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WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM HISTORY?

Joseph M Kasonde
• “Seek first the political Kingdom – the rest shall be added unto you.”

Kwame Nkrumah
First President of Ghana
“Over the last three decades the income gap between the world’s richest and poorest fifth has more than doubled, to 74:1”

“The history of medicine in the fifty years since the end of the Second World War ranks as one of the most impressive epochs of human achievement.”

James Le Fanu
The Rise and Fall of Modern Medicine
“Primary health care is essential health care based on practical, scientifically sound and socially acceptable methods and technology…”

Declaration of Alma Ata, 1978
“The eradication of smallpox remains a unique victory and it also carries many useful lessons about the role of science in public health.”

Adetokunbo Lucas
The Hugh R Leavel Lecture
8th International Congress
World Federation of Public Health Associations
Reversing The Decline of Healthcare In Africa

Political Instability

Economic Decline

Health Systems Collapse

Failure of PHC

Apply Scientific Evidence To Strengthen PHC

Success of Vertical (Focused) Programmes

Apply Focused Approach To Strengthen Health Systems