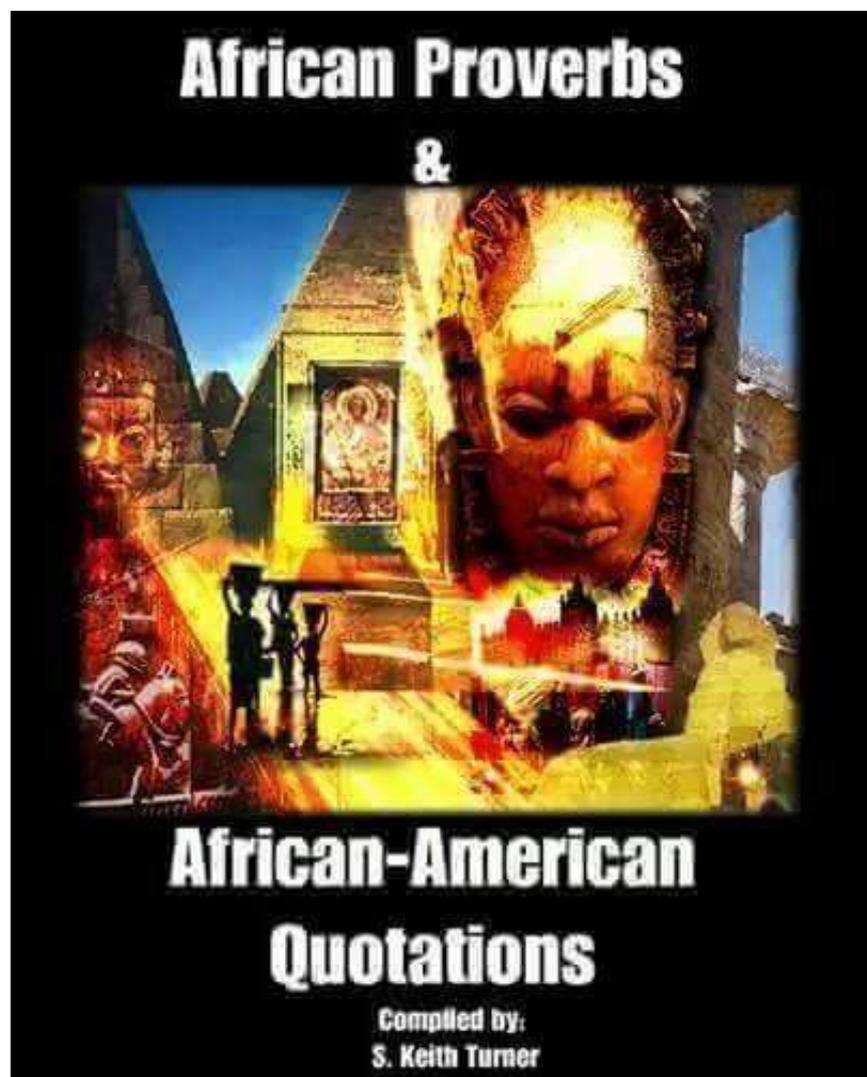


## **African Proverbs**

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Peace Family,

Welcome to [Jewels4dmind's](#) African Proverbs Discussion Corner. We are going to have a great time. African Proverbs are very powerful. Many are only a few words. But, the Knowledge, Wisdom, & Understanding dropped is very Powerful. Some are Literal. Some are Figurative. Either way, they help us to grow in many ways. Some we have to read a few times. Others, we understand right off.

The goal of this page is for us to look at these Powerful Jewels and have some great discussions on them. Please invite others to this page. THE MORE, THE MERRIER.

We will be adding between 2-3 African Proverbs a day. They will be numbered. If you have a comment on one of them, write the number in Reply Box so everyone will know what Proverb you are referring to.

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1. The house-roof fights with the rain, but he who is sheltered ignores it.  
~ Senegalese
  2. His opinions are like water in the bottom of a canoe, going from side to side.  
~Efik
  3. Where you will sit when you are old shows where you stood in youth.  
~Yoruba
  4. To love someone who does not love you, is like shaking a tree to make the dew drops fall.  
~ Congo
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6. When the brothers fight to the death, a stranger inherits their father's estate.  
~Ibo People of Nigeria
7. Taking water from the same well doesn't make all the wives' gravy taste good.  
~ Ivory Coast
8. The wind does not break a tree that bends.  
~Sukuma People from Tanzania
9. He who has been bitten by a snake becomes scared by the sight of a rope.  
~Hausa
10. Words are like eggs: when they are hatched they have wings. ~ Madagascar
11. A chattering bird builds no nest.  
~Ashanti
12. Wisdom is not like money to be tied up and hidden.  
~Akan
13. Wealth is like hair in the nose: it hurts to be separated whether from a little or from a lot.  
~Madagascar
14. When the cock is drunk, he forgets about the hawk.  
~Ashanti
15. If you are on a road to nowhere, find another road.  
~Ashanti
16. Two men in a burning house must not stop to argue.  
~Ashanti
17. When one is in love, a cliff becomes a meadow.  
~Ethiopian
18. Where the cattle stand together, the lion lies down hungry.  
~African
19. Do not rejoice over what has not yet happened.  
~ Egyptian
20. Do not let what you cannot do tear from your hands what you can.  
~Ashanti
21. Don't try to make someone hate the person he loves, for he will still go on loving, but he will hate you.  
~ Senegalese
22. The earth moves at different speeds depending on who you are.  
~ Nigerian
23. If you don't want a tail of a monkey to touch you then don't attend the monkey dance.  
~African Proverb
24. Those who derive fun watching lunatics, out to have one as a child or relation to know the pains of it.  
~Nigerian
25. A strong man is remembered on the day of the fight, and a glutton on the day pounded yam is surplus  
~ Ghanaian
26. The chicken says she cries to let the public know her condition not that her enemy will release her.  
~Nigerian
27. You don't need pain killers for another man's headache.  
~Igala People of Nigeria
28. A person who does not cultivate well his or her farm always says that it has been bewitched.

~Kwaya People of Tanzania

29. If you fear something you give it power over you.

-African Proverb

30. When the master of the house lacks wisdom, the doctor's work is useless.

~Ugandan

31. If you are filled with pride, then you will have no room for wisdom.

~Tanzanian

32. The bigger the head the bigger the headaches.

~Cameroonian

33. As you do for your ancestors, your children will do for you.

~African Proverb

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