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EPIGRAPHS

I am an African.
I owe my being to the hills and the valleys, the mountains and the glades, the rivers, the deserts, the trees, the flowers, the seas and the ever-changing seasons that define the face of our native land.

I am an African.
I am born of the peoples of the continent of Africa. The pain of the violent conflict that the peoples… experience is a pain I also bear. The dismal shame of poverty, suffering and human degradation of my continent is a blight that we share.

President THABO MBeki
Africa – The time has come

A human being is naturally and fundamentally endowed with an interior shove towards others. His happiness resides in his relationship with other human beings. Thus a human being is a reality which cannot be isolated from other human beings. He is fully human only in his relations with others. Then, living is to live with and existing is to co-exist.

Jean-Marie KUZITUKA DID’HO

“Our enemy in academic studies is sufficiency; whoever truly wants to learn must start by getting rid of it.”
In loving Memory of my late Father:

GILBERT KUZITUKA FWETI

Who taught me the life of togetherness in the love of Christ.

I dedicate this Anthropological investigation.
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