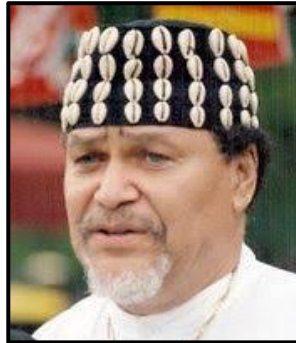


Dr. Asa Grant “Baffour Amankwatia, II” Hilliard, III
1933-2007
Pan-Africanist, Educator, Historian, Psychologist



The ASA Restoration Project is the namesake of our own distinguished nobleman, the late Dr. Asa Grant “Baffour Amankwatia, II” Hilliard, III. Baba Asa was a dynamic psychologist, pan-Africanist, humanitarian, Egyptologist, *Jegna* (master warrior-teacher), historian, lecturer, researcher and author of more than a thousand publications who dedicated his life to freeing the minds and protecting the ancestral legacy of African people worldwide. As such he traveled extensively giving workshops and advice to schools in Africa and throughout the United States. He was often called upon to give expert testimony on the testing of children of African descent. He served as lead expert witness in several landmark federal cases on test validity and bias. He was a beloved professor and distinguished professor at Georgia State University for twenty-seven years, and prior to that, the Dean of the School of Education at San Francisco State University and Superintendent of Schools in Monrovia, Liberia.

Dr. Hilliard's knowledge and influence were enormous. It is declared that the history of African people in the United States has witnessed few who have been so truthful and so wise. Of his many other accomplishments, the most important may well be his continuing demand for academic and cultural excellence for people of African ancestry. He insisted that the knowledge of African history and culture was essential to the mental health and wholeness of African people. He co-chaired the First National Conference on the Infusion of African and African-American Content in the school curriculum. In his classic document, *Saving the African American Child*, co-authored with the late icon Dr. Barbara A. Sizemore and other members of the National Alliance of Black School Educators, Dr. Hilliard insisted that academic and cultural excellence were inseparable companions...that the complete education of children of African descent demanded both.

Dr. Hilliard brought study groups to Ghana and Egypt for thirty years, making his transition to the ancestral realm while in Kemet (Egypt), a place he loved dearly. It was 2007 while in Egypt to lead his annual study tour and deliver a keynote lecture at the annual conference of the Association for the Study of Classical African Civilization (ASCAC), an organization he helped found. He was accompanied by his favorite person, the Honorable Patsy Jo Hilliard, his wife of nearly 50 years. The Kemetamorphosis Holy Royal Family share their honor of this year's conference to the memory and legacy of “Baba Asa,” our beloved teacher, guide, colleague, father and friend.