

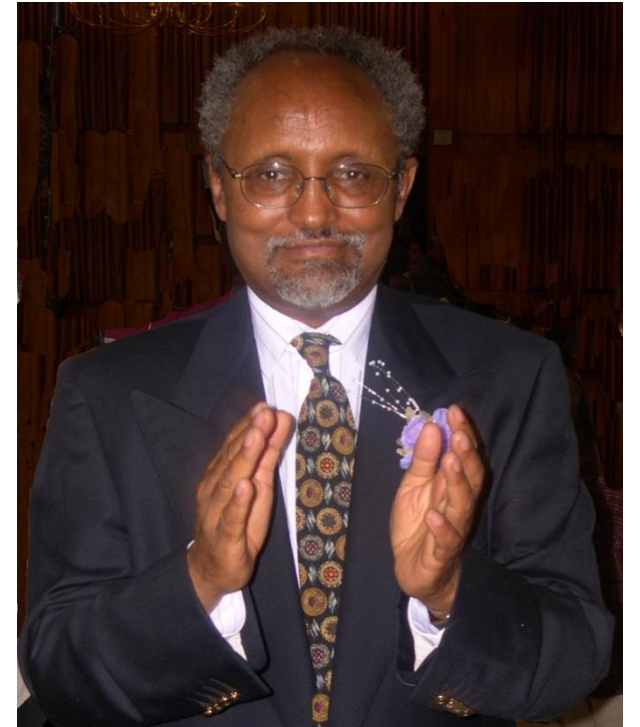
- "This is a great loss for Eritrea. ... The contribution of this great patriot and fighter will always be remembered by all Eritrean. May his soul rest in peace."--**Khaled Aberra, Johannesburg, South Africa**
- “እነ ንጥረፊሰር ኣብ እዋን መኸተ ብብርሂ ነታ ሓላል መሬት ክምክት ከሎ ሓያሎይ ጽሑፋቱ እንብብ ኔረ። የቐንዖልና እንታ ወዲህ ሓላል መሬት። ጽንዓት ንስድራ ቤቱ። ጽንዓት ከእ ነታ ዝፈትዋ ሃገሩ።” መምህር ተስፎም, Tesfom, Melbourne, Australia.
- "A great professor and Eritrean has passed. I fondly remember all the great articles he was writing when the weyane declared war on our Eritrea. They were very educational, lucid and wonderfully nationalistic articles. They gave wisdom and courage to many readers when times were hard and scary. RIP, brother and compatriot."-- **Michael, Izmir, Turkey**
- "He has been a great defender of Eritrea and has inspired and educated us through his dedication. ... I was empowered and educated and protected by his fine works.... He is a great scholar, professional and one of the best Eritrean sons and daughters Eritrea had. He will always be remembered warmly and fondly. We will cherish his work and dedication to Eritrea. We will also be remembering him and celebrate his work and achievement."-- **Tsehay Simret, London, UK**
- "I pray to ALLAH to rest his sole in peace. He was really a great teacher I really enjoyed reading his articles during the last war with Ethiopia. I pray to ALLAH to give his family the strength in this difficult time."--**Fuad, Gothenburg, Sweden**
- "My sincere condolences to Prof. Fessehatzion and his family. May the Lord Almighty lend his support and his love to the bereaved family in this difficult time." -- **Embaye Asfaha Gerezghiher, Harare, Zimbabwe**
- "I cannot imagine the pain of losing such a bother and father, much more at the peak of his career. We will definitely miss him. I am also extending my deepest sympathies to the entire family. You and your family will always be in my prayers."--**Tesfayohannes Okubay, Dubai, United Arab Emirates**
- "Professor Tekie was a beacon of hope, aspiration, and a well respected and loved Eritrean. It is a great loss for us Eritreans in the Diaspora. May Allah bless him and give his family the strength in this time of sorrow that shocked all of us and saddened our hearts."-- **Alamin Adam (wedi Haji), Minneapolis, MN, USA**

- "The passing of our colleague and friend, Dr. Tekie Fessehatzion, has left a terrible void and a deafening silence in our midst. He was such a vital part of the Morgan State University Community that we will find it hard to find someone to fill his shoes. ... Though we grieve his passing we have come to realize, even in this moment of loss, that the presence of his absence does not mean the absence of his presence with us. We shall cherish his contributions and our memories of him in the years ahead and will always hold him dear to our hearts."--**Burney Hollis, Baltimore, MD, USA**
- "The humblest of the humble, a giant, a rare breed, modest, a voice of reason, an intellect through and through, an admired and loved son of Eritrea." **Simon Marcos, London, UK**
- "I am not acquainted with him but as a would be bright source and hope of future Eritrea I regret and feel the loss for all of us at the time of need. Let his soul rest in peace." **THOMAS BERHANE, Pune, India.**
- "What moves through us is a silence, a quiet sadness, a longing for one more day, one more word, one more touch, we may not understand why you left this earth so soon, or why you left before we were ready to say good-bye, but little by little, we begin to remember not just that you died, but that you lived. And that your life gave us memories too beautiful to forget."--**Yohannes, Tsedale, Yonas, Ruth & Lydia, Lancaster, PA, USA**
- "Professor Tekie was a dedicated scholar. He was especially for young Eritrean scholars a role model. It was amazing and most inspiring to read his books and articles. His death is a huge loss for us all. Eritrea has lost an eloquent and patriotic son."-- **Mussie Habte, Kaiserslautern, Germany**
- "It is with deep sadness and sorrow to pay my condolence for the sudden death of the distinguished, outstanding Eritrean scientist, Dr Tekie Fessehatzion. I met and talked with him at Asmara airport (15 January, 2010 at 21:40 hrs.) in the evening waiting for our flight to Europe. I sat beside him just to his left and even went together with him down stairs beyond the scan to settle something. I will always remember him. He left too early. Eritreans at home and abroad will miss you. Goodbye Dr. Tekie."--- **Daniel Ghebre, Copenhagen, Denmark**

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**A Sample of the Condolence Messages
 pouring from all over the World.**



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 (1 ጥሪ 1941 – 19 ግዳህያ 2010)

Professor Tekie Fessehatzion
 (January 1st, 1941 -- April 19th, 2010)

A humble human being, a sober scholar, a voice of reason,
 and an eloquent writer.

- "Dr. Tekie Fessehazion was a gentleman and a scholar through and through. He was also a committed Eritrean nationalist and a patriot who fought the good fight in defense of his motherland. I remember him also as a man of principle and integrity who always exhorted us to put country above petty personal and partisan political interests. ... As a human being, he was kind, gentle, loving, always willing to lend a helping hand. I never heard Aya Tekie utter a harsh word in anger. He will be truly missed. At a time when Eritrea needs mostly the sober thinking minds of its sons and daughters to defend itself, Tekie's towering intellect will be greatly missed. And may Eritreans throughout the world always cherish his memory and live up to his ideals. Solace and comfort to his friends and family." -- **Elias Amare, Asmara, Eritrea**
- "We lost a giant. He was a friend and a compatriot - witty, highly intellectual, humorous, compassionate and generous. He was an educator and a great mentor of the youth. His contributions to his country and people are immense. Words cannot describe the grief I feel at the loss of a great friend."-- **Gebre Hiwet Tesfagiorgis, Ames, IA, USA**
- "A brother, a friend, a colleague and a beautiful human being. I will miss you, your kindness, affection and courtesy. May God welcome you in paradise. May God Bless your family at this difficult time. Good Bye my friend, with all my affection."-- **M'Bare Ngom, Baltimore, USA**
- "It was with deep sorrow that we have learned Prof. Tekie Fessehazion has passed away. On this sad death, I would like, on behalf of the staff of the Embassy of the State of Eritrea and on my own, give my sincere condolence to the family of Professor Tekie, all his friends and relatives. May the Almighty God bless his soul."-- **Alem Tsehaye, Ambassador of the State of Eritrea, New Delhi, India**
- "Four years ago, I became chair of the Morgan Philosophy Department, and I often turned to Dr. Tekie (as he was affectionately known) for advice and encouragement. He was always kind, always so obviously concerned, and always so insightful. I cannot imagine our little community on the third floor of Holmes Hall without him. It saddens me very deeply that he is gone--that I will be looking for his face and not find it here."--**Janice McLane, Baltimore, MD, USA**

- "It is with deep sorrow that we learned the passing of Professor Tekie Fessehazion. On behalf of The Embassy of the State of Eritrea in Nairobi and myself I express my deep condolences to the family members in particular and the people of Eritrea in general. On this occasion, I also pray that The Almighty gives his family members the strength to deal with this difficult time. May God rest his soul in eternal peace! With heartfelt sympathies!"--**Salih Omer, Ambassador State of Eritrea, Nairobi, Kenya**
- "I came to know Professor Tekie Fessehazion only on internet by his dedication to the mother land Eritrea. He was my hero during the aggression of Woyane to Eritrea. ...The passing away of Professor Tekie Fessehazion is a great loss to his family in particular and to Eritrea in general. In this occasion I send my condolence to his family and ask all Eritreans to be strong enough to accept the willing of God who decides upon our fate."-- **Tesfamicael Yohannes, Oslo, Norway**
- "I know Professor Fessehazion to be a very bright economist and a renowned commentator. His campaign on behalf of Eritrea during the 1998-2000 border war is vividly remembered and recorded." -- **Asmerom Kidane, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania**
- "My greatest condolence to all his family and friends. Everybody felt deep sorrow about the death of our beloved brother and friend. I hope to participate in his memorial in Asmara." **Gotie Tseghai, Rome, Italy**
- "On behalf of the Embassy of Eritrea to the Nordic Countries and myself, I convey my sincere sympathy and express my condolences to the family of the late Professor Tekie Fessehazion."--**Yonas Manna, Charge D'Affaires, State of Eritrea, Stockholm, Sweden.**
- "Dr Tekie was a great economist, an excellent colleague and a wonderful human being. He will be greatly missed in the Econ Dept of Morgan State University. Our deepest sympathy and condolences for the Fessehazion family. May Dr. Tekie's soul rest in peace!"--**MG Quibria, Baltimore, USA**
- "I spent a great deal of time with Tekie Fessehazion when he last visited Asmara a few months ago. He was his usual jovial and engaging self who showed no clue of this shocking and untimely departure. We have lost a man of great intellect and principle who never hesitated to say and do what he felt was right. His dedication to the development of Eritrean scholarship was vast and genuine. ... Farewell, Tekie."--**Alemseged Tesfai, Edison, OH, USA**

- "Tekie was not only a former class mate from secondary school, but he was someone who never forgot his friends. He was always interested in seeing our country develop and he sacrificed a lot of his time in supporting the cause for independence and sovereignty of our beloved country. I want to extend my condolences to his family and may his soul rest in peace."--**Afeworki Abraham, London, UK**
- "It is with such sorrow that I have heard the news of Tekie's passing away. The community has lost a good man and many of us have lost a dear friend of many years. I extend profound sympathy to his family."--**Pam DeLargy, New York, NY, USA**
- "*In defiance Eritrea was born; in defiance it will live forever.*" --May 29, 2000 Tekie Fessehazion. In just two years Eritrea had lost two of her literary giants and towering intellectuals. Dr. Jordan G/Medhin and Dr. Tekie F/Tzion. As we mourn their passing, we have to celebrate their lives too. They were portraits of Eritrea at its best, standards of excellence for our young generation to emulate and ardent defenders of Eritrea in times of its need. They served their nation best and will be missed."--**Zizi, Calgary, Canada**
- "We lost a great person. Professor Tekie Fessehazion will be missed greatly, especially among Eritreans in Diaspora. My Condolence to members of his family."--**Gebre Fessehazion, Amstelveen, Holland**
- "We lost one of the most brilliant, honest, decent, polite and patriotic Eritreans. Dr. Tekie was a patriot who loved Eritrea. He will be remembered for his defense of Eritrea's right to exist as a nation against the media onslaught of the Big Powers that supported Eritrea's annexation by Ethiopia."--**Fisseha Habte, Washington, DC, USA**
- "I didn't know a single pen can defend a nation until I read Dr. Tekei Fessehazions' articles. All of his articles made me almost speechless. The articles are as if speaking to me as elders give advice to younger generation. His articles gave me courage, great hope, and become confident during the darkest time of our time. I say Thank you for everything you have done for Eritrea."--**Mussie, Toronto, Canada.**
- "You were a stalwart and a role model. Your unflinching defense of Eritrean independence and sovereignty will remain engrained in our memory and hopefully will be researched by scholars and historians in the coming generations."-- **Kebreab Zere, Silver Spring, MD, USA**