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**Humiliation, Betrayal and Great Pain: British Southern Cameroons, Half a Century of Self-Questioning, and a Mass Movement for Freedom**

**Proposal**

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In a commencement speech given at MIT, Drew Houston (2013), founder of the successful information storage service Dropbox, considered self-questioning as a more interesting way of asking oneself what one really cares about. As Houston explained, “The most successful people are obsessed with solving an important problem, something that matters to them.”

This paper seeks to examine half a century of self-questioning by the people of British Southern Cameroons (Ambazonia), a colonial people humiliated and betrayed, and currently suffering great pain from a genocidal war in postcolonial Cameroon Republic.

Inspired by Hannah Arendt’s framework on “the right to have rights,” I argue that rendering millions of human beings stateless by denying them the right to have rights, the world community in effect prepared such people, humiliated and betrayed, for conflict and the sustained destruction they suffer.

Using the phenomenological approach in qualitative inquiry, I make the claim in agreement with Hannah Arendt (1994, p. 134) that the twin phenomena of ‘political evil’ and ‘statelessness’ remain the most daunting problems into the twenty-first century in terms of the root causes of totalitarian destruction of lives as evident in the British Southern Cameroons’ (Ambazonia) statehood restoration unacknowledged genocide.

Key concepts: self-questioning, political evil, colonial humiliation, genocide, anticolonial conflict, human and people’s rights, statelessness, British Southern Cameroons aka Ambazonia.