

UMBIKO WEZINDABA

BABYLONE

UMBUKISO IBABYLONE UVEZA ONGOTI ABASEBENZA NGOKUKHULUMA, nembangela eyisisekelo yokudida kolimi, ukungaqondi kahle kwasikhathi sonke okusongela konke ukushintshana kanye nokuhunyushwa, ubuningi bemiqondo equkwethwe igama ukusuka kolunye ulimi kuya kolunye. Ubuningi, nolimi lwangaphandle, ngezinye izikhathi izilimi ezilibalekayo ezizoba isici okuzobhekiselwa kuso kulo mbukiso ozokwembula inkinga yezilimi kanye nesici esingahlobene nesiko. Umbukiso *iBabylone* usekela ongoti abasungula isimo samagama kanye namagama esimo. Izinhlamvu ezilahlekile, ukunconywa ngezinga elikhulu noma “ukuvezwa kwezethulo” kuzosisusa enkulumweni engaphelele kusise ekungabazeni.

Ulimi luyasithinta ngoba luyindlela yethu yokuxhumanisa izwe. Luyindlela yokuthumela kanye nokwenza, ukushintshwa kwezwe elihumushayo nelichazayo, kodwa liphinde lilikhaphela. Ulimi lomdabu liwulandela ngokuseduze umbono wethu. Ulimi olusafufusa lumise umthetho lapho *ukukhuluma* kusho *ukwenza*. Ulimi olusankondlo luwumgogodla wencwadi, luwulimi oluziveza njengenhlango enhle. Izilimi zokuqala kanye nokukhulunywa nokubhalwa kwazo kuwumkhuba ooyisiko elisekelwe ezimfihlakalweni nasezinganekwaneni ezisuselwa emqondweni.

Iphimbo noma ulimi olucacile, ulimi lwezandla noma lwezibalo, oluwumfakela noma olwemvelo, oluphilayo noma olufile, olusemthethweni noma oluyimfihlo – izilimi ziningi nakuba inani kanye nomehluko kuncipha ngenxa yokuhwebelana kwembulunga yonke. Nokho, ukuqondana akufanele kube into engagunci, evumelanayo noma into eyisiko. Ngokuphambene nalokho, kufanele kuhlanganise imiqondo eminingi. Njengoba “imingcele yezwe lami” (uLudwig Wittgenstein) iwulimi lwami, ukubafinyelela kusho ukukwazi ukufunda kabanzi. Kuphinde kusho ukukwazi “ukuxukuza imiqondo ebalulekile yesiko lethu, kanye nasendaweni yokuqala, ehlela embomweni “wangempela” “ (uRoland Barthes). Njengoba singazifinyeleli izinto *njengoba zinjalo*, ingabe ukuphila ngolimi kusho ukuphila ezweni ngokuvota? Noma kusho ukuphupha, ukushintsha kanye nokuyenza njengoba kusikisela ongoti?

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