

Nurturing the Tree of Life:

Implications for Justice and Freedom



This South African symbol of Justice and Freedom issues from nature's foundational and spiritual ground which acknowledges coequal regard for Blacks and Whites, males and females, children and adults—all nurtured and sustained ongoingly by the root system of this ***Tree of Life***.

The viability of this ***Tree of Life*** depends on our capacity to establish *and* maintain its deep root system of policies and practices that promote ***Justice (Equitable Outcomes)*** and ***Freedom (Fair Access to our Nation's Fountains of Opportunity)*** across seasons favorable to hostile. This deep root system of policies and practices is consonant with aspirations of sacred (Biblical), secular (U.S. Constitution), and cultural (Kwanzaa Principles) texts which equally stress the sanctity of **all** human life. Foundationally, then, our policies and practices are designed to normalize and celebrate the humanity of **all**—Blacks and Whites, males and females, children and adults.

Subsequently, we will introduce our system of interventions—***Justice ACED policies and practices*** offered by ***Justice ACED Academy***—that nurture and sustain root integrity in environments favorable to hostile. Under this appropriation requiring training and certification, we enable Justice and Freedom in good times and bad.