NOTE ON THE ORIGIN OF THE NAME NYAME IN ANCIENT KHANIT AND KAMIT:



Amenet and Amen

Ny-Amen-waa(t) and Ny-Ame(n)

The origin of the name Nyame in Akan culture as the name for God and Nyamewaa for Goddess comes directly from the title of Amen and Amenet in ancient Khanit and Kamit (ancient Nubia and Egypt). Variations of the name Amen are found all over Afuraka/Afuraitkait (Africa). Ny-Ame (Nyame) amongst the Akan in Ghana, Nyambe (Koko in Nigeria), Nyambe (Lozi in Zambia), Njambi (Herero in Namibia), Nzame (Fang in Gabon), Nzambi (Bakongo in Democratic Republic of Congo), Niamene [Nyamene] and Nyamien (Agni and Baoule - Akan people in Ivory Coast), Nyamia Ama (Senegal). The etymological origin of Nyame (Nyambe, Njambe, Nzambi, etc.) is Ny-Amen or Ni-Amen.

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 \dot{n} , N. 535, 538 = $\sqrt[4]{\odot}$, T. 294, 295
= $\sqrt[4]{}$, P. 229, pillar, column; plur. \dot{n} \dot{n} ,

An – *Pillar, Column* – *Stability of the temples* – *that which props up the temple*



An – to turn a glance (the image of the 'eye' is the determinative metut/hieroglyph)

 $\dot{a}r-t$ \dot{a} , \dot{b} , \dot{c} , $\dot{$

Ar.t – *look, glance; eye* **EIEBOONE** - *Coptic (Late Egyptian)* for **evil** (boone – *ban* in ancient Kamit) **eye** (ei – *ari* in ancient Kamit) In Akan the term for *evil eye* is also **ANIBONE** (ani – *eye,* **bone** – *evil*)



Ani (Awni or Awny) – Title/epithet of Amen

Åri-Åmen ∞ ↓ , a god.

Ari Amen – A title of Amen

Ari – eye in Kamit. Also, a look (also ani).

Ani – *eye* in Akan. Also, *a look*

From the Asante-Fante Dictionary (Twi-Akan language):

ani, pl. id. 1. the eye or eyes; a look; pr. 2293ff. syn. aniwa (dim.); m'ani nyé úhū akvirikyiri ade, I am short-sighted; n'ani abo, his eyes are destroyed; n'ani biako atu, one of his eyes is taken out; ani mua ne ne tew, the twinkling of an eye. - 2. the face, visage, countenance, cf. anim'. - 3. the face, front, fore part; also the front of an army. - 4. the face, surface; ntama no ani atù, the cloth has become thread-bare. shabby ; asase ani, the surface of the ground, country, globe; nsú-ani, po-ani, on the water. - 5. the face, visible part (cf. nyame-ani), pr. 2109. outside appearance, external aspect. - 6. colour; ntama no ani ahoa = nt. no apa, the cloth has fuded, lost its colour, its colour is gone. - 7. a key-hole; a lock; cf. adakani. - 8. Phrases. The eye and its look being expressive of understanding, intelligence and prudence, of affections, of moral qualities &c., ani (or ani so) is used with the following verbs (which are alphabetically arranged). In A) and or and so is the grammatical subject; in B) ani, ani so, ani akyi, is the grammatical object of the sentence.

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 $\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{\tilde{an}} & \overbrace{} \end{array})$

Amen is called **Ny-Ame** (**Nyame**) by many Akan in Ghana. There are approximately 11,000,000 Akan in Ghana. In Ivory Coast where the Akan population is approximately 9,000,000, there are variations of the name of **Nyame**. Amongst the Agni (Anyi) Akan and Baule Akan, **Nyame** is pronounced **Nyamien** (**Ny-Amien**). Amongst the Akan of **Sefwi** (Sanwi, Sefhwi) **Nyamien** is pronounced **Niamene** (**Ni-Amene**).

Ny Amien is Ny Amen or Ny Ame. The final 'e' in Nyame or Ny-Ame is 'nasal'. Ny Amien or **Ni Amene** (nee ah-mayn-eh) is the ancient title **Ari Amen** (ah-nee ah-mayn).

The eye (ari, ani) is connected with Amen. This is why the eye (ani) is connected with Amene in Akan in the form: Ni-Amene

Amen means the 'Great Hidden One'. Yet, men also means 'stable, abiding, permanent'. Amen is the great *stable, permanent, abiding, hidden* Being along with Amenet:

hence possessions ; inscriptions; Copt. **LLOTI**.

M. 478, A. M. Hh. 385, A. M. 478, A. M. 478, M Nahum 3, 8, Copt. LEOTH, Gr. "Aunw.

Åmen-t (Åmenit) $\left| \begin{array}{c} & & \\ &$ Hymn of Darius 23, fem. of pre-ceding.

Ámeni 116, I I, 9D, a form of Åmen and Rā. Yet, the name **An** and the title **Ani** also references the *pillars, the stability* of the temples in Kamit and is thus also a title of **Amen**:

Ani (Iwny or Awni) as a title of **Amen** defines His character as the *stable, permanent, hidden* (**amen**) *pillar, stability* (**ani**) in *Creation* (**ari**). Note that **ari** means '*to create*' while **Ari** is a title of the '*Creative Deity*':

Àri \longrightarrow \mathcal{A} , \mathcal{A} , \mathcal{A} , \mathcal{A} , Rec. 32, 176, "worker," *i.e.*, the creative god, as opposed to the god whose heart is still, *i.e.*, \mathcal{A} , \mathcal{A} , \mathcal{A} , Osiris.

It is from Amen and Amenet that all Creation proceeds, for they direct Ra and Rait in the creative process.



The Twi term **mem** means 'to sink', while the term **mene** means to swallow. In the cosmology of Khanit and Kamit, the **Aten** (Sun) rises in the **abtet** (east) and sets/sinks (**mem**) in the **ament** (west). The western land is referred to as 'ament' because it is the land where the Aten (Sun) becomes hidden (**amen**) – where the Aten sinks (**mem**) and is 'swallowed' (**mene**) by the western mountain range called **Manu** (**Menu**). The western (**ament**) hidden (**amen**) land is the place where the Aten returns to Its origin, the stable, permanent (**ment**), hidden (**amen**) spiritual infrastructure undergirding the physical world:

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amere, amere, mmere [obsol. = bere, bea, nea] place or manner (in which) ; where; amere (= amere a) wufi g? = nea wufi g?

The term ment meaning place, abode, habitation in Kamit and amere (enunciated amene [ameh-neh] - the rolling 'R' and 'N' sounds interchanging) in Twi meaning place, reference the hidden place which is the primordial and foundational, permanent habitation of the Supreme Being, Amenet and Amen - Nyamewaa and Nyame.

o-nyàmé, (no pl.) 1. heaven, sky, pr. 227. 2052., prob. called so from its splendour or brightness, cf. nyam and the root div- in Sanscritic languages; cf. osoro, wim'. pr. 234. 1653. 2436. 2538. 2777. 2787. 2855. - 2. Onyàmé, the Supreme Being, the Deity, God, the Creator of all things; Ony. nnyae ade bo da, God never ceases to create things (according to the notions of the natives); in recent use also: a god (of polytheists, with a newly introduced pl. a-. The heathen negroes are, at least to a great extent, rather monotheists, as they apply the term for God only to one supreme being). Cf. nyankom, Onyanköpon. - 3. Onyàmé, pr. n. of a slave, given him in acknowledgment of the help of God enabling the owner to buy the slave. Other names of this kind are: Onyamé-asém, Onyamé-yèadóm. - 4. onyame-des, (As.): ys -, to fall a prey to (one's) destiny, to die; ne ba yes ony., his child died (lit. became the property of God); ways Ony. or Onykp. de, he is dead.



Amenet and Amen - Nyamewaa and Nyame

- o-nyamewá [dim., denoting a female] 1. = onyamébéa, a goddess. - 2. Onyaméwá, pr. n. of a female slave or of an 'apenteba'.
- o-nyamé-baa, -béa, goddess; cf. onyamewa.

Note that the name Onyame (Onyame) means God, referencing the Great God, while Onyamewa (Onyamebaa, Onyamebea) means Goddess. Originally, Onyamewaa (Nyamewaa) referenced the Great Goddess. Because of the infection of christianity, islam and judaism, some Akan began to corrupt Akan Ancestral Religion to represent the idiocy of 'monotheism'. They therefore, following the lead of the whites and their offspring, began to reduce the Great Goddess, Great Mother, Onyamewaa to the status of simply a female **Obosom** (Deity – or 'lesser god/goddess' - child of the Great God Onyame). As we have proven here, Amenet (Amenaat/Ny-Amen-aat/Ny-Amewaa) has always existed as the Great Mother sideby-side with Amen (Ny-Amen). Onyamewa/Nyamewa is also used as an mmrane or praise-name for females born on Memeneda/Saturday in Akan culture.

These notes will be incorporated in a more extensive publication on the origin of the name Nyame and Nyamewaa in ancient Khanit and Kamit. For details about the nature of Nyamewaa and Nyame in ancient Khanit and Kamit and Akan cosmology see our youtube video:

Nyamewaa-Nyame (Amenet-Amen) https://youtu.be/cp0rnCXwWzI

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