

RISE UP AND SALUTE

Black consciousness for it permeates time—
Its embodiment and complexity are hidden within the African tradition and culture—

Rise up and salute the philosophy of the Sudanese Dogon religion and the Ethiopian Coptic Church—

Rise up and salute – pay everlasting homage to Osiris and all our Ancestors.
Rise up and embrace as we celebrate an African philosophy, creativity, and symbolism as we greet each other in the spirit of Kwanzaa, “The First Fruits.”

HABARI – GANI

This is Kwanzaa—as we celebrate we must remember its architect,
Dr. Maulana (Ron) Karenga who in 1966 emerged from our rich African heritage seven symbols and seven principles.

NGUZU SABA – (Noo-goo-zoo Sa-ba)

In Swahili the symbols are:

MAZAO	Ma-zay-o	Crops
MKEKA	M-kay-kah	Mat
KINARA	Kee-nar-ah	Candle holder
VIBUNZI		Ears of Corn (offspring of our children)
ZAWADI	Za-wah-dee	Gifts
KIKOMBECHAUMOJA	Kee-kom-bee-cha-you-mo-ja	Unity cup
MISHUMAA SABA		Seven candles--represent seven principles, one black (for the people), 3 red (for the blood of the people), 3 green (for the land of Africa)

Rise up—Rise up—Rise up

Rise up I say as we celebrate the seven principles (NGUZU SABA):

UMOJA	Oo-mo-jah	Unity—Dec. 26
KUJICHAGULIA	Koo-gee-cha-goo-lee-ah	Self determination—Dec. 27
UJIMA	Oo-jee-mah	Collective work and responsibility—Dec. 28
UJAMAA	Oo-jah-mah	Cooperative economics—Dec. 29
NIA	Nee-ah	Purpose—Dec. 30
KUUMBA	Koo-um-bah	Creativity—Dec. 31
IMANI	Ee-mah-nee	Faith—Jan. 1

Rise up as we embrace unity—in family and community.
Rise up in the spirit of self-determination as we define ourselves.
Rise up in collective work and responsibility as we rebuild and fortify
our community, together...
Rise up in cooperative economics as we pool our resources and share
our knowledge and wealth.
Rise up in purpose, as we maintain our tradition and culture.
Rise up in creativity, as we design and mould our self-expressiveness
and identity.
Rise up in faith, as we embrace our people “in one” and in
righteousness.

Again my brothers and sisters
Rise up, rise up
Asante sana
Harambee (pull together).