"Every man teaches as he acts. He will speak to the children so that they will speak to their children. He will set an example and not give offense."

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MY SOUL BELONGS TO GOD

Dr. Asa G. Hilliard, III, Baffour Amankwata II, DeKontee was, first and foremost, a servant of God who lived a life committed to truth, justice, balance, order, and reciprocity, all values that he applied to living up to the mission of building for eternity. From this foundation, Dr. Hilliard became a diligent servant of humanity, performing each and every task with humility and purpose. Labels like giant, master teacher, leader, elder, king, chief, good man, genius, humble, powerful thinker, and wonderful person have been used to describe him. He described himself as a teacher, historian, and a psychologist. He was committed to the healthy socialization of humanity, in general, and of African people, in particular. Dr. Asa Grant Hilliard, III, world renowned Pan-Africanist educator, historian, and psychologist, passed from this life on August 13, 2007 in Cairo, Egypt.

At the time of his transition, Dr. Hilliard was the Fuller E. Calloway Professor of Urban Education at Georgia State University in Atlanta where he held joint appointments in the Department of Educational Policy Studies and the Department of Educational Psychology and Special Education. When he moved to Georgia in 1980, he was returning to a state where his great grandparents, Bunk and Mary Hilliard, had been enslaved. After the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, Bunk and Mary Hilliard left Georgia with their two children, including their oldest, Asa G. Hilliard I. Ironically, Dr. Hilliard’s ancestors were enslaved in the same county that the Calloways, who funded his endowed chair, originated.

EARLY BEGINNINGS

Dr. Hilliard was born in Galveston, TX on August 22, 1933 to Asa G. Hilliard II, an educator and Dr. Lois O. Williams, a Pentecostal minister. Dr. Hilliard was an excellent student, who enjoyed learning. When his parents divorced, he moved to Denver, Colorado with his mother, but he and his brother Rudolph continued to have a strong relationship with their father and other family members in Texas. Dr. Hilliard attended Manual High School where he was both a scholar and active in extracurricular activities. He graduated from High School in 1951 and entered the University of Denver where he received a B.A. in Psychology (1955). He taught math and history in the Denver Public School system before joining the United States Army, where he served as a First Lieutenant, platoon leader, and battalion executive officer in the Third Armored Infantry (1955-1957).

Dr. Hilliard married Patsy Jo Morrison, who also grew up in Denver, in 1957. When asked what attracted him to Patsy Jo, he said that "it was her beauty and her bubbly personality." The Hilliards started a family and had a boy Asa IV and then Robi, a girl. To support his growing family, Dr. Hilliard worked as a teacher, a waiter, a cook, a railroad porter, maintenance worker, and a bartender. He also enrolled in the University of Denver where he entered a masters program and earned his M.A. in Counseling (1961). Two years later, and a month after the birth of his second daughter Patricia, he earned his Ed.D. in Educational Psychology (1963) from the University of Denver.

Dr. Hilliard followed in the footsteps of his father, Asa G. Hilliard, II and his grandfather, Asa G. Hilliard I who were...
As a distinguished consultant, Dr. Hilliard has worked with many of the leading school districts, publishers, public advocacy organizations, universities, government agencies and private corporations on valid assessment, African content in curriculum, teacher training, early childhood education, and public policy. Several of his programs in pluralistic curriculum, assessment, and valid teaching have become national models. Dr. Hilliard designed the approach and selected the essays that appeared in The Portland Baseline Essays, Portland, OR. This seminal work represented the first time that a comprehensive global and longitudinal view of people of African ancestry has been presented in public school curriculum. He co-chaired the First National Conference on the Infusion of African and African American Content in the School Curriculum in Atlanta.

As an esteemed expert, Dr. Hilliard was a Board Certified Forensic Examiner and Diplomat of both the American Board of Forensic Examiners and the American Board of Forensic Medicine. He served as lead expert witness in several landmark federal cases on test validity and bias, including Larry v. Wilson Riles in California, Mattie T. v. Holliday in Mississippi, Deborah P. v. Turlington in Florida, and also in two Supreme Court cases, Ayers v. Fordice in Mississippi, and Marino v. Ortiz in New York City.

AFRICAN WORLD CITIZEN

The ancestral ties to Africa were more than intellectual ones for Dr. Hilliard; he considered teaching a sacred task. In 2001, Dr. Hilliard was enstooled as Development Chief for Mankranso, Ghana and given the name Nana Baffour Amankwata, II, which means “generous one.” He spent more than thirty years leading study groups to Egypt and Ghana, as part of his mission of teaching the truth about the history of Africa and the African Diaspora. He was excited about opportunities to teach young children, and his work inspired curriculum and staff development for the independent and charter schools movement throughout this nation.

In every community in which he lived, Dr. Hilliard’s footprints for community service is still evident. His unselfish giving of his knowledge and gifts transcended many disciplines and professional associations. Serving on numerous boards and commissions, he was most instrumental as a founding member and First Vice President of the Association for the Study of Classical African Civilizations and a founding member of the National Black Child Development Institute. Dr. Hilliard was also building new global educational networks, serving as a key advisor for the African Education for Every African Child Conference, held in Mali and sponsored by the government of Mali, as well as the Illinois TransAtlantic Slave Trade Commission.

WRITING FOR ETERNITY


Always attentive to the effective use of media to tell the story, Dr. Hilliard was a master documenter and interdisciplinary communicator. An early developer of multimedia slide presentations for different kinds of audiences, Dr. Hilliard’s research reached thousands through his video and television productions, including Self Determination and Free Your Mind, Return to the Source and For the People TV. In addition to the many persons he mentored through his study tours, he founded the Makare Publishing and the Per Maat Foundation.

WE ARE BECAUSE YOU ARE

Family was important to Dr. Hilliard. He had an extended network of children, sisters, brothers, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, godparents, friends and more. He stressed the importance of knowing one’s family history, family unity and cooperation.

Dr. Hilliard is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years, Patsy Jo Hilliard, former mayor of East Point, Georgia and four children: Asa G. Hilliard, IV, East Point, GA, Robbi Hilliard Herron (Quentin B. Herron-deceased), College Park, GA, Dr. Nefertari Patricia Hilliard-Nunn (Kenneth B. Nunn), Gainesville, FL and M. Hakim Hilliard, Esq., Atlanta, GA. He is also survived by his siblings Rudolph Hilliard (Lana Hilliard), Houston, TX, Clyde Hilliard, Houston, TX, Ruth Blevins (Larry Blevins), Williamsburg, VA, Gale Hilliard Goodnight (Jerome Goodnight), Houston, TX, and Dr. Marilyn Chipman, Denver, CO. He leaves to cherish his memory and carry forth his legacy seven grandchildren: Maia HaNyce Watkins, Terry Siafa Bailey, T'Shaka Malik Bailey, Foluke Sakayi Ifetayo Nunn, Xavier SoDay Herron, Dayo Makara Hilliard Nunn and Shaidah Jordyn Herron. He is known as “Sub” and “Uncle Sub” to numerous cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and godchildren. Friends, colleagues and students cherish the memories of their journey with “Baffour.”
Selected Honors

The NABSE Award for Excellence and Scholarship in Leadership (2005)

American Association of Higher Education Black Caucus, Harold Delaney Exemplary Educational Leadership Award 2005

American Association of Colleges for Teachers, one time only Thurgood Marshall Award for Excellence, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary observance of the Brown vs. Board of Education Topeka Decision 2005

Listed in ChildCare Information Exchange as one of the Thirty Movers and Shapers in Early Childhood Education (1995).

Selection to the Council of Elders as distinguished psychologist for the National Association of Black Psychologists (1994).

Morehouse College “Candle in the Dark Award in Education”

National Alliance of Black School Educators “Distinguished Educator Award”

American Evaluation Association, President’s Award


New York Society of Clinical Psychologists Award for Outstanding Research, Scholarly Achievement, and Humanitarian Service.

Association of Black Psychologists Distinguished Psychologist Award

Association of Teacher Educators Distinguished Leadership Award

Honorary Degree, DePaul University Doctor of Humane Letters

Honorary Degree, Wheeklock College Doctor of Education

Selected by Phi Delta Kappa as one of 33 “Distinguished Educators”

American Psychological Association, Fellow

Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society Laureate Chapter

American Educational Research Association Committee on the Role & Status of Minorities in Education, Research & Development

Distinguished Career Contribution Award

Distinguished Scholar and Leadership Award, National Alliance of Black School Educators (1994).

Florida A & M University Department of Psychology, Distinguished Contribution and Distinguished Psychologist Educator and Scholar Award. (1993).

Distinguished Educational Leadership Award, Association of Teacher Educators, (1980)

John Clark Living Legacy Award, (1988)

Emancipation Support Committee of Trinidad & Tobago, Award of Excellence, (1998)

African American Man of Honor 2001 - Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F.A.A.M.
Acclamation of Legacy & Community

ASA GRANT HILLIARD, III, Ed.D.
NANA BAFFOUR AMANKWATIA, II
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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2007
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CALL TO COMMUNITY
Dr. Iva E. Carruthers

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MUSICAL TRIBUTE
Ms. Sherry Dukes-Williams accompanied by Mr. Michael Chipman

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Mr. Alani Ogunlade and Mr. Bisi Adeleke

PRAYER
The Reverend Dr. Joseph E. Lowery

FELLOWSHIP

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Celebration of Life

ASA GRANT HILLIARD, III, Ed.D.
NANA BAFFOUR AMANKWATIA, II
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 2007
11:00AM
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Reverend Dr. Gerald L. Durley, Senior Pastor
Providence Missionary Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia
Presiding

DRUM CALL
Alani Ogunlande & Bisi Adeleke
Giwayen Mata Drummers & Dancers

PROCESSIONAL
The Reverend Dr. Lawrence Edward Carter, Sr., Dean
Martin Luther King, Jr. International Chapel, Morehouse College

PERMISSION TO BEGIN

WELCOME
The Reverend Dr. Robert Michael Franklin, Jr.
President, Morehouse College

LIBATION
Dr. Leonard Jeffries
City College of New York

PRAYER
The Reverend Larry Hudson, Senior Pastor
Saint Mark African Methodist Episcopal Church, Atlanta, Georgia

LIFT EV'RY VOICE AND SING
Lyrics by James Weldon Johnson, Music by John Rosamond Johnson

SCRIPTURE
The Reverend Nathaniel Hercules
II Timothy 2:15 (KJV)
"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

TEACHINGS OF PTAHOTEP #37
Dr. Wade Nobles
San Francisco State University
"The wise is known by his good actions. The heart of the wise matches his or her tongue and his or her lips are straight when he or she speaks. The wise have eyes that are made to hear what will profit the offspring. The wise person who acts with Maat is free of falsehood and disorder."

MUSICAL TRIBUTE
Morehouse Glee Club
Directed by Dr. David Morrow

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PIANO TRIBUTE

Ojeda Penn
(Silent Reading of Footprints)
(2 minutes each)

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Nommo: Fermonic Reflection
The Reverend Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr., Senior Pastor
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Please stand when the name of your organization or institution is called.

PERMISSION TO CLOSE

“Oh Happy Day”

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Giywen Mata Drummers & Dancers

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Mdwntr ("Good Speech")

FROM NANA BAFFOUR AMANKWATIA, II

.... Teaching is a spiritual task, divinely sanctioned.

Children of the community are Divine gifts of our creator. The literally, can never be given away. They can never be left behind. They are not "clients." They are family.

We need a massive mobilization of all of our resources toward he reeducation of ourselves and those who would lead the children. Our own memories must be restored. Our own sensitivities to our present cultural greatness must be revived. Our own hunger for self-determination as a people must be resurrected. As educators we must stand on dry ground.

Basic change in our condition as a people must begin with our change of mind.

There is no way that we can survive as a people without study .... We must construct the world we want.

Our first mistake was that we thought of freedom as a place rather than as a continuation of a struggle. Tyranny never sleeps. Our second mistake was that we thought of freedom as a goal, rather than as a launching pad from which to reach our goals. Without purpose, freedom hardly matters. Our third mistake was that we thought that freedom made us free. That, however, is license-not freedom at all. Freedom is being shackled to identity, purpose and direction and being in constant pursuit.

We must go back through the Door of No Return, transforming it to the Door of Return, reconnecting to our traditions and propelling ourselves forward in a direction of our own choosing.

It is time for us to imagine a future where we participate as peers on the world, stage not as voyeurs.

Our culture base is the "tie that binds." It is the source of our unity and power. With SBA (teaching, wisdom and study), Africans will reconnect with our spiritual, cultural, social and political power. SBA is the source of the WHYMY MSW, our Re-Birth or Reawakening. This is the missing piece in our struggles over the last fifty years.

"To be African or not to be?" This is not a rhetorical matter. It is not a feel good matter. It is a matter that is real, deep and relevant. It is a matter of life and death. It is worthy of serious study by Africans.

[When] we return to our project of building for eternity, we return to Maat.

It is not enough for us to be bright and competent. We must also have purpose and direction. It is not enough for us to "make it" on our own-to save ourselves. As Abena says in Armah's novel, Two Thousand Seasons, "There is no self to save without the rest of us."

EVERY CHILD CAN LEARN!

I was one beloved of his father, praised by his mother and one whom all his sisters and brothers loved. I gave bread to the hungry, clothing to the naked and brought the boatless to dry land.

I was one who spoke justly, who repeated that which was pleasing to hear. I never spoke evilly against anyone to his or her superior. For I wished o stand well with the Most High God.

—From the Husia—
Organizations

The service, gifts and legacy of Dr. Asa G. Hilliard, III have left indelible footprints on the following selected educational and civic organizations:

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