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Akanfo (ah-kahn'-foh) in the **Twi** language of the **Akan** means *Akan people*. Akanfo originated in ancient **Khanit**, also called **Keneset** (Ancient Nubia), at the beginning of human existence upon **Asaase** (Earth). This is the region of contemporary Sudan and South Sudan in the Eastern region of **Afuraka/Afuraitkait** (Africa). We eventually migrated around the world. Some Akanfo migrated north of Khanit and settled ancient **Kamit** (ancient Egypt), while others remained in Khanit. Over the millennia, Akanfo migrated to West Afuraka/Afuraitkait (West Africa) establishing the ancient civilization of **Akana** (Khanat - Ghana). Some Akanfo were also a component of the **Kanem** empire (pre-Bornu), the original/authentic Black **Berber** empire (**Abibiri-**fo) and the **Kong** empire (Kan) before ultimately migrating to and settling in the areas of contemporary **Ghana** (Akana) and **Ivory Coast**. Akanfo presently comprise approximately 45.3 percent of the population of Ghana (11,000,000) and approximately 42.1 percent of the population of Ivory Coast (9,000,000). Collectively, there are over 20,000,000 Akanfo in West Afuraka/Afuraitkait, including smaller populations in Togo, Burkina Faso and other areas.



Khanitu - Ancient Akanfo visiting Kamit 3,400 years ago

During the **Mmusuo Kese** (Great Perversity/Enslavement era) the Akan ethnic group, as today, comprised one of the largest ethnic groups in West Afuraka/Afuraitkait (Africa). Many Akanfo were thus captured as prisoners of war, shipped to the americas, the Caribbean and europe and forced into enslavement over the course of three centuries. As a result, Akanfo represent one of the largest groups of

Afurakanu/Afuraitkaitnut (Africans) living in the western hemisphere today. There are millions of Afurakanu/Afuraitkaitnut (Africans) of direct Akan descent - genetically and spiritually - extant within the populations of the americas, the Caribbean and europe who refer to themselves variously as African-americans, African-canadians, Afro-brazilians, Jamaicans, Afro-cubans, Afro-Caribbeans, Africans in britain, spain, portugal, france, etc.

### **AAKHUAMU (AKWAMU)**



Aukhmu Urd

Aukhmu Sku

The **Twi** language of the Akan is directly derived of our Ancestral language of Khanit and Kamit. In the language of ancient Khanit and Kamit, the **Aukhmu Urd** are the 'stars that never rest'. They continue their movements across the sky on a nightly basis. Conversely, the **Aukhmu Sku** are the 'stars that never set'. These are the circumpolar stars that appear in the same location nightly. The stars are also called **Aakhu** - the 'shining ones' - which is also a <u>title</u> for our Spiritually Cultivated Ancestresses and Ancestors in Kamit - the **Aakhu/Aakhutu**, the shining, illuminated, wise ones. This is the basis of the title **Aakhu Akhmu Sku**:



Aakhu Akhmu Sku

The Aakhu/Aakhutu are commonly called Nananom Nsamanfo in Akan. Aukhmu is also spelled Khmu:



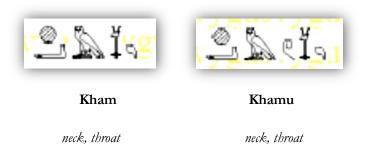
In the **abaakosem** (trustory) of the **Akwamu** (ah-kwah'-moo), a sub-group of the **Akan** of West Afuraka/Afuraitkait (Africa), it is said that the origin of the name **Akwamu** is **kon bu**, meaning *neck* (kon) *break* (bu). The 'n' sound is *nasal* like the 'n' in the english word 'senior'. It is said that when the army and a section of the royal family of this group of Akanfo were migrating away from their homeland in **Twifo Heman** to reestablish their nation in a new location, they passed through the **Fante** area. Because of the

large numbers of them passing through the area, the Fante (another Akan group) are said to have stated, "Nnipa na wodooso se, wohwe won a na wo kon abu" meaning "These people are so numerous, even looking at them breaks one's neck." The people were thus called Akonbufo, Akommufo and thus Akwamufo. The ancient origin of this story references our Ancient Ancestresses and Ancestors from Khanit and Kamit, the Aakhu and Aakhutu, being identified with the Akhmu (Akhomu or Aakhuamu) Urd, the stars that never rest - that group of stars that paraded across the sky without cease at a 'neck-breaking' cadence. The Akhmu Urd became the Akhmuurd, Akhumu-ur, Akhumu-uu and Aakhuamu (ah-koo-ah'-moo) - Akwamu.

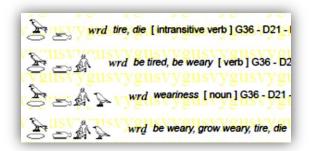
Our connection to the stars as Afurakanu/Afuraitkaitnut (Africans) is a *spiritual* connection rooted in the relationship we have with the **Abosom** (Deities – Divine Spirit-Forces in Creation) Who animate and govern the celestial bodies. [This has absolutely <u>nothing</u> to do with the idiocy of 'extraterrestrialism'. Afurakanu/Afuraitkaitnut (Africans) do not come from other 'star systems', 'galaxies', 'planets', etc. We come from **Asaase Afua** (our Earth Mother).]

Note that in the Akan language the 'kwa' combination is often interchangeable with 'ko'. For example, the name **Kwabena**, the soul-name (*kradin*) of a male born on **Benada** (tuesday) is also written and pronounced **Kobena**. **Kwafi**, the *kradin* of a male born on **Fida** (friday) is also pronounced **Kofi**. **Kwadwo**, the *kradin* of a male born on **Dwooda** (monday) is also **Kodjo**. Some Akan speakers therefore pronounce the name **Akwamu** as **Akwam** or **Akom**, interchanging the 'kwa' with 'ko' and also employing the common Akan linguistic device of dropping the 'u' from the pronunciation of words that end with 'mu'. Moreover, there is no letter 'o' in the **metutu** (*hieroglyphic writing*). The letter combination 'ua' or 'wa' represents the 'o' sound in Kamit. **Akwamu**, **Akomu**, **Akom** are directly derived from the **metutu** with the variations: **Akhmu**, **Akhm**, **Khmu** and **Khm**.

We find in Kamit variations of **khm** and **khmu** as **kham** and **khamu** which mean *neck*, *throat*. The metut for the 'a' in these variations is typically pronounced 'aw':



Moreover, the term 'wrd' (urd) means to tire, to be weary, to grow weary, to die:







Khamu Urd



Khmu Urd

We can therefore see that the **Khmu Urd**, the stars that never rest, are the **Khamu Urd** – the neck (khamu) - wearying (urd), neck (khamu) - tiring (urd) stars. The constant movement of the stars that never rest cause your neck (khamu; khmu, akhmu) to 'grow weary', 'grow tired' and 'break' or 'die' (urd). The etymology given for name **Akwamu** today (akommu - neck breaking) reveals the cosmology encoded in our ancient language and informs our identity as **Aakhuamu** (Akhamu, Akhmu, Khmu ur, Khamu ur, Khamu u).

We also have the following variations:



Akhm
inert, without, not



Akhma to smite, to seize violently



Akhm
to destroy, to beat to death



**Akhm** to extinguish a fire, flame



Akhmiut those who extinguish

The Akan term **kum** means to kill, to bring an end to; to destroy, overthrow; bring to naught. An **okum-fo** is thus 'one who kills'. This becomes an honorific title in Akan culture. **Okum nnipa** means 'killer of persons'. This is a title of kings who are honored for their military prowess. It is also a title of the Creator – 'He who holds life and death in His grip'. The Akwamu became the most powerful Akan empire of their time and were known for their military prowess and the size and expanse of their empire. To many of their vassal states their war machine was seen as unstoppable. In ancient Khanit and Kamit and Akan culture certain warrior-Kings were

recognized for their military prowess and their ability to kill their enemies or 'swallow them up' - like a crocodile.

<u>Kamit</u> <u>Akan</u>

Khm to overthrow, destroy, to attack Kum to overthrow, to destroy, to kill

Khm to bring an end to, to cease, to bring to naught Kum to bring an end to, to cease, to bring to naught

Here we have the connection between the Akwamu as a great military power, with an *unstoppable* (stars that never rest) war machine, led by an **Okumfo**, *killer*, who 'swallows up' his enemies. To 'swallow up' as a <u>form of killing</u> (kum) like the **odenkyem** (*crocodile in Akan*) is directly related to **Khm** or **Kham** (*neck*, *throat*), **Khm** or **Khmu** (*to bring to naught*), **Khm** (*to kill, overthrow, destroy, beat to death*), **Akhmiu** (*those who extinguish*), **Akhma** (*to smite, seize violently*). The 'swallowing up' of the victim by the odenkyem is the death of the victim. When the victim enters the *neck*, *throat* (khamu) the victim *expires* (urd). When the odenkyem bites or *breaks* (bu) the *neck* (kon), the victim dies.





Akhm river bank

Akhmut bank of a river

We also see above that **Akhm** or **Akhmt** in Kamit is the *bank of a river*. Over 450 years ago, prior to our migration into the region of contemporary Ghana, the **Akwamu** were part of the **Kumbu** (**Kumu**) Kingdom in the **Kong** area (contemporary Ivory Coast region). At times we lived along the sacred river now called **Komo**, also written *Komoe*, *Comoe*, *Comoe*, *Kumbu* (*Kumu*, *Komo*), as a name of the Kingdom and the river, is etymologically rooted in the name **Akwamu** as manifest in contemporary Twi and **Khmu**, **Akhm**, **Akhmut** from Khanit and Kamit.



**Komoe** (Comoe) River Ivory Coast (Cote d'Ivoire), West Afuraka/ Afuraitkait (Africa)

The Akan term **oman** means *nation*. **Akwamu-oman** or **Akwamuman** thus means *Akwamu Nation*. We use the spelling **Aakhuamuman** which reflects the ancient spelling of the name in the **metutu**, the *hieroglyphic writing* created by our Afurakani/Afuraitkaitnit (African) Ancestresses and Ancestors tens of thousands of years ago in ancient Khanit and Kamit - the foundation of all written scripts in the world. It also reflects our unique identity and heritage as **Aakhuamufo** (**Akwamufo**), *Akwamu people*, who waged war to end enslavement in **Amaruka** (america) and will continue as we participate in **ahofadi**, *liberation*, for Afurakanu/Afuraitkaitnut (Africans) as a collective. We have thus re-established our *Ancient Authentic Ancestral Amannee* (traditions) under the guidance of **Nyamewaa-Nyame**, through the agency of the **Abosom** and our **Nananom Nsamanfo**.

As a name referencing our migrations from Khanit and Kamit, to West Afuraka/Afuraitkait (Africa), to our forced migrations during the **Mmusuo Kese** to america, to our liberating ourselves from enslavement by waging war and migrating to free territories to re-establish our culture, **Aakhuamufo** have embodied the resilience and illumination of the *stars that never rest*. This is the cosmological foundation of the name **Aakhuamu** and **Aakhumuman Amaruka Atifi Mu** (*Akwamu Nation in North America*).



#### **AAKHUAMU**



**Ru Ures-Gwa Kwesi**: Symbol of the twin-circulage of Khanit and Kumbu-Kankyeabo. It is representative of the sunsum of **Aakhuamuman Amaruka Atifi Mu**. This symbol was given to Odwirafo Kwesi Ra Nehem Ptah Akhan as the symbol for Aakhuamuman Amaruka Atfi Mu by his Nananom Nsamanfo in 12998 (1997).

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