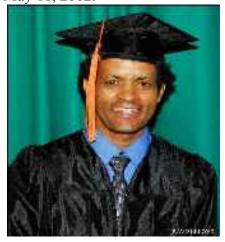
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As always, I must first thank my best friends (comrades) and family of my life, my mother, my father, my brothers, my sister, my uncle Michael Debesay (Telian), my kids, and the entire community members of ECCM. Again, I thank you so much for those who fully supported my educational journey. I definitely realize that your full range of moral and practical support had ironic influence and is considered as progressive model roll to earn this great accomplishment. The moment of my graduation has indicated a lucid ending and lucid openings. The vision that I had set long ago is now completed in full with pride and confident. It is well done accomplishment. As it is well deserve honored to any Eritrean child, now, I am an honor of my hard works as it is to the brave Eritrean children anywhere around the world. My dream has become to a reality. The key points that made my dream to reality are the Eritrean culture that we are strongly rooted in practical dedication and devotion. Always, all that we believe we should do to earn self-victory in personal or communal life is a sign of good time coming in.

As Eritreans, our culture promotes personal and communal responsibilities, intangible working dignities, the value of education, the merit of service, devotion to purpose greater than self, the foundation of families and so on..... To us, culture means what we believe, what we value as whole and how we live are all matters. Culture makes all the differences. In day to day, or in any given context, some might lose, some might wine. Some might be cruel and some might be angles. Our life's patterns can be full with up and down inclinations. All these things may occupy our attention but they can not define us. Culture makes huge differences. In 1991, we, the Eritreans earned our independence by hard work: by paying our golden values. Sustainable wining is a result of our culture. It is true that what we have is what we had wished to have and that is our independence.

Despite what I had to say in the above paragraphed, still culture can be categorized to three influential levels. Likewise others, we, the people of Eritrea who live abroad may strongly aware of the existence of the layers of culture. In this case, it would be reason enough to see what they are and how they affecting societies. Culture is the full range of learned human behavior patterns. Culture is a potent human tool for survival, but it is a feeble phenomenon. It is constantly changing and lost because it exists only in our minds. Our written languages, governments, buildings, and other man-made things are merely the products of culture.

There are very likely three layers or levels of culture that are part of human have learned behavior patterns and perceptions. Most obviously is the body of cultural traditions that distinguish person's specific society. When Eritrean spoke languages like English, Dutch, or Italian, they are referring to the shared culture, traditions, and beliefs that set each of these peoples apart from others. In most cases, those who share your culture do so because they acquired it as they were raised by parents and other family members who have it.

The second layer of culture that may be part of your identity is a subculture. In complex, diverse societies in which people have come from many different parts of the world, they often retain much of their original cultural traditions. As a result, they are likely to be part of an identifiable subculture in their new society. The shared cultural traits of subcultures set them apart from the rest of their society. Examples of easily identifiable subcultures in the United States include ethnic groups such as Vietnamese Americans, African Americans, and Mexican Americans. Members of each of these subcultures share a common identity, food tradition, dialect or language, and other cultural traits that come from their common ancestral background and experience.

The third layer of culture consists of cultural universals. These are learned behavior patterns that are dispensation by all of humanity collectively. We contribute the universal traits with each other. Examples of such "human cultural" traits include. Language, food, education, traditions, music, believes, and so on. It is this circumstances that we are mingling with.

In the end, I would like to conclude by saying that winning is root of our culture. Therefore, for those Eritrean youth who are the honors of these great graduations that was held on May 11, 2012 in the entire state, I would like to say congratulation. We made it with pride and confidence. Again, let's keep up the good work and I am sure this progress will advance our life style and besides will in reach our Mather land Eritrea. Now, our achievement is a subject of our people's admiration. Do not stop planning for a higher education level. Great accomplishment and God bless you. Help others so others can help you. I also must say thank you all my classmates in the course as well as my instructors. It was just awesome. Have fun in the internship and let's keep in touch through the network. As you all knew, I am going to the University of Minnesota.



I wish to all Eritrean people a happy 21<sup>st</sup> Eritrean Independence. Thank you. Fitsum Zerai