

Thank you so much for inviting me to submit a short essay on your father's work. It will be a great honor to write an essay on your father's great work, which I read and used in my own research on the history of ancient Ethiopia. I have also learned a great deal from your father's work.

The Ethiopian intellectual community was extremely saddened by the untimely transition of Dr. Sergew Hable Selassie, who laid a solid foundation in the study and documentation of ancient Ethiopian history. Dr. Sergew's *Ancient and Medieval Ethiopian History to 1270* is not only a pioneering work, but it is also one of the most important books on early Ethiopian history.

Dr. Sergew combined his multilingual skill with his meticulous talent in gathering, documenting and interpreting ancient Ethiopian history. Our knowledge about Aksum is indebted to his comprehensive research and narrative on the Aksumite civilization.

It is true that there are some differences in interpretations and in the formulation of theoretical work. However, Dr. Sergew was an authority on ancient history and he has left us a great legacy. He will always be remembered as a great historian and as a true son of Ethiopia.

I commend you for planning to create a web site to share your father's work with the rest of the world.

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