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A purpose is always positively objective and often a deliberately committed process or act to achieve a desirable end or the motivation to do so. In respect of living which is preceded by non existence and then birth, we can only coin the objective from knowledge and experience. From our living, there is an INEVITABLE aspect which is CHOICELESS and UNAVOIDABLE. The moment one is born, everyone is enmeshed, encapsulated, consumed, arrested, chained or imprisoned in it.

You suddenly become a child, a brother, sister, cousin, step relation, from a locality, of a mother tongue, a community, a faith, a race, of a health status, of certain Prospects. Each and a combination or all of these do not have any historical meaning in itself. However a meaning can be generated for one, a combination and all of these by virtue of an INEVITABLE NEED TO EXIST AND SURVIVE THROUGH STRUGGLES.

The struggle to exist and survive is a twin inevitability that applies to All humans and animals alike. This can be by self, by aid or a combination of the two. And fundamental to making these possible is physiological Needs. Food, drink, clothing, housing, sex. These can be achieved through relating with nature or fellow men. And the successful attainment of this twin natured inevitable purpose can be basic, advanced or very advanced by quantitative expansion, by variety of the same provisions and by the qualitative forms of the same. This is how we can understand the difference and relationship between orange, packed orange juice and vitamin C in the form of sustained release technology.

The beginning and end of this inevitable condition and conditioning rests in this real, immediate, historical life we are living. This life that we are born into without our consent or contribution and have been departing without our love is survivable necessarily only through struggles. Through the struggles we attain our Basic Needs, Wants and Fancies, in their quantum, varieties and qualities. And these can spread across goods and services. Thus with clothing we have at least different stitches in different cultures for different seasons. The systems of education do not reveal the contrary. The hairdo that we choose are from varieties. Even massaging by a physiotherapist is different from the one by

maidens and that which is electronically done. Thus we move by foot, animal, cycle, motor, train, ship or aircraft. We live in flats, bungalows, mansions and palaces.

The singular peculiarity of this INEVITABLE TWIN PURPOSE OF LIVING BY HUMANS AND ANIMALS IS THAT EXISTENCE AND SURVIVAL NEEDS TO BE CONTINUOUSLY MAINTAINED UNTIL THE INEVITABLE DEATH DO US PART . It is akin to the Prophet of Islam's description of the stomach. That bag that you never stop to refill, in order to be satisfied. And the Qur'an guides to the truth that every soul shall taste of death. This level equals us with animals as far as the essential purpose of inevitable condition of existence and survival instructs. The difference in our ability to innovate as against instinct does not in any way Abuse this basic essential belongingness. Thus, the best of food, the best of drink, the best of clothes, the best of housing, the best of transport, the best hairdo, the best cosmetics, the best electronics, the best arms, the best safety, the best honesty, the best sincerity, the best loyalty etc do NOT make one, a group or nation Superior to the animal kingdom livelihood AS LONG AS THE PURPOSE OF LIVING IS RESTRICTED TO THIS INEVITABLE TWIN LEVEL OF EXISTENCE AND SURVIVAL.

This level is therefore the minimum standard that every human must be provided with by self or others or both. NO human can justifiably be denied this for whatever reason or sense. Thus regardless of the level of the growth and development of this Purpose in its various shades, if an entire society or community or nation or family is well so provided LESS ONE PERSON, it is generally or collectively backward and irresponsible. In other words, it is restrictive in its Purpose achievement and has failed to provide for its whole-self. It is like being one-eyed or one-legged, one-handed etc. It is only a likening because it is worse. One can be in any of these conditions of handicap not by self making. Thus, Muhammad SAW said, the *Ummah* is like one body, whatever affects a part of it affects the whole body. And this is the Only Rational and Sensible basis that mankind, humanity, nations and societies deserve to be measured or rated by. NOT THE AVAILABLE QUANTUM, VARIETY, QUALITY AND FORMS OF NEEDS, WANTS, FANCIES OF GOODS AND SERVICES by whatever percentage less ONE.

This is the meeting point of all men simply because we are human beings. There is no discrimination at this level. No single man or woman, black, red, yellow or

white, in the north, south, west or east, on an island, on shore or off shore can be justified not to be provided for, to exist and survive. Regrettably this basic or fundamental inevitable purpose is still, shamefully, a growing challenge to humanity, to races, to nations, to all the corners of the globe.

HOW THIS IRRESPONSIBLE AND UNJUSTIFIABLE PARTIAL DENIAL SUBSISTS. HOW WE CONTINUOUSLY FAIL TO DEAL WITH THIS BASIC AND FUNDAMENTAL ANTI SELF.

To be sure, there is NOBODY who does not consistently hear, see, know, and feel the existence of those who lack and are not sure of the basic needs of life in the next minute. EVERYBODY does. Those who lack, do as much as those who are provided? And NOBODY between the two is comfortable with the other. The provided are in fear of those who lack with two distinctions. One is that, they will hate and reject becoming one of those that lack. The second is that they cannot be sure of their position if those who lack get loose from the twisted morality used to bind them. The discomfort of those who lack is that they are used against themselves by the provided and they hang on the twin morality of patience for improvement in the future through consistent hard work.

But this is absolutely not justifiable. Muhammad (SAW) instructed for blanket relevance and application that, we fill one-third of our stomach with *halal* food, another one-third with *halal* drink and the remaining one-third with air. There is therefore no basis for anybody to fall short of these. And because there is no compulsion in religion the choice of the food and drink that any individual will fill the proportion with is FREE BUT MUST BE ALLOWED AND PROVIDED AS A COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY. Therefore dealing with and not condoning a situation where even One person prays or lives with a distortion of this standard proportions, other than VOLUNTARILY, is Islamic, is Human, is Social, is Responsible, is Rational, is Sensible .

The very first How is rooted in twisted knowledge and understanding. This disturbingly relates to inequality or equity. It is not uncommon to hear or be referred to the length of our fingers as unequal. That the inequality enables effective and efficient use of the fingers for useful purposes. Without doubt, this is partly true. To the extent that basic subsistence MUST BE THE BASIS, LIKE THE WRIST HOLDS UNTO THE FINGERS THROUGH THE PALM. Unequal fingers do not in any way justify lacking basic needs by any single man on the surface of the

earth, in any nation, in any family. Thus, not all persons, every person needs to be president, governor, minister, chief executive. Some people have to be engineers, craftsmen, technicians, cleaners etc. BUT NO ONE OF THEM WILL BY THAT VIRTUE OF NECESSARY DIFFERENTIAL ROLES AND STATUSES, JUSTIFIABLY LACK THE BASIC NEEDS FOR EXISTENCE AND SURVIVAL.

The second How relates to the manner of response or approach to the sure knowledge and living with this contradiction of lack and provision classes. Because of their opposite characteristics and the logical discomfort between the two, it easily attracts suggesting, recommending outright Opposition, Conflict, Fight between the two. These often come by seeking to either replace the provided with the lacking or attempting to neutralize the differences like making the conditions of living equal. However, in all cases, because it is both irrational and senseless, the results are always either fruitless or very short-lived. The best success is the Communist system that collapsed. The less known but equally failed successful system is that of the Kibbutz in Israel. At home here we had experienced radical Murtala who died a hero on his own and left the helpless system to be re arrested, cuffed with stronger and more chains. Buhari in his case was obsessed for cleaning by putting away or elimination. But for a sustainable solution, the approach must be both rational and sensible. This explains why the Peoples' Redemption Party lost out fast in Kaduna State under Balarabe Musa, only to be followed by Kano under Abubakar Rimi. And the same Buhari made an impressive inroad under the Petroleum Trust Fund.

While the above examples are general and society-wide, on a more regular basis and at sub-system levels to individual levels, there are common and prominent dispositions that enhance the sustenance of disabling our achieving this twin inevitable purpose. This takes the form of How we make use of our time. Time, is the free and limited opportunity that we waste for no triple good. Those from among either of the classes who engage in evil acts and mischief because they are aimless about the right step to dealing with this failure, or out of lousiness or wickedness. For an example inflicting physical harm on the provided or on their assets do not in any way turn into positive benefit for either party. In the same term, harming the one that lacks or further denial does no good to either party. And the same time that is then lost forever, is what was misused for the mischief or wickedness. Another misdirected form that wastes the precious and unrecoverable time is used up by refusing or failing to correct evil or wrong with

what is correct or right. But two wrongs have never rationally and sensibly made one right. This takes the specific forms of revenge or vengeance, in whatever respect, and especially in connection with achieving the twin inevitable purpose of living. Worse still where this is not the character of relation between members of the opposing classes or between members of the same class, it is common to find self involvement or commitment to what is considered as self protection by the yet to be victims . This is easily evident by the amount of investment that we make in personal security. It is either guards or gadgets. On ourselves, in our cars, houses, offices or wherever. At corporate level it is called probe, investigation, inspection, for justifying senseless sanctions that are immediately unreasonable.

Another How is through the Excesses of the provided often mistaken as the outlet for comfort, peace and happiness. However, they are in reality false, because they fail to give optimal general fulfilment that is comprehensive. For example, having a larger than life house or numerous houses for living. Each empty one is in reality a confronting denial of another person or more. The one that is lived in can have only a side of the bed in the corner of a room useful for the owner. The point is that this is most questionable where one in a hundred does not have a roof under which they can surely retire. Where for the purpose of business an estate is developed, it is not for the upliftment of humanity or the society, when one of them lacks a roof against natural hazard. These collectively irresponsible excesses can take the form of academic degrees or name calling titles that do not add any value to the inevitable collective twin purpose of living, as primary to any superfluous wants and fancies. In the same terms, possession of numerous cars or a bullet proof one or a private jet gives only immediate pleasure and satisfaction against the long time falsity because of the burden and insecurity that logically and sensibly follow suit. The piling up of cash or assets is similarly neither positive nor negative in themselves. And the use to which they are put only matter AFTER ALL HAVE BEEN PROVIDED WITH THE FUNDAMENTAL TWIN INEVITABLE PURPOSE OF LIVING. Anything short of this cancels out ANY excuse for any shade of secure surpluses that can be genuinely defined as giving pleasure and happiness.

At the institutional level, the How is reflected in the essential flagrant abuse of Processes, Rules, Regulations, by setting aside, delays, pretense or manipulation to oblige a prejudice or heed to an abominable pressure. This is what explains the low quality of public service leadership and the attendant weakness of the bureaucracy that is thriving on stinking corruption. Thus credentials do not make

any process, activity or project predictable. The organization, the institution, the system does not matter, but some persons, who include outsiders. The culture makes anything impossible as much as possible. As with the executive, the public and private sectors, so are the legislature and the judiciary. Garbage in, garbage out.

THE ATTENDANT PRICES OF THIS IRRESPONSIBLE ORIENTATION

There is the pervasive inability to be SELFLESS, to ACCOMMODATE and CARE for OTHERS as HUMANS. This consequently nourishes NON CONTENTMENT, GREED, FEAR and WITHDRAWAL to Self, Family Tribe and similar myopic association as the avenue for security. This real prison or refusal to be born, to be free, to be weaned, is the stagnation, backwardness and underdevelopment of the entire contemporary history. Sharing is therefore painful. Ironically, this is the real basis of the impact failure and non sustenance of adhoc interventions by Charity, Non Profit, Non Government, local and international organizations that target achievement of this twin inevitable purpose of living, as humans.

There is also generational stagnation. This means that the very provided of today, continue, continue and continue to be the very those that matter. The process and bridge of succession is either non-existent or too weak to be real. This is reflected in the folly of compelling history to admit the kith and kins of the provided to succeed them like the rotten ascribable institution of traditional rulership in many of our societies in the world. In consequence, a weaker following generation is what is produced. Thus yesterday is always dignified as better than today. Back here at home the network of phony godfathers is the proof of our shame.

THE ONLY TRIPLE TERMS FOR SUSTAINABLE TRANSFORMATION FROM THE PRESENT QUAGMIRE TO REAL AND TOTAL FREEDOM OF ALL AND ESPECIALLY THE LACKING

The first indisputable truth is that we, fellow HUMANS from among the very US are the required agents for the change and transformation. Neither Spirits nor Angels will be appropriate. This was the merciful reminder that Allah (SWT) offered to the Arabs, who suggested that, the authenticity of Muhammad's (SAW) prophethood needed to be supported by guardian angels. It is therefore more reasonable to envisage or propose the engagement of foreigners to transform a society than to opt for elimination of all real and perceived obstacles to the

transformation and end up not having willing and genuine contributors to the process.

The second is by Forgiveness. This is most strategic in putting a break to the back-drawing process and starting a new history. This is the ONLY scientific basis for progression. In Islam it translates to Submission to Allah as the stepping stone to becoming a valuable instrument of change. The moment one submits by *Kalimatu Shahada*, one is forgiven All previous sins and becomes anew. It is from that point that the terms for the pursuit of the good in this world, the good in the hereafter and safety from hell fire become operative. Then, apostasy qualifies one for execution. *Zina* qualifies one for stoning. The essence of this decisive step in history is to mark a beginning. Thus it is only when the necessary basis for achieving the inevitable twin purpose of life is set, that probes, visitations, investigations, audit etc will be of collective responsibility. Anything short of this will simply be a wicked and deceitful game of setting or turning the table of history against those who lack, for no real fault of theirs. This is the very explanation why in a society of abundant availability of resources, poverty will still continue to stare and carve a deep inroad into the ranks of the society even when elaborate institutions and machineries of Transparency and Accountability are in operative place. The manipulation of the institutions and machineries for fraud and rising violence will be the companions of availability. Those societies that are less endowed will have more patience and discipline for organizing their positive lives. And it will appear to fools that the endowed are lazy and dishonest or that endowment is some kind of a curse.

The third is that Sustenance must always absolutely rest on OUR KNOWLEDGE, CONTROL and MANAGEMENT of every aspect of our SCIENTIFIC HISTORY. This amounts to how we deal with free and scarce resources, both human and material, tangible and intangible. Thus, for instance, for generating power, the record of at least consumption or burning rate, in relation to time, the scope of facilities served, the costs of operating personnel, the maintenance of the plant and the value of what the power is used for, All need to be water-tightly established over a period of time, for analysis and forward moving. In an establishment where any of these aspects or variables are carelessly handled, the definite outcome will INCLUDE taking advantages by both the managers and the operators. The service or activity will be one knit source of lousily feeding fat. This is why in a society where budgeting is a war of wits and the abuse of time, a key

principle like planning and committing an expenditure only when the resources are available are abusively built on irregular release of the funds. At the end of the year non performance becomes a song even though the very trustees of the machineries and processes have been well catered for. Indeed a skill is developed over a period of time that scares the executive, the legislature will not give up and the bureaucracy will be neutral, not to be the loser. The closer proof of this is the simple fact that in every year, no public organization ends up NOT doing and spending more resources on things that were not planned. The Qur'an instructs that when we go into value-relationship, it is recorded, with witnesses. Sincerity and honesty based on the fear and love of Allah must not be AHISTORICAL. Thus, a believer visited Muhammad (SAW). He was asked if he had tied his camel. The visitor submitted that he had entrusted it to Allah. Muhammad (SAW) instructed him to return, tie up the camel and then entrust it to Allah.

THE DIFFERENCE OF THE BELIEVERS' PURPOSE OF LIVING

Those who believe in Allah and bear witness to *Rasul*. Those who accordingly accept him as the model of the straight and middle path. These are those who strive for the utmost best in this world, for eternal bliss after death and distance from Hell fire. These are distinctly those who freely choose to be so without compulsion. Those who are not are therefore not their enemies by mere differing. And they have no law of living that is based on the partial or absolute exclusion of those who differ, when it comes to the matters of achieving the inevitable twin purpose of living by ALL HUMANS.

This second and last purpose is the ultimate because, in eternal life, living is effortless. Those who have chosen to transit to that consciously are not the same with those who will be caught unawares. And the necessary foundation is commonly the pursuit of the inevitable twin purpose of living. By definition of identity, the one who lives by struggle to exist and survive till death. Death is the closure of shop. Thus, by whatever means and effort existence and survival will be pursued to the utmost ONLY. The only restraint to this will be what is obstructed by Others, humans, laws or nature. They will not mind eating five times daily, drinking to drunkenness, bisexual relationship, striving to be the richest man in the world, having an electric car, protecting self with nuclear or chemical weapons, living in fortresses, using cosmetics like creams made from human parts or use of dead humans hair as attachments. In principle, they have no limits of what, when, how, with or to whom except what is impossible or will amount to

risking the life that has no spare. They will wish to live for a thousand years or forever. When they are invited to expand their purpose to the ultimate they either deny the possibility or fail to establish what they will lose by such upgrade.

By definition of identity, the other one lives with conscious restraints. This conscious restraint does not include Total abandonment of the pursuit of the inevitable purpose of twin relevance. You will have to exist and survive in order to worship and build the size, quality and content of your paradise, the least of which is beyond the contemplation of human mind. This consciousness is what should moderate the inordinate ambition and excesses of pursuing the limited pursuit of the inevitable purpose. Muhammad (SAW) therefore instructs that the believer does this pursuit like a traveller who has his destination ahead of the present station. This clarifies the limits or reserves of Allah that MUST not be visited or gone into or committed. And they are guarded by express sanctions and the example of *Rasul*. Muslims must therefore not Steal. If you do, you will bear the consequence. A Muslim is not consistent with telling Lies. If he does, he cannot be a witness. A Believer must not take laws into his hands to commit murder. A Muslim must not be an unsafe neighbour. If he or she is, they will have no civil rights over those that are unsafe, including fellow Muslims. A child born out of wedlock must not be punished for the commission of the parents But such must not be a preference in leadership, because the shortage of blessedness in his becoming strips his beingness from sympathy and mercy. While it is not their fault, the society must not be made to bear the brunt. It is only when they keep to these limits that they can relax in the traditions of Muhammad (SAW) and be as free as these standards are kept intact.

It must therefore be clear that Begging is a strong distaste in Islam. Hence it should be disabled and not prohibited. The practice of *Sadaqat* and the institutionalization of *Zakkat* are not the economic foundations for Muslims' establishment of society through achieving the inevitable purpose of living. And they are not restricted to benefit Muslims only. These are CUSHIONS for achieving the inevitable and ultimate purposes of living by humans, including believers, misbelievers, disbelievers and unbelievers. Indeed, this is further strengthened by limiting the right of Wills to one-third and the remaining two-thirds to the dictates of inheritance defined by *Shari'ah*. The best Muslim is therefore NOT the one who accumulated excess resources to be inherited by heirs. That it is not prohibited or is legal does not amount to its encouragement. Rather, it is to check errors,

mistakes, commission of excesses and further boost the provisions of the weak. Handouts are not the characteristic of the operation of an Islamic system. Islam is as a result NOT for the exclusive benefit of believers. Fasting is another critical How by which, Muslims are restrained and moderates their physical, emotional and psychological inclinations for excesses, defined as limiting their purpose of living to only the inevitable level. The content of beliefs and daily prayers ties up the needed physical and metaphysical orientation to achieving the inevitable and ultimate purposes of living, for both believers and other humans. It is in the pursuit of the inevitable purpose of living and as a historical process, that the trial of believers is situated in. It is through it that the faith of believers stands to be measured, rather than the ISOLATION of the inevitable from the ultimate. What distinguishes the scope of believers' purposes and the Hows ARE THE TWIN STANDARD THAT WILL MAKE THE COMMUNITY OF MUSLIMS THE BEST MODEL FOR MANKIND. These limitations for themselves and the freedom for all others is what make Muslims safe for humanity. Where they are in the lead, everybody should be comfortable. And where there is oppression, they are free to relocate without being a threat to the community or society they join. This is the real basis of Allah's challenge to those who deny the truth of Islam, IF THEY HAVE TRIED IT AND FOUND THAT IT HAS FAILED THEM.

THIS IS ISLAM. THIS IS THE STRAIGHT PATH. THIS IS THE MIDDLE PATH. THESE ARE THE ONLY PURPOSES OF LIVING BY HUMANS, WITHOUT EXEMPTION.

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