

THE HISTORY OF CORRUPTION AND EXPLOITATION IN NIGERIA

1914 - 2022 (108 years)

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CHAPTER 1 A HISTORY OF CORRUPTION AND EXPLOITATION IN NIGERIA 1914 - 2022 (108 years)

The year is 2022 and at this time, the NIGERIA economy has collapsed like a pack of cards under the weight of heavy duty artillery corruption and bad governance.

The history of Corruption in Nigeria dates back to 1914, about 108 years ago, when the North and South Protectorates were merged into one nation called NIGERIA in the great amalgamation, thereby creating a new Nation called NIGERIA. The name NIGERIA was given to us by a white woman who happened to be the Mistress to Lord Lugard and the name NIGERIA was inspired by the River Niger that flowed through a vast territory of NIGERIA, before reaching the South Atlantic ocean, where it empties in a dramatic web of estuaries and rivers known as the Niger Delta region.

On careful reflection, it really baffles me why our post Colonial leaders like Nnamdi Azikiwe, did not see it fit to discard the name NIGERIA, given to us by the wife or Mistress of a colonial Governor, Lord Lugard, who was serving in a colonial territory as Governor General at the instance of King George V of the British Empire.

There are however a good number of nations in Africa that changed the names Colonial Masters gave them to fresh names, inspired by the unique nationalism of the respective Nations.

Ghana was called the Gold Coast during colonial era. Rhodesia is now known as Zimbabwe. And there are other examples. We do not need anybody to tell us that Ghana is now flying in the

skies, while Nigeria is crawling on her belly. Could name change from Gold Coast to Ghana have been a factor in Ghana's prosperity and stability? Only God knows all.

There are Spiritual significance of retaining old names or garments when a new identify is assumed, because the proper thing our post Colonial leaders should have done is to give NIGERIA a new name in recognition of her new found status as an independent nation.

This may very well have arrested and changed the course of corruption and exploitation of our great human and natural resources that NIGERIA was plunged into by the exploitation of an entire nation by the British Empire which has continued till this day in new dimension of people of a nation exploiting each other.

In Bible stories we see what Blind Bartimaeus did when he regained his sight after Jesus healed him of blindness. Bartimaeus simply tore to pieces his old garments and put on fresh new garments, because he had suddenly regained his sight. One should not retain an old garment of slavery, exploitation or indeed any other form of bondage when a new identify has manifested.

Blind Bartimaeus (Mark 10: 46-52)

Jesus was leaving Jericho, followed by a large crowd, on his way to Jerusalem when he came across a blind beggar called Bartimaeus.

After Bartimaeus regained his sight by divine healing, he immediately tore his tattered garments of bondage by blindness and immediately put on fresh new garments. This is exactly what our post Colonial Leaders should have done when NIGERIA became an Independent Nation in 1960 because this simple exercise of discarding old garments has deep spiritual significance to the trajectory the nation may have followed.

To help ascertain the importance and great spiritual significance in name or identify change, let's visit the scriptures again.

The scriptures tell us how God Almighty Himself changed the name of Abraham. Before this change of name, Abram was the name of Abraham so when God decided to make in Abram a great nation, God changed his name from Abram to Abraham.

Likewise, the name of his wife was changed from Saria to Sarah.

The scriptures also talk about a major name change in the story of Jacob whose name was changed from Jacob to Israel when God began to craft the creation of the nation of Israel thousands of years before the creation.

When the Almighty God decided to use an infamous prosecutor of the Christians in the name of Saul, God Almighty changed his name from Saul to Paul because this name had the spiritual vibration necessary to convert him into one of the most formidable instruments in

spreading the gospel to the early Christians. God brought divine blindness upon Saul on his way to Damascus to prosecute the Christians. But when Saul later regained his sight by divine healing, he was transformed into one of the greatest Christian leaders of the early church.

The story of Jabesh also found in the scriptures is an important example that illustrates the importance of name change.

When Jabesh was born, there was a great famine, so his parents felt it was wise to give a name that reflected that famine upon the new born baby. The scripture records tell us that this name Jabesh and what it signified kept following 'Jabesh' as he grew into a man because all Jabesh experienced was one calamity after the other until he discarded the name.

So we were a free independent nation by 1960, but still wearing the old name or garment of NIGERIA which was a name or instrument of colonial bondage. There is simply no level of corruption and exploitation that compares to the kind of exploitation and CORRUPTION in caps NIGERIA experienced at the hands of our Colonial Masters and to retain that name was a grave error of history. Its not yet late to have a dramatic change of name, because the reasons are not only scriptural, but commonsensical and the issue of name change is treated in more detail in proceeding chapters.

Our Colonial Masters worked in collaboration with our local Chiefs and leaders to exploit NIGERIA by carting away, by the shiploads, our precious resources, such as palm oil, animal

hides, gold and silver and a host of other natural resources and at little or no cost to our colonial Masters, who then returned finished products like soap, gin, guns to kill ourselves etc at very exorbitant prices, considering the fact that our local Chiefs and Paramount Chiefs simply handed over to our colonial Masters vast acres of fertile land to cultivate our natural resources at little or no cost and the worst thing was that these plantations were cultivated and harvested by exploitative human labour equipped with no industrial machines like tractors, but their bare hands.

The British Empire built most of the tracks of her intricately networked London underground tube (train) stations with black labour, using their bare hands to dig and carve the intricate underground network of tunnels buried under the city of London. Yes it was slave labour of Africans that built the London Underground train network and this is the current

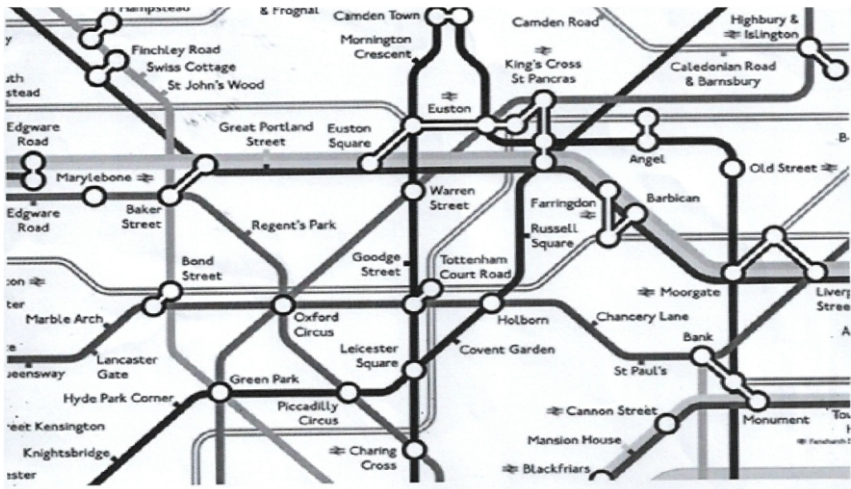


diagram of the London Underground. The London underground train network popularly known as the Tube may very well be one of the great wonders of the world.

Not only did slave Labor build the London Underground, but also the money that financed these gigantic projects was funded by the foreign exchange generated via the selling of finished products made from the natural resources stolen from our lands. Now let's be honest, this is as bad as exploitation can ever get and was the foundation of how the seeds of corruption was sown by our Colonial Masters in collusion with our Paramount Chiefs and elders who were too happy to receive simple gifts like cigarettes, textile, gin, soaps and detergents and even guns we were meant to use to kill and suppress ourselves. What were the guns meant for if it was not to arm our Paramount Chiefs to use against the very people they were meant to protect.

This is just a small aspect of the gigantic levels of CORRUPTION and exploitation NIGERIA suffered at the hands of our Colonial Masters and our local Paramount Chiefs.

When NIGERIA regained her independence in 1960, even though our post colonial leaders like Nnamdi Azikiwe were not as corrupt as what we are experiencing today, yet they were not Angels by any stretch of the imagination. Nnamdi Azikiwe was the founder of the University of Nsukka (UNN) and his massive hostel project known as The Nnamdi Azikiwe hostels was constructed while he was still in power and still bears his name till today.

Can we begin to imagine if Thomas Jefferson, one the founding fathers of the USA, built a University of America in those days and then personally build a vast real estate business while serving as founding father? Well, that is exactly what Nnamdi Azikiwe did with no questions asked.

When our colonial Masters were done stealing from our lands our new found leaders continued from where the British Empire stopped and the Spirit of corruption installed by our colonial Masters kept growing until NIGERIA economy COLLAPSED under the Presidency of Buhari.

Therefore to blame only President Buhari is in error, because CORRUPTION in Nigeria started in 1914 after the Amalgamation of North and South Protectorates which is exactly 108 years ago, so I can confidently claim CORRUPTION in Nigeria is at least 108 years old.

When a Nation is faced with such a terrible GOLIATH as the deplorable levels of corruption apparent in Nigeria today, it is only an Anointed person that can kill the GOLIATH and it seems to the whole world we are currently walking down this road where only a specially anointed person can kill the GOLIATH called CORRUPTION currently ravaging NIGERIA at this time.

I DO NOT NEED TO MENTION THE NAME OF THIS ANOINTED PERSON. YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS MINE BECAUSE WE ALL KNOW THE ANSWER.

There comes a time in the history of any nation that has been riddled and consumed with all colours and shapes of corruption and bad Governance that something dramatic happens; something breaks loose and the water gushes forth.

The world witnessed these kinds of epic events in the history of Nelson Mandela and South Africa; Jerry Rawlings and Ghana; General Asisi of EGYPT and the Arab spring/revolution and even the America/ Iraq war, are typical examples of political, social, cultural and economic revolutions in recent times that simply erupted from the blues. Without notice!

The question is, what time is it in Nigeria history? The plain truth is that at this present time of 2022, the NIGERIA economy has totally collapsed. Take a good look at these statistics.

1. 2nd Most Terrorized Nation in the world.
2. World Poverty Capital.
3. 22M out of school children.
4. 53.40% youth unemployment.
5. ASUU Strike.
6. Twitter ban.
7. Crypto ban.
8. Silly and unintelligent boarder closure.
9. Naira at N703/\$ and heading to N1000/\$.
10. Oil theft at the highest level since discover with Government agencies pointing fingers at each other.

11. Unprecedented borrowing. Highest in the history of Nigeria.
12. Fraudulent subsidy payments, breaking any previous records.
13. Billions spent on unproductive refineries yearly.
14. Unprecedented corruption.
15. Lack of transparency in governance.
16. N20 trillion Ways & Means or CBN's reckless printing of money.
17. Lowest FD in recent years.
18. Terrorism, mass abductions, kidnapping & UGM.
19. Terrible roads, with FERMA dead.
20. Poor power generation, with highest number of national grid collapse in recent years.
21. Lies and propaganda raised to the level of policy of state.
22. Conniving and toothless National Assembly.
23. Compromised Judiciary.

NIGERIA is like a patient suffering from malaria, hypertension, chronic diabetes, heart, liver and kidney failures and brain and colon cancer, all chewing and ravaging a human body simultaneously. This is an excellent imagery of how sick NIGERIA is today in the waning days of the Buhari led administration.

Concerning the emergence of the Obidience/Obident Movement, this movement arose out of the current vibrations in Nigeria. These are vibrations that border on a revolution. Nobody planned the emergence of the Obident/Obidience movement and this is one of the many hallmarks of a revolution.

Peter Obi did not deliberately plan any name coinage to the levels it rose to. Not to say that he did not encourage it when the name began to evolve, but it was certainly not on the front burner of activities of the Labour Party. The Obidient movement is a slogan internally generated by the man Peter Obi, and was not crafted by the hand of man.

And since the emergence of the Obidient/Obidience Movement, the vibrations have grown from Pillar to Pillar.

THE NIGERIA REVOLUTION TO TAKE NIGERIA BACK IS IN HIGH GEAR

At this point, it will be pertinent to discuss a revolution that shook the whole world in recent times and that is The Arab Spring or the Arab Revolution of 2010.

As at 2010, Egypt was anything but a badly run nation under the leadership of Late President Mubarak. Mubarak was infamous for being one of the most vicious dictators in human history, having ruled Egypt for more than 30 years.

And even after over 30 years of being in power, the Mubarak led administrations could not deliver steady electric power supply, but the new President, Asisi delivered to the people of Egypt solid uninterrupted power supply in under ten years of being in power.

No wonder Peter Obi ascended to Egypt to see for himself, how Egypt did it so he can apply the same formula in Nigeria.

What were the factors that triggered the Arab Revolution?

The factors that triggered the Arab Revolution are very much akin to the factors that have inspired the Obedient movement. CORRUPTION AND BAD GOVERNANCE is the culprit.

All Arab Nations in North Africa form the bulk of Nations that experienced the revolution.

North African Nations were by the end of the first decade of this century

(2010) saddled with high rates of poverty and general deprivation. The people were weeping and in economic, political and social anguish just as is apparent in Nigeria today, 2022.

The Arab Spring started on the 11th of March 2011 and ended on the 24th December 2012 and it was a single act of defiance from a street vendor that triggered the ignition of the Arab Spring.

Arab Spring was a series of pro-democracy uprisings that enveloped several largely Muslim countries, including Tunisia, Morocco, Syria, Libya, Egypt and Bahrain. The events in these nations generally began in the spring of 2011, which led to the name. However, the political and social impact of these popular uprisings remains significant today, years after many of them ended.

What Is the Arab Spring?

The Arab Spring was a loosely related group of protests that ultimately resulted in regime changes in countries such as

Tunisia, Egypt and Libya. Not all of the movements, however, could be deemed successful - at least if the end goal was increased democracy and cultural freedom.

In fact, for many countries enveloped by the revolts of the Arab Spring, the period since has been hallmarked by increased instability and oppression.

Given the significant impact of the Arab Spring throughout northern Africa and the Middle East, it's easy to forget the series of large-scale political and social movements arguably began with a single act of defiance.

The Arab Spring began in December 2010 when Tunisian street vendor Mohammed Bouazizi set himself on fire to protest the arbitrary seizing of his vegetable stand by police over failure to obtain a permit.

On the other side of the Sahara Desert, NIGERIA is going through the infancy stages of a revolution. THE OBEDIENT MOVEMENT.

When the Buhari led administration took the mantle of power, NIGERIA was not in very good shape, so the Buhari Campaign strategists came up with "NIGERIA for Change" slogan. NIGERIA did change quite alright, but changed in all the wrong" ways. Not one single sector of the economy was spared as galloping inflation seized NIGERIA, choking her with fists of steel and making epic nonsense of the Giant of Africa.

Inflation seemed to be running like a mad man, coupled with what the Nigerian people were facing with essential services such as International Passport issue or renewal and even National Identification Number (NIN) service. Most public services were monetized. For instance, after paying the set fees for a passport, the next thing one will hear is "bring 15 k for slot". So I asked, what on earth is slot? Sounds like the name of a very sluggish animal. So what has sluggish got to do with speed. Slot is simply another strain of corruption. (This was a personal experience).

And they said there is a serious backlog, so if I wanted my passport to be issued on time, I needed to pay an additional 15K for express service. I refused to pay, telling them I will wait it out, so after applying for a renewal in December 2021, I got my passport in July of 2022, seven months later.

Therefore, it is these kinds of atmosphere coupled with runaway inflation that is running like a madman that gave wings to the Obidient Movement and what great wings the movement has, flapping with all her might and gaining incredible altitude by the day to take NIGERIA back.

Nobody needs to see the writing on the wall to know that NIGERIA is rife for a revolution and often times Nature begins to prepare even from birth an anointed person to lead the revolution and perform the cleansing.

In Bible stories King David or Moses are perfect examples of people anointed from birth to lead a nation out of bondage.

The question is who fits this description and whose head fits this cap. NIGERIANS that cannot answer this elementary question are simply Nigerians who have been so hoodwinked, they cannot see beyond their noses. They cannot smell the rat in the kitchen. They cannot see the tears of mothers in the market as they buy ingredients for a pot of vegetable soup. They cannot even see the tears of their wives as they battle to make sense of galloping commodity and product prices. Nigerians who have sold their souls to corruption and bad governance, even though these group of Nigerians don't even get to eat the crumbs from the table. What these groups of Nigerians are receiving are tiny particles from the crumbs. Is this not stupidity on a grand scale? *Mumu* unlimited! Ignorance personified!! Is this what NIGERIA has been reduced to. A nation of ZOMBIES!

No! No! No!!! Nigerians have to take NIGERIA back.

In the late 1800s Herbert Macaulay was a significant personality during the colonial era and even though he was a Nigerian surveyor, very well known in the land and property business, his career was riddled with stains of corruption and this goes to tell us that as the British Empire was exploiting Nigeria natural and human resources, instead of prominent Nigerian personalities such as Sir Herbert Macaulay, decide to help cure corruption, he became a part of it and the proceeding story tells of Nigerians

Herbert Macaulay was a notable personality during the Colonial era and even as early as the 1800s, he as a NIGERIAN was accused of multiple cases of grand CORRUPTION, so it seems that instead of prominent Nigerians to help weed out the corrupt practices of the British Empire, they colluded and joined in robbing fellow Nigerians of their resources. And the proceeding story is historical evidence to these facts.

Upon his return to Lagos in September 1893, Herbert Macaulay resumed work with the colonial service as a surveyor of Crown Lands.

He left the service as land inspector in September 1898 due to a growing distaste for the British rule of the Lagos Colony and the position of Yoruba land and the Niger Coast Protectorate as British protectorates.

Authors such as Patrick Dele-Cole have noted the abuse of office, , allegations (levelled by his British superiors) and pursuit of private gain controversy that clouded Macaulay's resignation as surveyor of Crown Lands, citing British Colonial Government dispatches, notes that Macaulay behaved dishonestly, by using his position as Surveyor of Crown Lands to help friends , acquire crown grants and persecute enemies by granting their lands to others".

She further writes that Macaulay "obtained crown grants under false names and then sold them at a profit"(familiar?).

In October 1898, he obtained a license to practice as a surveyor. As a surveyor, his plans and valuations included E. J. Alex Taylor's house on

Victoria Street, Henry Carr's residence at Tinubu and Akinola Maja's house and Doherty Villa at Campos Square.

So it is evident that even Nigerians were involved in corruption as early as the late 1800s.

After the Amalgamation of Nigeria in 1914 by the very first Governor General of NIGERIA, there followed a string of other Governor Generals that governed Nigeria, I mean plundered Nigeria, right up to 1960 when NIGERIA regained her independence, then our new found leaders continued from where the British Empire stopped. Albeit not to the levels prevalent today. This is the full list of Governor Generals of NIGERIA since 1914

GOVERNOR GENERALS OF NIGERIA SINCE 1914 WHEN NIGERIA WAS CREATED

Sir Fredrick Lugard (1858-1945) Governor General of NIGERIA 1914 to 1919. King George V.

Sir Hugh Clifford (1866-1941) Governor General of NIGERIA 1919 to 1925 British King George V.

Sir Greame Thomson (1877-1933) Governor General of

NIGERIA 1925 to 1931 British King George V.

Sir Donald Cameron (1872-1948) Governor General of NIGERIA 1931 to 1935 British King George V.

Sir Bernard Bourdillon (1883-1948) Governor General of NIGERIA 1935:to 1930 British King George V.

Sir John Evelyn Shuckburg (1877-1953) Governor General of NIGERIA 1940to 1942 British King George VI.

Sir Alan Burns (1887-1989) Governor General of NIGERIA 1942 to 1943 British King George VI.

Sir Arthur Richards (1885-1978) Governor General of NIGERIA 1948 to 1954 British Queen Elizabeth ILSir

John Macperson (1898-1971) Governor General of NIGERIA 1948 to 1948 to1954 British Queen Elizabeth II.

This in a nutshell is the history of how the seeds of corruption was sown 108 years ago by our Colonial Masters, The British Empire.

ANALYSIS OF COLONIAL ERA CORRUPTION AND EXPLOITATION IN NIGERIA (1914 to 1960)

It is no longer news that our Colonial Masters harvested our natural and human resources to levels of Biblical proportions.

It is therefore pertinent at this point in the history of NIGERIA, when this issue of CORRUPTION has literally brought NIGERIA to her knees, that the issue be given more attention by historians, so NIGERIANS young and old can see for themselves how we got to this level of CORRUPTION and bad Governance that brought Nigeria to her knees. CORRUPTION in Nigeria had it's origin many decades ago and possibly centuries before the end of the 1800s. This means that CORRUPTION started several decades before the amalgamation of NIGERIA in 1914 by the very first Governor General (President) Sir Lord Laggard.

What happened in 1914 when NIGERIA was created was a high level fine tuning of the instruments of exploitation for a more effective way of stealing our resources ; resources so important to the survival and prosperity of The British Empire.

Having successfully dissolved our age old Pattern of selecting Chiefs or Kings, and having successfully installed the PARAMOUNT Chiefs, the train of exploitation was set to start moving.

There were two distinct arms of the instruments of exploitation that our Colonial Masters put in place for speed, efficiency and high volume exploitation. The first arm handled produce production, harvesting and export to Great Britain.

How was this achieved?

First our Colonial Masters dissolved all traditional rulers mandate that was a structure in place in Nigeria for thousands of years. The only traditional rulers that were retained were just a few who danced to the tune of our Colonial Masters.

Our Colonial Masters then after kicking out our age old traditional rulers, then went ahead to create what was known as PARAMOUNT Chiefs. Even the choice of the word Paramount Chief is most suggestive of dominance to the set pattern of selecting Kings in Nigeria.

The PARAMOUNT Chiefs were tasked with the duty of organizing cheap labourers to plant and harvest our variety of produce such as palm oil, groundnuts, cotton, corn, soya beans and a wide variety of other produce.

There was also great activity of exploitation in the area of minerals such as gold, silver, iron ore and a host of other minerals.

The job of the Paramount Chiefs was to harness and organize the local farmers and laborers, having furnished them with vast acres of fertile land and some simple tools used in plundering the soils of Nigeria and then carting away our precious resources by the shiploads to England. In return for their work of organizing the local farmers and labourers, the Colonial

Masters had a steady supply of finished products manufactured from stolen resources to the homes and sometimes Palaces of the Paramount Chiefs. Paramount Chiefs that did not meet up with expected harvests or quota were punished with finished products sanctions and those that met up were celebrated with extra supplies and even Knighthood of the British Empire. So, sanctions as we know today did not start today and this has become a favourite weapon of The United States of America.

In the Eastern regions of NIGERIA a special form of Paramount Chiefs evolved into the indirect system of governance, because the Igboman could not just swallow direct instructions from the Whiteman and resisted vehemently. So our Colonia Masters came up with the indirect system of Governance or indirect system of EXPLOITATION.

In this system of indirect rule, our Igbo Chiefs and Kings were given autonomy to rule their people but with our colonial Masters breathing down their necks. Therefore, exploitation of the Eastern regions was less severe which accounts for the great levels of development apparent in the eastern regions as early as the turn of the 1900s when compared to other regions especially the northern regions.

Groundnut pyramids comparable to the stone pyramids of Giza in Egypt, sprung up in many northern cities especially Kano. Palm Oil flowed from our palm trees in the Eastern regions. Cocoa plantations sprung up in many Western villages and

towns. Cotton from the northern regions was a very precious commodity that kept our colonial Masters people warm with 100 percent cotton clothing and blankets.

For centuries this was the structure in place and as NIGERIA was being plundered and exploited and getting poorer and poorer by the minute, our Colonial Masters were building castles , developing and evolving into industrialized Nations and all this stealing from our fertile soils was the bedrock upon which the industrial revolution of the 1900s took root. But today all the glory of being World Super Powers goes only to the people who used our backs to climb to the status of Super Power, while we are referred to as Dark Continent, Third World (while they labeled themselves First World) or the more common coinage, Developing Nation or Emerging Economies . Let me stress, all these names were names the Whiteman gave us.

As the exploitation got more organized, our Colonial Masters began building a vast network of train tracks, seaports, where giant oceangoing ships could dock and roadways from the hinterland that made moving high volume produce very easy. Not only were millions of British pounds spent on cargo trains but the fast emerging middle class could travel by train, in style, to many destinations, but most importantly the first class train cabins were inspired by the need to make our oppressors more comfortable as they travelled and crisscrossed

NIGERIA in search of Paramount Chiefs who danced to their tunes because let's call a spade a spade. The extremely high levels of exploitation would not have been possible without the cooperation of British Empire Paramount Chiefs. This really makes Judas betrayal of Jesus like child's play.

By the time NIGERIA was amalgamated in 1914, this structure was already firmly in place and getting more intricate and sophisticated by the minute.

So to further enhance exploitation of NIGERIA the nation of NIGERIA was created and as mentioned earlier, Sir Lord Lugard was the first Governor General (President) of NIGERIA and served at the instance of the King of The British Empire, King George V So let the records be made clear. The Whiteman did not create the nation of NIGERIA because they loved our faces, but it was just to make exploitation much more efficient and easy. Therefore, the name Nigerian should have been dropped speedily like a hot potato the minute Nigeria regained her independence in 1960.

After the tenure of Lord Lugard that spanned from 1914 to 1919, the King of England appointed the second Governor General Sir Hugh Clifford (1919-1941) and one Governor General came and left one after the other, until 1960 when NIGERIA regained her independence.

When NIGERIA regained her independence in 1960 under the leadership of Nnamdi Azikiwe, the structures of exploitation was at a very high level and while it was true that much changes of Biblical proportions occurred in Nigeria in 1960, the fact remains that the seeds of CORRUPTION sowed by the British Empire was already enthroned in the hearts of the average Nigerian and what happened in Nigeria under the Buhari led administration in 2022 that witnessed the total economic collapse of the Giant of Africa was inevitable.

The second arm of instrument deployed for effective exploitation started when our produce arrived into British Ports. Factories inspired by the industrial revolution were all waiting with greedy throats to receive our produce which was then transformed into thousands of very attractive products that make life sweet and thereafter, the products were exported back to Nigeria for sale at exorbitant prices. Of course the Paramount Chiefs had truckloads of gifts delivered to their homes and Palaces to keep the oils of exploitation flowing.

Such was the massive scales of CORRUPTION meted to the people of NIGERIA from our colonial Masters that spanned several centuries as far back as the 16 and 1700s.

This article will be incomplete without talking about our post Colonial leaders, Nnamdi Azikiwe and a couple other personalities and how they received the baton of power from our colonial Masters and how they ran with that baton.

Let the truth be told though the heavens fall, because our post Colonial Leaders were not Angels by any stretch of the imagination. Although levels of CORRUPTION concerning our post Colonial leaders could be said to be only an ant hill in comparison to the levels we see today, yet what NIGERIA CORRUPTION evolved into by the closing days of the Buhari led administration can be classified as a mountain of CORRUPTION

As evidence, there was some levels of CORRUPTION within the ranks of our post colonial leadership , it looks odd in a way that the first top NIGERIAN University, The University of Nsukka had a top politician, Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe owning vast real estate properties within the University of Nsukka known as Nnamdi Azikiwe Hostels. This is not to fully imply that these hostels were constructed with stolen State money, yet it was quite inappropriate for Dr Nnamdi Azikiwe to become a major investor in the development of the first Prime University in Nigeria when he was still in power.

As Dr Nnamdi Azikiwe was acquiring vast real estate properties, so were other politicians and this was done in the full glare of the public. With little or no questions asked.

Can we begin to imagine how distasteful this would have been if a personality like Jefferson, one of the major founding fathers of the United States of America, got heavily involved in owning properties in the very first State University in America? This would have been outrageous and the American people would have cried foul. But Nigerians can never complain, but that is changing rapidly as Nigeria witnessed total economic collapse at the waning days of the Buhari Administration.

This in essence was the level of CORRUPTION apparent in Nigeria before the NIGERIA BIAFRA war broke in 1966 and transformed to a full blown war by 1967.

From 1966 to 1970 everything stood still as the war raged, consuming human lives and resources by the minute and I don't believe anybody was interested in amassing great wealth within this period, but when the war ended in 1970, CORRUPTION started again from where our post Colonial Leaders left it.

Nigerians who were of age in 1975 to 1980 will recall a time when cable telecommunication became a major Federal Government project and the entire Nation had thousands of miles of roads dug up to lay the cables that will power the huge project. It was famously known as the ITT project and even though millions of naira was spent digging up NIGERIA, the project was never completed, because it was abandoned, thereby inspiring Fela, Anikulapo Kuti, King of Afro Beat music to release a hit single ITT, now rephrased to International Theif! Theif!! (ITT).

CORRUPTION even reared its ugly head within the academic system of which I was personally impacted when in 1976 the first major WAEC examination question leakage occurred known as expo 76. I can personally confirm that I saw all WAEC questions for the 1976 academic year with the exception of Chemistry.

We were pleasantly horrified at the level of examination question leakage that NIGERIA experienced. I mean, I personally saw and benefited from this mass leakage, so accurately delivered with dotted Is and crossed Ts. However, in those days we did not spend a penny buying these WAEC QUESTIONS, the questions just kept oozing out daily from mystery sources and we just kept our focus on the constant flow of questions than reading our books, a recipe for brain damage. But it baffled we students, what was the purpose of

this evil strain of CORRUPTION if it was not inspired by human beings amassing great wealth they can never consume in ten life times.

Or it could be that huge sums of money at a higher level of the academic command chain had exchanged hands and was not visible, but the fact remains that money must have exchanged hands somewhere along the chain of command in the WAEC hierarchy.

Needless to say the students were the ultimate victims as WAEC cancelled WAEC results of an entire nation and almost all fellow students in my class of 76 had to retake WAEC. A special class called SR or 5 repeaters was created in almost all Secondary schools.

However, what is so baffling is that even today, WAEC questions leak every year and with the aid of information technology this evil has transformed into a multi billion naira business, because 7 out of every 10 WAEC candidates attest to seeing and buying examination questions at the rate of 1,000 naira per subject or in some cases, I have heard figures as low as 400 naira per course. The principal drivers of this process are the thousands of invigilator paid with tax payers money to invigilate examination candidates, but instead these invigilator are selling examination questions and answers and operating expo website.

As evidence, just search the internet for NAIJA WAEC Expo or Expo WAEC and you will see a host of sites destroying the brains of our children and the Federal Ministry of Education just folds her arms and watches as CORRUPTION consumes the brains of our children.

Having discussed what I firmly believe is the origins of corruption in Nigeria, I will like to share with my audience my personal experience with CORRUPTION in Nigeria and in this segment, I will share just one little aspect of corruption in two separate projects with the Ministry of Education and a foremost Academic Institution and I will refer to this academic institution in these words, to protect the identity of the academic institution as my relationship with the institution is still active. Therefore, corruption rears its ugly head in a multitude of dimensions. Under declaration of crude oil production and exports is indeed the mother of all grades and colors of CORRUPTION. Over inflated contracts and projects is yet another color or form of CORRUPTION. Fake or ghost contracts or projects is yet another color of CORRUPTION. Disappearing pension funds is yet another form of corruption and the list is long. Therefore, in essence, CORRUPTION can be perpetrated in hundreds of ways or tactics. Having said so much, I will now share two separate colors or tactics of CORRUPTION I personally experienced in 1997 and 2016 to 2022 respectfully.

CHAPTER 2 MY FIRST PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH CORRUPTION IN NIGERIA AND HOW CORRUPTION IS DESTROYING NIGERIA

In 1997, I commissioned a movie Production Studio in Lagos called Visions Questron Productions.

It took me three years of piling up equipment and soft ware to run the studio and when I commisioned the studio in 1997, my first major Production project was to produce 100 hours of video lectures in six core secondary school courses namely English, mathematics, chemistry, physics biology and introduction to computer programming.

Most secondary schools had ill equipped laboratories for all science courses, so I figured the Video Tutor lectures teaching a host of laboratory experiments including animal and plant dissections would greatly assist students in excelling in their exams, because each school had a limit to the number of rats or rabbits they can catch to teach animal and plant dissections and experiments . This form of virtual learning was developed a whopping 25 years ago before Corona Virus suddenly made Virtual learning an essential product.

Unfortunately, the Federal Ministry of Education Abuja did not share the same sentiments as I did 25 years ago and this is how it happened in a nutshell. I applied to the Federal Ministry of Education Abuja to supply my Video Lectures to all 71 Federal Secondary schools. This was in 1997.

The Ministry seemed very excited at my proposal, because nobody in Nigeria had ever mass produced video lectures to the level I did in 1997. So, I was also excited that at last my money and sweat that went into the production of the Video Tutor was not a wasted effort.

A Video Tutor 15 man review committee was quickly set up by the Federal Ministry of Education Abuja to review the Video Tutor Programs and make recommendation to the Hon Minister of Education. The committee had as its Chairman Hon Dr (name withheld) with Mr. (name withheld) as secretary. Subsequently, I was invited to make a detailed demonstration of the Video Tutor learning aids so when I arrived for the demonstration, I was invited into a fairly large hall where all members of the 15 man committee were seated with Dr Tura seated on the Chairman's chair.

My aids and I quickly set up our equipment for the demonstration and soon the demonstration was in progress. The committee made some comments and requested few adjustments to the video programs so asked me to effect the adjustments and return for a second screening. I returned to Lagos and my excitement was palpable.

I returned to Lagos and my excitement was palpable. I rehired 6 teachers for all 6 courses and soon the recording was complete at the famous Igboebi College Yaba Science Laboratory and I was ready to return to the Ministry of Education Abuja with the fully adjusted video lectures.

The committee congratulated me for a job well done and it was at that time the Committee agreed that the Federal Ministry of Education will purchase all video lectures for supply to all 71 Federal Secondary schools under her direct care and supervision.

I therefore submitted my application for the supply of all my video lectures at a cost of 129 million naira and the Federal Ministry of Education were my clients. I can't tell you how over the moon I was with excitement.

I did not know I could get paid for the demonstrations I made, so I was requested to submit an invoice for three demonstrations at the rate of 5 million per demonstration giving a total of 15 million naira. How on earth can one justify paying five million naira for just one simple video demonstration that lasted one or two hours? This is another strain of corruption.

It took me about two years of PR work with the ministry of education after the Video Tutor screening before there was a green light that soon the budget for that year would be out with high hopes that soon I will be paid to supply all 71 Federal Secondary schools with the Video Tutor learning aids.

LIES! LIES!! LIES!!!

I was so foolish I should have read the writing on the wall because a red flag should have alerted me, I was just wasting my time with the Ministry of Education because if they could not pay me 15 million for the Video Tutor demonstrations, why on earth did I think I will ever smell a penny of the 129 million naira that was the quote I submitted to supply all 71 Federal secondary schools.

Just to point out, some members of the committee advised me to quote for my demonstrations at the rate of 5 million naira per demonstration with a gentleman's promise or pledge to return 10 million naira out of the 15 million naira invoice while I retained 5 million naira. I agreed and subsequently issued an invoice for 15 million naira.

Well you can never believe what happened. After I submitted the bill for 15 million naira, that was the last time I ever heard of my 15 million naira invoice. I did not get a penny from that invoice. They had no pity on me and at the time, I did not notice I was short changed, because the excitement of the 129 million naira supply clouded my vision.

At the end of a three year production and public relations campaign, Mr. (name withheld) informed me in his office that the application to supply Video Tutor learning aids to all Federal Secondary schools was rejected by whom they never told me.

When he passed this gloomy information to me my heart sank, as depression seized me immediately. My hands got cold and moist. After a minute or two of weeping internally, I raised my head and asked, how about the invoice of 15 million naira for my three demonstrations and at that point Mr. (name withheld) violently stood up from his chair and ordered me to leave his office immediately and I complied with no further questions, because I knew the next thing that could happen was security will be called to throw me out.

Such was the inglorious end to a video tutor project that took me a whopping one year to complete burning one hundred liters of diesel per week for at least 8 months trying to make a product that will help in no small measure uplifting the standards of education in Nigeria.

I went home and wept for days without end for the great value of time and money and teachers that poured their knowledge out in the videos, that it all ended in tragedy, leaving my studio and equipment totally drained and exhausted from over three years of producing and nurturing an academic learning aid that CORRUPTION stole. It was never clear to me how on earth anybody in their right mind would reject an innovative learning aid that will greatly assist our students. The truth is that this money was redirected to some private account and shared and our children robbed of an important learning aid that would have greatly assisted their studies, a product that Corona Virus suddenly turned into an essential product in any academic system 25 years later.

However, since I have no evidence or document to prove that the law makers in the house deleted the budget for prime learning aid supply to 71 Federal Secondary schools at that time, even if it is true that the lawmakers deleted the budget for learning aids, the question is why such a senseless decision to help improve academic standards in Nigeria because 25 years after, Corona Virus has shown us the great importance of virtual learning.

Since the reasons why the Federal Ministry of Education rejected such an innovative learning aid were most unclear, there could be other reasons that are even more dire.

The inability of government to absorb and digest innovation, creativity, inventions and academic postulations being churned out by the Nigerian people.

Government must be up to speed with the creative process of her people in whatever discipline. Video Tutor learning aids in 1997 was a new and innovative idea but Government seemed to lack the eyes that saw what the producer of Video Tutor saw.

My elder brother is a prominent Maritime and human rights lawyer and when he submitted a project to re-engineer some aspects of cabotage law concerning how cargo ships conduct their business of conveying goods to and from Nigerian ports and after showing government detailed facts how 19 billion naira could be generated by ports authorities, government just can't seem to get the point. So 19 billion naira is just sitting in limbo.

Can we begin to imagine the number of innovative ideas that are sitting in limbo and gathering dust in the office desks of millions of Nigerians?

I therefore will recommend to the incoming administration no matter who is the victor to encourage the submission of academic postulations and theories to enhance and accelerate efficient and effective nation building.

A simple website can be designed to power the project. www.academicpostulations.com. A site like this and with effective sensitization will give the general public and academic community an avenue to share their innovative ideas of all kinds.

Nigeria is suffering from the most potent brain drain ever experienced in Nigeria history. This is also part of the same problem. The Inability of government to create adequate space for the labour market so look around and ask questions. You will see graduates selling petrol in petrol stations. Graduates of all disciplines are working as POS sales boys and girls Graduates are operating tricycles and motorbikes and doing all kinds of jobs simply not befitting of their qualifications.

And these are for Nigerians who could not travel or escape abroad to Nations that had greener pastures. Nigerian brains; the best and the brightest of our young labour force are in distant countries that could contain and receive their academic or vocational training and put them to good value in developing their respective nations, so while the cream of our labour force is helping build and develop distant countries, Nigeria is suffering from an anaemic work force because Nigeria is suffering a massive haemorrhage of brain power .

In Canada, it is reported that Canadian government has employed 633 Nigeria trained medical doctor's since 2020. In the UK in 2022, it was reported that over 300 Nigerians were certified and employed as doctors in 2022 alone and the statistics of massive brain drain cuts across almost all professions and Nations on the face of the Earth including Greenland and far away Australia, our skilled and talented work force have anchored themselves, abandoning the ship called Nigeria with no captain or crew to drive the ship. Nigeria is fast becoming a crew-less ship. Ship without a captain or crew is a very dangerous ship to sail in, so Nigerians are busy leaving the country in droves for better sailing ships.

NIGERIAN SHIP HAS SIMPLY SUNK TO THE BOTTOM OF THE OCEAN IN THE WANING DAYS OF THE BUHARI LED ADMINISTRATION.

Never has the need for change ever been so critical !!!.

CHAPTER 3 NNAMDI KANU AND THE FAILURES AND CONSEQUENCES OF BANNING HISTORY STUDIES IN SCHOOLS

I am not a politician, but a only historian and part of what we do is to document and record history, the good, the bad and the ugly, and indeed speaking truth to power. That is what we are trying to do and that is what I have done in this publication, "The stabbing of Nigeria- decay of the academic system.

I am not in support of any movement either for or against any form of the creation of new nation, however, it is pertinent to point out factors that may have militated in the raise of these movements.

The bottom line of this discourse is that Nigerian do not want another bloody war as was previously experienced in 1967. Whatever the differences, these issues must be resolved without a single recourse to any forms of violence of any kind.

In 1970, at the end of the war, the Yakubu Gowon led administration felt that to help foster peace and harmony and to help forget the horrors of the brutal war that took over two million lives, all history studies shedding light on the dynamics of the brutal war had to be banned from all school curriculum from secondary school to tertiary education.

Well that is as bad a policy as any terribly flawed policy can ever be, because what we have so far experienced is the direct opposite of what was intended. Banning history studies in all Nigerian schools was not only scientifically incorrect as a vehicle to forget the horrors of war, but the vacuum created by lack of knowledge of the dynamics of the war, may have contributed to the dynamics we see today involving Nnamdi Kanu and his movement, because that vacuum had to be filled up by the youths. And when there is no Federal Government guidance, then any sentiment can take root and fill the vacuum.

It took a staggering 46: years after the war ended in 1970 for the ban on history studies to be reversed. That is almost half a century and too long a time to be wallowing in a flawed academic policy.

In 2016 the Executive Secretary of the Nigeria Education Research and Development Council (NERDC) Prof. Samalia Janaidu explained why History studies were reintroduced into the basic education level.

The decision, according to him " became imperative due to current happenings in Nigeria, which tend to justify the belief that Nigerians especially youths have lost their sense of value and origin, recognizing not the sacrifices made by their forefathers for the peace and unity of Nigeria.

He further said "majority of our youths have gone astray. They have lost the Spirit of patriotism and sacrifice due to lack basic knowledge of their roots and origin."

According to the Prof Samaila, "there is no doubt that our children are lacking in the knowledge of our history and that has resulted in lost values for ourselves. It has also had a terrible effect on our National life ."

"But we are very optimistic that the rich content of the new History studies will correct all anomalies, thereby reshaping the thoughts of our youths and instilling the spirit of patriotism and sacrifice in them" end of quote.

So there you have it. The academic Policy blunder of the Yakubu Gowon led administration in 1970 that took a whopping 46 years to correct, is certainly one of the culprits of the current state of security and secessionist tendencies apparent in Nigeria today so the authorities must take the blame and not the youths and do everything possible to contain and control the situation in most diplomatic dialogue.

My novel *Terrors of War* is a childhood story of the Nigeria Biafra war. Amazon.com described the novel as "a harrowing hope filled memoir and at times a wise and important fable of the Nigeria Biafra war seen through the eyes of a little boy, but revealed through the heart of a man".

The novel therefore, is not a political or military novel, but just the wartime experience of a little boy and The United Nations (UNESCO) that wrote the foreword for the 400 page novel said, and quote- "the book promotes peace, tolerance and dialogue. These are principles that are at the heart of the United Nations mandate to UNESCO whose activities isto promote a culture of peace in the world"

So after all these rave reviews from global institutions and even Pope Francis issued a well worded prayer over the novel in a letter to the author in 2016, how come the NIGERIA academic system has not noticed the novel. One word "CORRUPTION" because I did all in my power to push the novel into the academic system but the cost of conducting PR in Nigeria is often times overwhelming and often times great projects and ideas are dropped out of frustration . That was my experience with *Terrors of War*.

But right now as we approach the 2023 elections and with the Nnamdi Kanu movement still in the picture, it is time for Government to step in and make history studies effective with literature that foster peace, reconciliation, tolerance, forgiveness and brotherhood. It's not late to begin to repair the damage banning history studies in 1970 may have caused when novels like **Terrors of War** and many other history books were banned.

A news paper report on a radio show in Abuja in 2016 where Prof Samaila Junaidu expressed NERDC position on lifting the ban on History studies is published in this chapter.

The Yakubu Gowon led administration committed a blunder of epic proportions that baffled social scientists and conflict resolution experts around the world, because it defied any atom of logic what informed their thinking in 1970 that suggested that hiding or banning history studies in Nigeria was anything but an untested theory, contrary to a well known theory that suggests hiding and pretending that a war never took place has the ability to create the kind of youth movements we see today. This kind of ignoring of a major holocaust in Nigeria is an unseen force being fostered. it's some kind of complex psychology that begins to breed resentment and discontent especially as at this time in the history of Nigeria', it seems it's the turn of the Igbo man to produce a President, but something always seems to pop up and derail the plan.

But not anymore as the Obidient movement is not made of man. This singular event of having the first Igbo President since Nnamdi Azikiwe will serve as pouring ice cold water on the Nnamdi Kanu issue and all will be well .So many divergent vibrations in Nigeria will begin to vibrate in unison. And the matter will be settled for ever.

Just remember the scriptures that says "diverse weights and diverse measures are an abomination to the Lord. All in the weights in the bag belong to the Creator and He hates cheating.

Give to Caesar what is Caesars'. Do not withhold it when it is in your power to give. So while correction has been taken to deban History studies in Nigeria, this correction must also be reflected in decisive actions to repair the damage done by the Yakubu Gowan led administration.

Reconciliation is not a thing done ' by force" The spirit of reconciliation and peace are one and the same and you can never force peace. Peaceand reconciliation are nurtured. It takes time, but it is this same time that is needed to experience healing. We have all heard the proverb" time heals". That is very true. Time really heals given the appropriate atmosphere and soil.

Banning history studies in Nigeria was like removing the manure from the academic soils of Nigeria' and replacing it with saw dust. And when you apply saw dust to a corn farm, Instead of manure, just wait a few weeks for the corn to be ready for harvest. What the farmer will harvest is corn ears that look like corn ears until you peel the corn ear. All you will see are corn cubs with a sprinkling of corn seeds. Kwashiorkor corn; that's what the farmer will get plus the corn may not be resistant to diseases; the corn may be suffering from a number of diseases. I am speaking in a parable.

It is a fact that the Igbo man has not been given the opportunity to pilot the ship called Nigeria', in a full democracy since Nnamdi Azikiwe, apart from a short six months' tenure as Military Head of State in 1966 when Agui Ironsi toppled the Nnamdi Azikiwe led government for alleged corruption in January 1966. Ironsi was in turn toppled by the Gowon led coup in the counter coup only six months after he toppled the Nnamdi Azikiwe led administration.

The war ended in 1970,50 whooping years ago and up till this time the only time in the history of Nigeria' that came close to fulfilling a fair quota in all Geo political regions in power rotation was when Goodluck Jonathan became President but he was just a President by default. An Accidental President who ascended the throne of Nigeria' at the passing of Yaradua. And in any way, he is not an Igbo man.

Not to allow an Igbo man the Presidency is an indication that some of the wounds of war are yet to heal and if some of the wounds of war are yet to heal, 50 years after the war ended, then that is the by product of banning history studies in Nigeria.

This ban simply snuffed off the oxygen in the NIGERIA academic space that could foster peace and reconciliation and poisoned the NIGERIA soils with saw dust instead of manure.

And finally in conclusion I must say, I did everything in my power to introduce my peace novel into the academic system of Nigeria' but all I ever heard is "do you have any links to the President or Minister for Education? So it's all about politics and who-knows-who? Why must Nigerian projects; I mean high quality projects such as the ones I handled be subject to knowing the President or Minister for Education. In spite of all the credentials I submitted, including letters of endorsement from UNESCO or even The Vatican, Pope Francis amongst other endorsements, be ignored and favour given to only people, often times politicians, who bring notes from the President or some Senator or Governor. Why do we play politics with the soul of NIGERIA?

Then we wonder why Nigeria Economy COLLAPSED!

Can we begin to imagine how many great ideas and projects are swept under the carpet just because you do not have a note from the President or Senator? They are in hundreds of thousands if not millions.

In democracies, in democracies with bad governance, the best and brightest brains sink to the bottom of the river, while the crooked, dull and incompetent float to the top while in democracies with good governance, the best and brightest brains float to the top, while the dull, crooked and incompetent float to the bottom of the river. This is exactly what is happening in NIGERIA for decades.

Detention of Nnamdi Kanu is not the solution. It simply masks the problem by suppression of the people. Simple physics tells us that when something is suppressed, there will be an equivalent expression or explosion to the suppression the minute there is the smallest gap to express the suppression. That gap may take a while to form, but it's just a matter of time and it will surely form. It is actually forming day by day.

How can a father of 6 children begin to blame his children for not attending school and becoming doctors or professors when he failed to provide the funds because it is the duty of the father to provide the funding and atmosphere for the children to be nurtured properly. There is never any money for school fees yet he drives fancy SUVs and eats and drinks the best foods and wines like a glutton while the children watch. Yet there is no money for school fees?. It's just a matter of time and there is bound to be a revolution. Something one day will trigger it. It's happened time and time again from the revolution against apartheid of South Africa to the Arab Spring/revolution in North Africa, these kinds of events breeds a larger event; a revolution. That is the state of Nigeria today,

The Igbo man is very bitter about gross marginalization meted to her people for decades without end. And when the Buhari led administration took the mantle of power; let me put it in very simple words. This is the most corrupt, incompetent, reckless, greedy and brazen administration ever to hold the mantle of leadership and simply does not have the oil of leadership .

All they have is the mantle of leadership and when one holds a mantle of any kind without the corresponding oil to power the engines of leadership, then you arrive at Nigeria' in 2022. A failed state.

When a state fails, it loses the moral authority to govern and police her people effectively, so the government resorts to throwing her citizens in prison. It's happened time and time again and today Nigeria' is experiencing the same thing by incarceration of her people, applying all tactics to attain her goal. And just to note, it is not only when a person is locked up in prison that incarceration has occurred.

Since Nnamdi Azikiwe, an Igbo man has not held the mantle of leadership. That is incarceration. When you check all major appointments from Chief Justice of Nigeria' to Ministerial appointments, to chief of Army, Navy, Air force and Police and even the multitude of DGs that run sensitive primary institutions ;the Igbo man is absent, sometimes completely and sometimes partially. That is incarceration. And the worst of all is that many of these DGs etc do not even have sufficient background and experience to hold the mantle in their hands ,but yet they are given such high profile appointments to the utter detriment of an entire nation, then we wonder as some people do why Nigeria' Economy collapsed. LUDICROUS.!

We have never seen more Fulani high profile appointments as experienced since the last eight years and it is only a foolish man that brazenly cheats his neighbor and expects his neighbor not to react. it's just a matter of time and there is bound to be a reaction. That is the reaction we are seeing in Nigeria, in real time today.

Therefore locking up Nnamdi Kanu is a foolish way of fixing a national problem of gross marginalization. Address the complaints of the Igbo man and the problem of dissent will vanish arbitrarily.

L-R: Representative of The World bank, Dr. Benjamin Leovinson; Minister of Health, Prof. Isaac Adewole; and the Director Procurement, Alhaji Muazu, at a meeting on Saving One Million Lives with the Health Commissioners in the North Central in Abuja. PHOTO.



Abraham Nwankwo

DMO raises alarm over cost of debt servicing

From Basil Obasi, Abuja

STATISTICS obtained from the Debt Management Office (DMO), in Abuja, have revealed that external debts have cost the country a total of \$1.62 billion in interest payment in the last five years.

This is coming at a time when The Federal Government spent a total of \$331,059,850 on servicing its external debts in 2015.

The trend in debt profile has continued to generate concern from stakeholders, which suggestively led the DMO to peg borrowing by the Federal Government at a limit in 2017 at \$22.8 billion equivalent to N6.73 trillion.

The debt management agency further disclosing this growing trend noted that in 2014, a total of \$346,723,290 was spent on the same item, while \$297,329,300 was spent in 2013. In 2012 and 2011, the servicing of external debts cost the nation a total of \$293,003,540 and \$351,619,070 respectively.

The trend has continued this year with \$117,660,770 spent on servicing the country's external debt in the first quarter of the year and \$47,998,430 in the second quarter, thereby making a total of \$165,659,200 for the first six months of 2016, DMO said.

According to the report, the 36 states of the federation and the Federal Capital Territory owe \$3.65 billion of the foreign debts, as against the \$7.61 bn owed by the Federal Government.

Lagos State, which is the largest economy in the country, owes a total of \$1.43 billion. Thus, the state holds 39.17 per cent of the country's total subnational foreign debts.

Kaduna State, with a foreign debt of \$225.28m, comes in the second position. It holds 6.16 per cent of the total subnational foreign debts.

Edo State, with a total of \$179.52 million as of June 30, holds 4.91 per cent of the country's subnational foreign debts.



Lai Mohammed

Recession: MDAs urged to embrace PR

From Magnus Eze, Abuja

THE 46th meeting of National Council on Information (NCI) rose in Asaba, Delta State, at the weekend calling on ministries, departments and agencies (MDAs) of government to obey the Act (Decree 16 of 1990) establishing the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations (NIPR) and ensure that all information officers are properly registered with NIPR.

It also urged government to fast-track action on rural Internet connectivity and organise training in all the 774 local government areas on the use of electronic media to facilitate rural and urban connectivity.

This was as a PR/communications strategist, Barbara Onyejose, said that effective deployment of public relations in the private and public sectors of the economy would help Nigeria come out of its present economic quagmire, including driving the national rebirth campaign, "Change Begins with Me."

Chief Executive Officer of Arowin Media Consult, whose firm, in partnership with Sterling Business Network (SBN) International, recently commenced training of PR practitioners across the country on the latest elite PR & Marketing Master class, ELEVATE, said public and private sector PR practitioners needed awareness and capacity building to make impact in growing and developing the economy.

Onyejose tasked PR practitioners on self-development for effective service delivery, stressing that they must embrace best international practices in the industry to meet the modern day trend of corporate business activities.



Prof. Samaila Junaidi

Why NERDC reintroduced History studies in schools

From Fred Ezeh, Abuja

THE Executive Secretary of the Nigerian Educational Research and Development Council (NERDC), Prof. Samaila Junaidi, has explained why History was reintroduced for study at the basic education level.

The decision, according to him, became imperative due to current happenings in Nigeria, which tend to justify the belief of Nigerians, particularly the youth, have lost their sense of value and origin, recognising not the sacrifices made by their forefathers for the peace and unity of Nigeria.

He said: "Majority of our youths have gone astray. They have lost the spirit of sacrifice and patriotism due to lack of basic knowledge of their roots and origin."

Speaking on a radio programme in Abuja, Junaidi maintained that NERDC was committed to producing a thoroughly researched and well-developed curriculum that would restore lost morals and values among youths.

He expressed dissatisfaction with the decision of past education managers to scrap the subject years ago, replacing it with Social Studies, which did not achieve the same purpose as History due to the differences in curriculum content.

According to him, "There is no doubt that our children are lacking in the knowledge of our history and that has resulted in lost values for ourselves. It has also had a terrible effect on our national life."

"But we are optimistic that the rich content of the new History studies will correct all the anomalies, reshaping the thought of our youths and instilling the spirit of patriotism and sacrifice in them."

Chapter 4

MY SECOND PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH CORRUPTION AND HOW CORRUPTION IS DESTROYING NIGERIA

For purposes of protecting the identifies of the institutions and people involved in this brand of academic CORRUPTION, I have decided not to mention any names directly and since this is an active project in my hands at this moment, it may be better just to explain my experience on the surface.

In 2016, I discovered that a notable academic institution my experience in an academic project aimed at rekindling Reading Culture in Nigeria. It was called The Reading Culture Promotion Program and was set up in 2013 therefore travelled to Abuja to intimate the COE of this academic institution of my intent to write a book that will inspire our students into becoming peaceful and law abiding youths while also promoting Reading Culture and discouraging examination malpractice and a request that the book be adopted if it met all academic standards and requirements because the topic the book treated was off utmost important to society at large and the youths in PEACE in our society.

It took me about four months to complete writing the book and after I got the book assessed by The Nigeria Education Research and Development Council (NERDC), I returned for a third meeting with the CEO of this academic instruction. I then made a formal application to the Academic institution and as evidence I have shared some correspondences with

this Academic Institution with my audience in this book, in proceeding pages. And by the way, it is noteworthy to point out that the foremost education research center in Nigeria (NERDC) found the novel so interesting and compelling, in its teachings of peace education, NERDC Director of book assessment Dr. Mrs. Benedict Ikegulu found it worthy to issue an impressive foreword for the novel. This can be gleaned in page 3 of the novel.

This is the kind of novel the academic institution bypassed and adopted a novel that actually narrated a story of a dysfunctional family with issues of depression and marital stress. This was the culmination of my first application.

My second application was bypassed again and this time, even though the novel adopted was not as negative as the first one, yet this novel had no clear virtue to the reader and considering we are living in a very troubled era of humanity, this is like given chalk tablets to a malaria patient, instead of original extra Panadol tablets. So after the CEO reviewed the novel, it was found worthy of application in the NIGERIA academic system. (All correspondence for this academic project are published in this book, as evidence of what transpired). I have so far made three applications to manage this academic project since 2016, but the strange thing concerning my three submissions is that all three dates of submissions have a strange synchronization of dates as

you will detect when you review the documents of correspondence between the academic institution and I. The dates of synchronization are circled.

All these three submissions had a mysterious synchronization of submission dates. The first submission was on the 11th of April 2016. The second submission was on the 11th of October 2016 while the third submission missed the 11th by only two days, therefore falling on the 13th of April 2022, therefore making the 3rd submission on 13th of April, 2022, the 11th by approximation. Two submissions fell on the 4th month of two separate years being 11th of April 2016 and another submission fell in April 2022. So in total 5 submissions synchronized mysteriously.. Could there be something Devine about these synchronizations? After all Pope Francis had reviewed the novel in 2016 with a well worded blessing upon the novel and is aware of all my submissions.

Speaking of occurrences that may border on some kind of Devine activity, something strange happened in 2018 after my second application for reading culture management and book adoption failed. When news reached me that my application with all the benefits to the youths failed, if there is anything like crying tears of blood, that's exactly what happened.

I was not crying for myself or what I may have benefited from the project; I was crying for the numerous students and youths that were counting on me for a better life. I cried many tears of despair because I knew the high hopes these youths placed on me to deliver was shattered. I was crying for the entire students and youths of Nigeria' who were denied the benefits of a vibrant Reading Culture Promotion Program with all the scholarships and fabulous prizes offered in the proposed 500 million naira Reading Culture Promotion Program . I was crying for my son Daniel Samson who called me daddy because I knew the news will devastate him. And it did when I finally summoned the courage to share the bad news with him.

If I remember correctly, the news of the failed application got to me sometime in June or July of 2018. I later discovered that a Principal personality that was instrumental in setting up the Reading Culture Promotion Program in 2013 which in my estimation is a ghost or fake project died at age 68 in 2020 two years after I cried tears of blood.

This personality was a well known politician in Nigeria, having occupied numerous important positions in government, including Secretary to his State government, Minister of State

goodwill as former President of the USA and getting the current President Biden to issue a multibillion dollar contract to supply arms to a nation.

That will be unprecedented in American politics. But that is what happened in the affairs of this academic institution.

This is as brazen as CORRUPTION can ever be; that a Former Minister of State for Education can use his powers and goodwill as a Former Minister of State for Education and get a novel he personally authored adopted by an academic institution he was paid to manage and get paid for the book adoption. There can and will never be any atom of transparency guiding this kind of project, because the civil servant can never and must never serve himself first instead of the public he is paid to serve.

I heard about his passing sometime in June 2021 and it was not until recently in 2022, it suddenly occurred to me that this personality passed on in 2020 only two years after my second application failed in 2018; the year I cried tears of blood. It was in this same year that this personality passed to glory. Could there be something divine about these occurrences? Nobody can fully tell but the Creator, but the timing of the passing is very suspect and while I sincerely condole with the family of the deceased, it will remain in my heart forever the mystery of the timing of these strange events.

So after all the rush to amass great wealth, all of us will go in the same way as this high profile personality. Everybody wants to live a long healthy and prosperous life, but not at the expense of vulnerable students and youths. 68 years is too young an age to depart from this world, but that is exactly what happened to this high profile personality.

Another thing happened that could also be divine. The CEO of this academic institution that was responsible for setting up this Reading Culture Promotion Program in 2013 soon after I cried tears of blood, found himself drowning in a sea of multiple court cases. He was all over the news for the wrong reasons and when his personal lawyer lost his nerves amidst heavy media scrutiny and the weight of multiple court cases, he simply felt the best thing for him to do was betray his client.

So he started to sing like a bird. He rolled out an eye popping and jaw dropping list of investments of all kinds he personally helped his client to acquire. Some of these high profile investments included hostels and oil and petroleum outfits.

These are excerpts of a (name withheld) newspaper report as reported by (name of newspaper editor withheld) (Writer's name withheld).

(Name and office withheld) owns 8 companies, houses, ICPC tells court February 9, 2022

The Independent Corrupt Practices and other related offences Commission,

ICPC, on Wednesday, narrated before the Federal High Court in Abuja, (name and office held withheld) floated eight companies while he was in office.

The Commission equally told the court that (name withheld) who is facing trial for allegedly diverting public funds totalling about N5billion, purchased three buildings and bought several shares through his cronies.

A principal witness in the matter, Mr. (name withheld), told the court that he acted as (name withheld) personal lawyer at a point, during which he aided him to incorporate companies and purchase properties that included two duplexes and a bungalow.

He gave names of the companies as; (withheld) Hostel Limited, (withheld) International School, (withheld) Petroleum Limited, (withheld) Marbles Limited, (withheld) Institute Limited, (withheld) Learning Center Limited, (withheld) Petroleum Limited and (withheld) Communications Limited. (end of newspaper report).

The CEO involved in these court proceedings must be saying to himself, "wow! why me? How did I get caught? Because I know most of my fellow CEOs are doing the same thing or even worse. So what went wrong in my case that I am all over the news and appearing in court for multiple offences of abuse of power?"

I will tell you what may have gone wrong. Review this list of youths that were so excited when I shared with them my plans to manage a 500 million naira Reading Culture

NAME OF CANDIDATES FOR SCHOLARSHIP

S/N	NAME	STATE OF ORIGIN	WAEC SCORE	NECO SCORE	PHONE NO.
1.	ONYENAKAZI INNOCENTIA OZIOMA	IMO STATE	8 CREDITS	10 CREDITS	081362
2.	KENNETH .C. NWAGBO	IMO STATE	8 CREDITS		070673
3.	ONYENAKAZI JUSTIN .C.	IMO STATE	5 CREDITS	5 CREDITS	090336
4.	SIMON JOHN MAINA	BORNO STATE	7 CREDITS	8 CREDITS	08104433386,07088
5.	JOEL K MAINA	BORNO STATE	6 CREDITS	7 CREDITS	070103
6.	ISHAKU A MAINA	BORNO STATE	6 CREDITS	9 CREDITS	090254
7.	MALLA SIMON	BORNO STATE	7 CREDITS	6 CREDITS	090273
8.	AYUBA SIMON	BORNO STATE	6 CREDITS	9 CREDITS	080230
9.	SMITH BULUS	BORNO STATE	7 CREDITS	5 CREDITS	081254
10.	MUSA GALADIMA	BORNO STATE	7 CREDITS	6 CREDITS	070156
11.	TITUS DAUDA	BORNO STATE	6 CREDITS	6 CREDITS	081293
12.	NKEKI YAKUBU	BORNO STATE	5 CREDITS	7 CREDITS	080814
13.	DANIEL SAMSON <i>RIP</i>		5 CREDITS		090763
14.	ELIJAH MUSA		6 CREDITS		070356
15.	HASSAN SAMUEL		6 CREDITS		090206
16.	KARAGE JAMES		6 CREDITS		090204

Promotion Program for scholarships and fabulous prizes and below are just a few of the names. When my application failed, the youths prayed and prayed and prayed for days that the people involved in inflicting great pain upon them, get what they deserve for the pain caused. These dangerous prayers took place for over one week by evening time at a premises close to mine and even though I did not join them in heaping curses on whosoever stole their dreams, I did not stop them, for prayer is a thing of free will.

It is one of the worst crimes against humanity that the Federal Ministry of Education can seat back and watch as brains of the next generation is being fried like plantain. WAEC and NECO questions and answers leak every year at least since 1976 when I experienced personally the first WAEC expo infamously called "EXPO 76".

If Facebook and Twitter could block former President Trump's Facebook and Twitter accounts then, why can't Nigeria Federal Ministry of Education and Foreign Affairs do the same. It looks as if somebody's bank account is swelling by the minute because population of WAEC and NECO candidates are in the multiple millions each year.

WAEC or NECO examination candidates admit to having paid 500 to 1,000 naira to see WAEC or NECO examination questions and answers, weeks, days or hours before the examination is in progress.

Even Chiagozie, an 18 year old business center boy who was helping me in preparing the manuscript for this chapter admits he can personally confess he saw all questions hours before examination was in session and it was the invigilators that were leaking and selling the questions for as much as 1,000 naira per course. My goodness, so the invigilators that were paid with tax payers money to serve as invigilators were the very people perpetrating this crime against the very students they were meant to serve with dignity.

I just checked the internet even as I am writing this chapter and these are a few expo sites I found. There are dozen more and I invite you to check for yourselves.

2022/24 WAEC and NECO answers-Home. 2022 WAEC Expo

2022/23 WAEC runs.

2023/24best WAEC Expo and runs answers. Free WAEC

Expo 2022 questions and answers.

WAEC Expo 2022 free runs questions and answers.

What is all this nonsense destroying the mental capacity of an entire nation.

Flashback to the book adoption application I made to this academic institution.

When I met the CEO he assured me that since my novel had passed all assessment screening and since the book inspires peace and harmony in our dear country, he told me after the expiration of the current novel in use he will be happy to adopt my novel.

Unfortunately, a few months after this meeting, a new CEO was appointed so I had to return to Abuja to intimate the new CEO of the meetings and verbal agreements I had with the previous CEO.

I informed the current CEO of my dealings with the former CEO and since the adoption of my novel was scheduled to be in that year, 2016, I was visiting to inquire the position and status of my book adoption application.

The new CEO sadly informed me that the former CEO did discuss the matter with him but also handed him a novel that was not my own so his hands were tied for another two years when the contract of the new novel adopted in such hurry will have expired.

However, the new CEO requested a copy of the novel to personally review it himself, but then asked me to make another application directly to his office to cut red tape. He took this action because when I told him the book simply inspires peace and harmony in our society plus discouraged examination malpractice, the CEO felt it was a book worthy of adoption but his hands were tied for the next two years. So I had to wait for two years.

Two years came faster than I expected and I made a second submission for the 2018 academic year. But what came as a pleasant surprise was when the new CEO called me on his private line requesting I see him over my application to have my book adopted for the academic project being discussed.

After I met the new CEO in Abuja for the 4th time, I was so happy that at last at last, our youths will be served a dose of peace inspiring novel.

But by this time, I had sent out a series of documents to the academic institution (all stamped received) so they cannot say they did not read the documents. Some of these documents of correspondence with the Academic Institution are published in this chapter in proceeding pages.

To give an idea of the monetary scope of this project aimed at rekindling.

Reading Culture in Nigeria, it amounts to about 1.5 billion naira per two contract and this figure is computed based on the population of youths or students because each youth pays 500 naira per student for the supply of the novel.

I proposed a 500 million naira Reading Culture Promotion Program and informed the CEO that because Reading Culture in Nigeria was at an all time low, it was only reading incentives that can rekindle Reading Culture in Nigeria that was in very good condition by the time the war in Nigeria ended in 1970.

I therefore proposed as you can see in my correspondence with the academic institution that at least the sum of 500 million naira be set aside from the total budget of about 1.5 billion naira to do the work the academic project is designed to do.

I told top officials of the academic institution that even after spending 500 million naira there is still one billion naira left for stakeholders of the project and that it was only fair in the eyes of God and man that youths be given a piece of the cake baked with youth funds.

All this sweet talk was falling on deaf ears because when the new book was adopted for the 2018 /2020 academic year it was yet again not my peace novel, *Deep Secrets*.

By that time, by mid 2018, and after the new CEO of the academic institution called me on his private line, I really believed that at last I got the adoption. I think that is a reasonable response anyone will have, so I went ahead and started newspaper promotion of the project as the newspaper reports reveals and engaged in a variety of activities in anticipation of the formal adoption of my novel. I drew up a list of students that were going to be potential beneficiaries to the 500 million naira Reading Culture Promotion Program for scholarships and fabulous prizes. This is the fuel needed to drive a return to leisure book reading.

One of my boys who was going to be a potential recipient for the 500 Million Naira Reading Culture Promotion Program could not contain himself when the whole thing suddenly

COLLAPSED on his daddy (he called me daddy even though he was from Chibok, Bornu state.) His name is Daniel Samson and he sneaked out of Lagos and returned to Chibok against my advice and a few months after he left Lagos, word reached me that my son was dead from river drowning in a river in Chibok.

I was shattered because it appeared to be suicide by drowning based on the way he was talking before returning to Chibok, but I did not pick the warning signs suicide victims give before the act. It may also have been accidental drowning..Nobody is sure and when I called his biological father, I had to be very careful in making my inquiry, because Daniel father's voice sounded like that of a father in great pain.

That was all I gained from trying to serve my country. A DEAD SON.

In the USA reading culture is on the front burner of duties of the President. All United States Presidents and First Ladies have a duty and mandate to constantly keep promoting Reading Culture and it was very evident during the World Trade Center bombing in 2001.

President Bush was at a Reading Culture Promotion event in

America Government can never take the trouble to fly the President to a primary school far away in a small town called Sarasota if American Government did not see the great importance and value derived from a nation with a healthy reading Culture.

So the strategy amongst many is to get all American Presidents and their First Ladies involved in promoting Reading Culture through their duration as President and First Lady of the USA.

It is noteworthy to point out that the reading culture promotion event does not start and end with the event in a small primary school in Sarasota. Every single minute of the event is broadcast to all secondary and primary schools in real time as the event is in progress. It is indeed a national event.

This singular behaviour from a Super Power like the USA tells us there is more to know from this part of the World concerning Reading Culture than meets the eye. We in Nigeria need to open our eyes well to see what the Americans are seeing concerning reading Culture and copy the behaviour.

Therefore it is time to correct what is evil and wrong with how academic institutions in Nigeria promote reading culture.

In the 1970s just after the war ended, reading culture was on the front burner of the Governor, just as is apparent in advanced Nations like the USA or UK or even far Eastern countries and as evidence, I still have in my possession a 51 year old vintage award certificate issued by the East Central State Government for excellence in reading. The award was issued in 1971 by the East Central State arts council and has the seal of the Governor, Mr. Ukpabi Asika who was also the patron of the East Central State Arts Council. This speaks volumes, because it was not long before the days that government encouraged reading culture and the entire culture took a nose dive for reasons not clear. Just at the onset of the oil boom of the 1970s, authorities' attention seemed to shift to amassing great wealth with public funds than serving the public. Authorities turned serving the people into serving their bank accounts. Authorities began to see civil service as show business. Glamour and pump creped into civil service. Glamour and pump is only sustainable with money. I mean stolen money. I mean Public funds. Civil servants evolved into kings and queens that drove in motor convoys and the party culture and buying luxury homes in America and Europe took centre stage and indeed our authorities lost interest in so many great commonsensical aspects of nation building.

That is why the Nigeria' Economy collapsed, for this and a multitude of other reasons.

The result is what we have now. Our children can't read or spell

I ran into a teacher in a high profile secondary school in Onitsha and as we got into conversation on the state of reading culture in Nigeria, she showed me on her phone a list of provisions an SS2 student sent to her parents.

As my eyes popped in shock, she showed me over a dozen provision lists written in the hand writing of the respective students, all at SSI level, meaning they will be due to seat for WAEC examination the next year.

How on earth did these student scale previous classes. Corruption must be the culprit.

The spelling errors in this list are simply a disaster. What happened? Take a look at just one provision list and compare it to a child of about the same age (yours truly) who won awards for reading 51 years ago. Something definitely went wrong that can be fixed with the right policies.

Did this provision list make you scratch your head? Tap your fingers in deep thought or laugh? Did this list make you angry, worried or nonchalant? If Nigeria academic standards is moving in the trajectory it is in now, then in another 50 years, which will come faster than you expect, people will be dying in hospitals because all we will have are doctors with degrees and no medical skills to save lives.

PROFITION FOR SKULL

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- 2 Milo — (2 things)
- 3 Miewk — (2 things)
- 4 Shuga — (3 parket)
- 5 Sarding — (5 things)
- 6 Sope — (4 Sashirt)
- 7 Rilakzer — (2 Containers)
- 8 Indoming — (1 Cartoons)
- 9 Parfoom — (2 bottuls)
- 0 Maikling tooypays — (2 Parket)



I reapplied to the academic institution in April this year 2022 which makes it the 3rd time I am applying to manage the reading Culture Promotion Program.

The human brain has a very elastic capacity at innovation and creativity, but this elasticity of the human brain is derived from a well exercised and massaged brain and one of the primary massage instruments is a vibrant Reading Culture.

Today we all carry smart phones that seem to have the ability to perform magical tasks. Robots that can think and talk and perform complex tasks are commonly in use in many advanced countries. Travel to the moon is now very possible and easy and getting cheaper daily. So how come the existence of all these technology that looks like magic? No it's not magic.

It is simple science and technology. PERIOD! A nation with a vibrant Reading Culture is the kind of Nation that churns out magical products and services. It is a mystery. Reading Culture is to the Brain what engine oil is to a car. Not only did I reapply this year, but I also submitted a White Paper on Reading Culture Promotion, stating the flaws of the current program and ideas how it can be corrected . I also submitted a Blue Print of what I strongly recommend is the kind of reading Culture Promotion Program NIGERIA can engage in. Finally I submitted a Blue Print of the search engine that can handle 100 Million browsers simultaneously, so this academic institution is now equipped with the formula on how to effectively run a vibrant Reading Culture Promotion Program.

In my University education, I earned a BFA Broadcasting from the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati Ohio in 1984 and I specialized in voice and reading Culture, so I am intellectually equipped to manage the Reading Culture Promotion Program because supply of one small novel is not promoting Reading Culture. That is a simple book procurement made on behalf of students.

THE QUESTION REMAINS, WILL THEY IMPLEMENT? THAT IS THE QUESTION.

After I completed writing this chapter concerning a high Profile Academic personality who passed away in 2020, I gave the manuscript to a close friend of mine to review and make comments.

His comments inspired this patch. He suggested I delete part of the story that discusses the academic personality's death and how I shed tears of blood, which happened to be only two years after my application failed in 2018, lest people think I am a witch.

So I said to myself, "wow!!" Why on earth will I be bothered if people think I am a witch. Witch indeed! I am the one whose application was rejected. I am the one that lost a son. I am the one that had to face dozens of youths with such bad news. I am the one that cried tears of blood. I am the one that had to face Daniel's biological father. So who cares?

If there is any link to the death of this high profile personality then, it's called the law of retribution. It's called the law of karma. We are all very familiar with these phrases. It is also known as the "seed you sow, that will you reap". That's as much as I know how these things sometimes work. And note, it's called a law. That's a very strong word. So I don't know all. The Creator knows what all these strange events mean.

I mean I can never wish bad for my fellow man, even if the person deserves his or her predicament. It's not in the DNA of the "Agbakoba family ". We come from a family known for charity and it is on record that my dad the Hon Justice GCU Agbakoba is reputed to have built 6 Red Cross Motherless Babies homes in 6 major Eastern cities, so I never wished anyone bad. It is from the tree of charity planted by my dad that I got the inspiration for the 500 million naira Reading Culture Promotion Program for scholarships and fabulous prizes.

It is worrisome that we NIGERIANS love to downplay issues. We love to pretend and conceal evil and wrongdoing that impacts an entire nation.

Just see how the NIGERIAN Economy collapsed like a pack of cards in the wake of heavy duty artillery corruption and bad Governance.

EFCC arrests individuals for different levels of mega corruption and the next thing is the individuals are free, hopping around the

world, taking luxury vacations and enjoying their stolen wealth. We see it everyday in the prosecution of high and low profile personalities. These kinds of behaviour can never be an asset to nation building. When there is no correctional apparatus in place, then it's a free for all. People get more and more brazen.

However, in many other countries, it is very common to see high profile personalities in prison for lengthy periods. A recent case study happened in China.

The report read "Former Chinese justice minister Fu Zhenghua who led numerous campaigns against corruption has been sentenced to death for bribery involving over \$16 million."

Sentenced to death for stealing only 16 million dollars? That is like a mortal crime against bad governance in countries like Nigeria. All we see is just a tap on the palm and once the personality shows Police and EFCC where the stolen money is, the case goes cold. The public hear no more of the personality just arrested.

Fu pleaded guilty in July to receiving 117 million Yuan, approximately \$16.5 million in gifts and money for personal gain."

This is how a Nation that is not corporately corrupt acts. Swift and divisive.

Justice is meted to convicted personalities no matter how high the profile. Even in the USA we have all heard of numerous high profile convictions, even involving numerous associates of former President Trump.

However in Nigeria, it is the opposite. High profile personalities that have been publicly accused of mega corrupt practices are running around the world, doing nothing constructive with the stolen wealth but buying multiple homes and luxury cars.

On the streets of NIGERIA if you are young and driving a nice car, police will stop you. "What do you do for a living"? has now become a commonly used slogan from authorities. I have seen police confiscate motor bikes of helpless poor bike riders and collecting a bribe for release of the bike. You need to see the street violence as police engage in a tug-of-war with the motor bike of an okada rider, using their batons or guns to strike the bike rider; the rider is pulling from one side and two or three policemen are pulling from the other side. It's not only a comical sight; it is thought provoking. This is exactly the kind of police brutality that inspired the "endSARS movement and protests.

I have heard of a public servant demanding one million naira from helpless market women who mistakenly shed their yams in the wrong spot. These are just a tiny fraction of what transpires in Nigeria today.

Authorities should focus on what our so called leaders are doing with public funds and leave poor people and youths who drive fancy cars alone. They are not the cause of the collapse of NIGERIA.

NIGERIA NEEDS TO TAKE NIGERIA BACK



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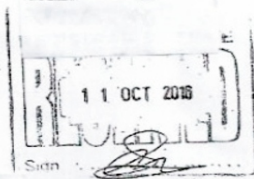
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Just to note that this is my third application to run the ~~SSS~~ Reading Culture Promotion Program

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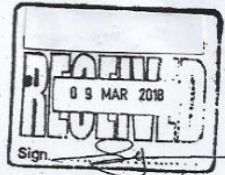
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I write to inform the Hon [redacted] what Society Against Terror and War (SAT WAR) intends to do in the hopeful event that our book submission is considered for adoption for JAMB examinations.

We will be dedicating a portion of funds to encourage Reading Culture by offering an array of prizes including University Scholarships, Laptops and smart phones. etc. Interested youths and students must show proof of having read novels apart from recommended adopted JAMB, WAEC or NECO Recommended books to qualify to win scholarships or prizes.

A dedicated interactive website: www.readingculturepromotion.com will be set up to manage the entire programme from registration to notification of successful applicants on the Reading Culture Promotion Programme.

A red carpet dinner will be organized and sponsored by Sat-War to award prizes, with full print & electronic media coverage. Speeches to encourage reading culture will be delivered by relevant personalities.

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FOREWORD

Dear Mr. Agbakoba,

**Re: Your Book
Deep Secrets**

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your book *Deep Secrets* which depicts the menace of terrorism and student cultism especially as it adversely impacts on vulnerable Youths, University, Polytechnic and Secondary School students as portrayed in the novel.

The deplorable activities of university cultists or terrorists have been a crucial social cancer not only in Nigeria but worldwide that can be controlled and ameliorated with books like *Deep Secrets* or similar counter-terrorism or counter-cultism literature.

I believe that God has anointed the author of this book at this crucial period in the history of our dear country to fight the menace via peace education of cultism and terrorism which are canker-worms that have be-deviled youths of this great nation and elsewhere around the world.

It is my prayer that more authors will be inspired and encouraged to delve into this area of literature.

I therefore recommend this book to all Nigerians, young and old.

Accept assurance of my highest regards.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Mrs. Benedict Okwudili Ikegulu
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Agbakoba champions revival of reading culture

By HENRY AKUBUIRO

NNAMDI Agbakoba is not just a writer but also a literary activist dedicated to ensuring that reading occupies a pride of place as it used to be in the past. Recently, he postulated a new theory on education, geared towards the promotion of the reading culture in Nigeria.

Related to the famous Nigerian lawyer, Olufa Agbakoba (SAN), the author, who recently addressed journalists at the Olufa Agbakoba Legal office in Ikoyi, Lagos, dissected the three charisms of disseminating education as formal education, which he called protein of society; vocational/technical education, which he referred to as carbohydrates of education; and informal/passive education, which he described as the oils and minerals of society.

"It is a healthy balance of the three mediums of education that accelerates development, prosperity and general wellbeing of a nation, just as the human body needs a healthy balance of proteins, carbohydrates and vitamins/minerals," he stated.

No matter the level of formal or vocational education acquired, the writer posited that, without corresponding growth of informal/passive education, book reading culture, TV, radio, newspapers, religion, sports and a host of extra school activities, it would not produce the desired levels of growth in development in arts and science and all aspects of a nation's economy and wellbeing.

He didn't believe youths would develop a healthy reading culture only by attending secondary school and higher institutions. Rather, "It is a deliberate effort made by parents in the home and institutional projects from academic institutions

that kindles a healthy reading culture."

The creative and innovation writer was saddened that Nigerian youths carry expensive phones, but won't spend N1,000 or N1,500 to buy a good book. "So, money or its lack thereof is not a problem," he said.

Besides, forcing a youth to buy and read a book to pass exams would save the problem at hand, said the author, for the moment the pressure to buy and read a book to pass an exam was absent, the book would likely be discarded.

"The whole idea of ignoring reading culture is to ensure that youths willingly look for good books that may interest them and read such books without any coercion or pressure because they want to pass an exam, like it used to be in the 1950s, 60s, 70s and early part of the 1980s," he remarked.

In developed nations, families, including toddlers, are always found reading a storybook, a nursery rhyme or a novel in their spare time. Agbakoba hinted that "there is a definite benefit to this culture that enhances and accelerates societal development."

Policies that introduce compulsory literature books for all exam candidates to help rekindle a dead reading culture would be welcomed by him, but he firmly believed that authors and publishers had a vital role to play to help in support this policy.

How can this objective be achieved? Agbakoba suggested that youths interested in applying for scholarship funds or other prizes in reputed platforms must show proof of having read at least two or three novels apart from the recommended exam books to be eligible to apply for scholarship and prizes.



NNAMDI AGBAKOBA

Above all, "We must, as a matter of urgency, do all in our power as leaders, teachers, lecturers or professors to help salvage a dead reading culture in Nigeria and beyond before we begin to produce leavers that cannot write, briefly or teachers who cannot spell correctly."

As a writer, Agbakoba is interested in writing books and poems that inspire the African youth and child, and has written five books so far in that respect, including *Terrors of War*, *That Child* and *Deep*

Secrets. He admitted being inspired to write inspirational books and poems for children and youths by his late dad, the former chairman of the Nigerian Red Cross-Motherless Babies Homes.

The writer is currently working on two books promoting religious, ethnic and cultural tolerance. One is entitled *Easter Armas*, predicated on the tale of an abused child who lost both his parents at a very early age, but later became a renowned surgeon.

Forum calls for synergy between publishers, authors

By DAMIETE BRAIDE

GOOD authors bring fortune to publishers, just as reputable publishers promote authors beyond their shores. Chairman, University Press Plc, Dr Lelekan Ane, made this known during his welcome address of Authors' Forum in Ibadan with the theme "Building a Partnership that works: The relationship between authors and publishers in Nigeria."

He noted that publishers and authors were like Siamese twins whose dependence on each other couldn't be undermined. "The relationship between authors and publishers, apart from being mutually reinforcing, also produces a synergy that oils the wheel of educational development on the other for the successful completion of a publishing project."

For him, the book is a veritable source of information to teachers and students, a goldmine of knowledge for researchers and scholars and a fountain of pleasure and leisure for general readers, as well as a link that binds the authors and publisher together.

He opined that, without authors, there would be no publishing industry, adding the views of publishers and authors about each other were often polarized. "They need each other, and cannot survive effectively without each other. Both the author and publisher have shared one good in mind and that is to make a book succeed, both parties should possess a passion for it," he said.

He vowed to maintain the UPPL tradition of openness, transparency and trustworthiness, which it had maintained in close to 70 years of dynamic publishing.

Professor Akachi Enigbo, in his lecture en-



Professors Chukwuemeka Ike and Akachi Adimoro-Ezeigbo during the programme

itled "Building a Partnership that Works: The Relationship between Authors and Publishers in Nigeria" observed that the emergence of publishing companies had necessitated the forging of a partnership with authors whose business was to write, while the publisher got on with the job of getting the writing out in form of books so that readers or users could read them, though she described the relationship between the two as a love-hate relationship.

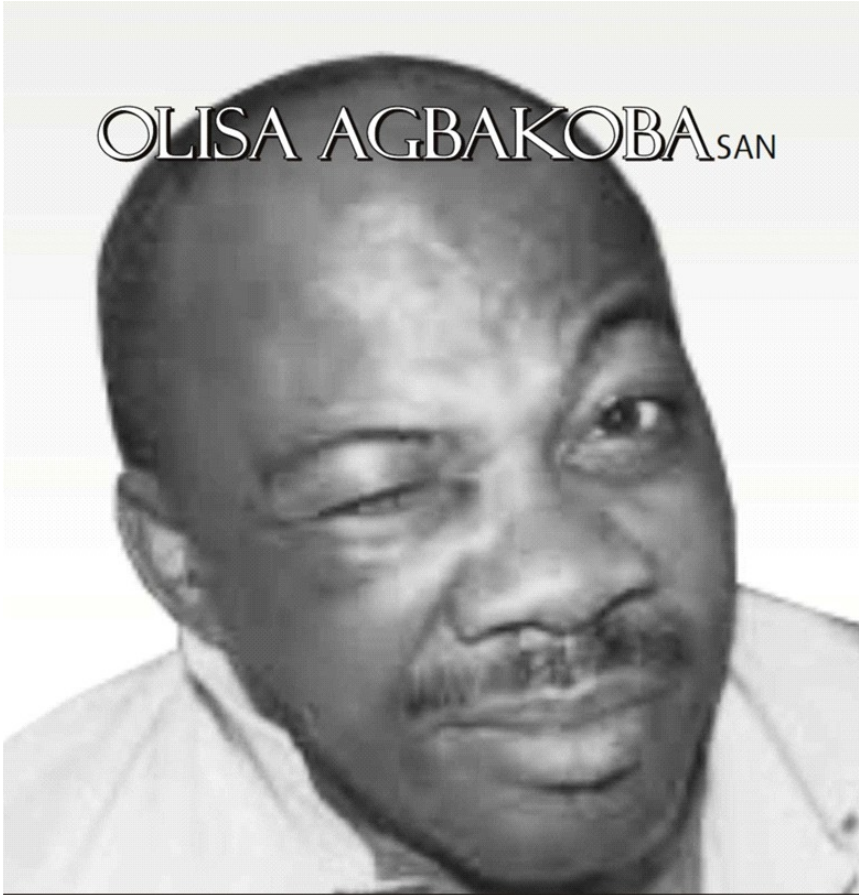
"The relationship between most authors and publishers in Nigeria has been fraught with uneasy peace or outright mistrust. Authors accuse publishers of not keeping to the terms of the contract agreement. They complain that publishers rob them of the rewards of their labor by not paying royalties regularly or even at all. And publishers are also condemned for not marketing books effectively, as their distribution strategies are not always efficient.

"Moreover, authors blame publishers for not giving accurate feedback on sales. Most authors do not earn a living wage from their writing and so have to look for an alternative job or some kind of business that provides additional or alternative income. Little wonder that most authors of fiction and non-fiction in Nigeria are professional teachers or lecturers in secondary or tertiary institutions while some are retired teachers or professors or civil servants on pension." The university dean further noted that, for the duo to move forward, both parties should remain engaged and work in harmony.

Renowned poet, Prof. Niyi Odundi, applauded the efforts of the University Press in sustaining the Authors Forum over the years. This is what the book does: it builds families. It is the book and publishing that has brought us together with the chairman of UPPL. It is publishing and writing that has also done it. The closer you have done that the more you discover the publisher challenges the author which is very important because a good publisher challenges the author," he said.

He added, "It is a pity that we are a continent without literary like that is found without a sale. When the history of literacy gets to be written not just in Nigeria but in Africa, Ibadan will keep a very unique place, not just Ibadan, Jericho with its publishing houses and book-binders. If you go to England, they talk about Fleet Street, where the Presses are, Cafe Street where doctors are and so on."

Managing Director, UPPL, Samuel Kokuwale, in his vote of thanks, commended the audience for attending the ninth edition of the Authors' Forum, promising that tenth edition and seventeenth anniversary of the publishing house would be a bumper harvest.



OLISA AGBAKOBA, ABACHA SECURITY BEAT HIM TO A PULP
AT THE FIVE MILLION MAN MATCH FOR DEMOCRACY
IN YABA LAGOS 1997

BRUISED AND BATTERED BUT NOT BROKEN OR DETERED
- Civil Liberties Organization (CLO)

CHAPTER 5

ENUGU PRISON (1997) THREE ABACHA INMATES IN CONVERSATION. ABACHA HAD JUST ARRESTED OLISA AGBAKOBA FORMER CLO CHIEF (REENACTED)

“Hey Rufus where have you been hiding?” Obi inquired.

“Hiding? Far from it. Anytime I disappear, and then know they have put me in solidarity confinement. They think they can make me talk NEVER!” Rufus replied squinting in pain from muscle torture received while under interrogation.

“Be careful O!”, Rufus said, “there is a rumor of people slated for elimination”. Abiola has gone; Yaradua has gone!! Who knows who is next? “Be wise and careful.”

Speaking of rumors, did you hear Agbakoba has been arrested?” Obi asked, opening his eyes ball wide like in horror.

“That's not possible”. Rufus interjected “He has United State support. They can't touch him”

“Don't be too sure. I hear he is here with us since night” Obi said as a matter of fact.

“That man is a strong man. I will be shocked if they could arrest him.” Rufus said indifferently.

"I am telling you what I know. Agbakoba has been arrested and is in Enugu Prison with us." Obi said with a tone of conviction.

"If they have arrested Olisa Agbakoba, then we are doomed. Who will fight for us?" Rufus exclaimed, desperately. "I don't think I can endure another solitary confinement"

Doomed? What do you mean we are doomed? Please stop confessing negatively. But what do you mean we are doomed? Obi quizzed.

Doomed? Like finished! Kaput! Evaporated! Vanished! Do you get the picture now? Rufus said.

"Ya! ya!! Holy Moses! I think I do." Obi said acceptingly.

But Agbakoba will survive. He has enormous strength. I was at the Yaba 5 million man March and I saw that this man is braver than a lion" Rufus commented with a tinge of pride

"Oh were you at the 5 million man March?" Obi asked, eyes opening wide for emphasis.

"Of course I was!. Abacha was organizing 1 million man March to continue his oppression of Nigeria' and Agbakoba challenged Abacha with the 5 million man march. They beat him to a pulp that day, then detained him at the Panty Police Station. Rufus explained.

"But at least he had made a bold statement that shook the world. The man is fearless". Obi commented..

Come let's see if we can access wing C. That's where they keep high profile activists. If he is really in this prison, we will find him there.

"Oya let's go. Wonders shall never cease. Olisa Agbakoba arrested? Unbelievable!"

When Nigeria' came under the iron fisted grip of Abacha on the 17th November, 1993, Nigeria' was suddenly plunged into a kind of darkness never before experienced in the history of Nigeria'.

Tyranny and all manner of evil took center stage in the Nigeria' political spectrum. NIGERIANS did not really know how to tackle the Abacha Goliath, so human rights organizations such as CLO with Olisa Agbakoba steering the wheels of the CLO machine stepped in to fight Abacha on behalf of all NIGERIANS. There were many more NGOs that leaned their weight on Abacha to allow democracy some breathing space.

But today, we are witnessing another kind of tyranny with the total collapse of the Nigeria economy during the waning days of the Buhari led administration. And the elephant in the room is corruption and bad Governance and terrorism. So Abacha tyranny has now been replaced with Buhari government corruption and bad governance

Let's now delve a little bit into the Abacha led administration history.

General Abacha is the central character in this discussion, so it will be pertinent to know a little bit about him and his involvement in military politics and coups. Therefore, here is a summary of Abacha's story.

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Birds of a feather flock together is an age old adage and if you decide not to call a spade a spade, just endeavor to digest the preceding paragraphs and you may figure why Nigeria' is the way it is today and what I mean by the proverb": birds of a feather flock together"

The Abacha military regime that ruled Nigeria from 17 November 1993 to 8 June 1998 could well be summarized as a government that was involved in a perennial, if uneven, struggle with civil society organizations and the international community that wanted a rapid return to civilian and democratic rule. The Abacha junta, which was the arrowhead of the anti-democratic forces, prevailed, by substituting 'the edict of the gun' for 'the promise of a new dawn'. The resilience and perseverance of the pro-democracy forces, with a tinge of providence, ensured that the Nigerian civil society had the last laugh.

Abacha received his formal military training at Nigerian and British military training colleges. He rose through the ranks in the Nigerian military and by 1983 had achieved the rank of brigadier when he assisted Ibrahim Babangida in overthrowing Shehu Shagari, who had been elected to his second presidential term in 1983. Muhammad Buhari became Nigeria's leader, but just two years later Babangida overthrew Buhari and installed himself as leader with Abacha second in command. Elections were held in 1993 and were won by Moshood Abiola, a candidate supposedly supported by Babangida, who, however, annulled the elections and set up a civilian interim government, which Abacha quickly overthrew.

Although Abacha promised a return to democracy, his actions were anything but democratic. He banned political activity of any kind, fired a large portion of the military, controlled the press, and assembled a personal security force of some 3,000 men. While he supported the Economic Community of West

African States (ECOWAS) and its military arm, ECOWAS Monitoring Group (ECOMOG), in sending troops to restore democracy in Liberia and Sierra Leone, he brutally suppressed dissent at home. Abiola and Olusegun Obasanjo, a former military leader of Nigeria (1976-79), were jailed for treason. Wale Soyinka, Nigeria's Nobel laureate, was also charged with treason, although he had voluntarily left the country. Perhaps Abacha's most brutal act was the imprisonment, trial, and subsequent execution for treason of writer Ken Saro-Wiwa and other Ogoni activists who were concerned with the environmental exploitation of their region by multinational petroleum companies.

Abacha's sudden death in June 1998 moved along the process of returning the country to civilian rule. His military successor, Abdusalam Abubakar, oversaw the return to an elected civilian government in 1999. After Abacha's death, it was rumoured that he and his family had enriched themselves by some \$3 billion, most of it held in European banks. In 2002 a settlement, which returned most of the money to the government in exchange for dropping criminal prosecution, was reached between the Obasanjo government and the Abacha family.

It was this blanket of darkness in Nigeria that gave rise to formidable pro-democracy movements like CLO and many others. CLO was one of the most effective weapons fashioned against military dictatorship under the watchful eyes of Olisa Agbakoba who happens to be my beloved elder brother. So I know the whole story of his activism.

I was enjoying a bowl of pepper soup and a chilled beer in a lounge when the kind of news you don't want to hear, especially when you are enjoying a quiet evening with a few friends suddenly pops from the blues.

Olisa Agbakoba has been arrested by Abacha security operatives on his way back from Germany where he visited to share the true state of things in NIGERIA and canvas for additional support.

The rest is history as I sped to Olisa's home at Illorin Street in Surulere to consult with Lillian, Olisa's wife on what was really going on. Lillian confirmed to me that Olisa was picked up at the airport on his return from Germany and has since been moved to the Enugu Prison

It was rumored that Olisa and a couple others were on Abacha's hit list and because Abiola and Yaradua died under mysterious circumstances not still very clear to this day, this was a rumour that was given everybody what came to known as "Abacha fever."

We heard nerve chilling rumours of statements made by Abacha in private. He said boastfully "that Igbo lawyer thinks he is so smart. He got away from me at Yaba, this time he can never escape."

However, Olisa escaped the gallows of Abacha when it was reported he was having some private pleasure when he kicked the bucket. This was just a rumour like a smoke, but we know there is no smoke without fire, so there must have been some fire to this smoke or rumour.

As the three Prison inmates approached wing C, their worst nightmare was confirmed, as they could hear the voice of Olisa in heated argument with Abacha security operatives.

Holy Moses. He is here O!; Lord have mercy on Nigeria'. We are doomed!! "one of the activists exclaimed.

Please stop using that word 'doomed' it gives me the jitters.

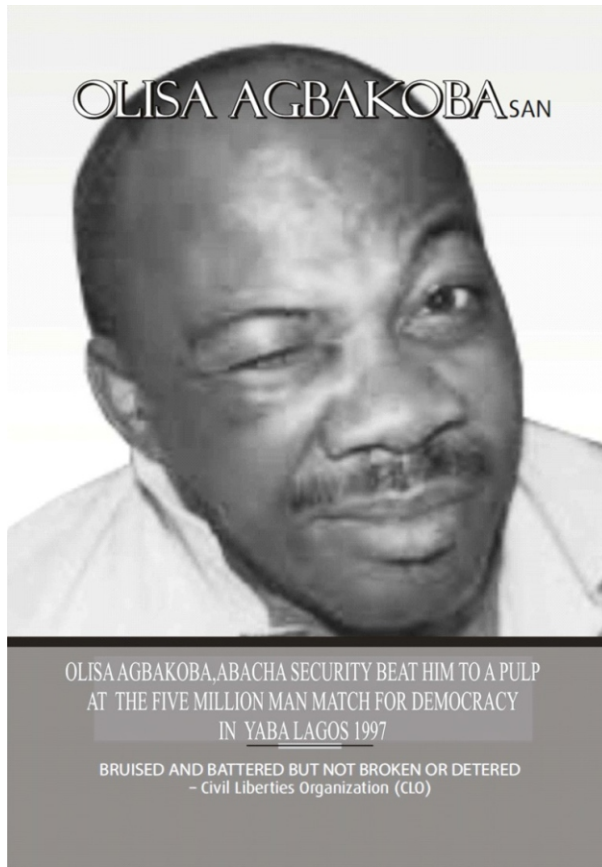
Every day we prepared our minds to hear the bad news. "Olisa committed suicide" Olisa had a heart attack. Olisa fell off the prison balcony. Olisa was bitten by a snake in his cell and so on. Imaginations were running wild.

But the day came when Pope Paul visited NIGERIA with the soul reason of appealing to Abacha to allow DEMOCRACY in Nigeria a chance.

When the Pope arrived in NIGERIA, the first thing he did as he alighted from the aircraft was to go down on his two knees and kiss NIGERIA soil.

People hailed Pope Paul as a very humble and romantic man. Far from it. This kissing- of- the-soil- ritual is not a kiss of love or romance, but to appease the spirit of Nigeria' so that whatever and whenever he Pope Paul speaks to that Spirit, the Almighty God will Honour. His request. And the simple prayer from the Pope is allow democracy a chance in Nigeria.

The Pope's arrival into NIGERIA meant the end of the Abacha dictatorship, but only a few people were sure until news reached the world that Abacha had departed for a journey without a return ticket. And Nigeria and the entire world 'exploded in jubilation. The same kind of jubilation will be repeated very soon cum 2023.



Chapter 6

THE DIVINE NATURE OF THE PETER OBI PRESIDENCY CANDIDACY BASED ON BIBLICAL CALCULATIONS AND LOGIC AND SIGNIFICANCE OF PETER OBI ASCENSION TO EGYPT AND SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS ASCENSION

Peter Obi's bid for the Presidency is a campaign dynamics never experienced before in Nigerian politics.

Peter Obi travelled to Egypt in what is technically referred to as an ascension to gather facts on how and why electric power supply in Egypt works to perfection with almost zero blackouts, but there are important spiritual significance to this Ascension to Egypt that even Mr. Peter Obi may not be aware of.

Egypt it is discovered has been used as a place of refuge, comfort and information seeking since the age of Israel living in Egypt, over 2000 years ago when Joseph was Prime Minister of Egypt and just two point out Joseph the son of Isaac received intense training in politics in Egypt, little wonder, Peter Obi also touched base with Egypt in recent times.

There are similarities between Peter Obi's Ascension to Egypt and notable Biblical and Koranic characters and events and in legal terms this is referred to as Precedence and Precedence simply means, if it happened before, it is most likely going to take the same course today as history reveals.

Therefore, here are 9 similarities or what is referred to as Precedence in legal terms in the Peter Obi Presidency bid to Biblical and Koranic characters and events.

FIRST PRECEDENCE

In the Bible and Koran stories we read that David was a skilled hunter and acquired multiple hunting skills of bringing down large animals with his bow and arrow while tending to the family livestock in the wilderness.

1st Samuel 17:31-37

David explains the skills for battle he acquired while working as a goat and sheep shepherd for the family flock.

On the other, hand regarding skills acquisition, Peter Obi did not stop acquiring extra education and skills after earning a BA Philosophy (UNN) but forged on to acquire a pile up of extra degrees and qualifications from six world class institutions.

SECOND PRECEDENCE

Second precedence extracted from biblical and Koranic teachings is that, David was met with great adoration and jubilation on his return from battle after killing Goliath and mostly women and children lined the streets chanting adoration slogans at David.

welcome Peter Obi back to Nigeria after his ascension to Egypt for inquiry.

Third Precedence

In the Bible and Koran stories, Moses ascended Mt Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments and receive counsel from God on how best to govern the people of Israel.

Exodus 24:15-18

"And Moses ascended Mt Sinai and the cloud covered the mountain. The Glory of God settled on Mt Sinai". This was several centuries before Christ and Mohammed.

Peter Obi ascended to Egypt to receive counsel on how and why EGYPT conquered power shortage and how and why Egypt education is considered world class and to see what ideas he can bring back to Nigeria that make nation building work.

Fourth Precedence

The Bible and Koran stories tell us that David was an outsider in his father's family having been born via a love affair and not marriage so David was assigned harder family tasks like being shepherd to the family goats and sheep.

On the other hand, Peter Obi is an outsider in comparison to older expired politicians we now refer to as old school. Peter Obi is certainly not an old school politician.

Fifth Precedence

The Bible and Koran stories tell us that Jesus and his family ascended to Egypt when Herod had ideas of killing Jesus seeing Jesus was a threat to his Kingdom not knowing that Jesus was King to a spiritual kingdom, but the crust of the matter is that the family of Jesus ascended to Egypt for comfort and provision.

Peter Obi just like the family of Jesus Christ ascended to Egypt to find solutions to one of NIGERIA'S major obstacles to progress. Power supply and energy. It was the same kind of desperation to find solutions and comfort for very serious issues that drove the family of Jesus or Peter Obi to ascend to Egypt.

Sixth Precedence

One of the greatest Biblical/Koranic Ascensions to Egypt occurred during a great famine and hardship in the days when Joseph was Prime Minister of EGYPT at about 1000bc. The kind of hardship rocking Nigeria at this time. On an invitation from Joseph, the entire nation of Israel migrated to Egypt; 70 thousand Israelites grew to 3 million in under four hundred and thirty years.

Egypt, Mecca, Jerusalem and a few other destinations are sacred, historical, cultural and religious hubs that attract millions of pilgrims every year.

When a person travels to such hub, for religious, political, cultural or economic salvation, inquiry or prayers, this kind of travel is referred to as an ASCENSION, so Mr. Peter Obi has joined the Biblical and Koranic ranks in history to have ascended to Egypt for special nation building inquiry and spiritual counselling.

Seventh Precedence

David was a humble man and when he made a mistake he was quick to say "Lord I am sorry" and take corrections as was experienced when he made a wrong move with Bathsheba, mother of Solomon.

Peter Obi is a very humble man and even the title of "Mr." he prefers to be addressed instead of Dr. or Chief is an evidence of his humility, but the world saw an aspect of Mr. Peter Obi's humility at the Abuja airport on return from Egypt when an adoring mother dropped her phone in the pushing and shoving and we all saw Peter Obi make a move to bend down to pick up the phone. For a man with such great business and political stature that was the cream of humility. We also saw when Peter Obi knelt down to greet PDP Presidential Candidate Atiku at the 2022 Nigeria Bar Association (NBA) conference held in Lagos.

Eighth Precedence

When David returned from slaying Goliath, an adoration slogan was generated, being inspired by the great feat of killing Goliath.

1st Samuel 18: 7-14

Saul has slain only a thousand but David has slain tens of thousands because a signature song of victory and adoration

was generated from slaying Goliath and this slogan was internally generated by the crushing of Goliath.

On the other hand, when Peter Obi returned from his ascension to Egypt, it was not long before an internally generated slogan began to manifest as a coinage from the word Obi but inspired by the man in the person of Peter Obi. The OBEDIENCE MOVEMENT WAS BORN. Mr. Donald Trump's campaign slogan was "make America great again" while Buhari's campaign slogan was 'change' and for both men, this could not be further from the truth. But Labour Party Campaign slogan is internally generated by the vibrations of the man Peter Obi, similar to David's adoration slogan which was generated by the slaying of Goliath, internally.

Ninth Precedence

After Saul lost his kingship, he never gave up ambitious of holding onto power, refusing to hand over power to David (just like Mr. Donald Trump) and was a thorn in the flesh of David until God Almighty had had enough of Saul's nonsense and Saul met his death by divinely inspired suicide.

1st Samuel 31:1-8

So Saul took his sword and committed suicide and when his body guard saw what his Master and King had done, he took his own sword and committed suicide also.

There is some talk that even if Peter Obi wins the Presidency ticket there will be great opposition that could be similar to what

David experienced at the hands of Saul. But the Bible reveals that Saul committed suicide as did his body guard and that was how God Almighty removed Saul from the scene and allowed David to rule Israel in piece.

During the reign of David, one of his sons Absalom, gathered a group of rebels and deposed his father, King David from the throne, taking over his concubines and even employing his father's Wiseman, Ahithophel to give him counsel. When David heard while in exile what his son did, all David did was pray a simple prayer, requesting the Almighty God turn the counsel of the Wiseman Ahithophel to his son Absalom into foolishness.

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(2nd Samuel 18-9)

Now Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. For Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. And his head caught fast in the oak, so he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him kept going. (a perfect example of death by Divine Hanging).

The Bible and Koran stories are there for all humanity to see how a multitude of things work and serves as a guide to all mankind.

But unfortunately, mankind often times fails to refer to history and simply makes the same or identical mistakes.

Why is it that mankind is often quick to forget history?

Mankind in his seemingly vast wisdom often times thinks he is so smart and witty, incapable of making a mistake; impossible of making a wrong move; Always correct and accurate without error.

That's the thinking of man, however many of the greatest battles in human history were riddled with mistakes and miscalculations. And we have seen many in the course of the 2023 elections.

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However, you must never connect positive and negative cables or wires together. Do you know why? Because if you connect negative and positive wires together, all you will get is serious sparking or an explosion or even start a fire and you can even damage the engine. It's only a foolish person that will connect positive and negative cables together because I was watching Taiwo prepare his cables and Taiwo was connecting his cables the wrong way. I could not contain Taiwo's stupidity; I gave him a dirty slap to bring his brains back.

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The story of how Abacha refused to allow DEMOCRACY in Nigeria is a very recent historical blunder and even when Pope Paul visited NIGERIA to beg and appeal to Abacha to allow DEMOCRACY to flow in Nigeria, Abacha was defiant until he met his death in a fashion that must be the hand of the Almighty God. Rumours or reports of how Abacha spent his last days in pleasure while at the same time passing on to the world of the spirits is not news anymore.

Abacha did not realize that when Pope Paul visited NIGERIA, it was almost like God Almighty Himself visited NIGERIA. When Pope Paul alighted from the aircraft, the first thing he did was to go down on his two knees and kiss NIGERIA soil. This singular spiritual ritual is not a kiss of love but to establish spiritual contact with the entire nation of NIGERIA and it was that kiss that God Honoured by removing Abacha in a fashion only God Almighty Himself can do.

In recent times we have all seen how three people may be facing the wrath of God due to the very terrible things that befell them one by one because of some very disparaging comments they made against who the world now firmly believes is an anointed person that will turn things around in NIGERIA for the betterment of the average suffering Nigerian. It is only Mr. Peter Obi that fits this description.

It is only God that is all knowing and can really tell us for sure that these tragedies that befell these three people are directly of his making. Yes only God Almighty can say for sure but the

Bible and Koran are there to tell us the mind of God and there is a very strong hunch that this is the doing of the Almighty God Himself due to the very simple stories of death by Divine Hanging or death by divine suicide we read of in the Bible and Koran.

The Bible and Koran stories of death by Divine Hanging experience by Absalom and death by divinely inspired suicide of King Saul and his bodyguard should ring an alarm bell to all enemies of progress.

Chapter 7

SCIENTIFICALLY PROVEN REASONS FOR HUGE DIFFERENCES IN LEVELS OF DEVELOPMENT IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, RELIGION, CULTURE, SPORTS AND ECONOMY BETWEEN THE DEVELOPED WORLD AND THE DEVELOPING WORLD BRAIN DNA AND GENE PULL EVOLUTION AND ADAPTATION BASED ON THE TRAMPOLINE THEORY OF PROGRESSIVE LIFT

Brain DNA evolution and the trampoline theory states that brain evolution and DNA adaptation from generation to generation will produce or create superior genes with every new generation based on the trampoline theory that the more you jump on the trampoline, the higher the next spring into the air and with every jump the spring gets progressively higher and summer saults and dare devil acrobatics gets even more complex and sophisticated.

This could help explain the huge differences in industrialization and development in all spheres of human development and existence between the developed and developing nations.

The trampoline is a sports equipment that is used by sports enthusiasts and is very much loved by children, acrobats and indeed anybody who loves the rare sensation of flying through the air and defying the forces of gravity. And the higher you fly into the air:, the more amazing the summersaults and dare devil acrobatics the person can perform.

This is the same way the brain evolves from generation to generation. That the brain DNA adapts to a superior ability at innovations, inventions, creativity and motivations with adequate massage or excitement from academic tools like reading culture and many others with every passing generation . Therefore this simply means that just like the athlete jumping on the trampoline every jump gives a higher lift into the air and it is at this time that things get really fancy with double and triple summersaults and almost like dancing in the air before dropping and gaining an even higher lift. So is experienced with the brain when it is properly massaged by things like reading culture. The brain adapts to more complicated innovation and inventions with every passing generation.

This is supposed to be a life time process that keeps the brain academically, mentally and spiritually in tune throughout life. It is the bedrock for the newspaper reading culture which compels the average person to read some news worthy literature every single day. Therefore it is the offspring of these generations that are endowed with even superior brain DNA genes than the preceding generation and the whole process is repeated with yet another new generation so the imaginations, inventions, theories, formulas and anything that propellers human creativity becomes even more complex.

This has produced human beings that have created the most amazing and magical inventions, theories and ideas because of a highly developed brain gene and his can only or

predominantly be found in parts of the world where reading Culture has been growing for the past two thousand years or more. Could this theory then suggest that the developing nations may be about 2000 years behind in gene DNA evolution? Yes. That is what it looks like, if this theory has any merit.

Religion may have played a vital role at developing a vibrant reading culture for over 2,000 years based on evidence since the birth of Jesus Christ and even beyond that date going as far back as the era of King David who is reputed to have written the Proverbs and other vital Biblical literature with amazing compositions of brilliant poems, essays and stories.

It is pertinent to note that If King David could compose such brilliant poems and songs he must have been doing a lot of reading himself because simple science or logic tells us that if you don't read or read a lot, you may not be able to write or compose literature that is compelling. It is obvious King David was not writing just for the sake of writing or writing for his immediate family. He had an entire nation as his audience and he used his writing skills to motivate or chastise millions of people under his Kingship often referred to as subjects in those days. In those days Kings or Queens's rule was absolute. You either comply with State or Kingdom rules or laws or your head could be chopped off. So it is believed that dynamics like these inspired the Reading Culture we see today flourishing in most developed nations.

But it was during the era of Jesus Christ that we see substantial evidence of temple, public square or synagogue activities where lots of reading and writing and listening to lectures and preaching from orators like Christ Himself was evident and prominent.

A part of biblical scriptures that seems to encourage reading is found in Romans 10:17 and simply says faith comes by reading and reading and reading and reading the scriptures. This according to the scriptures builds up faith which is the most essential ingredient in the life of a Christian or Jew. And of course everyone wanted to grow their faith so they had to read and re-read the scriptures.

The fact remains that as a certain group of people began to read and read and re read the scriptures, interest in reading other genres of writings began to develop and spread and kept spreading fast and at a later date than the era of Jesus Christ, another formidable orator emerged with the Islamic faith and the Koran. The Prophet Mohammed had like Jesus Christ a huge flock that was always driven by faith to read and read and re read the Koran. The bible and Koran may very well be the world's book best sellers of all times considering the fact that the Catholic faith population beside other Christian denominations is a staggering 2.5 billion faithful.

2000 years ago, universities, formal and vocational schools and professions were already in existence developing side by side with reading culture that in turn was fuelled by religion. After all, Joseph the father of Jesus Christ was a carpenter and Peter and Paul were fishermen. These are all vocations and one of the 12 apostles was reputed to being a medical doctor.

2000 years ago, there were nations and governments and hospitals and doctors and indeed there were also a host of all kinds of cultural activities such as sports just as is apparent today.

So 2000 years ago, the presence of all these activities that are the basis for our common humanity were all present as is still the case today. But however, what was present in our common humanity 2000 years ago that seems to be thriving in most developed nations that is currently absent in the dynamics of developing nations is the absence of a reading culture level that is anything comparable to the high levels of reading culture in most developed nations capable of driving brain evolution capable of producing genes that can create the kind of almost magical technologies we see today.

Therefore, if Reading Culture is the missing link then there must be more that meets the eye that we are yet to truly confirm that lack of a vibrant reading culture is the one and only item missing almost totally in the cultures of developing nations vis-a-vis the developed nations and therefore is the culprit for much slower rates of development in the developing nations.

Furthermore, viewing this issue of reading culture in Africa, Reading Culture was not part of African culture from time immemorial. It is a fact that most African religions did not have it in the form of a Bible or Koran or in other words-did not have it documented. Oral transmission of handing down

cultural, religious or historical facts was the norm. Actually Africa for whatever reasons did not develop any form of letters or alphabets apart from a handful of African cultures, but these African writings were dwarfed and unable to spread and develop effectively as did the English alphabets. Therefore, there was nothing in the hands of African intellectuals to use in teaching or reading, hence there was nothing to use as a platform upon which Reading Culture could develop. However, the minute Christianity and Islam began to take root in Africa, it was at that time that Reading Culture began to develop and schools and education also began to develop fast. And in reference to Nigeria these aspects of human existence began to develop fast. Therefore, this goes a long way in proving that religion had a vital role in the development of a solid reading culture.

Chapter 8

AGBAKOKA POSTULATES NEW THEORY ON EDUCATION PROMOTING READING CULTURE

The theory on education and arts and science development is not a new theory. Everybody knows education facilitates, enhances and accelerates development in all spheres of human existence. What is new about my theory is I dissected education into 3 major parts. The 3 major mediums for disseminating education are namely, Formal Education or what I call the protein of society, vocational/technical education or what I call the carbohydrate of society and Informal/Passive Education or what I call the oils and minerals of society.

It is a healthy balance of the 3 major mediums of education that accelerates development, prosperity and general well-being of a nation, just as the human body needs a healthy balance of proteins, carbohydrates and vitamins/minerals.

No high levels of Formal Education, (FE) or Vocation/Technical Education (VTE) without a corresponding growth of informal/passive Education (IPE) book reading culture, TV, Radio, Newspapers, Religion, Sports and a host of extra school activities will produce the desired levels of growth in development in arts and science and all aspects of a nation's

Reading culture is a very important component of developing a progressively developing nation. Youths will never develop a healthy reading culture only by attending secondary school and higher institutions. It is a deliberate effort made by parents in the home and institutional projects from academic institutions that kindles a healthy

reading culture and let's not deceive ourselves, reading culture has almost totally collapsed in developing countries like Nigeria, It will take many years of deliberate effort from parents and academic leaders to rekindle this progressive academic, social culture. No starting point to begin to rekindle reading culture is too small or too big to start, after all the journey of a thousand miles starts with the first step.

Youths carry smart phones in their pockets that cost 40,50,60,70 or even 80,000 naira and above, but will not spend 1,000 or 1,500 naira to buy a good book. So money or its lack thereof is not the problem.

In the 60s, 70s and early parts of the 80s, novels of the *Hardly Chase* series, *Mills and Boon* or the *Sidney Sheldon* series amongst many other titles were very popular amongst Youths including my humble self. But today all we see is youths and even adults bent over their smart phones sending all kinds of messages, many of them useless to mind building. This has to

be and can be reversed with adequate support, encouragement and resources. Platforms that encourage book reading culture need to be created as a matter of urgency with adequate incentives that inspires reading.

Compelling a Youth to buy and read a book to pass an exam is a good starting point, but simple psychology informs me that the minute that pressure to buy and read a book to pass an examination is absent, then the book will most likely be discarded.

The whole idea of igniting reading culture is to ensure that youths willingly look for good books that may interest them and read such books without any coercion or pressure because they want to pass an exam, like it used to be in the 50s, 60s, 70s and early part of the 1980s.

When we observe families in developed nations, we wonder why everybody from the little toddlers to teenagers plus dads and mums always have a novel, story book or nursery rhymes they are reading in their spare time.

There is a definite benefit to this culture that enhances and accelerates societal development. It's interesting to note that the industrial revolution of the 1900s that was the bedrock upon which industrialized nations began to emerge was not inspired by people who received formal education in institutions of higher learning.

It was inspired by people gifted with vocational skills who never saw the 4 walls of any university. However, these gifted people that gave us all kinds of inventions that has made life easy and sweet today did not have the capacity to translate their innovations of inventions into public utility. The people who had acquired formal educational were the administrators and technocrats that had the training and skills to transform innovations and inventions often developed in backyards and garages into usable products, utilities and services.

As I mentioned earlier, it is a healthy balance It is a healthy balance of the 3 major mediums of education that accelerates development, prosperity and general well-being of a nation, just as the human body needs a healthy balance of proteins, carbohydrates and vitamins/minerals.

Industrialized and developed nations did not become developed through any mysterious magical powers. Any nation that applies some of the principles industrialized nations have adopted for centuries will have the same results.

It is little wonder that when the President of the United States of America or the US First Lady visits a primary school, reading story books to the President or the President reading to an entire classroom is an event high on the activities of the visiting dignitary. And of course, news networks like CNN are always on hand to broadcast the event to the entire world.

This activity is designed to promote reading culture. It is a fact that during the 9/11 bombing of the World Trade Center in New York, President Bush was in a classroom reading to students while the students also read to his hearing. A CIA operative came into the classroom unnoticed and whispered into the President's ears that America was under terrorist attack. President Bush did not abruptly stop the reading exercise but took another 15-30 minutes to round up nicely before attending to terrorist attack issues facing America at that very moment. This singular action speaks volumes concerning the importance of reading culture and this fact is still on the internet for anybody to verify. Policies that introduce compulsory literature books for all exam candidates to help rekindle a dead reading culture most apparent in Nigeria and beyond is a fantastic policy, but I firmly believe that authors and publishers can play a vital role to help support this policy.

How can this objective be achieved We all know that youths and students will readily wish to take advantage of scholarship opportunities if available and if presented via accessible and reputable platforms, youths or students who are interested in such scholarship funds or other attractive prizes must show proof of having read at least 2 or 3 novels apart from recommended examination books to be eligible to apply for the scholarship and prizes executed after exams are done with. The degree of literacy decay has reached such an alarming stage, that we can no longer be complacent as our youths and students have almost totally abandoned interest in reading good books that edify the body, soul and spirit to browsing for all

kind of junk information that defiles the mind, readily available on the internet and social media. Our children can hardly spell correctly even the most simplest of words and this is one of the many disadvantages of a dead reading culture.

We must as a matter of urgency, do all in our power as leaders, teachers, lecturers or professors to help salvage a dead reading culture in Nigeria and beyond, before we begin to produce Lawyers that cannot write briefs or teachers who cannot spell correctly.

We in Nigeria may think we are losing revenue from obvious areas such as our inability so far to drill and refine our oil or tons and tons of precious minerals including gold and silver that remains buried deep in the earth or inefficiencies of a potentially vibrant tourist industry, however we are losing tons of revenue from less obvious areas such as book sales.

For instance in Fareed Zakaria's CNN Program Global Public Square (GPS) Fareed reported on the 23rd of April, 2018 that a survey was conducted by a reputable survey organization and it was revealed that out of the American population of 325.7 million people only 60 Million people didn't read at least two books last year 2017. This means that a balance of 265.7 million people read an average of three books and above in 2017. This analysis should get us on our feet to change the

course of reading habits in our dear country. It can be done and all we have to say to ourselves, if I may borrow a quote from Barrack Obama when he was on the campaign trail “yes we can”

These figure translates to Trillion of Dollars in revenue from a book Reading Culture possibly larger than the Nigeria annual budget.

If we in Nigeria could successfully install democracy or even build a brand new capital from scratch in Abuja, within the span of a few decades, then we can safely say that we in Nigeria can achieve anything we have a collective resolve to achieve.

The question begs, “What is holding us back”

Chapter 9

"NIGERIA" A NAME GIVEN TO US BY OUR COLONIAL MASTERS

Biblical, Quranic, Political, Cultural, Social and Religious mind bugging reasons and calculations why Nigeria must change her name to unlock mysterious potentials.

The issue of name change for NIGERIA has been discussed in a previous Chapter but I am compelled to revisit the topic of name change for NIGERIA again in more compelling details, because the issue is heavy in my heart.

From time immemorial, names and naming ceremonies has been an intrinsic part of our common humanity. In some cultures, in Africa and indeed Nigeria, naming ceremonies are very sacred and celebratory occasions very much revered.

Stories of name change abound in the Bible and Koran and should act as a guide to Nations who may be eying the prospects of name or identity change.

Why was this change in names of two principal characters in the scriptures become so important?

When God had plans of making Abraham the father to many Nations a change of name became eminent and the same prescription was administered to his wife Sarah, because the two new names carried the precise meanings and vibrations needed for the mission of Abraham and his wife Sarah in becoming father and mother to a multitude of Nations.

In Bible and Quran stories, Blind Bartimaeus tore off his old tattered clothes and put on fresh bright clothes when he suddenly got healed from total blindness. Meaning his newly regained sight demanded a fresh new Identity, hence the urgent need of a sudden change in clothes, appearance or identity.

Saul of Tarsus was a violent and effective prosecutor of the early Christians, but when the Creator had plans to convert Saul to a major personality that did spreadsheet the Gospel, God changed his name from Saul to Paul.

One of the earliest examples of name change is found in the Bible and Koran when God Himself changed the name of Abram to Abraham and also changed the name of Saria Abraham's wife to Sarah.

It is very clear that name has a lot to do with fulfilment of destiny. There are numerous instances of name change in the scriptures and there seems to be a striking similarity between the meanings of African names and how such names are given with meanings of scripture based names and how such names were given and the following are a list of some scripture characters and the meanings of the names.

People whose names were changed by the Creator in the Scriptures and the meanings and significance of such names.

Here are some of the people whose names were changed in the Bible or Koran Jehovah himself gave the name to Abraham and Sarah.

Abraham – The word Abram Means Exalted father and Abraham means father of a multitude. Bible says in the book of (Genesis 17:5) “He shall no more be called Abram, his name shall be Abraham; a father of many generations have I made thee.”

Sarah – The word Sarai means princely and Sarah means queen of princes or mother of princes. (Genesis 17:15) “God said to Abraham, you shall not call your wife Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name.”

In the story of Jacob an angel came to him and changed his name from Jacob to Israel.

Jacob – The word Jacob means cheater, deceiver, and Israel means God's people. (Genesis 32:28) “And he said, your name no more shall be called Jacob but Israel. For as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.”

Mishael, Hananiah, Daniel, Azariah here Ashpenaz changed the name. Daniel – The word Daniel means God is judge and Belteshazzar means the chief deity of Babylon.

Hananiah – The word Hananiah means gift of the lord and Shadrach means command of Aku, The moon God.

Mishael – The word Mishael means who is what God is and Meshach means who is as Aku.

Azariah – The word Azariah means whom Jehovah helps and Abed-nego means the God of science and literature.

(Daniel 1:7) “The prince of eunuchs gave names: he gave unto Daniel the name of “Belteshazzar”, and to Hananiah of “Shadrach”; and to Mishael of “Meshach”; and to Azariah of “Abednego”. Did these change in names prepare them spiritually to defy the hot coals of fire they were thrown into?

Nebuchadnezzar changed the name Mattaniah to Zedekiah
Mattaniah – Meaning of Mattaniah is Gift of YAHWEH. And the meaning of Zedekiah is “The Lord is righteous”; God's justice. (2 King 24:17) “And the king of Babylon made Mattaniah, Jehoiachin's uncle, king in his place, and changed his name to Zedekiah.

Moses changed the name of one of his very close confidants from Hosea to Joshua.

Hosea – Meaning of Hosea is salvation. And Joshua means Jehovah saves. (Numbers 13:16) “And Moses called Hosea the son of Nun Joshua.”

Pharaoh changed the name of Joseph to Zaphenath-Paneah
Joseph – Meaning of Joseph is May Jehovah add\give
increase. And Zaphenath-Paneah means Egyptian for God
speaks; creator of life. (Genesis 41:45) “Pharaoh gave Joseph
the name Zaphenath-Paneah and gave him Asenath daughter
of Potiphera, priest of on, to be his wife.

Jesus changed the name of Saul to Paul

Saul – Meaning of Saul is asked for, prayed for. And Paul
means little or small. (Acts 13:9) “Then Saul, (who also is
called Paul) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him.

11 Countries That Changed Their Name and the varying
dynamics that informed name change

Due to land divisions, wars, changes in government,
independence, or simply to facilitate pronunciation abroad,
some countries have decided to change their names. In some
cases, they did it many years ago, and we know these
countries by their current name. But others did it very recently,
and we still find it challenging to call them by their new name.
The process of modifying a country's name isn't simple, much
less economical. But despite it all, various parts of the world
have dared to do it. Because it was the sensible and proper
thing to do.

1. Holland changed to The Netherlands.

As a marketing move, the government decided that from January 2020, the official name of the Netherlands would be used for promotional purposes instead of Holland. One of the reasons for this change is to “present the Netherlands as an open, inventive, and inclusive country.”

2. Ceylon changed to Sri Lanka

Ancient Ceylon, modern-day Sri Lanka, changed its name that was given by the Portuguese when they discovered it in 1505. It later became part of the British Empire and gained its independence in 1948. However, it was years later that the island's government decided to make the change. In 2011, all references to Ceylon, from official bodies to companies that still carried the old name, were removed.

3. The Republic of Macedonia changed to the Republic of North Macedonia.

The former Republic of Macedonia changed its name to the Republic of North Macedonia in February 2019. The main reason for the change in name was to become a part of NATO, and also to distinguish itself from its neighbor, Greece, which has a region named Macedonia. The inhabitants will continue to call themselves “Macedonians,” and the official language will remain “Macedonian0

4. Czech Republic changed to Czechia.

In order to facilitate the naming of the country at sporting events, as a part of companies' marketing efforts, and in the rest of the world, the Czech Republic shortened its name to Czechia

It happen very recently. It was established in 1939 by the king who ruled the country at the time. In the local language, the name is pronounced Prathet Thai, which means “the country of free people,” and it pays tribute to the first settlers who arrived seeking freedom from China.

name, in April 2016. The measure had been discussed for 20 years until, finally, it was decided to shorten the name so that pronunciation would be easier in each of the country's 6 official languages: English, French, Russian, Chinese, Spanish, and Arabic. Although the official name will still be the Czech Republic, Czechia has become the shortened official name of the country.

5. Swaziland changed to Eswatini

In April 2018, the king of Swaziland, in Africa, issued a statement declaring that the country's name would change to Eswatini. The modification didn't surprise its people since that was the name they were already using. Eswatini is just the translation of Swaziland into the local language, which means “land of the Swazis”. Besides, the old name was confusing, since many mistook it for Switzerland.

6. Alto Volta changed to Burkina Faso.

To celebrate the twentieth anniversary of its independence, the Republic of Alto Volta was renamed Burkina Faso, which, in the local language, means “land of whole men.” The change was made in 1984, along with the alteration of the flag and the national anthem. The previous name referred to one of the main rivers in the region.

7. Burma Changed to Myanmar.

In 1989, the country's leading military government was determined to change the name from Burma to Myanmar in an attempt to preserve the way it's written in the local language: Myanma. However, not everyone agreed with this decision. For this reason, some parts of the world still insist on referring to this Asian country as Burma.

It is not a matter of having a clean slate. The Constitution, official stationery, and even money has to change as well. Everything that bears the country's old name, like maps, flags, and hymns, must erase it and replace it with the new one. This, of course, takes time.

We can see from this discussion that Nations change their names for a variety of reasons all addressing nation building of the respective Nations for each nation must have a unique prescription to suit her history or aspirations.

In Africa many Nations changed their names after regaining their independence and notable of such countries is The Gold Coast now known as Ghana or Rodassia now known as Zimbabwe but the most conspicuous reasons why name change should come with identity change is found in the scriptures.

The scripture stories of Jabesh tells of how a great famine and hardship befell the people of Israel and at that time of hardship, a baby was born to a family and the parents felt it would make a good idea to name the new born baby "Jabesh" meaning he or identity change that must not be overlooked.

was born in times of HARDSHIP. It is recorded in the scriptures that as Baby Jabesh grew into a boy and man, all Jabesh experienced was one calamity after the other until he began to ask some deep questions and that is when he discovered that his name meant calamity and hardship. Jabesh cried out for a change in his name and later rose to become one of the most prominent administrators in scriptural times.

The story of the prodigal son in the scripture tells of how important identity change is because when the prodigal son realized his greed and foolishness and decided to return to his father's house, when his father sighted him from afar as he returned, he rushed to welcome his son and the first thing he said is "discard his torn clothes and bring out the purple robes and cloth him and adorn his fingers with a gold ring.

There is more scripture based citations on the issue of name or identity change in the scriptures, but this will do for now and the conclusion we should take home is there is something mysterious about name.

The name given to us as NIGERIA has an interesting history as to how the name came about. Mrs. Lugard, wife to the very first Governor General of Nigeria was the lady who gave us the name NIGERIA and as discussed in previous Chapters, the great River Niger was what inspired Mrs. Lugard to coin the name NIGERIA from the name of a River that took its source from the Futa Jallon mountains. Needless to say the River Niger and other rivers where the much needed sea routes that made high volume exploitation and transportation of our precious produce and minerals possible. Destination? Great Britain! The British Empire.

9. German South West Africa changed to Namibia.

When the country became independent from Germany, it was renamed Namibia. This happened in 1990. Sometime later, the names of cities and regions that were in German were also changed. The citizens didn't like the proposal at all since they were already familiar with the old names.

10. Cape Verde changed to the Republic of Cabo Verde

Another recent change was the one from Cape Verde, which took place in 2013. The country's name is now the Republic of Cabo Verde, or simply Cabo Verde, which is what the Portuguese sailors who discovered the islands called them, in 1444.

11. **Irish Free State changed to Ireland.**

In 1937, with the intention of removing all ties to the United Kingdom (with whom the country had a fierce war for 2 years), the Irish Free State became Ireland, or Éire, in the local Irish language.

How much does it cost to change the name of a country

Most of the countries on the list switched their name as a way of erasing part of their past and getting closer to their true identity, while others did it to encourage tourism, like the Netherlands. However, not everything is as easy as it seems. And it's not cheap either. Each nation paid millions of dollars, or its equivalent in their local currencies, to change its

We can all see that Mrs. Lugard must have been inspired by exploitation amongst other reasons while giving the name NIGERIA. If this theory is valid, this simply means we are still wearing the garment of exploitation and corruption and this garment comes in the form of the name NIGERIA several decades after independence in addition to other negative garments like bad Governance and Corruption inherited from our colonial Masters. These are sucking the oxygen out of progressive development in Nigeria or Africa.

In Africa Culture it is the father that issues a name for the most part but not to say that the mother has no input. It is abnormal for the wife or mother to be the Principal name giver as experienced with the name NIGERIA given to us by a British Lady Mrs. Lugard had no business giving NIGERIA a name because it is not our cultural or spiritual practice.

Edo kingdom is one of the oldest African/NIGERIA kingdoms and the following description of a naming ceremony is how we know it in Africa or NIGERIA. The father or husband is the sole person that provides a name for the new born baby and not the mother or wife so Mrs. Lugard had no business giving any African country a new name. It is not our custom. Could this little mystery of paternal or maternal name given be part of the problem?

THE EDO NAMING CEREMONY

The Edo tribe is an ethnic group largely found in Edo State, Nigeria. The Edo are descendants of the great kingdom of Benin, also distinguished by the richness of their fabrics and their fashion accessories – intricate and colourful beads, bracelets, necklaces (the colour orange is predominant) and anklets. The kingdoms of Edo and Oyo (Yoruba land) were the two most powerful kingdoms on the west coast of Africa; although their 'kingdoms' no longer exist the way it used to be but the legacies of these kingdoms, in the form of traditions and practices, still exist.

In the Edo African tradition of naming a child, the same symbolic food items used in the Yoruba Ikomo are also used; however, some items may appear on the list of foods that are not typically found in the Yoruba naming ceremony: gin (so the child will not become a drunkard), yam (that the child will enjoy a hunger-free life) and coconuts (as coconuts need to be broken to reveal their goodness, so the child will be able to 'break' through problems to find their solutions). The ceremony takes place on the evening of the seventh day after the birth of the child. Early in the morning, the elders of the community and close family members consult oracles to pray for the child and the child's parents.

In the actual ceremony, men and women sit on separate sides of the room where the event is being held. The mother usually holds her child, beautifully dressed (of course, she's Edo!). Nuts are broken and shared, and the gin is served. The mother is asked to reveal the name her child is to be called. She has asked this same question a total of seven times. The first six

times she is asked the question, she deliberately gives the 'wrong' name – she will offer silly-sounding names as a joke – and her given names are, therefore, not accepted. At the seventh attempt, the father of her child whispers the 'correct' name to the mother who then declares the correct name, i.e. the one given to her by the father of her child. This is met with rounds of applause. The ceremony is eventually brought to a close with the African tradition of prayers for the child, food, music and more good wishes for the family.

You can see from the preceding paragraph that the father or husband has the final say what name the baby will bear.

We can also see that name giving or naming ceremonies are very sacred ceremonies that involves certain rituals and prayers and if we in Africa can attach so much importance to name giving for just one baby, how much more importance will African people give to naming an entire nation with a population of millions of people. The truth is that the name NIGERIA was simply shoved down our throats whether we liked the name or not. It is possible Mrs. Lugard came up with the name Nigeria very casually while having dinner with her husband and felt it will be good to honour the river that made exploitation easy and efficient. Names are not just randomly picked but carefully selected to bear witness to the aspirations of the particular nation and not to open old wounds for these wounds of exploitation meted to NIGERIA by our colonial Masters will never heal completely if the vibrations of exploitation embedded in the name NIGERIA still exist. These negative vibrations need to be exorcised

and these negative vibrations are hiding in the name NIGERIA.

Therefore, it is not a normal African practice for the wife or mother of a child to issue the name and therefore Mrs. Lugard had no business issuing the name 'Nigeria' that was inspired by exploitation of the River that transported the goods that enriched the British Empire. If there is anything like name DNA, then it will be safe to say that the DNA of exploitation is still embedded in the name 'NIGERIA' and if that is correct, no wonder Nigeria has so far always struggled to develop for we seem to be exploiting ourselves as we have experienced with corruption and bad governance lately. Just a carbon copy of what our colonial Masters did to us, we are now doing to each other and possibly in greater doses.

In contemporary Spiritual thoughts, the high priest will say this kind of behavior will greatly anger the Gods and when the Gods are angry, according to African beliefs, then the land will not yield. Could this be part of the problem in Nigeria's anaemic development since 1960?

Name change may sound trivial in the ears of some people and that the issue is too insignificant to matter, however, we have heard of cancer patients who were healed but some very tiny cancer cells were not detected and after enjoying a cancer free health for 13 years the cancer returned with a vengeance because the doctors failed to detect a few cancer cells hiding in the body 13 years earlier. This could be a possible scenario for NIGERIA moving forward if name change is not implemented.

Permit me to create a hypothesis to help drive home the point of the importance of name change.

In 1855 just before the official end of the transatlantic slave trade, a village in present day Ghana was raided and 67 young boys were kidnapped and sold into slavery and subsequently exported to an American pinewood plantation.

All 67 boys, with ages ranging from 6 to 15 years were given brand new names by their slave Masters who found it difficult pronouncing African names and for the next ten years these boys worked as slaves in an American pinewood plantation.

However, the boys were freed after being in captivity and were all returned to their parents and motherland in Ghana.

On return to their native lands and bearing strange names given to them by their slave Masters, if you were the parent to any of these boys, commonsense tells me the first thing the parent will do is to annul the slave name and replace it with a name given by the parent or parents of the son. It's that simple and this is what our Post-Colonial leaders should have done in 1960 when Nigeria regained her independence.

Therefore, having discussed how names are given, why names are given and who is supposed to give names, we can all see that the name given to us by Mrs. Lugard is most inappropriate and besides , it appears to me that the great African resources being pumped out of Nigeria and indeed Africa could not be possible without the blessings of the River ways of the River

Niger, hence Mrs. Lugard deemed it fit to give NIGERIA a name that reflected the benefits gained from the waterways of the River Niger. Just like to honour or appease the spirit of the River Niger for all the ferries, canoes and ships that ply her waterways carting away our precious produce and minerals.

If there are any arguments in favour of why we should retain a Colonial name that smells of corruption and exploitation, I will be very pleased to review.

I propose the Federal Government look into this issue of name change by setting up a committee of Spiritual and secular scholars drawn from all Geo political zones to study the prospects of name change for this may be one of the unseen problems in Nigeria of why we are so richly blessed but yet so poor over 60 years after independence.

No therapy to repair Nigeria is too much sacrifice, so if wearing the garment of a name inspired by corruption and exploitation is part of the problem in Nigeria, then name change should be put on the front burner because the NIGERIA economy may rebound, only to slide back into recession again if the issues discussed concerning name change are not taken seriously.

And finally to conclude, you may want to know how I come about these issues of spirituality and philosophy.

I really do not know how these matters enter my spirit to the level I am so convinced of my writings, it became imperative to Publish a book on these multitude of issues concerning the History of Corruption in Nigeria, name change and other topics discussed in this book.

However, in one of my previous books titled *The Terrors of War*, I made two concrete and alarmingly accurate forecasts concerning the America Iraq war of 2003 and this particular forecast published in my first novel *Terrors of War* can be gleaned in pages 211 to 251: and was made a clear six months before President Bush and a coalition of many Super Power Nations attacked Bagdad the capital of Iraq

TITLE OF CHAPTER

America Iraq war. Six months before Desert Storm

Philosophies and Revelations

The forecast was simple. It simply said that an attack on Iraq may very well lead to a global holocaust of terrorism and violence because the attack was not justified because America and her coalition of Nations could not find at the time of the attack, any weapons of mass destruction America claimed Iraq had and were planning to use against America and her coalition because this was the primary reason Iraq was attacked. The reasons did not exist and this gave ample reasons why other terrorist groups sprung up with impunity and suicide bombing became very popular with terrorist groups till today. it's simple psychology. It's like saying "did we not tell you that America is the real terrorist. "The attack on Iraq dissolved every atom of moral authority America welded over the entire world

One misguided and miscalculated move by America and you have a world of Terror we see today.

But the forecasts against the war in Iraq were delivered with alarming accuracy and are well documented for prosperity to see how this massive political and military blunder that changed the world forever came about.

The Terrors of War by Nnamdi Agbakoba and the forecasts against the America Iraq war can be gleaned in pages 211 to 255 The second forecast of a global event was closer to home and concerns the Niger Delta uprising of 2008 and just like the America Iraq war forecasts, this 2006 forecast of the Niger Delta uprising was delivered with alarming accuracy.

This forecast is also Published in my novel Terrors of War by Nnamdi Agbakoba and can be gleaned in pages 261 to pages 268 of the novel and the forecasts was made in 2006 a clear two years before the Niger Delta uprising erupted.

What was the forecast all about? The forecast simply advised the Federal Government to address the agitations of the Niger Delta youths and elders because a revolution and uprising was eminent and after the Federal Government ignored the warnings of the forecasts, the uprising exploded in 2008 and this uprising shook the whole world.

Nobody could convince the Federal Government that a stitch in time saves 9. I needed to share previous experiences in these kinds of issues involving philosophy and spirituality because the issue of name change for NIGERIA comes to me and is expressed using similar philosophical and Spiritual vibrations as with previous issues with the America Iraq war and the Niger Delta uprising.

Besides these compelling reasons why a change in the name NIGERIA is most needed, there are yet other dire reasons why Nigeria must change her name based on these new facts being revealed concerning the nature and dynamics that generated the name NIGERIA.

We have all heard of the deep cutting racial slur "Nigger"

Nigger is derived from the Latin word for the colour black, Niger. According to the Random House Historical Dictionary of American Slang, it did not originate as a slur but took on a derogatory connotation over time. Nigger and other words related to it have been spelled in a variety of ways, including niggah, nigguh, niggur, and niggar. When John Rolfe recorded in his journal the first shipment of Africans to Virginia in 1619, he listed them as "negars."

Nigger is an infamous word in current English, so much so that when people are called upon to discuss it, they more often than not refer to it euphemistically as "the N-word." In senses 1 and 2, the word ranks as almost certainly the most offensive and inflammatory racial slur in English ever created by mankind, a term expressive of hatred and bigotry. Sense 3 is also now rarely used and is often considered offensive. The word's self-referential uses by and among Black people are not always intended or taken as offensive (although many object to those uses as well), but its use by a person who is not Black to refer to a Black person can only be regarded as a deliberate expression of contemptuous racism and has been embedded and engrained especially in the American social culture .

There is a widespread belief that the original meaning of nigger, as defined in dictionaries, was "an ignorant person," and a related belief that current dictionary definitions describing its use as a hateful, racist epithet are a recent change. We do not know the source of those beliefs, but they are not accurate. The word was first included in a Merriam-Webster dictionary in 1864, at which time it was defined as a synonym of Negro, with a note indicating that it was used "in derision or depreciation."

This is some history on how the word nigger ever came about.

The word Nigger took root as a terribly offensive word during the centuries that saw the flourishing of the Trans Atlantic slave trade that spanned several centuries dating back to the 12th century and was officially abolished in 1856.

The word Nigger became a favourite name of suppression and oppression from the white slave Masters to their black slaves and was often used to inspire more grinding hard work from slaves " move it on nigger, faster nigger, we ain't got all day , Nigger better move your ass " and so on.

With every passing generation of black slaves, the racial slur became more potent and evil to even mention, but that was all the black slaves ever heard from their slave Masters and even children of slave owners did not spare the slaves any atom of dignity . Whenever a slave was found wanting in work performance, the word nigger is used as a correction stick.

Incidentally, the slaves also generated a racial slur for their White Masters. The word mother-f--ker evolved out of the American plantations.

Most slave owners were serial sex offenders that were notorious for raping black slave mothers who were married to fellow black slaves and these were mothers that even had family and children, so as this anti social behaviour evolved into a culture that beautiful black ladies and girls had to be used as sex toys, the racial slur evolved out of the plantations. Indeed, the white slave owners found the word terribly offensive. Some slave owners were reputed to have hung black slaves to death for directing the word Mother-f--ker to a slave Master for sleeping with his wife or mother.

This therefore was the atmosphere that generated the word "nigger" It was a most undesirable atmosphere for any human being to exist.

By the mid 1800 when the Trans Atlantic slave trade was officially abolished, (even though it continued in numerous pockets) liberated slaves were being returned to Africa in shipload. Some slaves who still knew exact areas of Africa especially West Africa they came from, returned to their respective motherlands, however, there were millions of slaves who had lost information of their motherlands, so such slaves were dumped in present day Sierra Leone and the area was appropriately named Freetown and bears this name even till this day.

It was around this time before the adventures of Mongo Park and other explorers that the name River Niger began to be heard as the name of a great River that flowed through the entire span of West Africa.

It was first called the Nigger River then later somehow it was turned around to River Nigger and later the spelling dropped one of the Gs in the word Nigger and that's how we arrived at the River Niger. In addition the pronunciation of the word 'Niger' changed to its current form

This therefore is the history of how the River Niger got her name. It was a name inspired by the blood and sweat of Africans slaving in American and European plantations and factories. There is so much similarity in the word African Nigger to River Niger, there is bound to be a connection to the evils that transpired in the plantations and factories of America and Europe for centuries to the name River Niger.

In 1914 NIGERIA was created in what is known as the amalgamation of North and South Protectorates and it is in history that Flora Shaw, the Mistress to the very first Governor General of NIGERIA Lord Lugard issued the name NIGERIA.

What inspired Miss Flora Shaw to give us the name NIGERIA has been discussed in this chapter and Flora Shaw must have been knowledgeable in the history of how the River Niger got her name because in the early parts of the 20th century, the word Nigger was a very terrible word, actually a taboo never to be directed against anyone of colour and our Colonial Masters came never deny they were oblivious of the negative vibrations the word nigger generated. They cannot deny also that they failed to notice the striking similarity between the words Nigeria to the word Nigger. Even a ten year old English student will figure this out.

However, Flora Shaw must have been so carried away with great blessings the River Niger bestowed on the British Empire because the River Niger was the river ways that transported our precious produce and minerals to the ocean going ships waiting in the Delta regions to ferry our wealth to Britain.

This in a nutshell is the history of the origins of how we were given the name NIGERIA .It is a name soaked in centuries of slavery and exploitation dating back to days of the Trans Atlantic slave trade that lasted for 400 years right down to British Empire exploitation of NIGERIA dating back officially to 1914 when NIGERIA was created.

Is this the kind of name we want to retain now that the truth of how the name evolved over many centuries has been revealed?

There is certainly the DNA of slavery and exploitation still embedded in the name NIGERIA and the discussions we have had in this chapter, explains in some detail the Dynamics of name giving and name changing which has also even been a Devine pattern of action from the days of Abraham and Jacob by the Creator God.

So why is it different in Nigeria, but suffice to say, it is not late because I have no doubt in my mind that the name NIGERIA has been part of the problem in Nigeria's lack of development because the only thing that has seemed to have greatly developed in NIGERIA is Corruption, exploitation and bad Governance.

The very same thing the British Empire did to us, we are now doing to each other because when the baton of power passed into the hands of our post Colonial leaders like NnamdiAzikiwe, Tafawa Ballewa and Awolowo, it was surly laced with the DNA of Corruption and exploitation. It's Spiritual and it's a mystery why these things work the way they do

If there are any schools of thought that can refute that name is not part of the NIGERIA problem, let them carefully study this chapter for it will make sense after awhile or come up with why name change is not part of the problem for we have become a carbon copy of our colonial Masters corruption and exploitation upon us.

A typical example of the enemy- inner-me for the enemy is within us. We are our own enemy.

HISTORICAL SUMMARY AND METAMORPHOSIS OF HOW THE NAME NIGERIA CAME INTO EXISTENCE

Nigger was the Latin word for black and it was not designed as a hedious racial slur by the owners of the Latin language

When the Trans Atlantic slave trade was in full swing, the word Nigger evolved into slogans of hatred and bigotry and several hate slogans were composed. "Move your slow ass nigger; nigger you better move or I kick your ass; nigger you ain't working fast enough" and so on.

When the Trans Atlantic slave trade was officially abolished, slaves were returned to Africa by the shiploads and the River Niger was one of the major River ways that facilitated transportation of slaves to their original motherlands after arriving in Freetown or current day Sierra Leone. The mass exodus of returnee slaves plying the river generated the name "Nigger River" took root and was later turned around to River Nigger and later again the word 'G' was deleted from the word Nigger and that's how we arrive at 'Niger'.

Therefore it is clear that the Trans Atlantic slave trade inspired the name River Niger.

In 1914, Flora Shaw the wife or girlfriend to Lord Lugard issued the name NIGERIA and while she may not have been directly influenced by how the name was originally generated in the American slave plantations, yet it was the great blessings of exploitation and looting of NIGERIA by the British Empire that inspired the name NIGERIA as a coinage from the words River

Niger. After all, the River Niger was the river ways that made high volume transportation of our precious produce and minerals possible.

How can such epic blunder be perpetuated without noticing the striking similarity of the name NIGERIA to Nigger or Niger.

Will any parent name their new born baby DEVILL or DEVVIL because the name DEVILL or DEVVIL and DEVIL are just too similar. Can any parent name their child *monki* or *monkky* because these two names are spelt just like monkey apart from the double k or l instead of monkey. No parent will give their new born baby a name that spells or sounds like "monkey". Will any parent give their baby boy this name *HITTLER* or *HITLLER* because even though there is a minor spelling variation, even a goat will realize this name sounds too similar to the notorious Dictator Hitler.

So how come the striking similarity of the name NIGERIA to NIGGER or NIGER went unnoticed? It was noticed and was just a take away of a hideous name to implant the name in Africa forever using naming of a famous river after an infamous name that was nurtured with hatred and bigotry when the White people thought we were just a little better than the horses that ploughed their plantations.

Niger or NIGERIA sounds and spells too similar to Nigger and if this was not deliberate then it was unconsciously deliberate.

A name having this kind of historical mix-up is not the kind of name the people of NIGERIA should be cloaked with because whether we know it or not and whether we like it or not, we have been maliciously cloaked with a Spirit called corruption,

exploitation and bad governance until we come to a revelation to that fact we may very well be paddling the NIGERIA canoe against the river currents of all kinds of dynamics that counter effective nation building and could be part of the problem why corruption and bad governance has run a mock in Nigeria.

Social scientists are still very puzzled why in the family of West African States known as ECOWAS, Nigeria is the only lone Nation that still bears the name our colonial Masters thrust on us over 60 years after independence.

On a closer study of the subject of name change, let us come closer to home and discuss West African countries that effected name change as soon as independence from Colonial Masters was attained to begin to understand the issue of, why is it different in Nigeria?

Togo was formerly a German Protectorate called German Colony of Togoland until 1914 when the French and British troops invaded.

In 1894, Riveres du Sad, Cote d' Ivoire and Dahomey were separated into independent colonies while Riveres du Sad was renamed as Colony of French Guinea

In 1975, Dahomey was renamed People's Republic of Benin
Ivory coast changed her name to Cote d' Ivoire in 1986

Sierra Leon was called Sierra Leoa until the name was changed to Sierra Leon in 1787

Senegal was formerly called Upper Guinea by European traders.

The Republic of Liberia was previously called the Colony of the American Protectorate Society.

Ghana was known as the Gold Coast during Colonial era until 1957 when she regained her independence

Gambia's name changed from British Gambia to The Gambia when she regained her independence in 1965 and was changed again to the Islamic Republic of Gambia in 2015

So from the list of Nations in West Africa alone, NIGERIA is the only nation that is still bearing a Colonial name and this is an issue never raised before because some or all of the issues plaguing NIGERIA may be embedded in the name of exploitation and corruption and blood that stained the baton of power that was handed over to our Post colonial leaders because one of the major components of that baton was the name NIGERIA.

Nobody fully understands why and how these mysteries of name change work but it that has been a consistent pattern of action even by God Himself who changed the names of Abraham and his wife Sarah and scripture based stories of name change has been fully discussed in this chapter, why has NIGERIA failed to read the writing on the wall.

Nigerians cannot really understand NIGERIA. How can a country with so much surplus of crude oil and hundreds of other precious minerals and garnished with the best brains; how can we just be in the deplorable condition we find ourselves today. How and why is this possible? Could name change issue be part of the culprit to the problem?

I firmly believe name change is part of the problem we need to fix to begin to unlock hidden potentials in every sector of nation building and good governance.

You can observe from the map of West Africa below, and counting eastwards from Nigeria and in this order , that all these West African countries have had a dramatic change of national identity when the names of these Nations were changed ; namely, of Benin Republic, Ghana, Cote d' Ivoire, Liberia, Sierra Leon, Guinea Bissau and Senegal .

Yes all these countries that belong to ECOWAS have all changed their country names.

The question begs. Why is NIGERIA the only isolated country still holding unto a name soaked in centuries of slavery, exploitation, corruption and bad governance?

WHY I ASK?

We must strive and do our utmost to ensure we have a new name for NIGERIA that would be jointly agreed on by all Geo political zones; a new name that will be a reflection of our unique journey in history and our deep heartfelt aspirations and yearnings for the kind of Nation we want to become. We as a people must arise with one voice to vehemently reject the name NIGERIA that is really a reflection of British Empire exploitation and corruption because what we certainly have now in Nigeria is a FAILED STATE

We may decide to sweep this unprecedented action plan to rename NIGERIA under the carpet, but God willing, NIGERIA may arise from the current ashes that blind our eyes and faces and see great commendable changes in subsequent administrations, but if name change is ignored, we could be

compared to a cancer patient who was healed of cancer but for one tiny cancer cell that was undetected and after 7 years of enjoying good health or what seemed to be good health, the tiny cancer cells that went undetected returned in a mutated and more aggressive strain.

This theory is a possibility if lack of name change is a factor why NIGERIA is the way it is, where not a single aspect of nation building works to any respectable levels. Other Sister West African countries may not be as endowed with an endless list of natural and human resources like NIGERIA especially crude oil, yet in these sister countries, it is a fact that they are in better mental, spiritual, economic, political, cultural and social condition today in comparison to Nigeria. Bearing in mind these countries do not have a single drop of crude oil. But they all changed the names of exploitation and Corruption thrust upon them by our Colonial Masters. Could this be the missing link? Could this be the weakest link of the chain? After all the age old adage says the strongest link of the 60 foot chain is it's weakest link.

Nigeria is now sixty two years and in another 40 years, which will come faster than you can ever imagine, NIGERIA would be 100 years. The gospel truth is that if something dramatic does not occur in Nigeria, in another 40 years when NIGERIA will turn a hundred years, NIGERIA may be ten times worse than today and the leaders and people of NIGERIA at that time will say "but how did we get here".

A stitch in time saves nine is all I can say to end my presentation on why name change must be put on the front burner of incoming administrations



CHAPTER 10

ISSUES ARISING FROM THE DRAFTING OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

This book will be grossly incomplete without making reference to the

Constitution of the Federal republic of Nigeria because there are national issues, conversations and concerns surrounding the current state or drafting of the Constitution and until these areas of differences are sorted out in some kind of amendments to the Constitution, we may be paddling the NIGERIA boat against the river currents of discontent, marginalization, corruption and murmuring.

When a Nation is gripped in the throes of discontent, marginalization, corruption and murmuring, then it is just a matter of time and there will be a reciprocal action to the issues causing division. History does not lie and if we go down history lane we will see ample instances where a revolution was inspired as a direct result of having a Constitution that is begging for amendments.

Please refer to previous chapter one and pages nine to eleven for some insights into revolutions that took place in recent times and in this chapter, the Arab Spring/Revolution was triggered by similar dynamics and vibrations as we see playing out in Nigeria today.

Apartheid in South Africa became an official social, economic and political currency in 1910 and it took till 1990 when

apartheid collapsed and Mr. Nelson Mandela was released from prison after spending a whopping 27 years in Robben Island prison.

There was growing resistance to the apartheid government in South Africa and nothing could ever stop the resistance that became very bloody and violent towards the waning days of the apartheid led government. The crust of the matter is apartheid finally collapsed and Nelson Mandela became the first Black president of South Africa.

There are other instances of uprisings in other parts of the world, but as the saying goes "charity begins at home" so let us keep our focus on similar situations that occurred in recent times in Africa namely the Arab Spring/revolution and the collapse of Apartheid. The lengthy war in Sierra Leon under the leadership of Charles Taylor is even a quite recent episode of discontent, corruption, marginalization and murmuring that almost totally destroyed that West African nation and while Charles Taylor is serving a life jail sentence for crimes against humanity, Sierra Leon is still rebuilding the destruction the war brought upon Sierra Leon and the human and natural resources including total destruction of vital infrastructure and utilities decades ago that are yet to be fully rebuilt.

To build a great Nation is so difficult, but to destroy as easy as ABC.

Let all well-meaning NIGERIANS take note, because if we take a cue from events in history in Africa that appear similar, one will easily detect that it is just a matter of time and there is bound to be an equivalent reaction to the issues causing discontent, marginalization, corruption and murmuring.

It's happened before in history so what makes us think it will not happen again, but God forbid, NIGERIA takes that route, because we are smart people, but for the misguidance of our Colonial Masters we may very well be a very peaceful nation or community of Nations today just as we see many clusters of Sovereign Nations living in peace side by side in Europe. But it's never too late to make corrections and in this instance it is referred to as amendments to the Constitution of the Federal republic of Nigeria.

It is only commonsense to realize that to have lasting peace in any community, all parties have to agree in the articles of any Constitution and if there are any areas of differences, then such areas need to be ironed out amicably applying the spirit of compromise, tolerance and forgiveness.

This brings me to the dynamics that informed the drafting of the current Constitution because some articles of the Constitution are not at par with how it was actually executed on ground.

For instance, in page LL1 of the Constitution and paragraph 3 it states, "And Whereas the Constitution coordinating committee benefited from the receipt of large volumes of memoranda from NIGERIANS at home and abroad and oral presentations at the public hearings throughout the country and the conclusions arrived thereat and also at various seminars, workshops and conferences organized and was convinced that the general consensus of opinion of Nigerians is the desire to retain the 1979 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria with some amendments. "

Now there is a big problem to this article because as sweet as it sounds, that is exactly what never happened, because the involvement of the people that own the land was executed in a low key and shabby status.

These events of allegedly carrying the people that owned the land along was a recent historical event and unless Nigerians are suffering from amnesia, we cannot remember neither have we seen or heard of any activities to involve the thoughts and opinions of the people that owned the land because it never happened to the levels we see stated in the article shared above. Moreover, if there were any such activities, it will be well documented on the internet and will serve as evidence that the article mentioned above was truly executed as the article purports. However, if you browse the internet you will not find a single shred of evidence to support the article above.

It seems there is evidence or indirect evidence that the claim by the authors of the Constitution that "the Constitutional Debate coordinating Committee benefited from the receipt of large volumes of memoranda from Nigerians at home and abroad "is without an atom of truth because even if it is claimed that records were lost, yet we all know that nothing that is worth recording in the history books misses the sniffing noses of Google. If that kind of epic event happened in Nigeria it must be on the internet. PERIOD. If it's not there, then it never happened.

Having said so much so far let us flip the pages of the Constitution to page L115.

Now bear in mind what has been discussed so far and allow your eyes to rest on page LL15 and paragraph one.

It states in caps "WE THE PEOPLE of the Federal republic of Nigeria HAVING firmly and solemnly resolved TO LIVE in unity and harmony as one indivisible AND indissoluble sovereign Nation under God."

Now flashback to what was claimed without a single shred of evidence that there was alleged receipt of large volumes of memoranda from NIGERIANS at home and abroad and you will see for yourself that the claim that intense Public participation of the owners of the land to The exclusion of none was purportedly executed, but if I was JUDGE of the high court and this kind of outrageous claim is brought before my Court, all I will say is show me evidence of such detailed owner-of- land intense participation and all the claims of Public hearings , seminars or workshops that transpired sequel to the DRAFTING or amending thereof the 1979 Constitution.

If evidence cannot be furnished directly from where this claim emanated from then the next reliable source of evidence is the internet and if there are no stories, reports or write-ups or even videos or photos on the internet concerning this purported high volume participation of the people that own the land, then this event of mass participation of the NIGERIA people to amend the 1979 Constitution never happened.

Therefore, the statement on page LL15 and the first paragraph that starts with "WE THE PEOPLE....." is a lie, because it was not the people of NIGERIA that were consulted but just a few handpicked communities without a measure of professionalism

in such a high profile project like drafting or amending an old Constitution..

It never happened. PERIOD. If there was mass participation of Nigerians at home and abroad, where is the evidence?.

I am not an expert in constitutional matters so I decline to delve deeper into the issue but just to note there are many schools of discussion on the issue and can easily be accessed but suffice to say that the conversation above of the claim of high volume participation of Nigerians at home and abroad is not true and I have shared some of the reasons that informed my conclusion.

We in Nigeria need to look intently into other issues arising from how our constitution was drafted and the dynamics that fuelled the drafting or lack of because we all know that the Constitution of any country is the brain box of that country and if the brain box is faulty then how can the nation be properly governed, after all the scriptures clearly tell us " if the foundation is faulty what can the people do?"

Let's tell ourselves the truth. Our foundation is faulty meaning our constitution needs amendments. It's that simple.

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GREAT SALE

of

SLAVES

JANUARY 10, 1855


HERE Will Be Offered For Sale at Public Auction at the SLAVE MARKET, CHEAPSIDE, LEXINGTON, All The SLAVES of JOHN CARTER, Esquire, of LEWIS COUNTY, KY., On Account of His Removal to Indiana, a Free State. The Slaves Listed Below Were All Raised on the CARTER PLANTATION at QUICK'S RUN, Lewis County, Kentucky.

3 Bucks Aged from 20 to 26, Strong, Ablebodied
1 Wench, Sallie, Aged 42, Excellent Cook
1 Wench, Lize, Aged 23 with 6 mo. old Picinniny
One Buck Aged 52, good Kennel Man
17 Bucks Aged from twelve to twenty, Excellent

TERMS: Strictly CASH at Sale, as owner must realize cash, owing to his removal to West. Offers for the entire lot will be entertained previous to sale by addressing the undersigned.

JOHN CARTER, Esq.
 Po. Clarksburg Lewis County, Kentucky

Original receipt of slave purchase in January 10th 1855.

Males are called Bucks and the Females Wench



**Brutal punishment for disobedience.
Back of this slave seared with hot iron**



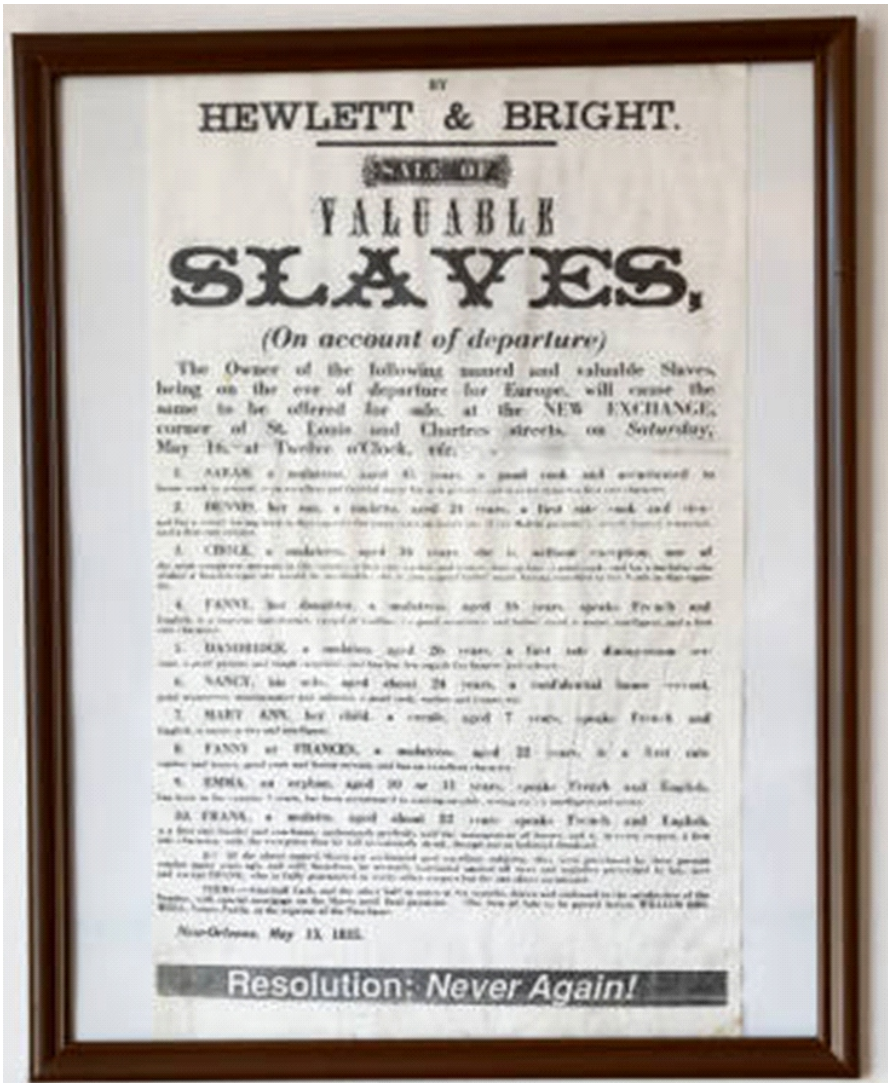
Hanging by the ribs execution of delinquent slaves in Surinam 1850s. on the fore and backgrounds are skulls and bones of dead slaves by hanging by the ribs



Seduction and rape of beautiful black slaves was very common in America & Europe. When it came sex abuse there was no discrimination



White women slave owners seduced and raped handsome black slaves viciously by pulling down their zippiest as the photo depicts



Original certificate of slave value titled "Valuable Slaves"



BLACK NIGGER MONKEY was a name
generated by Slave owners over 400 years ago
in America Europe and South America



Photo of the Smith Plantation showing a family of 5 generations of slaves



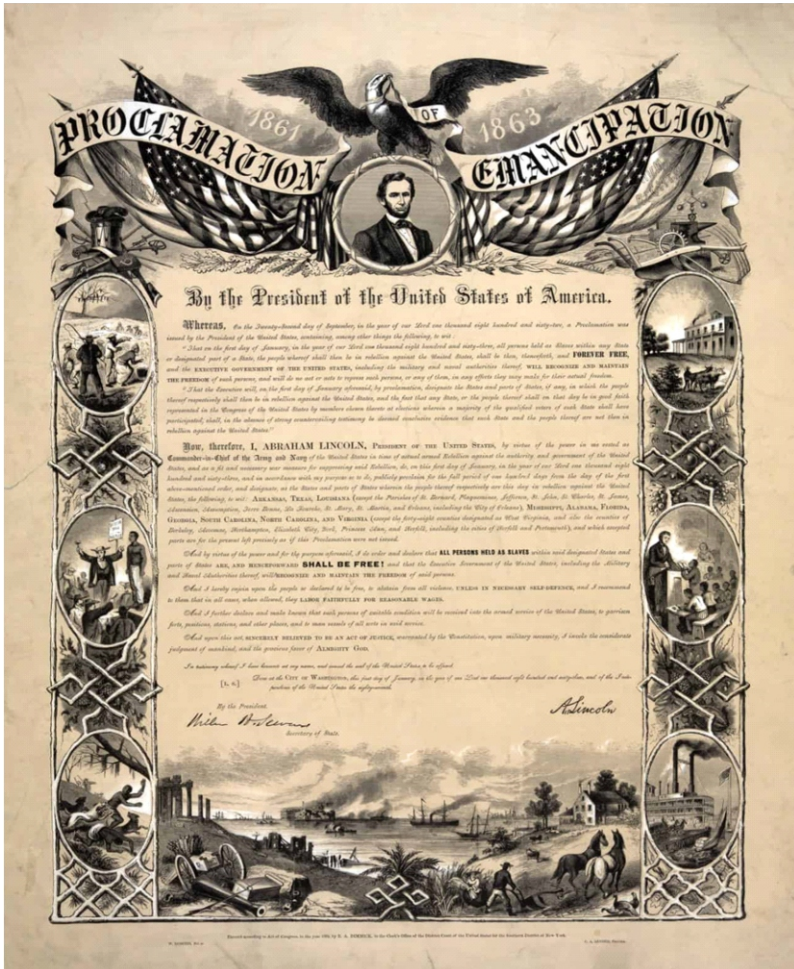
**A clan of black slaves all squatting and standing
in front of their master's mansion**



**Hundreds of slaves squeezed on the top deck of a five decker ship
There were thousands more below this deck**



These were the Paramount Chiefs British Colonial Masters used to suppress and exploit Nigeria after abolishing our age old traditional rulers and replacing them with well-armed fellow Nigerians who robbed their brothers in collusion with the British Empire



Everything that has a beginning has a corresponding end and in 1861 the Slave Trade was officially abolished with this document of emancipation, slaves began to return to Africa by the shiploads and were discharged from the ships in present day Sierra Leoneor present day (FREE TOWN) and that is how the name free town was inspired

CHAPTER 11 PHILOSOPHIES AND PRINCIPLES OF NATION BUILDING

ONE OF MANY ISSUES OF THE CHIBOK CRISIS

When a nation fails to accept that she failed to respond to urgent glaring security needs of her people even though it was widely reported from reputable news sources and local people that adequate advance warnings and alarms were sounded, then that nation is either too arrogant to accept its mistakes or too incompetent to know it made life threatening mistakes and when a nation is too arrogant to accept her mistakes then improvement and correction is impossible.

THE SCOURGE OF BOKO HARAM

When a social cancer such as terrorism and guerrilla warfare is plaguing a nation but the nation is unable to identify the sources of the cancer or what is feeding the cancer, then the cancer has most likely spread throughout the body of the nation, living inside the body of the nation in hidden pockets and grooves thereby making it almost impossible to diagnose or cure because it is invisible but active. A perfect example of the enemy inner - me.

NOTABLE WORLD LEADERS

A quick reflection of the legacy of notable world leaders from the times of America's Thomas Jefferson or China's Mao Tse Tung and an alarming pattern begins to become glaring.

When one thinks of America one easily remembers Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, Teddy Roosevelt, John F. Kennedy or Martin Luther King for great legacies and contribution to humanity.

When one reflects on Britain, one easily remembers Winston Churchill and Margret Thatcher and of course the Queen - the Prestigious Legacy of the Monarchy.

China and Mao Tse Tung stands out.

Russia and Stalin or Gorberchev come to mind.

India and Mahathma Ghandi jumps into your mind.

Cuba is known famously for Fidel Castro and the list goes on and on.

But check this out?

When you reflect on African Leadership, horrible things stand out.

Idi Amin, Emperor Bokossa, Charles Taylor, Robert Mugabe, Hussen Mubarak, Ghadaffi, Abacha and the list goes on and on with the exception of Nelson Mandela.

There must be more to this pattern than mere chance that begs for analysis and scrutiny.

SPREAD OF TERRORISM

Pakistan is gripped by terror from the Taliban.

Kenya is watching over her shoulders, fearful of Alshabab attacks.

Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya and numerous nations strategize and re-strategize to keep Al Queada far from their lands.

Nigeria is groaning under the terror of Boko Haram.

America may be greatly smart at keeping all these extremist groups from their soils, but America is groaning, moaning and bleeding over senseless home grown shoot-out and terror, especially in schools, terrorism reigns supreme.

South Africa - Oh South Africa - Report says there is a murder somewhere daily. Violent and civil disobedience is ravaging the nation.

Armed robbers, Somalia kidnapers, luxurious bus hijacking, traffic jam bandits, sea pirates or ocean going pirates, common home burglars and armed robbers and market-pick-pockets are just as plentiful like sand in the sea.

The question is, what on earth is going on? Can anybody figure where on earth is safe?

WHEN A NATION LACKS CAPACITY

When a nation fails to put in place the necessary structures-infrastructures- tink tanks research academies and institutions to harness, mobilise and harvest talent, academic and intellectual capacity or allows brain drain or the loss of the most brilliant minds that the nation has to offer to migrate to other nations - then that nation is like a mother with very thirsty children who goes down to the fresh water stream to fetch a pot of water but with tiny holes all over the pot, that by the time she returns with fresh water to quench the thirst of her dehydrated children, most of the water has leaked away from the pot then instead of the time she arrives to quench the thirst of her looking for a new non defective pot she returns to the stream with the same pot only to compound the problem of her thirsty children-such is the experience of many African Nations- we need to learn lessons from China and the West.

VOCATIONS, HANDY CRAFTS AND PROFESSIONS

God created man with the vocation of man upper most in His mind- Adam was created as a farmer and animal keeper to tend to the Garden of Eden-the first profession according to scriptures. There is dignity in labour and the glory of this dignity does not necessarily lie in the ability or inability of man to amass millions and millions of dollars. In numerous developed nations it is common to see a child say with so much conviction and

pride- "I want to be a policeman or fire fighter or driver or teacher or mortuary attendant or even a road sweeper.." But in many developing nations this is not the case- the average child just wants to drive a big car and be rich-how he intends to achieve that is secondary- This was not in the original plan of God- that is the acquisition of money as the vocation- it has been put upside down and this is a global trend that must be nipped at the bud before it blossoms into a global epidemic- God implants a vocation into the soul of every person firstly, but it is the responsibility of the person to identify the vocation - cultivate-nurture - and harvest that vocation with the assistance of the State. Acquisition of great wealth is not a vocation, instead it is the vocation that brings the harvest of some money- large or small.

In the medical profession for instance, some will want to be nurses-lab attendants- morticians- chemists or doctors or mid-wives. These are all vocations and millions of people will know for sure which vocation is their interest or gift. Acquisition of money has no place in this process. This corruption of the mind has to be corrected.

When a nation fails to hear and respond with proactive solutions to the cries and weeping of her youths, children and young adults for a better social economic and political climate in. the form of reduced inflation, adequate medical and educational facilities and dispensation plus readily affordable energy in spite of the availability of vast oil reserves and other natural resources being harvested from the soils of that nation, then that nation could be compared to a mother married to a wealthy oil tycoon, but who prepares the cheapest, tasteless soups and stews for her children and sends her children to the cheapest

public schools on the cheapest public buses with no shoes on their feet and old worn-out backpacks on their backs and no books inside.

RICH BUT TERRIBLY POOR NATIONS

There are some nations that are very rich in diamond and gold but the people of that nation are known to only dig the gold dust from deep in the earth - have never owned a gold ring or necklace- there are some nations very rich in oil and natural gas but electric power supply is unreliable and petrol in frequent shortage -Such nations can be compared to a man who buys a big fancy car but instead of being driven by a uniformed driver, the car owner is wearing the drivers uniform and driving the car while the driver is wearing the bosses suit and sitting in the owners corner- other nations grow cocoa but its people are only cocoa farmers and harvesters- have never enjoyed a cup of hot chocolate or eaten a bar of chocolate. This is an anomaly that must be fixed.

POWER IN THE SPOKEN WORD

There is great power in the blessings or curses of parents over their children. The Holy Books tell us that life and death are in the power of our tongue, Parents especially fathers must apply great restraint never to swear against or curse their children no matter the provocation because such words coming from parents can derail the destiny of a child forever. Instead parents should always remember to pronounce blessings upon their children regularly. A good time to pronounce blessings upon our children is when a child offers gifts to their parents, on birthday dates or when a child has done well in something. In the Holy books, Isaac knew the importance of the blessings coming from his right hand so he crossed his hands when he wanted his right hand to rest on the head of his 2nd child. Birthday parties, cakes

and ice cream are very good- but they represent ordinary things of the flesh-the physical, but a carefully crafted gift in form of a prayer is of more real value to the celebrant.

PEDOPHILES AND CHILD MOLESTORS ARE ON THE LOOSE

People who are in love with teaching in nursery and primary schools for the purpose of satisfying their sexual lusts should we weeded out and arrested and should be labeled as phydafiles in the same token civil servants who are interested in serving in public office but are only really interested in servicing and swelling their private pockets are really in the wrong vocation for God created man and endowed him with different vocations interests and gifts not for the purpose of amassing wealth but for the purpose of a harmonious and balanced society.

CAPACITY OF MAN TO ACQUIRE WEALTH

In man's quest and race for wealth let it be known that a man cannot and will not acquire wealth beyond his ability to create monetary structures, invent or produce products or produce or offer skilled or unskilled services or invest in monetary instruments that ultimately converts to money- and let it be known that anybody who by grace and luck rather than hard work or merit acquires huge sums of money without a corresponding source that can generate and sustain that wealth -- then that wealth will ultimately dwindle and vanish.

TRUTH OF FAMILY STRUCTURE

For every family to function well and for there to be peace and harmony in the home,- there must be a head (the husband) and the neck (the wife) For there to be peace and harmony the head

or husband must function like the head and the wife or neck must function like the neck-and there will be progress peace and harmony in the home or family. The neck must never be on top the head - have u ever seen a living thing with the neck on top the head? This will create a dysfunctional system- a monster system. Food and nutrients and water cannot pass thru the neck to feed the body if the neck is sitting on the head so the body or family will normally die after some time- which will come in the form of divorce, separation, estrangement enmity and the like. - The head must always sit on top the neck and the neck must always take instructions from the head, on when to turn to the right or to the left.

HOW DOES MAN CONCEIVE IDEAS, INNOVATIONS OR INVENTIONS

The ability of man to build a great nation lies to a large degree in the ability of man to conceive ideas and concepts and his ability to translate those concepts and ideas to words and his ability to convert those words to real substance, inventions and structures, for this is the exact principle employed by God according to scriptures. "in the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the word was God and the word came and dwelt among us as flesh- for He said let there be light and there was light and let there be a list of other things and they came to be-therefore man cannot bring anything to be without first conceiving it- then translating it to words before finally translating it to real structures, substance, products or inventions in form of goods and services. Great nations of the world have an abundance of this process or steps in constant evolution and at varying stages of development or evolution and man's ability to conceive- translate to words and finally bring to substance is an indication of the degree of the nature of God we carry.

A NATION OF REBELLIONS

We all know that when there is an uprising or rebellion in a nation that is an indication that the masses are not happy about governance- but when the land is badly governed and the masses refuse, fail, or are unable to rise in protest or rebellion (peacefully) that means that the social, political, religious or economic cancer eating up the land has so destroyed the fabric and fiber of society rendering it completely impotent and unable to respond appropriately to totalitarian dictatorial or corrupt governance.

MARTIN LUTHER KING AND HOW HE INSPIRED ALL KINDS OF DREAMS 'I HAVE A DREAM'

In the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King's iconic speech-"I have a dream..." a dream that came to reality, if only we Nigerians can also dream like Dr. King.

"I have a dream that one day in the rich fertile soils of Nigeria a new wind of peace will begin to blow in a new land of freedom and fear and terrorism would have been buried in the fertile soils of peace".

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"I have a dream that one day on rich fertile soils of Nigeria that good governance and the democratic process will be as transparent as glass and the clouds of corruption, mismanagement and deception would have been dispersed by a new wind of change".

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"I have a dream that one day in the rich fertile soils of Nigeria electric power supply will be as reliable as the rising of the sun that will usher in the dawn of a new illuminated Nigeria".

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"I have a dream that one day on the rich fertile soils of Nigeria that groundnut pyramids will tower into the skies and palm tree plantations will occupy fast acres of land as it once was many lost years ago and the focus on oil will be a thing of the past".

WHAT IS THE MYSTERY OF THE NUMBER 4

There are 4 seasons in the year, winter, spring, summer and autumn-there are 4 weeks in a month and 4 quarters in a year-there is 4 years in a political tenure and the Israelis spent 400 years in slavery in Egypt and so did Africans spend 400 years in slavery in America and the New world- there are 4 portions that make a whole unit and 4 silver jubilees that make a century-Jesus Christ spent 40 days and 40 nights in the wilderness and Moses spent 40 years in the household of pharaoh and 40 years in the wilderness before assuming leadership of the people of Israel- Moses spent 40 days on mountain Sinai receiving the ten commandments and the earth is the 4th planet counting from the Sun -the Sun -Mars -Venus and the Earth.

REFLECTIONS OF A FAILED STATE

In the 1960s in the days of ECN-Electric Corporation of Nigeria-total black outs and frequent power failure was none existent - then came the days of N ever- ExpectPowerAlways (NEPA)- then came the days when something was HOLDING our POWER hostage- Power Holdings of Nigeria-so we are

wondering what the Privatization agenda will bring-we hope all our hard paid bills do no end up in private pockets -because there is a difference between privatization and private pockets.

When the people running a nation fail to provide good education-regular reliable power-clean drinking water- basic communication-especially nations rich in oil or other natural resources, it's like the people running that nation are drinking the blood of their citizens and children as water and eating their flesh as meat.

POST NIGERIA PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION 2023

ARTICLE BY NNAMDI AGBAKOBA

However, concerning the 2023 Nigeria elections, if there is an upcry of foul play, then it is very likely that the Moabite Spirit is at play. What is the Moab Spirit one might ask?

Then he [Moab's king] took his eldest son, who was to reign in his stead, and offered him for a burnt offering on the wall [in full view of the horrified enemy kings]. And there was great indignation, wrath, and bitterness against Israel; and they [his allies Judah and Edom] withdrew from [Joram] and returned to their own land.

2nd Kings 3:27

The King of the Moabites on seeing the army of Israel winning the battle, he took his first male son and sacrificed him as a burnt offering to Kamesh the God of Moab to assure victory.

Today this sacrifice can come in any form size or shape including human sacrifice and corruption of all colors shapes and sizes.

Why King Mesha of Moab Sacrificed His Oldest Son
By Baruch Margalit

In his highly interesting article, "Why the Moabite Stone Was Blown to Pieces," BAR 12:03, Professor Siegfried Horn recounts the ninth-century B.C. war between Moab and an alliance of Israel, Judah and Edom. When the alliance besieged the Moabite capital of Kir-Hareseth, the Moabite king Mesha, in

desperation, sacrificed his eldest son to the god Chemosh. King Mesha offered the crown prince as a burnt offering on top of the city wall in full view of the enemy forces (2 Kings 3:26–27).

With this horrifying act, Mesha turned defeat into victory. The allied forces retreated and Moab retained its independence for the next two centuries..

But as the saying goes "once bitten twice shy" Mistakes of the past most never be allowed to repeat itself . In legal terms it is referred to as precedence.

History should be used as a yardstick of correction and not as a springboard from where new mistakes are made for you can never know where you wish to go if you do not know where we came from in the first place

Whatever Corruption that may have raised its ugly head in the 2023 NIGERIA Presidential election must be detected, dry cleaned and weeded out of the NIGERIA political space .

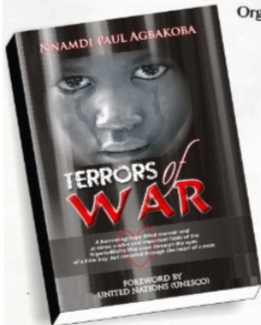
So this kind of Corruption has a biblical precedent. If it happened before it can happen again and you can take my quote to the bank but this time man will learn from similar biblical mistakes and take correction because there will be no retreat, human head sacrifice or other forms of Corruption. If human beings can sacrifice their one and only heir to the throne to gain political power, then these kinds of heinous acts in quest for power can happen today in all forms shapes and sizes including human sacrifice and corruption of all colours shapes and sizes .



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Dear Mr. Agbakoba.

Re: Your Book "Terrors of War"

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your book, Terrors of War, which depicts the trauma of Civil War in Nigeria on the mind of an eight-year-old child.

On a closer reading of the book, we discover that the poignant depiction of the dereliction of war in the book, rather than promote a bitter recollection and the need for revenge, redirects the mind to a peaceful course of conflict resolution because war is devastating, destructive and anti-social. The book promotes peace, tolerance and dialogue. These are principles that are at the very heart of the United Nations mandate to UNESCO whose activities are to promote a culture of peace in the World.

In view of this, we would like to suggest that you solicit the support of the Nigerian Educational Research Development Council (NERDC) to look into adopting your book as one of the resource materials for the Human Rights Education Syllabus for Schools in Nigeria.

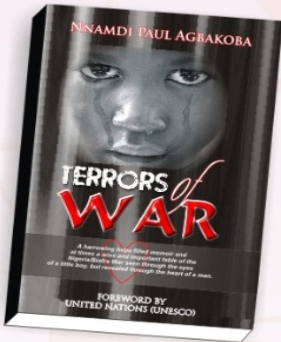
Meanwhile we shall look into areas in which our office can support you in disseminating the Publication.

Please accept the assurance of our highest regards.

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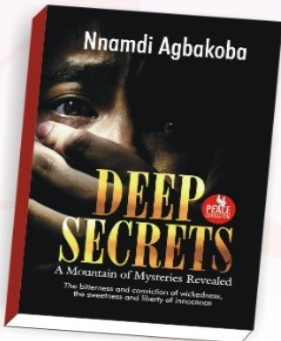
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Deep Secrets is a book based on a true story that occurred in one of Nigeria's top universities and the author has spared no words in an attempt to use the power of literature to deter students and youths from becoming cultists or terrorists.

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John F. Kennedy, a famous American President said "A child miss-educated is a child lost"



An anonymous author said, "it is only through books that we partake of the great harvest that is human civilization through the ages"

While the Greek Philosopher Aristotle said "all men by nature desire education and education is the best investment for old age"

Education through mind empowerment is the bedrock upon which the future is built.

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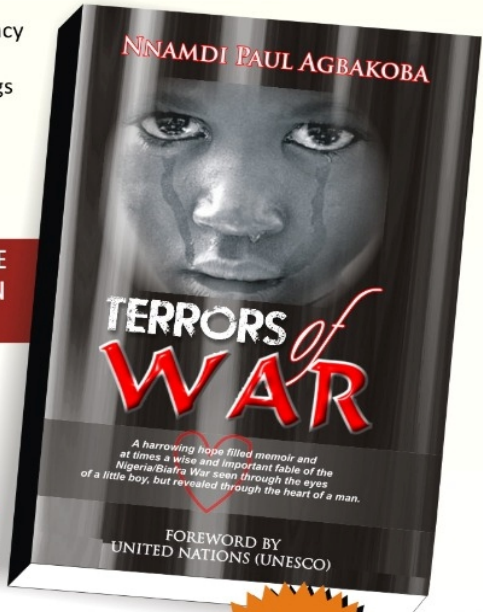
ALL THESE COULD AMOUNT TO THE DRUM BEATS OF WAR IF CAUTION IS CAST TO THE WIND

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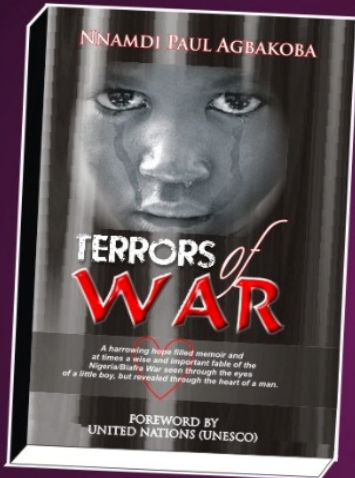
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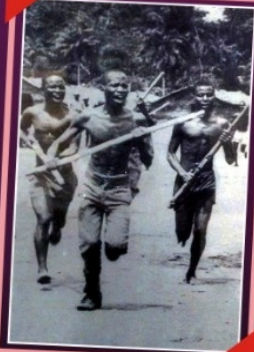
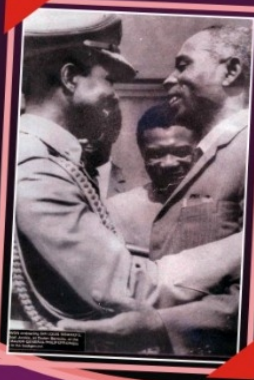
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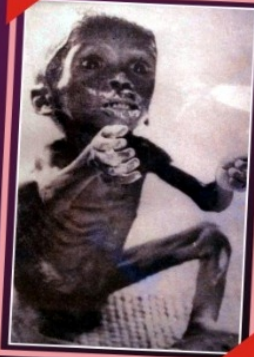
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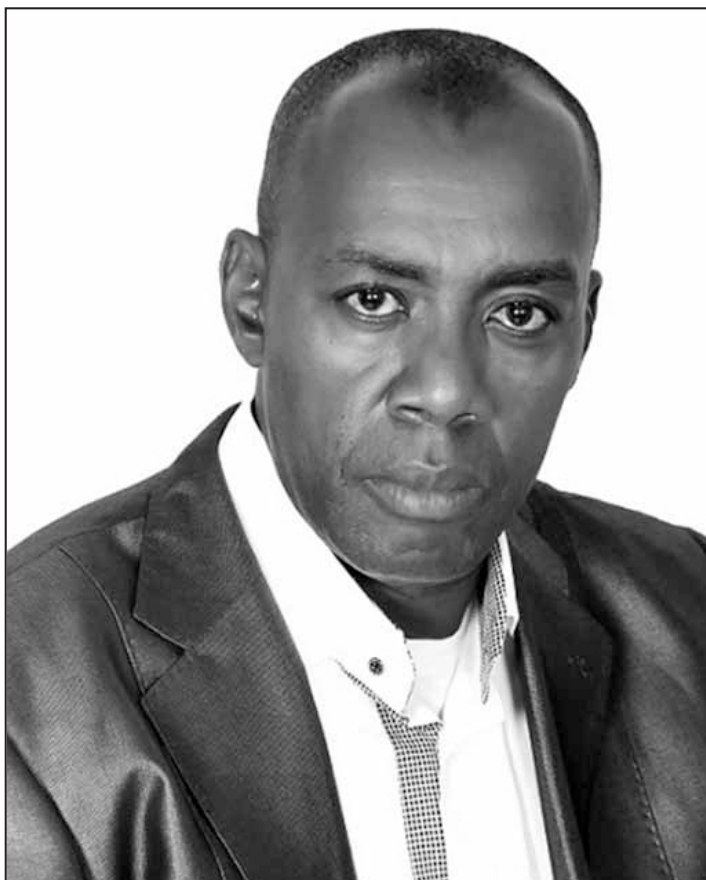
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Most Nigerians are totally oblivious of the history of corruption in Nigeria and often most Nigerians place the blame of the horrendous state or levels of CORRUPTION on the administration currently in power.

That is as far away as the truth can be because corruption did not start with any particular administration since independence in 1960.

Corruption started centuries ago even as far back as the 16th and 17th centuries when our colonial Masters, the British Empire were exploiting Nigeria, but became an organized force after the creation of Nigeria in 1914.

So by the time the British colonial Masters handed power back to Nigerians, the Spirit of CORRUPTION had already been enthroned in the hearts of the average Nigerian. When something is enthroned, it takes deliberate effort to dethrone that thing and takes special skills and experience to get the job done

Therefore, this book, dealing with the history of corruption in Nigeria is so important to begin to reset the thinking of the average Nigerian as to how to solve the GOLIATH problem called corruption because to understand how to fix any kind of social, political, religious or cultural problem, we need to know where we came from, because you can never know where you want to go if you do not know where you came from. This is simple psychology 101.

So this book is a must read for everyone in Nigeria especially the politicians

In addition to discussing the history of corruption in Nigeria, the Devine Nature of the Peter Obi Presidency campaign is discussed in much detail based on Biblical and Koranic calculations and logic plus dire issues concerning amendments of the NIGERIA Constitution and what needs to be done concerning constitutionalist amendments.

However, issues of urgent name change for NIGERIA is a chapter that will get millions of Nigerians scratching their heads because history does not lie. See how Author Agbakoba traces the name NIGERIA to the American slave plantations of the 14th, 15th and 16th centuries and the arrival of slaves back to Africa in the 17th and 18th centuries and how the River Niger got its name during the mass repatriation of returnee slaves from America and Europe .

See how the black slaves in America and Europe acquired the most horrendous racial slur and insult ever crafted by the wickedness of mankind. "NIGGER" and see and judge for yourselves the striking similarity in spelling and foundational origins between the three names namely, Nigger, Niger and Nigeria and why the name NIGERIA may very well be a cursed name and may be one of the components why Nigeria was declared as a FAILED STATE by the end 2022