

Transcript of Franklin Mukakanga's video on why he started the WTM Zambia Centre

(To learn more about Franklin, or to view Franklin's video, go to www.wtmzambia.com*)



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Genevieve Salter's introduction to Franklin:

“ As I mentioned in my Introduction, Franklin Mukakanga is from Zambia in Africa. As you can see from the cover of this 1920 book titled *The Ila-Speaking Peoples of Northern Rhodesia* (which is now called Zambia), the Ila-speaking people are among the most prominent in the southern region of Zambia—and from amongst the Ila-speaking people, Franklin's tribe is from the very heart of that region. And I think it's of some interest that Franklin is actually part of the royal family in the line of succession to the chieftom of his tribe. He is an Ila prince, and I think once you hear him speak you will realise he is a man of such extraordinary gifts that it's no wonder he is in line to become chief of his people. Franklin is also the copy creative director of the Zambian branch of the biggest advertising firm in the world, Ogilvy and Mather. He's had his own radio program in Lusaka, the capital of Zambia. He's a classical pianist, a psychological therapist and was reading college-level English books at the age of 6! A very talented man indeed to be establishing our first WTM Centre in Africa—and he has the right coloured T-shirt on, that's for sure!”

Franklin's speech:

“ My name is Franklin Mukakanga of the Ila Tribe of Southwest Zambia. I represent the WTM Centre in Zambia's capital, Lusaka.

In October 2016 (which is about 3 months ago now), I downloaded *FREEDOM: The End Of The Human Condition* from the WTM's website after coming across an online advertisement offering a free copy. As it turns out, *FREEDOM* is biologist Jeremy Griffith's definitive work on the human condition.

Anyway, within 5 weeks I had devoured the book from 'cover' to 'cover', as well as a lot of his earlier writing, and found his explanation of the human condition not only answered so many questions about us as a species but also explained me as an individual in ways that nothing else had done before—and it did this so thoroughly that it completely rewired my understanding of the world and immediately began stilling my mind and healing my soul.

FREEDOM deals with subjects as diverse as why we as a species are so divisive and destructive; how and why we adopt the way of living that inevitably leads us to being egotistical and hungry for fame and glory; why the sexes are at war; why the different 'races' or people groups of the world are so different and interact the way they do; the origin, nature, purposes and roles of religion and science and how they fit into the human journey; the path to reconciliation of ourselves with ourselves and the wider world. This seminal work inspired such a regeneration within me and sparked such hope for humanity's future that I could not sit on the sidelines and watch humanity hurtle towards self-destruction anymore.

Finally I had the answer to my own, and the world's, troubled situation. The answer that, though challenging and potentially confronting, as all truth must be, was, at the same time, transforming. I started sharing what I'd learned with my friends, my colleagues, even my children. The lights I saw coming on in their eyes as they grasped the understandings and the deep changes taking place within them and myself as a result of coming into contact with this information inspired me to open a World Transformation Movement Centre in Lusaka. If everyone could get this reconciling understanding, we could restore humanity's alienated soul and save the human race from destroying itself. I had to do my part!

In working as part of the WTM I am helping to bring true healing and transformation to the world, most especially to Africa, where I live, and which I will talk more about, where the ravages of poverty, HIV and inequality make life a living hell for the vast majority of people; and where the struggle to make sense of our lot leads to such despondency and dysfunction. Knowledge is power. And no knowledge is more powerful than self-knowledge.

With the self-knowledge open to us all through the solution of the human condition, as presented in the work of Jeremy Griffith and the WTM, humanity can stand empowered. Through it there are no more excuses. There is no more blame. There is true understanding. There is release. There is a true awareness of what we all, as diverse members of the human race, bring to the party of life; there is a letting go of emulation and the strife to become what we're not. There is true, organic growth of the human family because now humanity has a new baseline. In the WTM we call it the Transformed Lifeorce State. It's not rocket science. It's just our description for the transformation that this information makes possible. It's empowering. It allows for authentic, soul-nourishing living.

A soul renaissance is upon us, both in Africa and the rest of the world, and I am excited to be a part of it. Join us as we live to save the world.

Just to explain a bit about myself. All my life I was driven by a sense of purpose; to find answers to the riddle of life, both for myself and others, and to help as many people as I could to understand life's meaning so they could free themselves from the effects of what I now know to be the human condition: depression, addictions, apathy, stagnation and lack of motivation.

I always lived an optimistic, hopeful, bright and joyous life and wanted to infect the world with what I had: a passion for living and discovery and wondrous, ongoing personal growth. Wasn't this the only way to get through what I saw to be the otherwise drab, dull and dysfunctional thing we called life?

I learned many techniques, psychological tools, technologies and strategies to help bring relief to people, working, over many years, as a life coach and therapist, as well as presenting a radio program that focused on personal development and self-empowerment—all with a view to bringing relief and healing to people everywhere. I wanted every person I came in contact with to recapture the magic of living!

I quickly learned, however, that the arsenal of the techniques, tools, technologies and coping strategies I was employing just weren't able to go deep enough to truly heal and change people's circuitry, because they didn't answer the fundamental questions at the heart of the issue of being human: Why am I at war with myself? Am I a mistake? Why are we as a species such a contradiction—on one hand unbelievably loving and on the other greedily destructive? Am I evil?

I reached a point where I realised that all I was doing was offering Band-Aids where people needed life-saving surgery. In my frustration, after having tried and tried and tried to effect meaningful, lasting change in the best ways I had learned how, I was burned out, so I just quit, telling myself that I would return to it when I found a new way to achieve my goals, not realizing that by quitting then I was simultaneously quitting on myself and nearly giving up the struggle to hold onto my soulful nature.

I got off radio, stopped life-coaching and gave up on offering therapy. While I knew there was still a lot of work to be done as people remained broken and in need of answers, I could not go on offering them things that I knew all ended the same way: things that were powerless to truly effect lasting, transformative change.

During the next two-and-a-half years, looking for something that would make sense of it all, I read many, many books and felt nothing; not challenged, not inspired, not, that was, until I found Jeremy's work online.

What a relief it was to find such a seminal work by someone who had crossed all the barriers that had prevented so many before him from providing the master key for people-helpers and lovers of humanity everywhere; a key replete with answers that had eluded me (and many more qualified and better educated than myself) all these years!

Finally, when I read *FREEDOM*, I knew I had found the missing piece that would not only restore me but also enable me to get back in the saddle so that I could get back to doing what I had set out to do all those years ago: to bring true healing through reconciling understanding to the hearts and souls of my fellow human beings, especially back home in Africa, where, as I said, the ravages of poverty, HIV and inequality make life a living hell for the vast majority of people.

What truly amazed me about the answers provided in Jeremy's work was just how deep they went for me on a very, very personal level.

As a Bantu, or African, man born and living in a country once colonised by the British, like so many, I had no love for the Caucasian race.

Based on stories I had heard, things I had read; the historical accounts kept alive by so-called 'Black consciousness' or 'Black empowerment' movements; my own observations of the eroding indigenous culture and death of African languages on the heels of colonialism and the West's ongoing exploitation of African resources, I had no kind thoughts for 'bakuwa' as white people are called in my mother tongue.

I did not hate them. I just hated what they had done and continue to do to my people in the process of bringing us 'civilisation'.

This led to a deep resentment and to my treating Caucasians with a cool, guarded ambivalence. I was happy if they stayed out of my way and I stayed out of theirs; I never took the initiative to make Caucasian friends and totally lacked that desire or drive that many Africans have to visit Western lands.

I also considered it my sacred duty as an African man to remember and teach others to remember how the bakuwa had screwed us over and how 'we' couldn't and shouldn't ever trust 'them'. Sure, I got to know a few Caucasians who slipped under the radar over the years, but by and large I was not interested in making them my friends.

It was incredible then to read Jeremy's compassionate, first-principle based explanation of the differences between the races. I learnt that these differences exist because each race has had a different level of exposure to humanity's psychologically upsetting, but heroic search for self-understanding. And it's these different degrees of exposure that have directed the ways in which different races behave, both amongst themselves and towards others. Well, when I learnt this, all the negative feelings I had harboured for many, many years about the more 'upset' races from more advanced civilisations (such as the Caucasians) immediately melted away.

Jeremy had so fully and accountably explained our racial differences that it healed my inner resentment of 'colonising Brits' and by extension, of the Caucasian race and others, cutting like a hot knife through butter. It even made me aware of my own race's oppression of other races such as the !Kung Bushmen. [[F. Essay 28*](#) explains how understanding the human condition ends all prejudices like racism forever.]

From my own experience I can thus say with absolute certainty that, as the word gets out, *FREEDOM* will provide the key to healing poor or strained 'race relations' throughout the world. Basically, this understanding of the human condition will end all prejudices, like racism, forever. It is so exciting to think about what the world is going to be like when this understanding becomes widely known and understood because it is going to bring about a world that is harmonious, healed and transformed, which is the glorious home our species deserves at the end of its journey to self-understanding.

FREEDOM is a phenomenal, far-reaching work whose value, especially at this point in Earth's history, cannot be overstated, and I am excited about being a part of the WTM's momentous project and setting up Africa's first centre to help bring freedom and transformation to the whole world. So, as I say, join us as we live to save the world! ”

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