



AFRICAN PROVERBS BUILD BRIDGES

LOCAL TRUTHS MAKE POWERFUL FRIENDS FOR THE GOSPEL

LOCAL & VIVID EXPRESSIONS

IT IS THE WHITE MAN WHO
SELLS SCISSORS, YET HIS HEAD
IS OVERGROWN WITH HAIR.

ASANTE, GHANA

THIS MID 19TH CENTURY JAB AT COLONIALISTS
WAS OBVIOUSLY NOT WRITTEN BY A FOREIGNER!



THE GAS PASSED BY
THE WOMAN YOU LOVE,
DOES NOT SMELL.

BULISA, GHANA

EQUALLY HUMOROUS, PROFOUND,
AND UNFORGETTABLE!



POWERFUL TRUTHS

YOUR FRIEND'S MOTHER
IS YOUR MOTHER TOO.

DIGO, KENYA



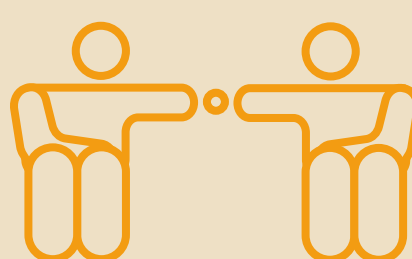
THE HEART THAT DOES
NOT DECIDE IS AN
ENEMY OF ITS MASTER.

OROMO, ETHIOPIA



IF TWO BROTHERS HAVE
ONLY THE HEAD OF A FLY,
THEY WILL DIVIDE IT
EQUALLY BETWEEN THEM.

SETSWANA, BOTSWANA



TO STAY A LONG TIME
IN THE WATER DOES
NOT MAKE YOU CLEAN.

SUKUMA, TANZANIA



IF YOU WANT TO DIG AN
EVIL PIT, DIG ACCORDING
TO YOUR HEIGHT.

KAMABARI, NIGERIA

YOU MAY BE THE VICTIM OF WHAT
YOU PLANNED FOR SOMEONE ELSE

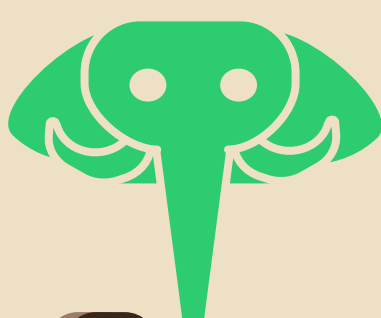


FLEXIBLE AS GOSPEL BRIDGES

IF YOU FOLLOW THE PATH OF THE ELEPHANT
THROUGH THE TALL GRASS, YOU DO NOT GET
SOAKED WITH DEW.

GA-DANGME, GHANA

TRADITIONALLY, THIS MEANT THAT YOUTH
SHOULD FOLLOW THE PATH OF THE ELDERS. NOW
CHRIST IS OUR "ELDER" OR "ELEPHANT."



ARE YOU USING LOCAL WISDOM TO
CREATE BRIDGES FOR THE GOSPEL?

- PRAISE GOD THAT HE HAS NOT LEFT HIMSELF WITHOUT WITNESS IN ANY CULTURE BUT HAS EMBEDDED MUCH OF HIS WISDOM IN ALL CULTURES.
- THANK HIM FOR THE MEMORABLE, INSTRUCTIVE, CLEVER SAYINGS OF AFRICAN SAGES.
- PRAY THAT ALL THE WISDOM OF AFRICA WILL BE BROUGHT INTO THE SERVICE OF GOD'S KINGDOM AND THE KING.
- CHOOSE AN AFRICAN PROVERB ABOVE OR AT WWW.AFRIPROV.ORG AS YOUR OWN FOCUS FOR A DAY OR WEEK. SEE WHAT GOD SAYS TO YOU THROUGH IT, AND WHEN YOU CAN SHARE IT.



AFRICANS FIND SECURITY IN
AMBIGUOUS ARRANGEMENTS,
PLANS, AND SPEECH.

THE 35TH OF 90 PROVERB-LIKE STATEMENTS
DAVID MARANZ COINED AS THE FRAMEWORK
FOR HIS INTRIGUING BOOK,
AFRICAN FRIENDS AND MONEY MATTERS

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