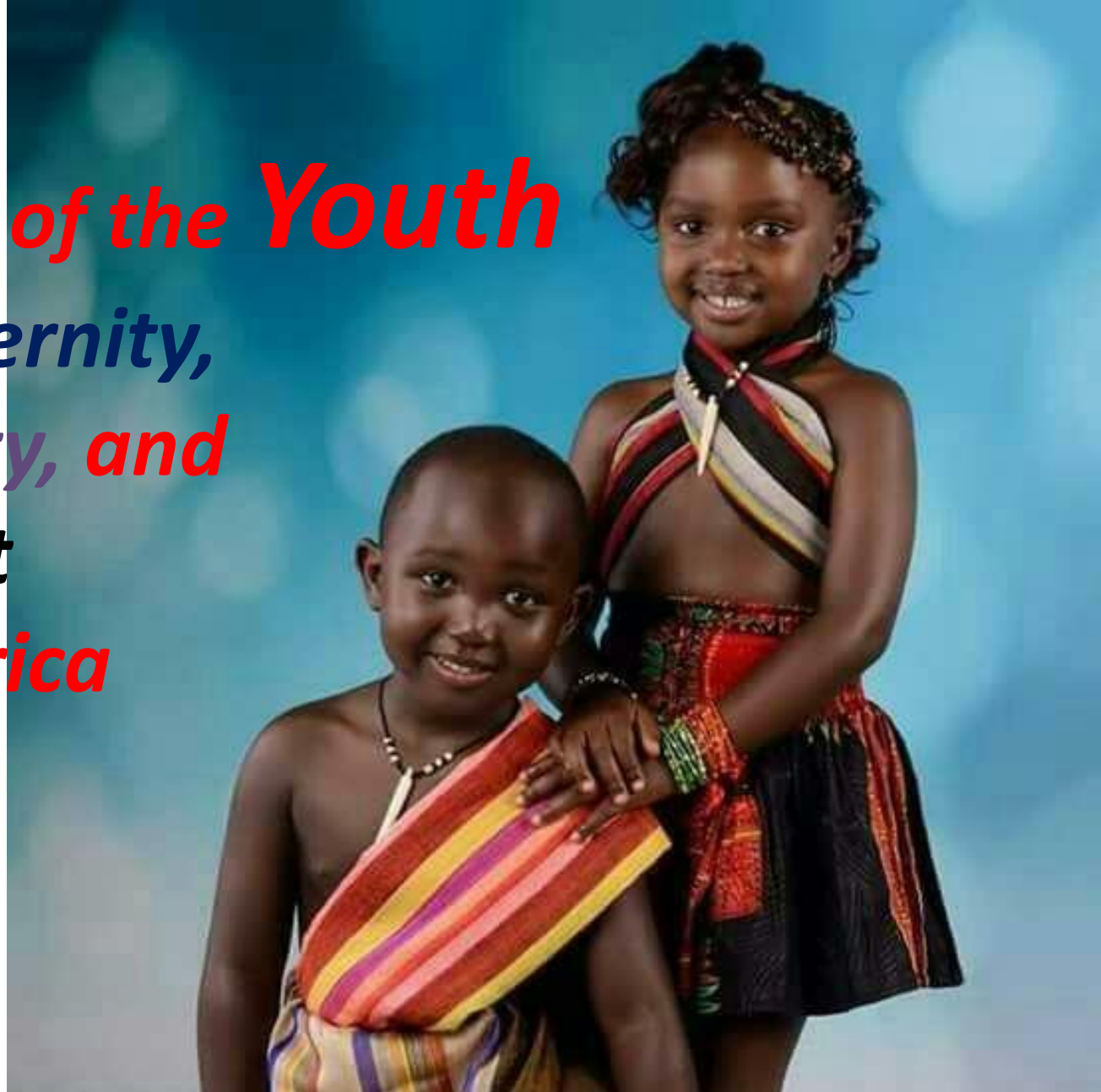


*Dialogues of the Youth
with Modernity,
Christianity, and
Witchcraft
in East-Africa*

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We need to
situate the topic

How /what is Africa?



- Africa as a continent is a victim of many misconceptions.
- Fears about Africa
- Prejudices
- Wrong images
- Psychological distance

Africa was considered to be a dark
continent...



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Estonia 45,226 Sqm
Tanzania 945,087 Sqm
Africa: 30,370,000 Sqm

Population

1.3 M

48 M

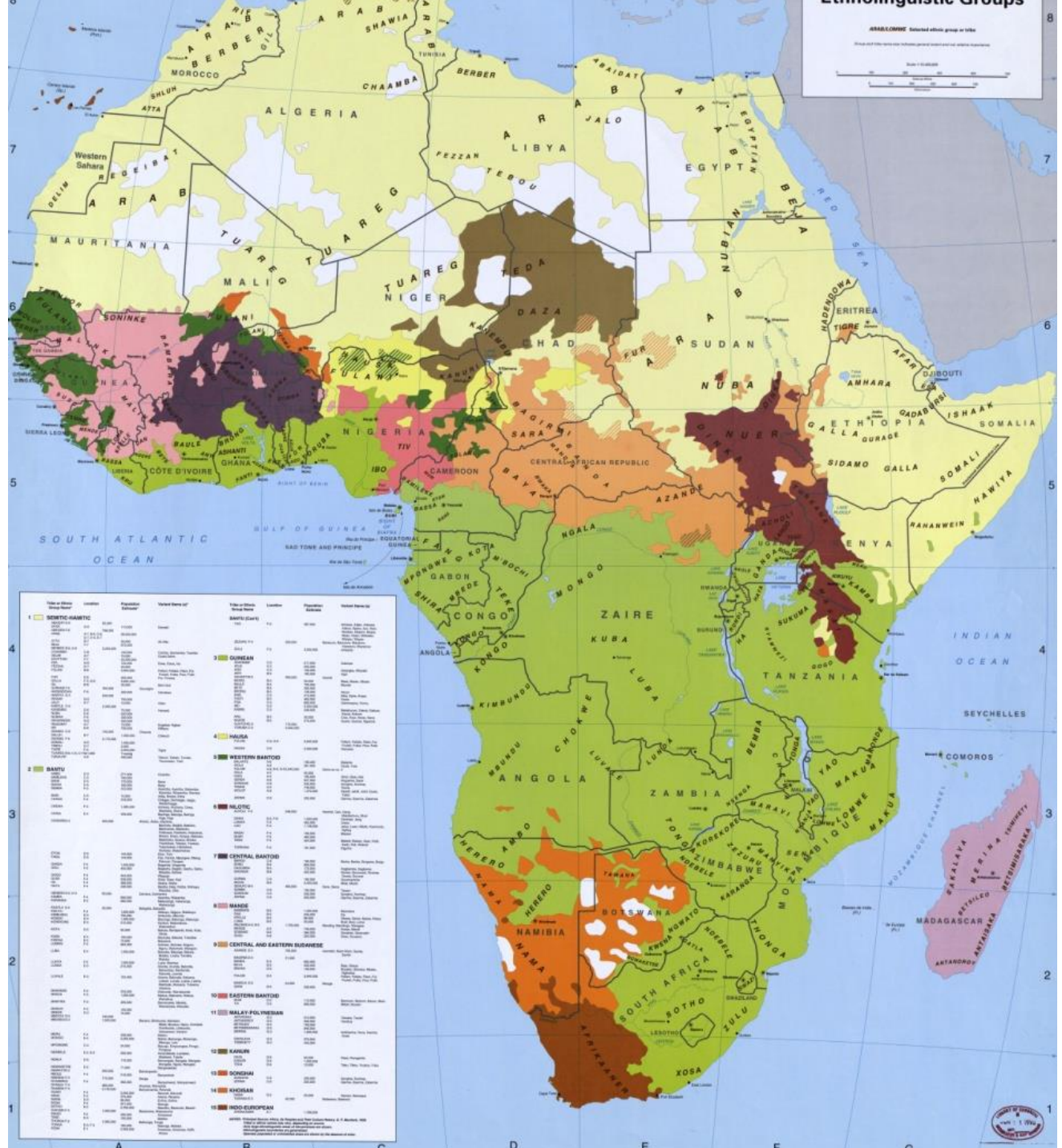
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Africa has

3000 distinct ethnic groups,
2000 languages.

Home to the most genetically
diverse people on Earth.



Group	Language	Location	Notes
1 SEMITO-HAMITIC			
1.1	Arabic	North Africa, Middle East	Includes Berber, Tuareg, etc.
1.2	Amharic	Ethiopia	
1.3	Tigre	Ethiopia	
1.4	Ge'ez	Ethiopia	
1.5	Harari	Ethiopia	
1.6	Somali	Somalia	
1.7	Swahili	East Africa	
1.8	Shona	Zimbabwe	
1.9	Ndebele	Zimbabwe	
1.10	Zulu	South Africa	
1.11	Xhosa	South Africa	
1.12	Nguni	South Africa	
1.13	Sotho	South Africa	
1.14	Tswana	Botswana	
1.15	San	South Africa	
1.16	Hamar	South Africa	
1.17	Khoisan	South Africa	
1.18	Malay-Polynesian	Madagascar	
1.19	Indo-European	South Africa	
2	Bantu	Central and Southern Africa	
2.1	Niger-Congo	West and Central Africa	
2.2	Nilo-Saharan	East and South Africa	
2.3	Khoisan	South Africa	
2.4	San	South Africa	
2.5	Hamar	South Africa	
2.6	Khoisan	South Africa	
2.7	San	South Africa	
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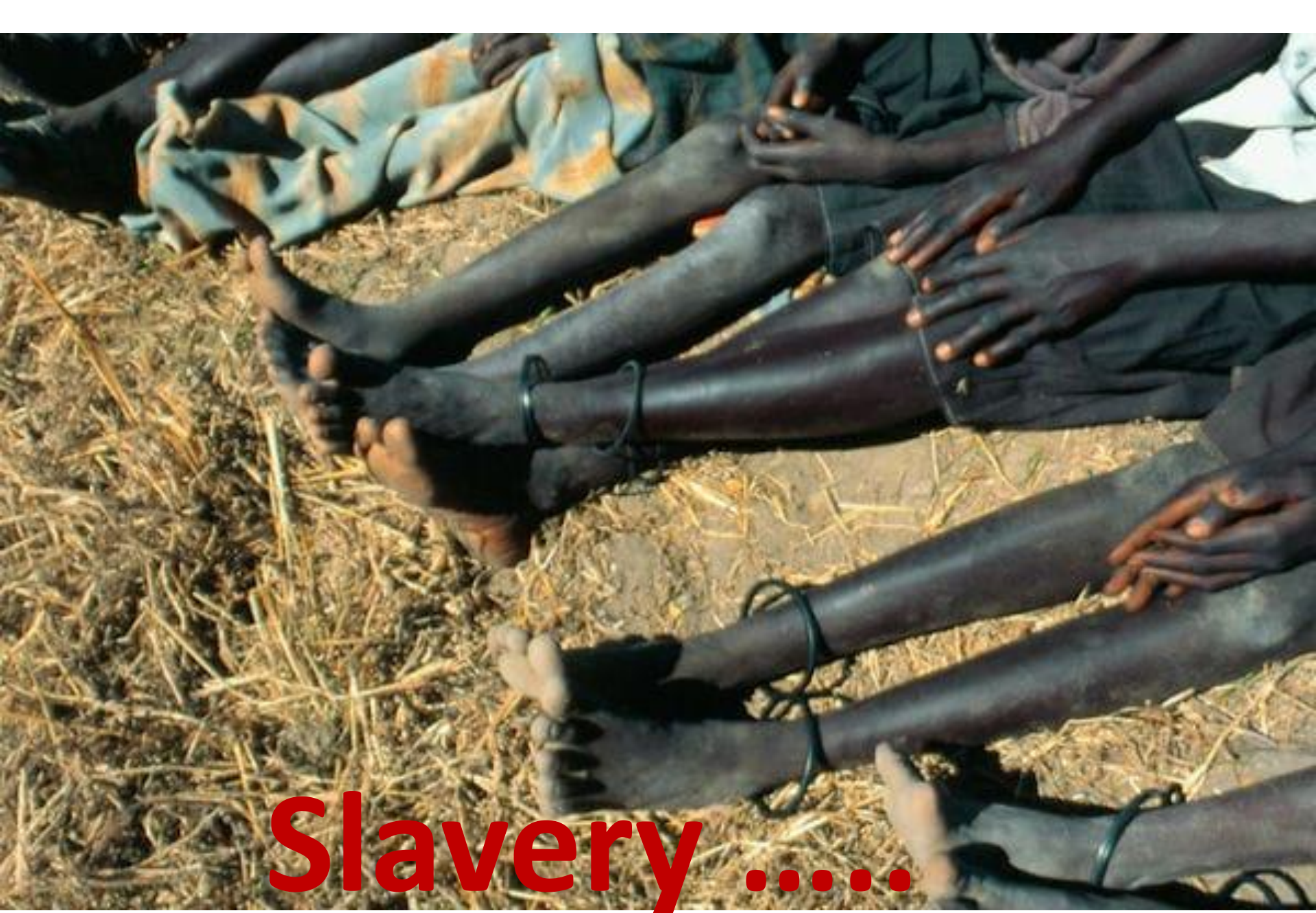
We need to keep in mind

TWO

Major

Historical

Facts (real facts!)



Slavery

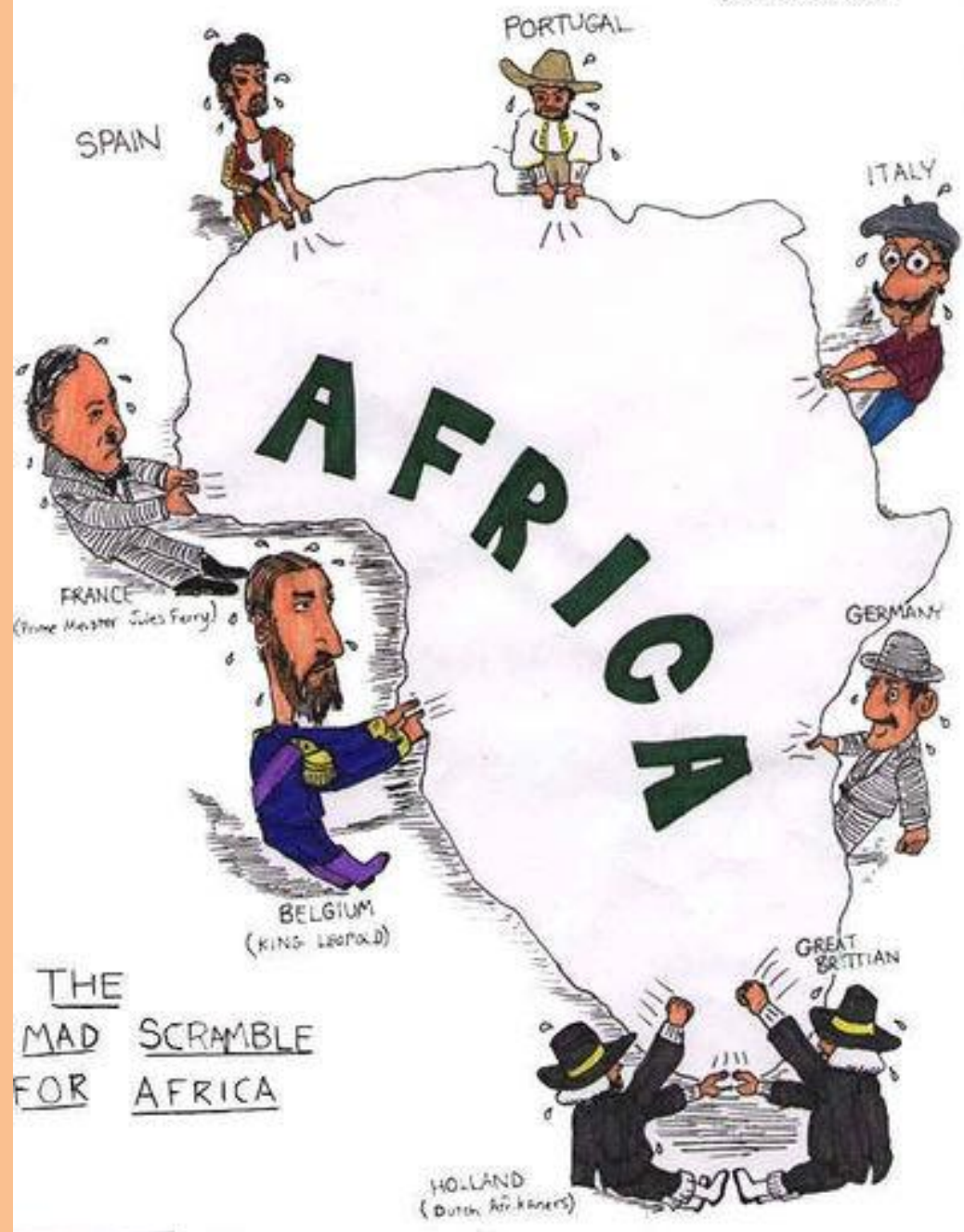




Real photo....!



Colonization



THE
MAD SCRAMBLE
FOR AFRICA

HOLLAND
(Dutch Afrikaners)

GREAT
BRITIAN

GERMANY

BELGIUM
(KING LEOPOLD)

FRANCE
(Prime Minister Jules Ferry)

SPAIN

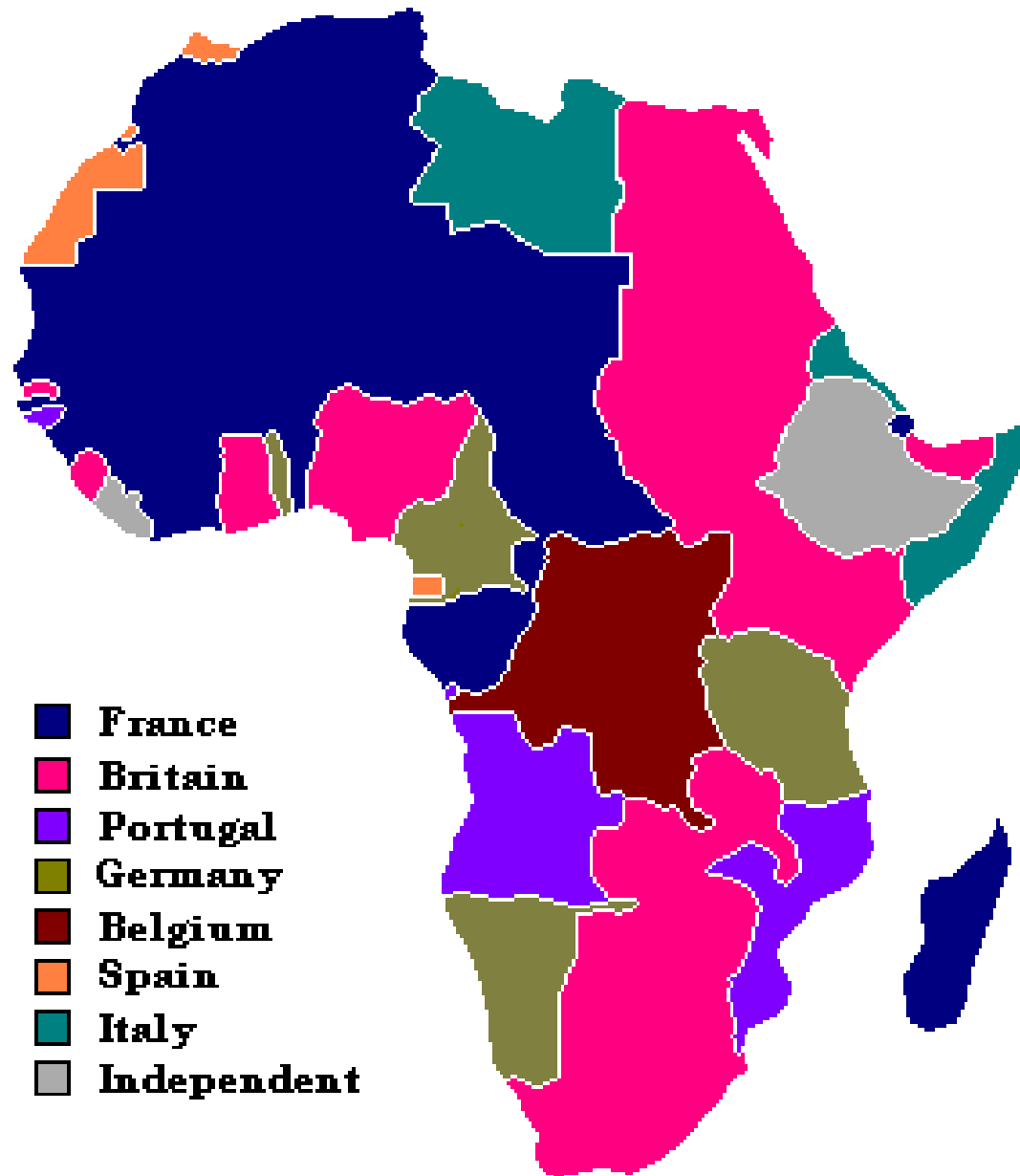
PORTUGAL

ITALY

AFRICA

By 1900 much of Africa had been colonized
by seven European powers:

- 1. Britain,**
- 2. France,**
- 3. Germany,**
- 4. Belgium,**
- 5. Spain,**
- 6. Portugal,**
- 7. and Italy.**



- France
- Britain
- Portugal
- Germany
- Belgium
- Spain
- Italy
- Independent

Unstable
political and economic
system in many African
nations

Man & GoD-ivine

From the very beginning of the existence of the humanity, there was a belief system affiliating oneself to a power of the absolute – perceived in diverse forms – linked to a **power beyond the ordinary human power.**

As humanity developed itself in different parts of the world in the course of time, such beliefs were "organised" under the leadership of certain people who were considered to be the messengers from that Power Beyond. Such organized forms were called "religions".

Chronologically.....

1. Witchcraft,

2. Christianity,

3. Modernity

Witchcraft :

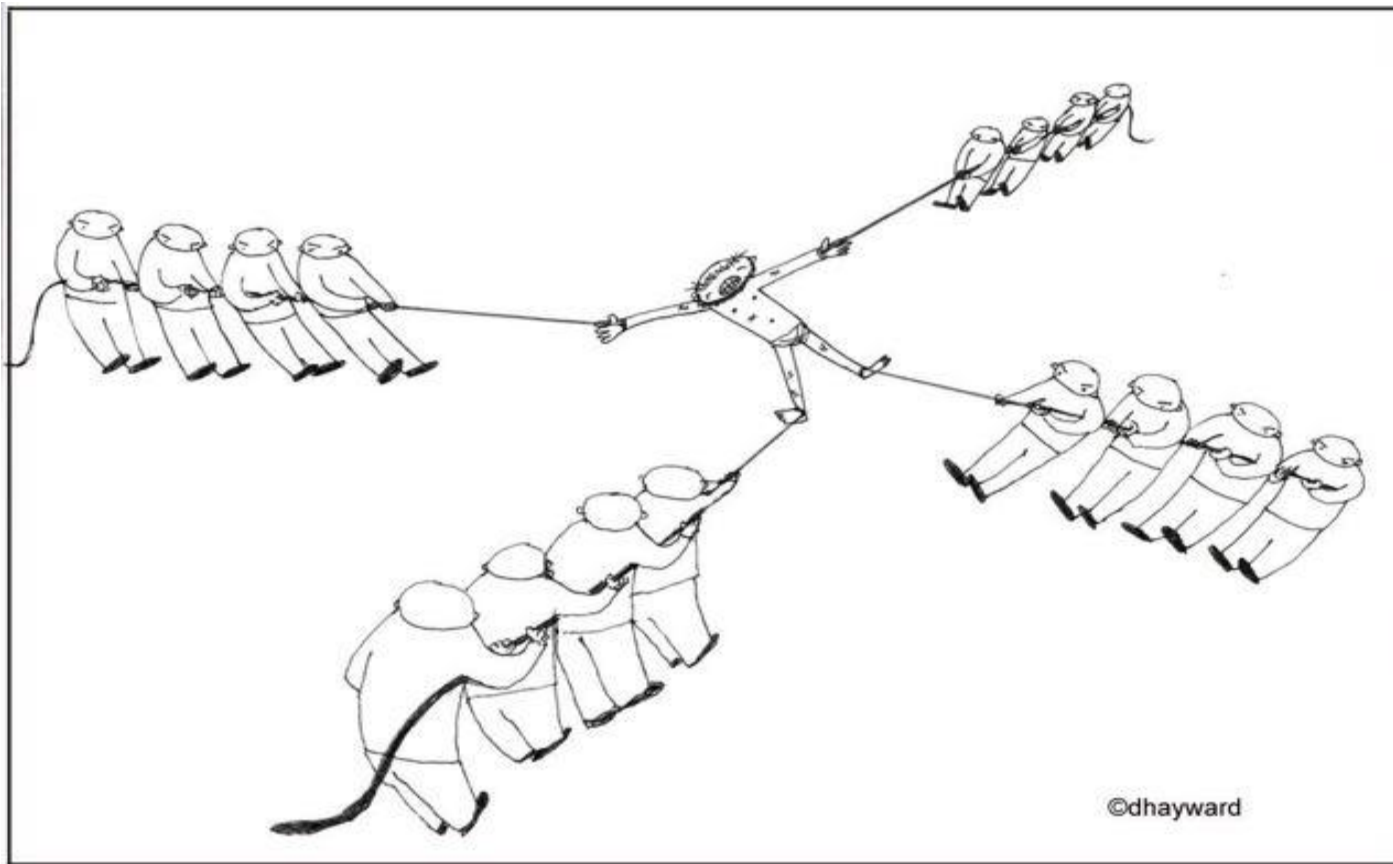
- All the traditional beliefs
- Superstitions
- Traditions based on these
- Certain cultural and social practices
- ATR – African Traditional Religions

Christianity

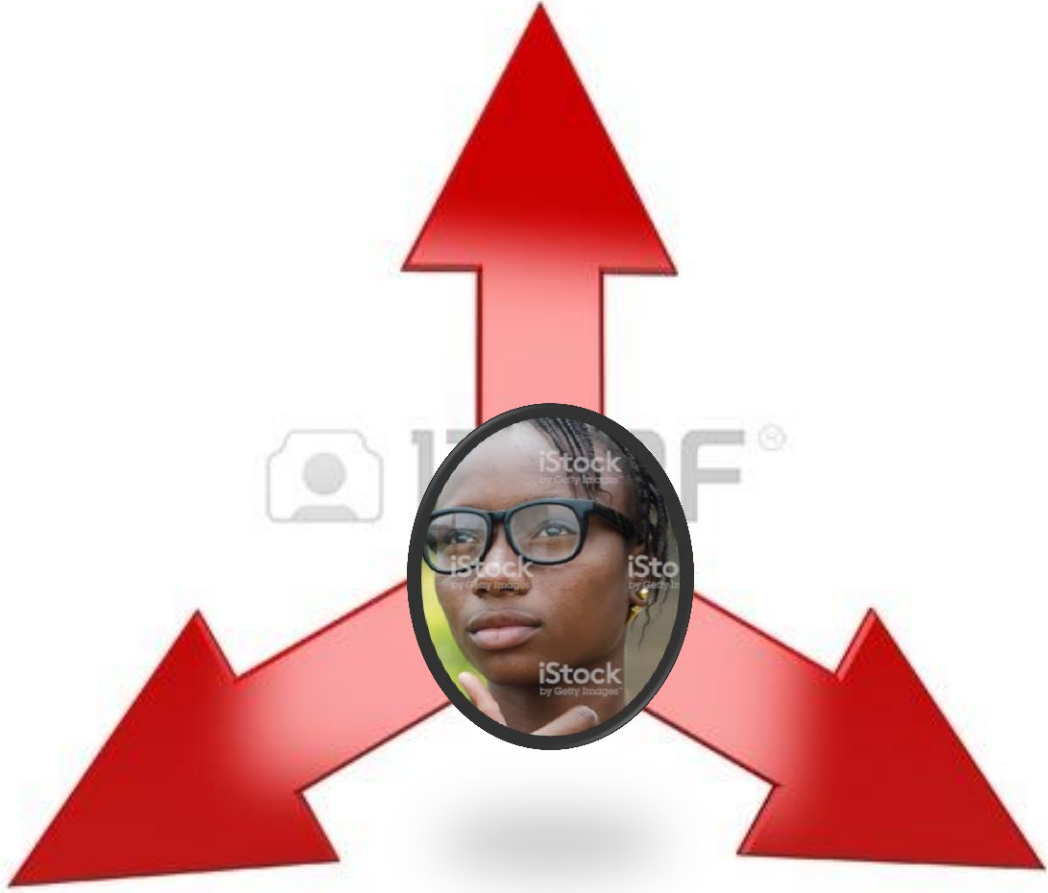
- All the Christian denominations
- All missionary works
- Sects
- Islam
- Any Organized form of worship
- Church laws and teaching

Modernity

- **Industrialization**
- **Globalization**
- **Mass Media**
- **Secularism**
- **Non- traditional education**



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Different Orientations

Different value Systems

Different Offers

Different experiences

• The Youth



- The Contrast we see in **city** life and **village** life



CITY



VILLAGE







2 Positive Philosophical and
cultural elements that affect the
thinking and attitude



UBUNTU

An anthropologist proposed a game to African tribe kids. He put a basket full of fruit near a tree and told them that whoever got there first won the sweet fruits. When he told them to run they all took each others hands and ran together, then sat together enjoying their treats. When he asked them why they had run like that as one could have had all the fruits for himself they said: **UBUNTU**, how can one of us be happy if all the other ones are sad?

UBUNTU in the Xhosa culture means:

“I am because we are”



UBUNTU

a person is a person
through other people.



- Born in Kenya, Mbiti studied in Uganda and the United States, taking his doctorate in 1963 at the University of Cambridge, UK.
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- Mbiti's seminal book, **African Religions and Philosophy (1969)**, was the first work to challenge Christian assumption that traditional African religious ideas were "demonic and anti-Christian".
- His sympathetic treatment of traditional religions was based on massive field work. Mbiti is clear that his interpretation of these religions is from a firmly Christian perspective, and this aspect of his work has sometimes been severely criticized.
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UJAMAA

Ujamaa was the concept that formed the basis of **Mwl. Julius Nyerere's** social and economic development policies in Tanzania after it gained independence from Britain in 1961



False Conviction

- Europe / USA is a paradise
- Whites are valued more than the black
- Gruesome stories of human trafficking !!

Christianity :

Dos and Don'ts

Accept suffering and your reward will be in heaven.
Your traditions are from evil one.



Witchcraft

Appease the powers or they will be angry with you.
There are immediate solutions
Your neighbour could be a threat!

Modernity

Make life easy and happy
Individual freedom is important. Your traditions and Religions do bring you restrictions

**Witchcraft and
traditional practices in
the ordinary life of an
African**

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What to do now:

- Understand the ATR and its values
- Not all traditions are bad or against the values of Christ or any religion
- Present religion as an invitation to love and serve
- Healing from the wounds of slavery and colonization

Ahsanteni sana!!!

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