarian disaster, it is an evolutionary disaster. The current drought is not the worst in 50 years, as many aid organisations claim. It is nothing compared to the droughts in the 60's and there are continuing droughts about every 5 years. The problem is there are now four times the population in Somalia having been kept alive by famine relief aid, supplied by aid organisations over the past 50 years. So now with the Somalian people reliant on foreign aid the effects of any drought are devastating while they cannot even feed themselves in normal rainfall years. The matter becomes even worse when you consider a child deprived of nutrition in the first 3 years of life will never reach a normal IQ level and the effects are disastrous on the child through to adulthood, if they make it. So the effect of all this food aid is that the newer population in Somalia is bred to fail. Put crudely its selective breeding whether by accident or design. It's also happening in nearly every state and country in Africa including Kenya, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Tanzania, and most other parts of Africa.

Because of the west's noble ideals in providing food through aid and charities we have dramatically enlarged their populations and they have become aid dependent. The sceptic would say it was deliberate as the western view of business is unbridled, unrelenting growth to create wealth. They may well be right and if that makes a person rich they must be living in a different parallel universe to me.

It's not by chance that shocking diseases like Ebola and Aids began in Africa through poverty, ignorance and superstition. Even as we see African states refusing to take action to restore something resembling civilization in Zimbabwe, the Begging bowl for Ethiopia is being passed around to us yet again. It is 25 plus years since the famous Feed The World campaign began in Ethiopia, and in that time Ethiopia's population has grown from 33 million to over 78 million today. So, why on earth would we do anything to encourage further catastrophic population growth in that country? The wide-eyed starving boy we saved, 20 years ago, may now be a low IQ, AK 47-bearing over sexed moron blaming the world because he is uneducated, poor and left behind. The fact that over 60% of sub-Saharan Africa's population is under the age of 24 with few economic prospects is a cause for great concern.

Today, African people are outstripping their resources, and causing calamitous ecological degradation. By 2050, the population of Ethiopia will be 177 million located on the parched wastelands of the Great Rift Valley. So, how much sense does it make for us to actively increase the population of what is already a vastly over-populated, environmentally devastated and economically dependent continent? How much morality is there in saving an Ethiopian or Somalian female child from starvation today, for her to survive for a life of brutal circumcision, poverty, hunger, violence and sexual abuse. Aid has sustained political systems which would otherwise have collapsed.

Big countries may give a massive amounts of aid conditional that the money be spent on importing food from those donor countries and paid for with that aid money. How does that help the poor African farmer on the ground, it doesn't. Eventually borrowed money must be repaid and there will be no way that can happen in these wretched places. I guess eventually their land will be lost to mining and plunder as a way of repayment, so it's big business with a shocking human cost. I'm not saying all aid is bad but I am suggesting it's often not necessarily what we think. If aid leads to a swelling population it is counterproductive and wrong. In Africa 70% of the public purse comes from aid and in Ethiopia its more than 90%. Graft and corruption is rife in African government everywhere and one estimate in 2002 put this at \$150 billion a year so what on earth is it today.

The world is over populated and big business wants it that way. Africa's population will go from 225 million in 1950 to 2.4 billion in 2050 and that's a ten-fold increase. The only way I can see to change the paradigm is to empower the women of Africa. Perhaps we could guarantee their first child an education and complete support until adulthood on the condition the mother is then voluntarily sterilised after the first child. Are you shocked, well then what's your solution. Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day, teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.....but in many places there are no more fish. Suffer the little children no more.

Until next time this is Kent Bayley

*limited reference Kevin Myers Irish Sunday Times