

Introduction

The Azibo Nosology II: Epexegeesis and 25th Anniversary Update

This special issue of the *Journal of Pan African Studies* presents the Azibo Nosology II which is a system for diagnosing or classifying mental disease, disorder, or pathology in people of African descent worldwide. It contains 55 disorders drawing on diverse scholarship over the last 60 years. Moreover, it is the only mental nosology in existence that is yoked to African-centered personality theory about normalcy or the African personality construct. As it replaces the original Azibo Nosology published 25 years ago in 1989, the publication of this 2nd edition is in the context of a festschrift. After all, a work sustained across decades seems the exception when so much scholarship appears to be fleeting.

Seven scholars and practitioners provide interview responses to a disorder or personality state discussed in the nosology that they have published on. This serves to embellish and buttress the presentation. Additionally, two scholars have each provided full length essays. Dr. DeReef Jamison's concise, thorough overview of Daudi Ajani ya Azibo's body of work in centered African personality and racial identity scholarship is the lead article. Dr. Tommy Curry's essay follows plumbing the profound epistemological implications for Africana theory-building that the Azibo Nosology represents. In all, with humility the guest editor celebrates this presentation of the interviews, essays, and the Azibo Nosology II and expresses his gratitude to the contributors and especially to JPAS.

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