

## **Stay collected, don't get distracted!**

There are issues and there are other issues. The latter are rare and sensitive. Custodians of rare and sensitive issues are custodians not only in name but in real terms. When they are told to confine secrets, it means just that - keep it close to their chest. No one not even the closest of close persons would know or have a clue of what the trustee knows or they are up to. Everyone would be kept at arms length, nothing to know about what one is trusted to keep sensitive issues locked in and secured to the grave.

Look at it in another way, not only one has to be a superglued and zipped for life to prove the way sensitive issues have to be handled. If one volunteers to commit themselves for a cause and join up with others with a similar commitment and if one is dispatched for an expedition that may involve military engagements, one would not turn around and challenge the purpose of the expedition they are assigned to carry out. Or one would not request an explanation so as to be convinced as to why such an engagement was dreamt about and put into operation. Once convinced for a cause and enlisted one would carry out what one is instructed and simply follow wholeheartedly to make the operation a success, no ifs or buts.

Otherwise If expeditions and military operations are revealed prior to them happening in advance then they may be sabotaged.

In politics and military expeditions the devil is in the details. The domain in which the devil reigns is too interacted and not a straight line. It is fluid and changes directions all the time. Cannot be told in advance what the outcome would

look like. One needs to go the whole hog with bated breath to make ends meet.

That said even rank and file followers need not know details before hand. The purpose is to win, keeping the adversary in the dark.

Giving briefings in advance publicly undermines one's own intent. For this reason it is understood to shoulder a burden of marginal disadvantage for a cardinal win.

I am not going to go in to details why I am not giving details that led to the writing of the note, for if I do I, I am defeating the point I raised, and it would

give enemies of Tigray a clue what I am protecting they should not know of what we Tigrayans are thinking to keep them guessing.

One has to have faith in the judgement of the leaders until such a time that collapse is inevitable. Like the old adage: **ምብሕራር ተሰኪፍካ አይሕደርንኸይደቕሶካ/** one cannot avoid going to bed to sleep for fear of nightmares. One has to go to bed in the hope to rest.

**Belay Ambelay**