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PRINCES**



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INTRODUCTION

This edition is for the education, orientation and redirection of the king and princes for the 2011 – 2015 transformation of Nigeria.

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THE PRINCIPAL CHALLENGE THE BANKRUPTCY OF PHILOSOPHY

I am certain that we all know, experience and accept that we have problems and are running into more and more troubles.

There is no single schooled adult who cannot identify a number of problems. The non schooled adults are not different. These problems may relate or affect oneself directly or a relation. The ones that are of indirect status are inescapable.

The END PREFERRED SOLUTION is however not variant on basics.

These basics include Food, Drink, Housing, Clothing, Education, Roads, good Health, Employment, affordable Transport, clean Environment, good Marital life, economic and financial discipline.

But the gap, the hollowness, the bankruptcy is in the PROCESS to realizing the END PREFERRED SOLUTION. Even total solution options do not appear to be very helpful. Thus, our living with Religion, Democracy, Modernism, Socialism and whatever, have not answered the questions.

And I sincerely believe that the failure is principally explainable by the wretched definition of the PROBLEMS. In most cases the definitions fail to be defined by a definition. In my opinion UNTIL we are able to provide or discover THE PRINCIPAL DEFINITION(S), we shall get nowhere.

In specific terms, we must be able to provide a 'world' outlook that must serve as a reference point for determining what is valuable, the end, against what must be rejected or fought against. This must be of single identity or definition and must have the capacity to discriminate for or against identities or solutions that are its own or foreign to it.

It will be the stopping point that sufficiently answers any and all historical questions.

In our case I sincerely believe that it is NIGERIAN. To be Nigerian. Being Nigerian. The process of Nigerianism.

This means that the world of immediate relevance must necessarily be what we define and admit as Nigerian. The Nigerian landscape and people must be our individual, collective and constant primary focus and interest. Nigerian will be our

dialect, our tribe, our locality, our state, our region, our nation. And this means that we do not lack the DEFINITION that has the capacity to PROCESS the END PREFERRED SOLUTION. The Principal definition is what is Nigerian.

An example will be the relationship between Nigerianism and religion. All religions are true. All religiosity can benefit the members but must be with no harm to or destruction of non members. The religious therefore have the responsibility to bear the support for the development of Nigeria or appreciate that they are valueless for the material development of Nigeria. This is because Nigerianism is primarily material and not metaphysical.

MY PERSONAL UNDERSTANDING AND SUBMISSION

If there is anything and way, we generally want to capture our problems, the PROCESS FAILURE, they may be captured by the concept of CORRUPTION. And this defines the necessary, inevitable, chanced and inordinate strife for getting money, the supposed key to BEATING CORRUPTION. Unfortunately, we constantly discover that the 'SOLUTIONS' we get are Immediate, Short-lived, Reconsumed by corruption and increase the risk of ordinary sustenance of any solutions.

For a superior understanding and solution to the problem, I wish to posit that corruption is any form and type of NON-COMPLIANCE by ANYONE in ANY RELATIONSHIP. This amounts to simple abuse, contravention by reduction, extension or colouration. Thus, corruption is not limited to the things expressed in the books.

Our history has proved the cost, waste, fruitlessness, embarrassment and more unsatisfactory results from limiting corruption definition to formal arrangements, IN SPITE of the following Institutions: the NIGERIA POLICE SERVICE, the CODE OF CONDUCT BUREAU/TRIBUNAL, INDEPENDENT CORRUPT PRACTICES AND OTHER RELATED OFFENCES COMMISSION, ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL CRIMES COMMISSION, without exempting SERVICES COMMISSIONS, BOARDS, FINANCIAL, PLANNING, ACCOUNTING, AUDITING, BUDGETARY, PROCUREMENT, JUDICIAL MACHINERIES etc. Let me however quickly add that, I reject the interpretation of my suggestion to mean the need to discard the entire arrangements. I will definitely support a drastic adjustment in the arrangements.

The point is that we do not just live a formal life. Therefore, if STRAIGHTENING is limited to our formal life and to the formal sector members, it is a shortcoming that is expensive.

The definition of corruption tied to required effective and efficient performance is essentially of economic and financial value-cum-objective. This is justifiably so, because it is public funds that are committed for achieving general interests. But, this is not ENOUGH.

My reason is simple. The formal life and arrangements do not live and operate in total isolation of the informal.

This, in my opinion is the ROOT of our limited and questionable benefits in dealing with corruption. You can therefore better appreciate all misrule, irregularity and illegalities that may be associated or located in one government organisation as a double isolation. This is because, in addition to limiting it to the formal arrangements, it will be isolated from the Local Government Council, Emirate Council, State Government, Abuja etc. But this will not be realistic.

CORRUPTION AS A TOTAL CONCEPT

Let me repeat that corruption is any form and type of NON-COMPLIANCE by ANYONE in ANY RELATIONSHIP. It consists of simple abuse, contravention BY reduction, extension or colouration of the EXPRESSED or EXPECTED STANDARD OF COMPLIANCE by ANYONE in ANY RELATIONSHIP.

Therefore, it does not matter, the person involved. It may be the Chief Executive, Director, a Head of Unit, a Police Officer, an operative of ICPC or EFCC, an Emir, Eze, Obong, Etsu, Chief, Pastor, Imam, Elder, Senior, Professor; in an office, at home, in Nigeria or outside.

It includes the scopes of laws, rules, regulations, agreements, covenants, deals, conventions, traditions and culture. It is not restricted to only those in employment. It includes, Matrimony, Friendship, Studying, Sex, Work, Cultism, Religious Practice, war, buying and selling, farming, lecturing, administration, prosecution, defence etc everything.

A few examples will help.

A Chief Executive who inflates contracts is corrupt because, it involves public resources in trust for prudent use.

A Police Officer who detains a suspect beyond twenty-four hours without prosecution is corrupt. This is because the suspect has been suspended from economic activity and it will cost the Police system to maintain the suspect unnecessarily.

An ICPC or EFCC operative who cooperates with a suspect out of some understanding is corrupt.

A traditional leader who requests for the admission or employment of his people to a government organization is interfering with the process set out for admission or employment.

It is corruptive to engage a Chief Executive to become the recruitment officer of his organization.

A Chief who assists a community with welfare projects and kidnaps members for ritual obligation is corrupt.

A Pastor who uses cultist powers to heal followers and calls it miracles is corrupt.

An Imam who does a similar thing to enable people realize their dreams is not less corrupt.

A Professor who sleeps with his student to assist the student pass exams is corrupt.

DO WE ALL AGREE THAT THESE ARE SHADES OF CORRUPTION? This means that neither the formal nor the informal relations are safe from corruption. In consequence the restriction of our focus on the formal sector and the vulnerability of the same members who are burdened with the responsibility to check corruption make it an unfortunate double jeopardy.

This can be better appreciated in a sample woven relationship that cuts across. Here is a member of the formal sector who is approached by a traditional head to join hands to help themselves through over pricing of a service, work or supplies. The traditional head will use it to maintain hangers-on. The formal sector member will use it to lift up his lifestyle. Because it is unsafe, each time the records are attended to or visited by fellow sector members from within or without, padding or compromises are necessitated. The chain of the operatives that get involved expands. This chain that is primarily instituted to check abuses or ensure prudence suddenly transforms into a self-serving or self-protecting one. In order to realize this new transformation a cross-section of formal and non-formal members are

invited. This is candidly how indebtedness, liabilities in kind or cash or loyalty develop. This further ignites a covert competition that is both unhealthy and risky because superiors in office and outside the formal sector, in age, in influence, in spiritual power, in naked force etc compel a further readjustment of the character of the chain of beneficiaries.

At the end, the benefits that we can actually derive from any CORRECTIVE MEASURES reach only the gaps between the weak fall outs. This explains the greater inconsistency in common and general expectation from the leaks that get to unconnected parties, who benefit from the unexposed corruption practices. In consequence, it is not the gravity of the corruption that even matters.

This shameful culture that has become pervasive cannot be dealt with by a simple dissection and correction. This is because it is subject to superior mending after an attention.

Thus, cartels, clubs, cults, old boys, associations, fraternities are competing with tribal, geographical and religious identity platforms for surviving or struggling in corrupt practices.

The combination of these explain the dialectical race between the growth of laws, rules, regulations and the related institutions on the one hand, against arrangements and efforts to beat them by singular, joined or collective efforts.

This culture breeds a morality that is frightening. The followership questions the leadership of their conscience as they direct or instruct COMPLIANCE and sanction NON-COMPLIANCE, when the leaders fail more in basic COMPLIANCE.

In my candid opinion, it will be unfair, senseless and irrational to clamp down the evaluation of condemnation on all the participants. While the least number must be originally evil or criminal, the largest number deserve the benefit of the doubt that they simply discover that they have been roped by a system that gives you a slim chance for innocence or naivety. While it will be irresponsible to accordingly suggest that the network of corruption is not blameable, it will be worse to identify all or even majority of the members as crooks, thieves, insensitive people.

It is also in my opinion fool hardy to suggest individual case isolation as a solution. It is no doubt an escapist option for an individual BUT it has no general relevance or use for recognition.

THE ESSENCE OF CORRUPTION

What is CENTRAL to this web of corruption? What comes first? What is it that runs across principally?

What is the root?

It will appear to be indisputably, MONEY, NAIRA.

It is the seeking, keeping, preserving, piling, protecting of money and self that is the life line of the life style.

If this is true and it is correct, the only relevant question is: WHAT IS ALL THESE MONEY USED FOR?

It is what is commonly used in exchange for FOOD, DRINK, SHELTER, SEX, SECURITY etc. The END PREFERRED SOLUTION.

These mean that the fierce struggle for money by EVERY MEANS CULTURE is necessarily connected to BASICS of life, to survive. If we must get Naira to survive, NOTHING can be sacrificed. These have to do with our senses and NOT the head or what is inside it. It is the relative quality and variety of the basics that is subject to the evaluation of the head. Not the provision of these where and when it is ignored, disease, deficiencies, roaming, immorality and fear will generate. Thus if the money, has to be gotten ANYHOW, there will be no order in the meeting of these basics. But in itself, this is not the problem.

The reality of this essence is not just a problem. What makes the reality or realities of corruption sorrowful for us as a nation, as a polity, as a people is its source.

The formal sector that is empowered to drive the political, economic, social and cultural development of this country is saddled with a highly competent leadership that either has no assurance of surviving after leaving service or is afraid of what is possible.

The followership therefore follows suite closely and worse in the hopelessness or worse fear. In fact competence and institution development or building has as a result been degenerating. Yesterday is always better than today and tomorrow is either hopeless or referred to God. This is because the corruption is growing, developing and getting more complex in nature and scope. Simply viewed, the formal sector members become the operative centre for both members of the

formal and informal sectors for corruptly realizing their NEEDS, WANTS and FANCIES competitively by hanging or hooking up through the need to protect the securing of money for SELVES.

THE CHALLENGE OF REORIENTATION

The necessary REORIENTATION is to admit that the participants in corruption will not EASILY GIVE UP because they are neither ANGELS nor SAINTS. They hang on it to make their living. They will give it utmost protection by resisting crushing CLEANLINESS. Mr. Clean must therefore be more responsive if he appreciates the TRAP in which corrupt people/network finds itself. The arrest and sanction of leak victims is not enough deterrent for matters of FOOD, DRINK, SHELTER, SEX and SECURITY – of the present and the future. This is more so, because, in every case of leak, the struggle does not guarantee that Mr. Clean will win. That is why EFCC investigators are rationally on life insurance cover. The risks are physical and spiritual, overt and covert. This explains the continuation and expansion of robbery by pen or arms, militancy, in spite of records of sanction.

The SECOND REORIENTATION is the recognition that the transition to a less corrupt history will require a more sensitive and responsible LEADERSHIP SACRIFICE and adjustment than the development of institutional solutions resting on more RULES, REGULATIONS and LAWS. For example, it is NOT ENOUGH to secure Heads of governments, top Judges, Permanent Secretaries at the Federal level or Professors of Universities by retiring on their last take home pay. Are the rest not humans?

Thus, the present status of the phenomenon of corruption is its transformation into a systematic SUSTENANCE MACHINERY with the following principal characteristics:

- hypocrisy of the leadership with the attributes of Telling lies, Not keeping their words and Betrayals. The victims of these are those committed to service, those with conscience and those innocent of the proper standards, because they have just joined the service. They constantly discover the inconsistencies of the leadership from the history that unfolds, the history that they are actively part of.
- wretchedness of the mind displayed by insatiable greed for the basics of life. The leaders ensure having more than their necessary privileges and make use of the potential contributions of subordinates to acquire more privileges even as rights.

- wickedness as the standard lifestyle with the attributes of Meanness, Oppression, Victimization, opposition by Elimination. The victims of these are those who Ignorantly oppose the leadership because they underrate the vengeance response to follow and those who are Sincerely opposed but are innocent of the trappings of the leaders.

In specific terms, After the First Republic ALL THE MODELS and SYSTEMS we have come to have, including those that survived beyond the history of the first republic, have collapsed. The first republic was definitely not Perfect. BUT it was and remains SUPERIOR to all the history after that, Despite the enormous Growth indices that are undeniable. For example, Ahmadu Bello remains clean. Zik kept himself clean by non involvement. Awolowo got involved and got messed up. What remains of Ahmadu Bello University, University of Nigeria, university of Ibadan, Cocoa House or the Northern Nigerian Development Company, not to mention the Nigeria Railways Corporation, are a few references. Corruption or the bastardization of NIGERIA has been responsible for our growing woes. And the Princes of corruption have failed both themselves and Nigeria because the machinery of sustenance has been substituted by a weak one. The Nigerian/Regional, by a personal and familial one. How many Wealthy persons, families or groups do we not know that have risen and collapsed? How many Powerful families or individuals do we not know that have attained fame and are no more of caring mention? How many heads of government at Federal, State and Local levels are still in limelight, that are not STRUGGLING to remain Relevant?

THE NECESSARY AGENTS FOR ACHIEVING THE SOLUTIONS

In my opinion, the necessary logical agents will be those who have the resource capacities to turn things around. These are the present leaders whose greatest offense lies in the ADDITIONAL METHODS they employ in the process of Solutions Realization.

These have attained commendable positions in their callings. Permanent Secretaries, Directors-General, Directors, Professors, Consultants, Commanders, Managing Directors, Presidents, Coordinators, etc including their lieutenants – THAT ARE WORTH THEIR POSITIONS (but excluding many of them who are increasingly wrongly or inappropriately there). These are Technocrats, Bureaucrats, Specialists who have MEANINGFULLY, honourably, decently, rationally and sensibly COMBINED Knowledge, Skill and Character, with TOLERABLE, NECESSARY, MINIMAL corruption records through their career history. Their Commitment and contribution to Institution/System building must have been admirable to the Princes of Corruption. The Princes must have high

respect and even 'fear' them for their forbearance. And they must be known to be Kind, Large-hearted, Considerate, Focused and God-knowing and God-fearing.

Although they can be found beyond the corporate public and private sectors, it is only these that can be forgiven, tolerated, accommodated and recruited for the reformation. The hangers-on on these classes are parasites that need not be cared for and should be dealt with. This is essentially because they have no responsible worth and are a disgraceful burden. All of those who belong to the club of the Princes of Corruption but neither have consistent roots in the Corporate Public or Private sector nor OPENLY identify themselves with either, are the irrelevant worst that deserve to be crushed.

This category and class or Agents have the first right to economic/financial, executive and social protection as a necessary interim transitory phase for transformation.

The philosopher king and the Agents must tolerate the sharing of the intricacies of corruption traps constantly for re-education and re-orientation.

THE DISGRACEFUL INDICATIONS OF THE FAILURE OF THE SAVING AGENTS

The first lies in its CARELESSNESS for the Philosophical gap that is increasing in the history that we are rolling out. The Agents continue to invest heavily in the development of their successors and avoiding the larger infrastructure and system. In the end, the 'successors' become unfit and more useless, with no genuine and modest capacity to help recover the system that was raped to produce them. The Educational system depicts this finely. Majority of our Seniors and Leaders send their beloved children and relations to Private Schools or Outside the country. They either refuse to return, return to be nuisance, get frustrated or compel the creation of a special arrangement for them etc. The others who went on their own or are sent by their employers do not matter in this analysis.

The second is revealed in its common RELUCTANCE or REFUSAL TO TAKE IMMEDIATE NECESSARY DECISIONS. This is evident in the weight of IRREGULARITIES-CUM-ILLEGALITIES that characterize our operation/management of our Public and Private Organizations. The popular opinion that the Public is more careless than the Private often ignores the double distinction of the Public machinery. It trains and releases capacities that enables the Private Sector and it continues to CALL THE SHOTS that determine what is possible in the private sector. Because the Leaders often fail to say NO, to a

suggestion or proposal that is not NECESSARY, the NECESSARIES are often squeezed. In consequence both the system and operators are ordinarily stressed up. You can therefore not expect the best performance from either and both. The irresponsible excuse is that Someone (not the system) will be hurt. The third lies in the UNREASONABLE DELAY before the best decisions and actions may be taken by the Leadership. It is worth considering that what we are still considering has been clearly before us since 1995. This year is beyond half of 2012 already.

In specific terms, Agents that have or are opportune or given the burden or responsibility for saving the situation, Live and Operate in the GENUINE FEAR of the hopeful/definite Future. Maintaining an honourable/amiable modest life style after exiting from active service is most uncertain. An initiation into a crude future insurance expertise becomes available. This availability is absolutely inescapable because of the pervasive and consuming network of corruption. A cross section of colleagues within and outside one's establishment but in the services will systematically suggest, lure, compel and intimidate one into such SAFE commitments and investments. The Corporate Private Sector and the incompetent but active and efficient parasitic non corporate but available members provide windows for abuse of the Nigerian, by corruptive practices. This explains the over valuation of supplies, works and services with irresponsible attendant poor finishings. But, at the end of the day the best among them who can claim to have successfully transited to safe post retirement life will confess to you that they remain as hangers-on, always unsure of the future. This is because the moment the person they are fronting for, falls out of the 'productive' line, he is sure to crash. The very exceptional few are those whose life lines are re-insured outside our borders.

THE COSTS OF OUR CONTEMPORARY HISTORY

The very First one relates to insecurity/uncertainty that breeds PREJUDICES as an additional criterion for completing official procedures. The objective is to secure the future. We often hear, feel and note that god fatherism or who you know plays some role in getting things done. This is most prominent in securing employment and even passing through due processes for offering services, doing works or supplies.

The Second cost is waste of scarce and valuable resources, waste of time, inefficiency, ineffectiveness, arising from misappropriation, misapplication, abuse of trust, office, time, resources etc. Thus all activities are overpriced.

The Third is a two-face diversions from primary responsibilities. Progression is made possible and sometimes even faster by Boot licking or Eye service and Threats to Expose misdeeds. In consequence the Leadership cannot afford to be strong and firm. And the competencies in the followership degenerate to frustration and non-challance bordering on insubordination.

The Fourth is the growing culture of running a parallel machinery or system. The one that is written and used to justify the acquisition of resources on the one hand and the real beneficial one that is sustained with corruptive arrangements. This culture is the real basis for the growing indiscipline in the services - Public and Private.

The Fifth is that, as a result of personalization of things, the leadership growingly fears meeting and dealing with new people. Safety is defined by a blood relation, common geographical place of origin, common religion, common language, membership of a club, an association, school mate, class mate, sex partner etc.

The Sixth is that conscience disappears for common identification. Thus, a leader associated with strange outrageous corruptively unearned income simply denies or trivializes it, even though neither himself, his family nor his associates can speculate the standard for measuring his Needless, Wantless and Defenseless life style.

The Seventh is that, the institutions, operations and achievements of corrective organizations lose their honour, satisfaction and fulfilment. They portend very contradictory values. Decent agents get questionable while the stars are either one-eyed or simply hunting dogs.

The Eighth is that the Principal principle of achievement and survival increasingly becomes that of INCONSIDERATE, REGARDLESS, DESPERATE ENGAGEMENT. Examples include the sponsorship of Murders, Arsons, Robberies, Oil bunkering, Pipeline vandalisation, Kidnappings, Bombings, Money doubling, Money laundering etc. Participation and Belongingness to Cults and Fraternities with special Covenants. The objective that is consciously achieved or otherwise is that the due and standard process of Preferred Solution Realization is sabotaged.

The Ninth is that Unpredictability and Uncertainty become a popular standard to make distortions normal. This makes the process of our history twisting. For example progressive pressure groups like the Labour and the Press get used for Retrogressive objectives through manipulation of real truth and unbearable bribery. They will threaten and even proceed to pull history back for what ordinarily may

appear to be in the interest of the Nation. The President will propose a policy in the interest of the Nation, the Governors will hesitatingly appreciate it. The Minister of Finance will meet with Commissioners for Finance on what to do to move forward. But they will go on rampage. This is ordinarily because the Government and Leaders have in the past consistently not shared the Real Truth about National matters. The Mosques and Churches become often times placed on the queue of Kingdoms, Fraternities, Cults, Temples, Boards, Clubs, Associations etc 'STRIVING' to enable CONTRADICTION good in the common society.

THE REFLECTORS

The Family from the Marriage that leads to it is the worst hit. It is extremely difficult and expensive to realize the ordinary coming together of two partners that have met the prescribed God's terms like consent of the parents, witnesses, acceptance by the two prospective parties and a convenient voluntary gift as dowry. This has made promiscuity popular as a transitory process for most marriages. Marital life after marriage has become full of impatience and short lived. Single parenting has become popular. Reproduction of the society outside wedlock is now more condoned. The collapse of the family system has cut down the essential values of the society. This is the social danger we live in.

The economic production of the materials and services we need has become very much disoriented. The raising of money by ANY MEANS has become the basic foundation of our unfortunate history. The production of essential goods and services as the fundamental basis for secondary goods and services over the tertiary ones have been doubly reversed. The services are now more and the tertiary services are in the fore front along with tertiary goods. Thus share holding and networking supported by financial services like brokerage, insurance consultancies, banking are more organized and pervasive. The production of Foods, Water, Shelter are very much backward to Transport, as a related example of disorder. The business of Advertisement, GSM, Commerce, are further comparatively more organized though less needful. This is not to talk of Private Security services, Footballing, Acting, in comparison to Teaching, Training, Research and the Writing and Publishing of Educational knowledge. And these are coloured by currency exchange, robbery with arms or pen, currency counterfeit, etc.

The Government machineries are not left out of this mess. Timeliness is out of question. Objectivity is laughable. Consistency is foreign. Transparency is strange. Record keeping is an after-thought. Procedures are trampled upon wilfully. Professionalism is strange. Referencing is embarrassing. Direction and continuity

are shameful. Right doing is therefore a matter of chance. Thus the standard psych is that Anything is possible just as Nothing is possible.

In politics, leadership is not expected to assure collective responsibility. It is therefore both right and wrong to oppress and free, rig or not rig election etc.

THE STATUS QUO PROCESS OF DISACHIEVEMENT

In the course of the painful and disorienting history that we roll out, a characteristic dynamics is developed with two super structural phases that are both conflicting and independent of the seeming historical process that is rolling out and is presented as the relevant course.

The First phase is defined by the Policies, Instruments, Machineries and Establishments that prominently serve to CHECK and PLACE ON COURSE all major activities in our history making process. Here, there are Agreements, Auditing, Monitoring, Oversight Functions, Due Process, Approvals, Probes, Investigations etc. In Opposition is the Second parallel phase that Deals and Beats the First. It is propelled by Needs, Wants and Fancies with TACIT UNDERSTANDING, the betrayal of which does not expose the betrayers to any formal sanction, even though they may lose out in the class.

These parallel phases in their dialectical struggle determine what is possible with the PLAIN PROCESS of history making. These are defined by all the things that our Plans, Budgets, Appropriations and Fundings seek to realize.

This positioning where the personality of Nigeria will be walking on two hands and the head in a suspension, with the legs UP is what we need to reverse. Then we shall be like other human creatures. The needed two feet will amount to having the head UP with the feet on the ground for walking. The proper and recognized limbs are the First phase along with the Plain Process. Nation building and history making are responsibly and responsively built on higher commitment to the Plain Process and less of the First phase. The higher the First phase is built is a pointer to the level of Unreliability, Dishonesty, Disbelieve, Distrust and Negativities in the psych, spirit and orientation of Especially the NECESSARY AGENTS with the responsibility for turning the direction and history around.

FOR TRANSFORMATION FROM MAY 29TH, 2011.

TRANSFORMATION relates to END RESULT. It relates to the status of the completion of a process. NOT in the number of scholarships offered but in the

Awards received. NOT in the number of students registered but those Graduated. NOT in the number of graduates but those in Employment. NOT in the number of Projects but those Executed. NOT in the number of Power stations but in the Voltage distributed for use. NOT the number of people who are tested to be HIV positive but the number guaranteed regular Retroviral drugs. NOT the number of Local Government Councils or the share of the national cake that goes to States but what the resources are employed for and directly empowers the people in whose name they are spent. There is therefore a process of stages, steps, grades or levels as Distinct from the END that is directly connected to Nigerians for Beneficial Use. NOT in the amount or types of laws made but on their Impact on the Livelihood of me and you. NOT rulings made in Judgments but their Fitness into the total History of Nigeria. NOT the amount of scandals or frauds Exposed but the Use to which the discoveries are put for the general and future benefits made out of them. **THEREFORE, NO COMPLETION CAN BE ACHIEVED WITHOUT THE PROCESS.**

BEYOND THE TOPIC AND DEFINITIONS: TOWARDS AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE DEVELOPMENTAL PROCESS TRAPPINGS FOR CHANGE

The above outline captures the dissatisfaction popularly expressed with the governance outcomes from May 29th, 2011 to May 29th, 2012. But SO WHAT? This is critically the drawback of the Underdevelopment School. In other words, it is NOT ENOUGH to list and weigh shortfalls and even list expected numbers and levels of expectations. Indeed, students and masters of the Underdevelopment School only slightly differ from the champions of the system they criticize by crudity of style or approach.

We will require more Patience, Tolerance and Discipline TO TAKE CONTROL OF THE ENGINE THAT WILL DELIVER DEVELOPMENT. And this is resting squarely on the PECULIAR TRAPPINGS OF A GIVEN SOCIETAL PROCESS. It is the principal appreciation and dealing with this, that will ENABLE TRANSITION TO TRANSFORMATION. It is Not Enough or even Progressive to Insult, Condemn, Dismiss what is unsatisfactory. It is more important to hold these back in the form of critical definitions and use the useful part of the elements in a superior repackage. Thus, when Goodluck makes a blunder, it is worse for Fairluck to contemplate that the first step to take is to Replace Goodluck. Indeed it will be worst for Badluck to suggest the solution of making it impossible for Goodluck to do any other thing, because faith and benefit of the doubt have been thrown to the winds. This is why Developing countries, societies and systems that relax with change of leadership batons or languish in permanent objections Rarely move

forward. Until a System is grasped, control and management will often give way to suspicion and manipulation at the detriment of the general society.

My objection to the Underdevelopment School approach is that Criticism must not be limited to a sweeping dismissal of what is wrong and the shop is closed. It may be entertaining to the ears and calming to the emotions but it fails to serve as a useful basis for moving forward. It is therefore typically characterized by shallow analysis through over simplicity and very ambitious suggestions that are bankrupt of real processes. This has informed why those who are given the opportunities of management or leadership have either failed, got stuck or get swept by the same system they had to recover from collapse. The history of the PRP in Kano and Kaduna States are good for reflection. For students of Development, what should be of interest is What sustained the prePRP and postPRP systems against the short livelihood of the PRP. In the defunct Soviet Republic students who have missed this necessary system process in the transition from controls by thieves to controls by workers have often found it controversial when asked the simple question of, what could have been of Soviet Union without Joseph Stalin as against what it would have been if Lenin had remained alive. This, students of contemporary history will submit, is critically contributory to the folly of believing that COMMUNISM is realizable and the eventual collapse of the water-tight State. On the contrary it is a naked truth that all the other shades or varieties of socio-political-economic systems have been cruising, against extinction. The Papal system, the Saudi system, the Japanese system, the British system, the American system, the French system etc.

Back here in Nigeria, those who get carried away by the appearances of Development and ignore the systematic processes waste their time over how well we have succeeded in the replant of the looks outside. And they get shamelessly confronted by what to do with our peculiarities. These may be called Tradition, Culture, Religion or whatever.

AN EXAMPLE FROM THE POLITICAL PROCESS

Political Parties. Registration of Political Parties. Registration of Members. Party Offices . Party Officials. Manifestoes, Campaigns, Rallies, Electoral Commissions, Electoral Offices, Electoral Officials, Electoral Tribunals, Electoral Judicial Staff, Electoral Candidates, Electoral Laws, Elections, Elections Results, etc. Which one do we not have or have we not employed? The resources and time that we have invested compared with the complaints we are still bearing is a good pointer to our Misplacement. That in themselves, these apparatus are Not enough or even useful until they become For Us. In other words, the satisfactory results that we get from

their engagement are grossly insufficient. Those who weep for rigging forget about the minimum competence for meaningful franchise. Unfortunately, these are not the things that produce the transformation agenda. But we have not had any elected Federal Government that has not spent at least one year before the winner has the issue put aside from matters of Governance.

After the Elected have taken over, the three arms of government become visible. Take Planning and Execution of the Transformation Agenda. The Executive submits a Budget. The Legislature Appropriates. When and where there is a dispute the saintly neutral Judiciary is the resort. But what single year have we experienced when the budget has been planned, processed, executed and evaluated within the same year or in a period of twelve months? Coming to the last May to May 365 days, how fully responsible will Jonathan or the Federal Government machinery be for what it has been able to do, when it is only a Participant in the process? Have you lost sight or interest in the cost and time the Executive and the Legislature spend on their relationship, powers and limits?

The Judiciary is respected for not making noise. It only concentrates on doing its own things.

When Obasanjo who cannot be denied the credential of eight year civilian President labelled Legislators names, students of development process should appreciate that he could be wrong to the extent of the New members elect. The others have the right to singly and collectively sue him (including those that failed to return). The Senate was smarter. It challenged him to open the can. Obasanjo is old enough, intelligent enough and experienced enough to make such devastating statement and be given a benefit of the doubt.

In my assessment, the Political Machinery is critical only to the extent that it will serve to aid the delivery of the Transformation Agenda. It therefore deserves only as much as it is close to Transformation. It is like over rated attention to Courtship and Wedding against the investment in the Knowledge and Discipline for an all life time Marriage.

I am therefore suggesting that Beyond the failures of the Underdevelopment School approach, the students of Development have the responsible challenge of delineating the Principal variables in the system process, that have the superior capacity to engineer the required development. Because history is dynamic, the factors of today differ from those of yesterday. The factors that will qualify for that status in Nigeria will differ from those that do not share our peculiarities.

A REFLECTION ON THE EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENT

In this country, we have three tiers. The Federal, the State and the Local Governments. The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria defines an exclusive list for the Federal government. This makes it easy for students of Growth to simply have a check list for evaluating the performance of each tier in isolation of the others. But take this simple examine. When we talk of development, are we restricting it Roads or Universities? Are we the Humans of secondary status? Do we slice a limit for our relationship with the Federal against that with the State and Local Government? NO. That is why the subject of development is encompassing of the Structures, Processes and Results. An insight into the history of the Federal Government relationship with Lagos State and the Federal Capital Development Areas is a good pointer to the mess we can make of development by hanging on non Principal variables in the service to the people. We are not unaware of instances when some Political Party Candidates have been restrained or even frustrated in holding rallies.

The ability of the tiers to serve depends on the quality of the Political Leadership and the Bureaucracy available for riding to the destination of Transformation Agenda. When we complain about the crop of people that are available, we forget that the Number we have to work with is not least critical in determining the level that we can get. If you require a Local Government Chairman that commands the credentials associated with the office, you cannot get the kind of person schooled in Ekiti or Edo in Yobe or Taraba. But schooling is not a guarantee for good leadership. We have had a Catholic Priest as a Governor. A Professor as a Governor. A General, a Senator, a Diplomat etc moving our affairs. History has indicated that these are not in themselves, enough or a guarantee for development. But we are craving for more States. This will invite for more Federal presence. More Growth?

I am therefore suggesting that, we Cannot Guarantee getting more than CRUMBS, FLAKES and MORSELS in the future, until and unless we turn to a Factor that we have not focused on and IS the Principal Inhibitor to realizing ANY Transformation in this country.

THE IMMEDIATE CONSIDERABLE TERMS FOR TRANSFORMATION

There will be the immediate need to suspend expansionist process in the direction of Local and State structures by way of creations, because they are fundamentally diversionary and weakening of the concept and commitment to Nigerianism. The disturbing justification for this is that, with the present number of leadership

openings, we have failed to get the right people into most of the positions. This is explainable by the more problems and failures than solutions and successes in the common evaluations of what history has been rolled out. In other words, we have too many UNDESERVING Chairmen, Governors, Legislators, Councilors, Commissioners, Ministers, Directors, Permanent Secretaries, Managing Directors, Directors General, Ambassadors, etc. The further temptation of Restructuring of the existing machineries by way of collapsing or abolishing some is a very big challenge that requires Extra Caution and Sense of Responsibility. The Principle behind this necessity is that the Number of Facilities that will be Necessary to Serve a given number of Nigerians go beyond proximity. Competencies and cost benefit are even more critical if wastage is to be minimized or even eliminated in our history.

There will be the necessity to FORGIVE, OVERLOOK all official thefts that have taken place already Regardless of the Amount and Who is involved. This painful requirement is to be able to involve and engage Those who have the needed competencies for transforming Nigeria. The national objective and benefit to be achieved is a new basis for criminality bordering on official thefts. This forgiveness does not cover or include those who have used extra ordinary physical force to acquire what they have accumulated. This standard logically implies that, what is closed Must not be returned to for straightening, amendment, correction, visitation, investigation or probe. That also means that No claims will be made in retrospect.

There Must be a synergy in the Plans, Provisions, Arrangements and Actions on Collective Basic Goods and Services for All Nigerians, between the Local, State and Federal Governments on the one hand and the Public and Private Sectors on the other hand.

The large pool of unemployed schooled and skilled youths will need to be tapped for absorption into the Agricultural and Educational sectors as appropriate.

THE SUPERIOR UNDERSTANDING

The first solution to the primary inevitable needs of FOOD, DRINK AND SHELTER that corruption services is the physical production of these in real terms DEVOID of trickery procedures and conditions. While with the DRINK, water comes FIRST, with FOOD a balanced structure of varieties is the determinant. When these become TRULY abundantly available, easily and of relevance, the development of shelter can comfortably rest on the men that are living. Shelter includes clothing and housing.

This solution invites comparative 'waste'. The resources to be committed in developing AGRICULTURE and WATER RESOURCES GENEROUSLY will be more arresting of corruption by checking the following 'wastages':

- cost of operatives and institutions on corruption.
- quantum of 'robberies' committed to feeding fellow human beings and for their health care.
- less meaningful employment attractions through the ceaseless expansion of formal structures like Ministries, Parastatals, Agencies, States, Local Governments etc to 'rationalise' the sharing of the national cake.
- the wild hunt for leaders to fill in critical positions that are neither easy to get nor easy to train, which is what breeds godfatherism.
- well intended investigations that establish corruptive practices which recommendations are often either not implemented or are of only brief and seeming benefits.

The second related need is the natural satisfaction of sexual urge which ignites, fires and sustains corruption. This is rooted in the breakdown of the family system. The bid to satisfy this enhances corruption by opening up the easier availability of temporary partnership with little or no responsibility for women as a lifestyle.

Money is therefore stolen or amassed, to impress, satisfy or keep women by men. And women, especially society women of mention seek for satisfying relationship by spending on men. Excess and undeserving money is used as a weapon in the capturing of women enveloped in poverty by tricksters who escape from the hands of rules, regulations and laws as they loot resources entrusted to them.

The result of this is reflected in widespread free, temporary and non-committal but very expensive man-woman relationship. This culture is spread across institutions of learning, work places and at ceremonies or festivals between singles, those in wedlock and across.

This can be attended to by making marriage easier. It is noteworthy that expensive marriages are driven by poverty or affluence, which should be the exception and not the common options.

The suggestion is that if these twin solutions are adopted, inter personal and inter community security will be largely given. The worry for security will then be reduced to those necessary, like the few unavoidable deviants and more for security against external aggression.

THE SUPERIOR INVITATION

If we sincerely and seriously WORRY and CARE to attend to corruption, then, my invitation is that the basic material conditions of Nigerians **MUST NEED TO BE PRIMARILY SECURED**. A simple generous and elaborate arrangement (a combination of rules, regulations, laws, policies and institutions) must be hooked up **FOR REAL PRODUCTION**. The formal must not be in isolation of the informal. **NOT PRIVATISATION** that negates the relationship.

For example, the former Soviet Union had a highly developed institutionalization that connected the two. This is why in spite of its collapse, food, drink and shelter were well served. The policing that supports this are more **HUMANE** than the illusive and deceitful **FREEDOM** in our democracy where hunger, disease and crude crime envelopes the little available food, drink and shelter in **FEAR**.

The doctors, teachers, researchers, transport and logistics operatives, the old, the young, consultants, bankers, soldiers, police, judges, lawyers, the ICPC and EFCC operatives etc all need to eat and drink before they can do their jobs. It is therefore a higher responsibility of the government to arrange the provision of food and drink **FIRST**. The majority of men can only properly worship on food and drink.

This principal **FAILURE** in my opinion explains the collapse in the **QUALITY OF EDUCATION**; **PRIVATISATION** which was suspected/trusted to escape from the collapse of public economic institutions; **DIRTY POLITICS** which includes the philosophical necessity to rig; the **HIGH COST OF GOVERNANCE**; the popularity of **CULTISM**; high rate of sophisticated **CRIMES**; the critical submission of internal checks machineries; the unsatisfactory impact of anti-graft agencies etc.

This explains why the evident enormous human and material resources in Nigeria have continuously failed to impact on the lives of Nigerians, and the skewed structure of economic lifestyle we live with and the attendant costs. This is **WHY** you need to listen well, watch, in dealing with a traditional leader, a top government functionary, a professor, a fellow of a professional body, an **EXPERT**, a Consultant, a **SAN**, or whatever, **UNTIL** you discover what unfolds. This in my observation is responsible for the attitude of Europeans, Americans, the French or Arabs to us.

The economic and financial institutions are no exception on this failure. Their survival and development is largely based on hangers-on on the governments.

This is why strikes, salary increases for better conditions of workers do not IN THEMSELVES give lasting impact.

Because MARRIAGE and FAMILY is God's institution, the religious concerns can then build a good family system on the secure material conditions.

THE CHOICE IS NOW OURS, TO ACCEPT OR PRETEND.

THE SUPERIOR CHALLENGE

In my candid opinion, it is not how much we hate corruption that is the issue for attention. It is not the amount of laws, rules and regulations that we generate. It is not the number and sophistication of institutions and personnel that we raise, or establish. It is not the disgrace or stiff sanctions on culprits and victims of corruption (which we can seriously NOT separate) that will solve the problem.

For every practical solution, there is always a first step. The step may need to be a rational one, which with non-humans is definable as logical. But for humans, it may not ALWAYS be SUFFICIENT to be rational. Moreover, the issue at hand is both RATIONAL and SENSIBLE.

In this particular case of corruption, it is my opinion that we must admit what is NOT POSSIBLE. The first impossibility is that, what the monies gotten from corruptive practices or arrangements are used for CANNOT be abandoned. FOOD, DRINKS, SHELTER and SEX, along with SECURITY are not compromisable completely by living men. The second impossibility is that NO MR. CLEAN must envisage eliminating or isolating this generation and history of corrupt practices and arrangement by a replacement with a non-corrupt generation and history that is unrelated to the present and which has NO NEED for basic FOOD, DRINK, SHELTER, SEX and SECURITY. At least I do not think that way.

Thus, the FIRST STEP TO ANTI-GRAFT IS TO REORIENT the princes of corruption. Both ambitious cleaners and the princes of corruption MUST ACCEPT that the only justification for anti-graft is that both parties stand to lose in the near future. The more the present trend continues the greater the fruits of corruptive practices and arrangements get VULNERABLE to insecurity, disrespect and stressed lifestyle. This is the only basis of encouraging a slowing down and commencing a REVERSION of our values.

This is the superior understanding to the over simplistic, over ambitious, one-eyed straight line definition of corruption and the massive investment to achieve it which has become more questionable with time.

THE CHALLENGES OF THE PRINCES

The very first is to accept their status of Dialectical Distinction. That they have the ingredients and competencies to transform the history of Nigeria as much as they serve as the supporting pillar for the parasitic hangers-on class that solely depends on them.

The second is to recognize that the instruments of the state defined by its agents and laws are a trust of the entire society of Nigeria to be run in the interest of all - without exception. It is this system of structures, laws, agents and processes that is the Nigeria and the building of which is Nigerianism. The responsibility is therefore, to be Nigerian. It is the Princes' failures that have resulted in the ill health, degeneration and disintegration of the Nigerian people, society, economy, polity, culture and therefore, history.

The third is to triply disengage from:

- Concentrated self development. This is based on the necessary understanding that the Best of life does not rest in the amount of things piled as a security for uncertain future But what is available for immediate use.
- Legal fronting of Parasites for the limited development of self and the parasites. This is because the usual tacit term is a weak arrangement that is always not binding. This explains why it degenerates to coloration by cultism, terrorism and familial ties.
- Reorienting the princes of darkness that have been lured, encouraged, employed or married into alliance for securing self development.

THE CHALLENGES OF THE PHILOSOPHER KING

In the name of Nigerian, the Unity of Nigeria as a single entity must continue to be watched, supervised, monitored, supported, encouraged, maintained and ENFORCED. It shall determine and define the limit of the ambitions and strategies of achievement to be pursued with the Princes/Agents. This shall continue to be the TERM for the final relevance of all transformations and services. This shall

continue to be done through SUPERIOR TRUST and RESPONSIBILITY on matters that are common, over and above matters that are peculiar. For example, finance and international affairs.

The constant redefinition of citizenship in relation to productivity, such that:

- EVERYBODY shall be engaged for contribution and hooked up to the relevant reward system. Thus, competencies among the youths and the so classified retired persons will constantly be in optimal use – for themselves and Nigeria. Only a very minimal percentage of the latter and children will be allowed to be living on the production of the society – TOTALLY FREE OF CHARGE.
- Unemployment will be made IMPOSSIBLE as against being made merely illegal.

The Philosopher King shall strive to symbolize the SYSTEM by impersonalism. This will serve as an encouragement and a focal reference for the institutionalization of good governance. Personal interventions and thus prejudices will be minimized or even eliminated. The person of the Philosopher King will be characterized by knowledge, intelligence, contentment, modesty, discipline, generosity and general goodness. The system will become evident and superior to ALL persons. Succession will logically and sensibly get easily and meaningfully generated as a consequence, rather than as a creation.