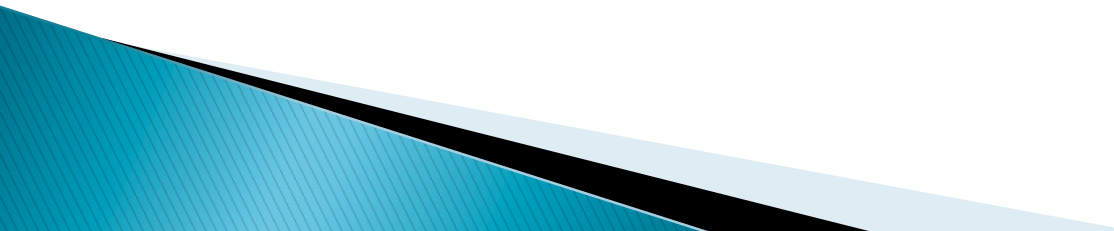


A GLOBAL ETHICS EMERGING FROM HUMANITY'S AFRICAN HERITAGE

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AFRICAN INSPIRATION

- ▶ Wangari Maathai, Nobel lecture, Oslo 10 December 2004.
 - ▶ “In the course of history there comes a time when humanity is called to shift to a new level of consciousness, to reach a higher moral ground. A time when we have to shed our fear and give hope to each other.”
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THE ORIGINS OF ETHICS IN CRISES


**SURVIVAL OF HUMANITY AT RISK FOR
THE FIRST TIME IN OUR ~200,000 YEAR
HISTORY**

GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE

WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

**MISERY OF BILLIONS IN THE GLOBAL
SOUTH**

AN UNPRECEDENTED CRISIS DEMANDS A NEW ETHICS

- ▶ **AN ETHICS NEW TO THE WIDER WORLD**
 - ▶ **AN ETHICS OLD TO ANCIENT AFRICA**
 - ▶ **HUMANITY'S FIRST WRITTEN ETHICAL PRINCIPLE: MAAT, TRANSLATED AS HARMONY**
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THE BALANCE OF HARMONY AND CHAOS

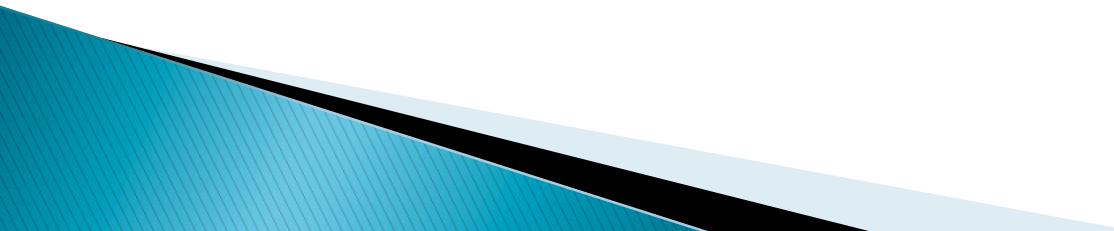
**ORDER OUT OF DISORDER: NUN
VERSUS MAAT THROUGH
KHEPERA**

**THE RESTORATION OF ORDER
OUR PRIMARY TASK**

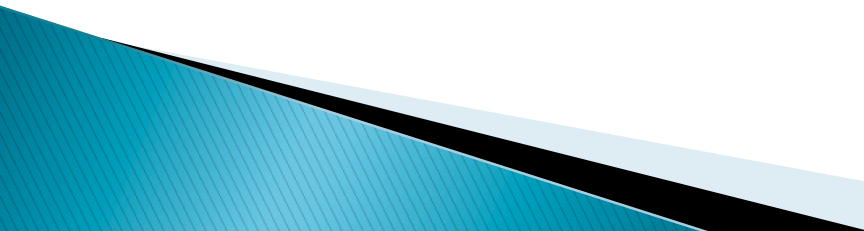
THE ABOLITION OF VENGEANCE



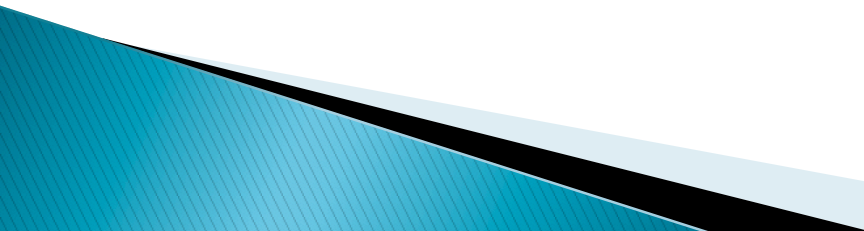
COMBINING SCIENCE AND ETHICS TO CREATE A GLOBAL ETHICS

- ▶ **SURVIVAL: THE PRIMARY
CONSIDERATION**
 - ▶ **FLOURISHING OR WELL-
BEING: THE SECONDARY
CONSIDERATION**
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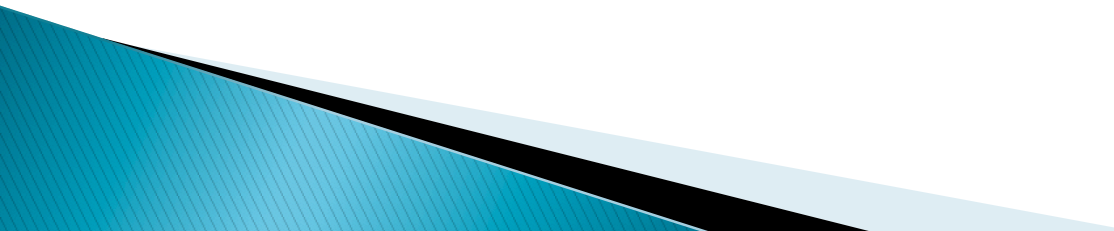
THE CONDITIONS FOR SURVIVAL

- ▶ **CLEAN AIR**
 - ▶ **TEMPERATURE CONTROL
(SHELTER/CLOTHING)**
 - ▶ **POTABLE WATER**
 - ▶ **NUTRITIOUS FOOD**
 - ▶ **BASIC HEALTHCARE**
 - ▶ **ELEMENTARY EDUCATION**
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THE CONDITIONS FOR FLOURISHING

- ▶ **RATIONALITY**
 - ▶ **COMMUNITY BONDING**
 - ▶ **RATIONAL PURSUIT OF PLEASURE**
 - ▶ **FREEDOM AS CREATIVITY**
 - ▶ **RATIONAL CONTROL OF THE
ATTENTION THROUGH
MEDITATION OR INTROSPECTION**
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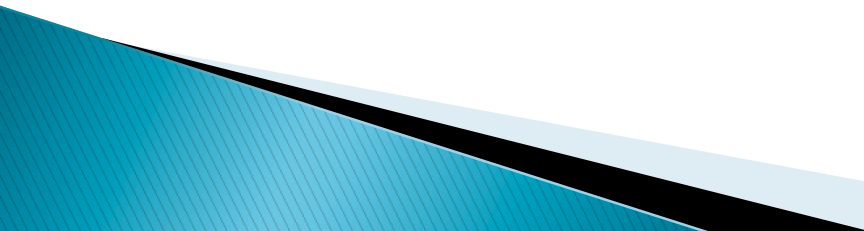
HOW TO ACHIEVE THESE 11 OBJECTIVES?

- ▶ **FIRST IMPERATIVE: INCREASE THE NUMBERS OF YOUR GROUP**
 - ▶ **SECOND IMPERATIVE: STRENGTHEN THE BONDING PRINCIPLES OF YOUR GROUP**
 - ▶ **THIRD IMPERATIVE: ENSURE THE EXCELLENCE OF EACH MEMBER OF YOUR GROUP—INCLUDING WOMEN AND CHILDREN!**
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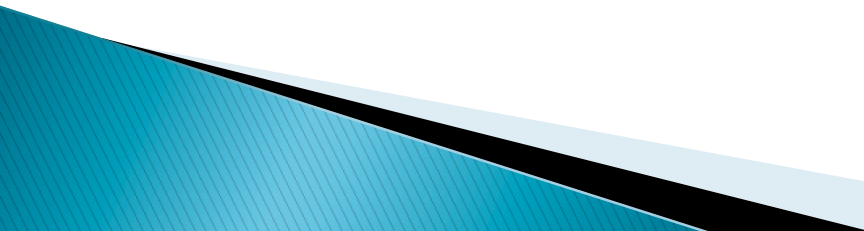
THE BLOODY OR NOT HISTORY OF GROUP EXPANSION

- ▶ **THE PROTO-INDO-EUROPEANS: FROM GEORGIA TO WESTERN AND NORTHERN EUROPE AND SOUTH ASIA**
- ▶ **THE BANTU: FROM THE BORDER OF CAMEROON AND NIGERIA TO EAST, WEST AND SOUTHERN AFRICA**
- ▶ **THE HAN CHINESE: FROM THE CENTRAL PLAINS OF THE YALU AND YELLOW RIVERS TO SOUTHEAST ASIA**

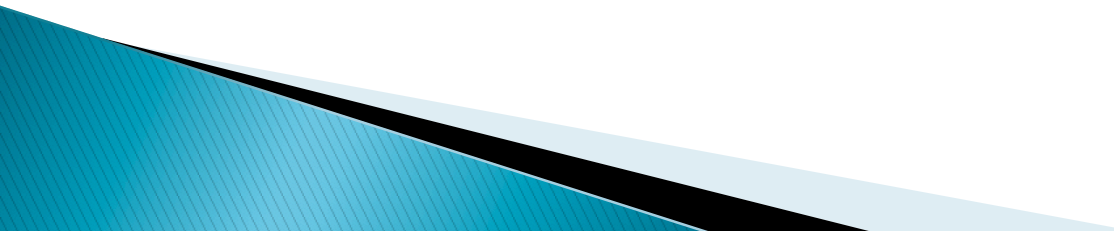
HUMANS BECOMING MORE ETHICAL OVER TIME?

- ▶ **THE BIBLICAL STORY OF THE FALL**
 - ▶ **HOBBS: MAN IS A WOLF TO MAN**
 - ▶ **ROUSSEAU: HUMANS MADE EVIL BY CIVILIZATION**
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THE STRUCTURE OF REVOLUTIONS IN ETHICS: PART I

- ▶ WE NEED NOT KILL THE “OTHER”
 - ▶ ALL HUMANS FORM A SINGLE GROUP:
THE DESTRUCTION OF ETHNOCENTRISM
 - ▶ ALL HUMANS MUST BE BOUND
TOGETHER BY A SINGLE ETHICAL
PRINCIPLE
 - ▶ HUMANITY MUST STRIVE FOR CULTURAL
VARIATION IN ORDER TO SURVIVE
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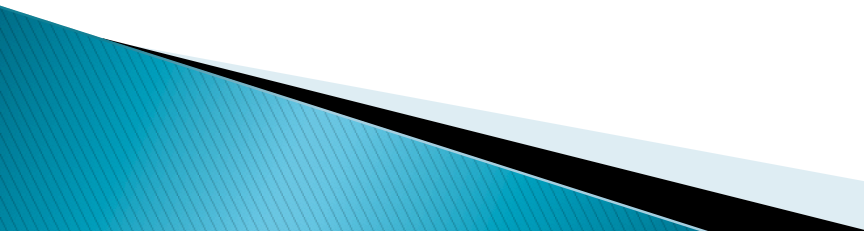
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- ▶ **BIOCENTRISM: THE DESTRUCTION OF ANTHROPOCENTRISM (1950–2000)**
 - ▶ **ECOCENTRISM: THE DESTRUCTION OF BIOCENTRISM (2000–PRESENT)**
 - ▶ **PANAFRICANISM: THE RESURRECTION OF ANCIENT AFRICAN PRINCIPLES OF ECOCENTRISM (CURRENT RESEARCH)**
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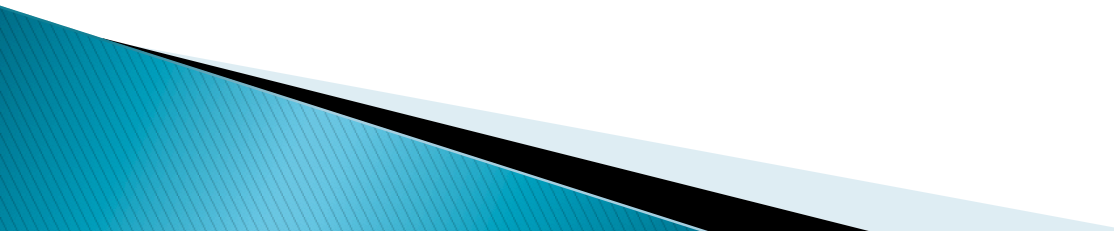
THE ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES

- ▶ **WHO PAYS FOR UNIVERSITIES?**
 - ▶ **WHAT JUSTIFIES THE EXISTENCE OF UNIVERSITIES**
 - ▶ **UNIVERSITIES AS INSTRUMENTS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF THE ELITE**
 - ▶ **UNIVERSITIES AS INSTRUMENTS FOR EMPOWERING THE PEOPLE**
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THE UNIVERSITIES' ULTIMATE MISSION

- ▶ **W.E.B. DU BOIS: UNIVERSAL UNIVERSITY EDUCATION**
 - ▶ **FIDEL CASTRO'S EXPERIMENT**
 - ▶ **MOOCs AS APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY**
 - ▶ **WHO WILL PAY?**
 - ▶ **THE GLOBAL NORTH'S RESPONSIBILITY TO THE GLOBAL SOUTH**
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INAT AND AFRICAN/US UNIVERSITY COLLABORATION

- ▶ **APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY
DEFINED**
 - ▶ **SERVICE LEARNING**
 - ▶ **11 OBJECTIVES FOR
SURVIVAL AND
FLOURISHING**
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A PAN AFRICAN UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM

- ▶ **FIRST STAGE: HISTORICAL GROUNDING IN 1500 AFRICAN CULTURES**
 - ▶ **SECOND STAGE: DEMONSTRATE THE POWER OF AFRICAN TRADITIONS TO SOLVE GLOBAL PROBLEMS RESISTANT TO THE METHODOLOGIES OF OTHER CONTINENTAL TRADITIONS**
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