

## *In the Name of Education and our Church*

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As we remember in the past few day, things did not go well for Dr. Habtu Ghebre-Ab (the so called Priest), and his fellow men. What I want talk about is to compare Eritrean Orthodox Church with higher education in America. They are both similar in a way that the study, the service, and testing for graduation. As we all know, in higher education- when one student is getting his master's Degree or PHD, he/ she goes in front of a dissertation committee. A committee that supervises a student's dissertation. This committees, at least in the most countries model, usually consists of a primary supervisor or advisor and two or more committee members, who supervise the progress of the dissertation and may also act as the examining committee, or jury (6 or 7 People), at the oral examination of the thesis. The Eritrean Orthodox church is also the same way. The deacon has a supervisor ( we called it የኃታ). When the deacon finishes one type of study; that could be hymns, ritual, church poems(ቅኔ), etc... ( by the way, all this are very intense training—it takes years to practice), then the deacon goes in front of jury( ጉባኤ ይቀርብ( ምስክር ይባላል), then and ምስክር is the same as passing dissertation.

But, lately according to the following people,

1. Father. Ghebremichael Yohannes (graduate of the Point Four Technical School).
2. Father. Dibekulu Layne (Educated servant of the Eritrean Orthodox Church)
3. Father. Rezene Michael (CPA, Certified Public Accountant).
4. Father. Dr. Asmerom Mosazgih (Ph.D., Chemistry).
5. Father. Tesfom Gezae (Doctoral, candidate, Marine Biology).
6. Deacon. Weldeab W. Sellassie (M.A. in Theology)
7. Deacon. Professor Habtu Ghebre-Ab.
8. Deacon. Tsehaye Menghisteab (Electronics specialist)
9. Deacon. Dr. Berhane Sium, MD.
10. Deacon. Okbe Zemedede (MS, IT/GIS Analyst).
11. Deacon. Tedros Tesfay (Doctoral Candidate, Hydrogeology).
12. Deacon. Mehari Tewelde (Teacher)
13. Deacon. Abel Berhe (Doctoral Candidate, Economics).

14. Deacon. Dr. Asmerom Yemane (Ph.D. in Physics).
15. Deacon. Awet Yemane (MBA).
16. Deacon. Ephrem Mebrahtu (Doctoral Candidate, Chemistry).
17. Deacon. Semere Sium (Entrepreneurship).
18. Dr. Mebrahtu Amha (Ph.D, Biochemistry).
19. Dr. Shemondy Haile (Ph.D., Ministry)
20. Aghnastos. Desale Hadera (Doctoral Candidate, Statistics).
21. Aghnastos. Mussie Tsegai (BS, Computer Information Specialist).
22. Aghnastos. Natnael Berhe (Doctoral Candidate, Physics).

They wanted to change our traditional orthodox church, as it is a fashion or technology. Just because they went to America and educated in science, who gave them the authority to lead and represent the Eritrean orthodox church? With very shocking mystery, most of them are not even qualified to be a deacon, but they named themselves Deacons. ( ከም ኣቦታትና ዝብልዎ፣ ኣቦይ ፍቓዱ ባዕሎም ይናኣዱ), who was Dr. Habtu's supervisor(የኔታ), who was his (መስኪናሉ) Jury? – it is like a joke to me, taking the whole religion and trying to transformed completely as new church. What is it? Modern cloth, modern technology? Or what? -----

Take a look very closely at this picture, and tell me if this represents real Eritrean Orthodox church,



In the Eritrean Church, you need two or three Bishops from your synod, and somehow somewhere, Priests of the deacon gathers from where he used to practice his religion (ምስኪር). The above politician Dr. Habtu is from Cinicinati, OH, and he is Americanizing our religion, by flying to Boston, MA, and borrowing Bishops from other synods and getting ordained as a priest. **Very Sad**