

THE ANSWER TO OUR HISTORY AND THE PATH TO IT



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We have complained. We are all complaining. We are interested and we may even have understood it. Very often we are encouraged that, at this stage, the problem is half solved. We can therefore consider not repeating the detailing of the definition of the problem(s), the complaints. The same with the answer or the solution, the destination. Very often, this is assumed. However, it is only so because it is a matter of what mystics will define as taste. The only consistent thing about it is that it is Positive, to our favour, against our complaints. Therefore, in dealing with the Path to the answer, it will be fundamental to define the answer, the targeted solution, the destination in view.

The Answer is BASIC CONVENIENCE FOR ALL IN VARIETY AND HIGHER VARIANT CONVENIENCE FOR EACH AND SOME, LIMITED TO THE SAFETY OF ALL. This means that every living man and woman, born inside or outside wedlock, well, sick or handicapped, free or in custody, believing, misbelieving, disbelieving or unbelieving, Muslim, Christian or Traditionalist, single, married or in between MUST HAVE ENOUGH MINIMUM FOOD AND DRINK to live and continue to live. The same goes for clothing, shelter and social location. Education and Employment must not be excluded. The specifics of these will however be allowed to differ. These will be in their depth, variety and quality.

For example, with education, everybody must be literate in a language that is recognized by the constitution as an official language. This must allow for some to become Professors in the academia, while some will be Professionals and others belonging to other classes. With food and drinks, some can partake in bush meat limited to preservation of wild life. Some can eat camels, others snails, mushrooms, reptiles or even dogs. The same limitation in the eating of dogs will need to be checked by their need for security service; will apply to taking of intoxicants, because it can affect productivity, which is a collective responsibility. Of course the eating of fellow humans or cutting them down by whatever disguise will be Completely out of the way. Thus, there is Nothing wrong with some people living on bottled still water while others live on water that is further energised. But Everybody shall have access to and have available sufficient minimum portable clean water.

There is nothing wrong in taking pounded yam, garri, pap or tea as breakfast. This is the logic now growing in the trait of backwardness being checked in some societies, where smoking is not prohibited but those who choose must go into seclusion to smoke. And because of the extremist tendency of unguarded livelihood, the twist application of human intelligence has introduced e-cigarette. This is in the same line with the madness of cloning of humans. There must not be the destruction of the human race, directly or indirectly by a concocted means. Thus, there must not be the permission or allowance to use grains for production of alcohol when any one person does not have enough food to eat. Similarly, no grains or food product must be burnt or buried or hoarded, to raise more money,

when there isn't enough to eat, across a family, group, society, nation, continent or the world.

With respect to shelter, covering clothing and a structure to protect one from the hazards of nature, the least safe type and form and the variety of this in size and quality must be many enough to CONTAIN the entire family, group, society, nation, continent and world ANY TIME THEY MUST RETIRE. To enable this answer, all that are employable i.e. can be engaged in productive activity, must be so engaged. The dividing line must not be the formality of retirement in the formal sector. Indeed, productive engagement must be the determination of the society by allowance or dictation. Those who cease to be in formal employment must be redetermined by the society according to general needs and competencies. This logically means that only a negligible proportion of a society's old that is healthy will be totally released from productive activity – physical, mental or spiritual.

THE FIRST STEP IN THE PATH

Every individual in his or her capacity of entitlement to exist and responsibility to contribute to the general survival of the society must be exposed to and must be committed to the Necessary Education Principles for the General Existence and Survival of the Society or Nation and the World or Humanity. This Education is distinct from Professional education or Academic education or Simple Basic education. In Islam there is this beautiful distinction – between religious knowledge and the knowledge/skills for livelihood. Thus, in Islam everyone must learn how to perform ablution and the canonical prayers for the benefit of oneself. Nobody can pray for you, fast for you or believe for you. This is distinct from the knowledge of professional practices. For example, some must be doctors, some must be teachers, some must be judges BUT all must pray. Indeed not all or any of the special professionals must be Muslims, to benefit the Muslims. This distinction by Islam for Muslims is for attaining success in the life after death – an additional objective to existing and survival in this world until death.

This Foundation and Necessary knowledge must cut across all ages, from childhood to the aged. It will be IN ADDITION to whatever other knowledge one may already have BUT is sufficient to amend the dictations of the other body of knowledge. Thus the skill of surgery must not be applied for abortion. It will be insufficient to wash with soap for cleanliness to stand in *salat*. This compulsory content and form of education will have two essential characteristics. The first is that it will focus on universal and absolute definitions of historical reality against its possible appearances. Central to this is the definition of Poverty, against Prosperity. This is what I have attempted as the impetus for the publications of this Foundation or THE EXPLANATORY NOTE and THE INEVITABLE AND ULTIMATE PURPOSES OF LIVING AS HUMANS AND BELIEVERS.

The second characteristic is that the educational content and form must be Defining. In other words it must be dynamic in the way of explaining new

developments and keeping tab with growing data. This will be the flesh to the constant bone. This is necessary because of the dynamic nature of history. This will check the lesser irresponsibility of keeping the majority of people at subsistence level, while the leaders wallow in a jet speed process of development. This education will therefore be spread by informal discussions, formal arrangements at all levels. The primary responsibility of the government and public will be to constantly chase the accurate statistics of living men and women, children and adults, new born and the aged, the resident and visitors, workers, parasites and floaters. This information will highlight the scope of men and women that will need to be generally cared for, the foundation for the development of variations in the production and ownership of provisions.

THE SECOND STEP IN THE PATH

Beyond the individual and the family, the society has and must take direct responsibility for the collective control of fundamental resources and continue to do so for as long as it exists. These are the resources that must not be allowed to be shadowed by ANYTHING at anytime and anywhere. This is basically because any absolute claim to them is distortive of reality. And because the claim is acquired, it is subject to amendment by the collective.

The first of these is Land. All the production of Food and Shelter materials and especially housing; rests on land. The control will be in the form of always knowing what amount and type a collective society has and a determination of basic level of entitlement for individuals and families. This will be correlated with what is necessary and desirable for other uses to which the land must be put for the general existence and survival of the collectivity. The first charge or priority objective will be, not to have anybody not having a retirement abode. This for example implies that people must be educated and made to deal with a housing arrangement where some families will with time be multiplying their ownership of houses while some sleep outside.

All the same, depending on the growth of population especially for those who already have more than they actually need, one should comfortably live in a rented property for the whole of one's life. It is not illegal and need not be prohibited. This means that those who have an unreasonable amount of houses vis-a-vis the structural need of every member and collectivity of the society can be allowed a rent right to a maximum level determined by the state. And a minimum of fifty percent of it must go back to the state for collective good. Moreover no tenant shall pay more than a third of his established quarterly income for a period of five years AND no house shall be allowed to be kept without human occupation for more than three months.

The simple justification for this is that NOBODY will live forever. Nobody who has a house was born with it. Nobody has a right of living at the expense of another and the collective. Nobody MUST be allowed to block the optimal development of

his or her relations by FREEING them from a taste of collective responsibility and contribution. This will encourage employment and productivity of collective responsibility. It will eliminate the corruptive lifestyle of living on rent that is tempted, like living on unearned incomes. The piling of these though adds tremendous value to a society in financial records; it is distant from being responsible, where poverty is pervasive. The loads of financial regulations, houses or institutions, loans etc do not ignite real development of men. It may only appear to do so where there is no control of the resources, to read and understand, at any particular time, the status of the provision of the needs of the members of the society. This down to earth provision is only possible where there is a deliberate control of fundamental resources.

The distortion of this reality is constantly expressed through the failure of policies and actions on housing. Billions are voted for housing over years and not even the initiators, managers, promoters get housed. Over and above this, more and more people get roped into the financial trap of living most of their lives in getting a house. It is called mortgaging. This is the most disgraceful failure of the leadership. This is because there is no individual, family, group or society in any part of this world that holds the outlook that LIVING TO OWN A HOUSE is a major or outstanding objective to be achieved. The fall out of this failure is the growth and development of Hotels, Inns, Restaurants, Guest Houses, etc under the cover of tourism. And the proof of this failure is that security operatives rarely easily apprehend visiting wrong doers or suspects even though these outlets make regular returns to the operatives.

Directly related to this is the need to control water resources. Before one can live to eat and take rest in a house you will of necessity need water. It is sufficient to know that since over sixty-five percent of the liquid in our body is water, healthy water is a resource that must neither be ignored nor left to any kind of management structure. This is because it has the implication of destroying or at least weakening the very humans who make up the society and for whose sake living is being coordinated. No individual, family or group must therefore be entrusted with a critical resource of this status. There must be no compromise in this area, for the security of the collective. Indeed, clean and safe water makes healthy individuals and a strong and productive society. Thus, graded drinks like fruits juice, alcohol and nutritional drinks can be freely handled by individuals, families or groups. But pure, portable water must not be the business of any individual or group.

It is only in a senseless arrangement that most people will feel safe with the choice of bottled water. Indeed managers of public water should be liable for surcharge for any amount of water borne diseases recorded in a society. The leader at that time is irresponsible to the degree of provision failure. And it is this that requires SECURITY. This resource is an absolute Right and not a favour. In a tropical geography like Nigeria, making the provision of water secondary or failing to provide more than enough is neither justifiable nor sensible. Moreover water

resources include water based foods. The development and security of water resources is therefore a double success for water and some foods. No leadership must therefore be wretched in the sources for its water(s), the uses they can be put to and the sharing in the portion to allow for its different uses.

To be sure, it is not to the assured safety of the collectivity for any individual or group to justify provision of water for making money on the mere basis of paying water rate. Indeed it is wicked and a first challenge to the leadership. This is why and how the policy of National Health Insurance Scheme is NOT primarily Health promoting. There is no doubt that selected insurance companies, favoured brokers, related banks make colossal money, with some paltry percentage going to doctors, hospitals and clinics at the real expense of the health of those registered in the trap. With bad water, those in the formal sector that is liable to this form of exploitation give every excuse to the business thieves of our health for every reported and attended case of water borne diseases. What keeps the thievery business growing include Unclean water, Unkempt environment, regular deduction and payment of premiums along with the difficulty of medical practitioners in treating the diseases , when the patients often lack the discipline of completing their prescribed doses and the parasites are developing resistance.

Booming fake drugs production further aids the business and employment of drug control machinery operatives. Water is this critical and yet, millions will be expended to display the commissioning of a borehole by many of our leaders, when such money can sink additional boreholes. But it is a human being, a man or a woman that will need the food, water and shelter. Therefore, the collective, the Population is another resource for control. We, men will need to manage ourselves from the point of number, our mere existence. Since we are the ultimate target for all the efforts that we exert, we must keep a close tab of our number and the forms of this number in relation to making a responsible history. The record of birth at the shortest interval needs be captured. This will always instruct on the scope of optimal arrangements that will be required for insuring collective existence and survival of all, from time to time. The records of death will define the natural relief to the necessary arrangements. Reconciliations can also be done at reasonable intervals, to establish the number that has become ripe for Education and for Productive activity. From this totality will a society spread the proportion for the production of real tangible needs that must be more than satisfied, before services in their grades or classes that can be supported, will be certified.

It will therefore be irresponsible of a leadership to admit Lottery as a business in a society where there is one person that does not have enough to eat or drink or where to rest or a defined relationship. People or anyone will not just wake up and want to engage in anything, in all cases. The measure of competencies will be a critical criterion. This control will not be of ONLY the lifeless number of men that are born, remain alive or die. The utmost decency of this is important, because as social beings, our collectivity necessitates intangible values that provide safe belongingness to a common network.

Thus marriage and the family institution must be strictly and highly protected. It shall neither be made impossible or even difficult for members that are ordinarily measured as fit and sustainable. Indeed the materialisation of any such establishment needs be referred to the state to defend that it is not wasteful. This is to suggest that there will be permissible classes according to the recognized means of the parties. Anything above must need be defended. Therefore contributions to the process MUST not be perishables or take-aways. Nobody must as a result be on his own. The parents and the relations must be respectfully recorded. There will be no room for unwanted child or pregnancy by mistake. Orphanages shall not be made of any child whose parents are unknown, whose relations are unknown. There shall be no such homes that institutionalize the accommodation of children of unknown parents and the protection of reproduction outside wedlock. For believers, it must be clear that there is nothing godly about institutionalization of a window for ungodly activities and results. The value of ANYTHING GOES is not part of this thinking. Thus homosexuals, lesbians and bisexuals are out of this logic and history. This control is absolutely necessary because it is the only basis for acquiring and building the attribute of collectivity by an individual. The attribute of statehood. The attribute of corporate identity, not looks. The attribute of godliness. The attribute of selflessness. The fundamental attribute for leadership direction. Those who are born out of wedlock LACK the Mental, Emotional and Psychological gift for intelligent social beingness.

Organized livelihood is not best, by gamble. This essential attribute is what will make it safe for a non family of group member to be entrusted with and effectively discharge collective responsibilities without shameful prejudices. It will save Nigeria the cost of Federal Character laws, rules, institutions, operatives and operations. There will be no need for petitions by those who often have no idea of the meaning of representation before going to fight for it. Institutions, corporate interests, collective responsibilities will not be in jeopardy. The struggle for political office or choice of political party or choice of political leader will be more rational and sensible. This control of decency is akin to the metaphysics of physics or science. A down to earth example is that, we cannot live and survive in an enclosure that is airtight and without light, in the name of security or shelter.

The control of the population is the solid foundation for the assignment of responsibilities across the society, between Children, Youths, Adults, Retirees and the Aged. It is the rational and sensible basis for determining the needs for initiating new members into the collectivity, how it is to be done and what must be expected in return. The various roles of new entrants, the rating of full participants, the sieving of failures and corrective arrangements for their reabsorption or termination.

THE THIRD STEP IN THE PATH

Contrary to setting individuals or groups or classes against each other as a

revolutionary strategy, the state shall only take the lead. And those who symbolize it cannot continue to pretend, ignore, avoid or refuse with the mounting education of the people. Education and the real materialist condition of the general society will inevitably eat into the ranks of beneficiaries and parasites of the present arrangements. The content of action will be interventional. It is like an approach. Because historical process is not and cannot be stopped, the present process will be deliberately interfered with positively in the collective interest and direction of All. Thus, there will be a SHARING and SPREAD of the Price of the cost of collective responsibility. Ratings or values in terms of monetary rewards shall necessarily be the first victim, as a means of absorbing every fitting person.

The youths on National Service shall have their experience adjusted. One year shall be for purely military training, to instill regimental discipline in the youths. And they shall move across different units as well as across the different geographical settings of the country. Another year shall be devoted wholly for Public Necessary Education, which will be continuous. This will be irrespective of one's background. While this price will now catch up with those now captured by law, the transitional adjustments will be that the present group that qualify will be drawing a living allowance, while those who complete senior secondary school or its equivalent are also captured but only maintained, with pocket allowance. With time the present target group by the law will be exhausted and only graduates of secondary school will break for the service.

Recruitment into the uniformed services will strictly be based on performance during the National Service. During the same transition period the Need for all types, forms and levels of education will be redefined for collective responsibility. This is when and how the fitting and affordable infrastructure and manpower for quality higher and tertiary or professional education will be responsibly redetermined. There will then be no labour market but labour needs and openings for which men are trained for, according to their capacities. This will also affect the working class, whether in the formal or informal sector. No one can just choose to do especially service or supportive work before the foundation of secured basic needs of all are established. Thus for example the Corporate Affairs machinery will not have the principal value of discriminating names that businesses can bear BUT what kind of businesses the economy instructs to be allowable and the scope or limit. Every person or group will not therefore just dream, wish and set up a business. This will amount to a drastic cut on services of all kinds across the economy. The most embarrassing one in our times is Consultancy business.

And the concept of retirement will need a drastic reconceptualisation. The present arrangement is at the expense of the real and reliable capacity to build the collective system. And it is further reflected in the dormant billions in the custody of the National Pension Commission. This costly arrangement does not affect the booming financial businesses between the Fund Administrators, the Fund Custodians etc. This is what will check underemployment and unemployment across all ages. The general failures in all of the above respects is masterly

reflected in our common but embarrassing conception of Politicians, Leaders, Disagreement Resolvers, Dispute Deciders and Arbitrators, seen as Liars, Betrayers and Promise Breakers .

THE CHALLENGE ON THE PATH TO THE ANSWER

No society, no state, no country and Nigeria do not and cannot operate in isolation. International Politics, Economics and Society will not just leave Nigeria alone. There will always be cross boundary competition in order to Exist, Survive and Prosper. And the logic is very Simple. God created only one land for all of us irrespective of race, language or geography. Our basic needs for existence and survival are in principle universally the same. Thus, those who live on islands find those on large span of land attractive. Those who have discovered the value of clean and safe environment make deliberate effort to push pollutant industries to lands where cheaper labour can be found, while they establish legal logistic chains to remain in control. Indeed, this bug known as globalization in the redistribution of goods and services production across national boundaries is proved in two prominent undeniable means. One is the non hesitation to go to war for agricultural land, for oil, for minerals or whatever. It is also no news having devilish authorities permit the destruction of agricultural products that have been over produced, in the name of controlling monetary value. We must therefore never oversight the historical fact that Competition, Conflicts, Disagreements will never cease out completely.

CONCLUSION

Leaders and followers or societies Must not be deceived by the flash of Technology as some miraculous reserve or favour to some and not others. Technology is not a result or outcome of any revelation but the historical and dynamic relationship between Basic Survival, Commitment, Knowledge and Experiential expression or inspiration. It is therefore cultural and local even though it has universal application. Thus, the mode of operating Nokia differs from that of Samsung and Apple phones. Writing in English differs from that of Arabic or Chinese. Some countries drive left while others drive right. Nigerians have not produced any Nuclear and therefore do not have any word for it in all of our numerous languages.

Another caution is to be wary of what money is used for. As long as it does not touch directly on attending to providing and building on our basic needs, it is secondary. LOANS, FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS never in themselves solve any problem.

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