

Chapter 31 - Buffalo - Native South Africa's Cradle of Life People

The exploitation of Africa and its people, is no less shameful than that of the Native West. Africa is yet another land where a mass majority of people had lived in harmony with nature and animals, for thousands of years. The spirit of the buffalo whispers to the people of the world to take responsibility in the Native South.

The exploitation is deep-rooted — in systems, in stories, and in the silence of those who benefited without ever bearing the burden. For centuries, Africa has given the world its riches — its gold, its diamonds, its land, its labor — and too often, what it received in return was chains.

Colonization stripped not just people from their homes, but generations from their memory. And still, despite the wounds, so many of Africa's people have remained in tune with the earth — living not in dominance, but in balance.

This is not just a history lesson — it's a spiritual reckoning. Because the Law of Christ speaks directly to this: Galatians



Chapter 6 Verse 1-9

Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

For every man shall bear his own burden. Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in

all good things. Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

This is a call not to shame, but to restore. To look at the sins of the past and ask ourselves — not “How do we hide it?” — but “How do we help heal it?”

The same passage goes on to say, “Bear ye one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” That means this isn’t just Africa’s burden to carry. It belongs to all of us who have reaped while others sowed in sorrow. And it’s not too late to plant something better. Because what a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

So if we want to reap justice — we must sow humility. If we want to reap healing — we must sow truth. And if we ever hope to become one nation in spirit, we must first make amends to those we wounded in body and soul. Symbolism and Nature of the Buffalo The African Cape buffalo, formidable and confrontational, symbolized courage—the unwavering resolve to confront challenges without retreat. It embodied the idea that responsibility and righteousness should never be abandoned, even when tested.

The buffalo, in its role as a harbinger of justice, admonished me to confront my own past actions. It was a potent reminder that the debts of wrongdoing must be repaid or forgiven through penance. The painting of the buffalo became a mirror reflecting my own soul's journey of forgiveness and the weight of responsibility that each of us carries.

The buffalo, distinct from the bison yet carrying a similar majesty, represents responsibility. In the wilds of Africa, the buffalo is known for its unwavering strength and the fierce protection of its herd. It walks a path of accountability, each step echoing the weight of its duty to its community.

The buffalo is a powerful symbol of responsibility and that's the gift the buffalo spirit is bringing to the people, carrying the weight of the land and the community on its broad shoulders. It embodies the virtues of duty, dependability, and respect for the natural balance of life. The buffalo moves with purpose, its every step a testament to the strength found in fulfilling one's responsibilities. In nature, the buffalo is a guardian of the plains.

It grazes with intention, maintaining the grasslands and ensuring the ecosystem thrives. The buffalo understands the

cycles of life and death, showing us that responsibility is not just about what we do but how we honor the world around us. It teaches us that taking responsibility is not a burden but a sacred act that nourishes both ourselves and those who depend on us.

Spiritual Significance of the Buffalo Spiritually, the buffalo teaches us that true responsibility is rooted in service. It is not enough to take care of oneself—true fulfillment comes from caring for others and contributing to the greater good. The buffalo's spirit calls us to act with integrity, to keep our promises, and to carry our share of the load, knowing that our actions ripple through the community and the world.

When we channel the spirit of the buffalo, we find the strength to stand firm in our commitments. It reminds us that every responsibility, no matter how small, is an opportunity to build trust, to show love, and to make a difference.

The buffalo guides us to move through life with a steady heart, teaching us that the weight we carry can also ground us, giving us purpose and direction.

WHO (The Sun God) and the Buffalo In the divine framework, the buffalo embodies the essence of WHO, for responsibility is a guiding light. Just as the sun rises without

fail, the responsible individual rises to their duties, casting light where there is darkness and providing warmth where there is cold. Responsibility, like the sun, gives life and sustains the world around it.

YOU (The Earth Goddess) and the Buffalo The buffalo's connection to YOU, the earth goddess, is evident in its grounded nature. It walks the earth with a surefootedness, a symbol of how responsibility keeps us rooted. It understands its place in the herd, contributing to the well-being of all, embodying the unity that YOU represents.

HOW (The Holy Spirit) and the Buffalo The spirit of HOW breathes through the buffalo's actions. Responsibility is not just a burden but an energy, a life force that moves us to act with intention. Like the breeze that rustles the grass, responsibility may be invisible, but its effects are seen and felt by all. When we take responsibility, we allow the spirit to flow through us, creating order and balance.

LAWHO (The Moon God) and the Buffalo Under the moon's watchful eye, the buffalo's sense of responsibility takes on a softer glow. LA WHO, the moon god, teaches us that responsibility is not just in doing but in feeling.

It is the quiet knowing that our actions matter, that our choices leave imprints even in the gentlest of ways. The buffalo's nurturing of its young and its vigilance in the dark of

night show us how responsibility often manifests in care and quiet strength.

Embrace the Spirit of the Buffalo When should a person embody the spirit of the buffalo? When they are tasked with leadership, when others rely on them, and when the weight of their choices affects not just their path but the path of many. When stability is needed, when the world around seems chaotic, the buffalo's spirit offers a grounding force.

It reminds us that responsibility is not a chain but a thread, weaving us into the fabric of something larger than ourselves. It is a call to rise, to face challenges with an open heart, and to offer ourselves fully to the world.

A Proverb for the African Buffalo: Responsibility

There is a quiet strength in the buffalo, not in its roar, but in its willingness. The buffalo does not wait to be told what to carry. It does not need a title or permission. It simply shoulders the weight, because it knows the herd, the land, and the future depend on it. Responsibility is not something assigned, it is inherited. And no people have carried more of that quiet inheritance than the Native South.

Across the heart of Africa, for generation after generation, responsibility has been held, not in speeches, but in the daily work of surviving, of raising families, of keeping culture alive through the storm. They have endured burdens they

never asked for. Slavery. Exploitation. The long shadow of colonization.

These were not failures of the African spirit, they were failures of the world's. And it is time the rest of the world took responsibility for what was broken, not just in word, but in deed.

To give, to repair, to listen, to stand beside, that is the responsibility of those who inherited privilege. And to keep walking with strength, to carry the weight of lineage with dignity, that is the responsibility already being lived by those who never dropped it. We do not need to assign responsibility to the African people. They've always carried it. The question is: when will the rest of the world join them?

Responsibility is not something we place on others. It is what we choose to pick up ourselves, especially when it was ours to carry all along.

A Parable of the Buffalo and a Standoff In the dry heart of the savannah, where the winds carry both dust and omen, the buffalo does not wander — it walks with purpose. Its hooves know the way by memory, not map. The land may be harsh, but the buffalo is harder.

It does not howl like the jackal or stalk like the lion. It doesn't need to. Its power is not in speed or surprise — it is in presence. When the herd moves, it leads from the side — guiding, shielding, standing where others won't. Its eyes are calm, not because it is unaware of danger, but because it is unafraid of it.

One afternoon, as the sun painted the grass in gold and shadow, a lion approached — slow and sure. Young calves huddled behind their mothers. The air thickened. But the buffalo stepped forward, not back. Alone.

The lion roared — the buffalo did not flinch.

A silence passed between them. Not fear. Not rage. Just a message, unspoken:

“I will not run. If you want what I protect, you must come through me.”

The lion, muscles tight with hunger, circled... then paused... then turned away.

Because even kings know the cost of confrontation — and the buffalo does not bluff.

Responsibility is not about loud declarations. It's not about seeking danger or inviting it.

It's about standing firm when it comes.

It's about choosing to be the wall others lean on — not because you must, but because you can.

In the savannah, storms come. Predators stalk. But still the herd survives.

Because somewhere in their midst... There is a buffalo who will not move.

Personal Story: The Buffalo Responsibility has become a guiding force in my life. It wasn't always this way—there were times when I struggled to find my path, when my choices led me away from responsibility and into chaos. But as I grew older, I began to understand that responsibility is not just a burden but a calling. It is the foundation of integrity, the path that leads to true purpose.

When I made a promise to God, it wasn't just a fleeting thought or a momentary vow. It was a pact—a deep, sacred commitment to serve Him in the best way I knew how.

I believe that sharing the spiritual insights and messages I've received is my way of honoring that promise. This book, *Son of Man, I Am*, is my offering, my way of living up to the responsibility I feel every day.

I often think of the buffalo, standing strong against the storms of the plains. Its strength is not just in its size but in

its quiet perseverance. Like the buffalo, I try to stand firm in my responsibilities, even when

life is difficult. Paying my child support on time, keeping my bills up to date—these are not just tasks but symbols of the respect I hold for the commitments I've made.

I know I cannot be responsible for everything. Right now, I can't be the father I want to be in a traditional sense, but I can still show my love and responsibility through support and consistency.

I can create this book, share my truth, and serve the spirit that guides me. Responsibility, I've learned, is not about being perfect or handling every burden. It's about choosing what you are responsible for and honoring that choice with your actions.

Every day is an opportunity to show responsibility, not just through big promises but through small, steady acts of respect and love. And I hope that by walking this path, I am not only fulfilling my promise to God but also building a legacy of responsibility that my children and others can see and learn from.

Leonardo da Vinci “The evil that does not harm me is as the good that does not help me.” Reflection This is a piercing reminder that neutrality in the face of struggle is not enough. To stand aside, even without doing harm, is to deny the

power of good that could uplift and protect. For the Native South peoples, and symbolized here by the African Buffalo, survival has always required more than the absence of evil — it has required the presence of courage, solidarity, and action. Da Vinci's words echo the truth that one must actively choose good, not merely avoid evil, if justice and life are to endure.

Blessun of the African Buffalo May the eyes of the buffalo grant you watchfulness, to discern friend from foe, and to remain ever aware upon the open plain.

May the heart of the buffalo give you resolve, to endure drought, danger, and trial, standing firm in the face of adversity.

May the spirit of the buffalo keep you united, bound to your herd in loyalty, knowing that strength is multiplied in togetherness.

May the horns of the buffalo awaken courage, teaching you when to stand unyielding, and when to charge with power and purpose.

May the might of the buffalo carry you onward, across vast lands and through harsh seasons, undaunted by scarcity, unbroken in spirit.

And may the soul of the buffalo remind you always: you are a shield to your kin, a symbol of strength and survival, and the Great Spirit walks beside you

Fun Facts About the African Buffalo Massive Herds – African buffalo often travel in herds of hundreds, and sometimes even thousands, moving like a single body for protection and strength.

Incredible Memory – They remember both friends and enemies. A buffalo can recognize and target hunters or predators who attacked them years before.

Protective Nature – When threatened, the herd will circle around calves, placing the strongest adults on the outside as a living shield.

Deadly Defense – Buffalo are among the most dangerous animals in Africa; their horns and raw strength make them capable of fending off even lions.

Resilient Survivors – They thrive in harsh savannas, swamps, and grasslands, adapting to different conditions with stamina and endurance.