

**NIGERIA AT SIXTY AND SIXTY-ONE: VISIONING AND MISSIONING**  
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## **INTRODUCTION**

The British colonial rule lasted about 60 years (1900 to 1960). 60 to 61 years after independence, we are far below average in terms of development given available capabilities and resources compared to those available to the colonial masters. Take the railways for instance. We should be using electric locomotives built in Nigeria by Nigerians in 2021 not struggling to construct standard gauge lines. In other words, our developmental strides are slower than expected. The problem is that our governance is not driven by common belief, understanding and commitment to our unity and oneness. Corruption, personal or family aggrandisement, ethnic pre-eminence, religious zealotry and regional frenzy have turned our national anthem and pledge to nursery rhymes. The solution is to develop, institutionalise and inculcate the virtues of Nigerian Dream and Nigeria First in all and sundry.

The first and second parts of this compilation are Jimada's outburst on the occasion of Nigeria at 60 and 61 respectively. The third part epitomizes an imaginary parley of Jimada with the 2023 presidential candidate of Nigeria along with a follow-up letter to the candidate to reiterate the issues discussed. It summarizes his views of an ideal leadership for Nigeria.

**Imran Muhammad**

**PART I**

**NIGERIA AT SIXTY:  
BURSTING THE IGNORANCE AND HYPOCRISY BLOCKING OUR  
PATH OF UNITY IN POSITIVE DIVERSITY TO OUR COLLECTIVE  
SAFETY AND PROSPERITY**

## **BETTER LATE THAN NEVER**

The challenges of democracy, leadership and development will continue to be with us as long as we are living. This is because history is dynamic. The things or issues that will require attention will continue to change and expand with time as our activities and circumstances unfold new faces, forms or structure. No society is exempted from this standard process.

More critical is the fact that, these changes are inevitable, irrespective of our care, carelessness or neutrality. For example, with economic relationships, the creation of money is followed by banking services. If you decide to use money and never go to the bank, a change of currency will not exclude you and your relevance.

The very same applies to democracy, leadership and development. It will not matter whether you voted or not, whether you belong to a political party or not, whether you are for the ruling party or the opposition. You cannot be free from being affected. It is therefore more intelligent to be conscious of your status and role in any given circumstance.

We have attained sixty years of independence as a people with the sovereignty of our nation. However, nationhood or Nationalism continues to elude us. The only positive thing about this experience is that it has continued to grow stronger and logically attracts greater concerns by more and more people, cutting across all strata of the society.

The expression of these concerns, dissatisfaction, complaints have taken the forms of criticisms, protests and even revolts. The right recipient of these is always the leadership, with the leader at the top.

And the root summary cause for this, is the absence of an ideological framework that we hang on and revolve around. This has led to suggestions based on the comparison of the ones that other admirable countries are identified with. This specific concern has repeatedly been thrown at our political parties that appear to be different. Our constitution has not been saved this drawback, in the observation of some. And our ‘governance’ has effectively been management and administration of projects, works, services etc.

The clear benefit of an ideological orientation is that, it enables the definitions of challenges, directs to solutions and makes livelihood fairly predictable for the holders and outsiders. It specifically defines limits that cannot be exceeded, without consequence. This is practically more fitting the more relevant it is to the people and history. And at the end of the day, it must produce more satisfaction than regrets, confusion or frustration. Not even disagreements will generate these.

Because, it is a summary of the purpose of life, its pursuit and commitment is total. Life and resources of the individual or group members and the country can be committed to it as a positive investment. It gives a people and nation an identity for itself and what is honourable in relation to other nations. Therefore, for a society where Anything Goes, there will be no difference between new and strange things being introduced. But in a society where limits are defined, the things that will pass will be clear against the things that can only be tried but will not pass through.

Thus, in all societies deliberate efforts are made to educate members on this continuously and milling the younger generations through it. The families, the organizations and the nation are equally disposed to this. The more and better a society is able to this, the more organized it is expected to be. And its self-satisfaction

or fulfilment is what is most fundamental, against the opinions of others. This is the attribute of its independence.

TRUE CONSCIOUSNESS is therefore the status and role every citizen is committed to in thinking and practical activities. It is true because it is what RIGHT is for them. Those who differ are free to do so outside their confines. But as long as they are within their confines, their ideology must not be contradicted or abused. It will amount to disrespect and a slight in the least. It will be resisted to preserve its integrity.

In our case, it is either not clear or totally abused. Whatever informs this cannot be unconnected with disappointment, dissatisfaction, frustration or even embarrassment with the results that impact on us, WITHOUT using a common platform for defining our challenges and solutions or expectations. This means that we do not lack one or the ideas of that relevance.

The real gap, incapacity or failure is in our Admitting, Understanding and Commitment to ours. It is this unfortunate status that is responsible for the disconnect between our efforts in democracy, leadership, development and the results we get. And to worsen the situation, we do not keep educating ourselves and milling the younger generations through it, because of these weak or negative attributes.

Our constitution provides two related ideas for livelihood in relation to global varieties and our peculiarities. The first is economic. Our country admits and practices MIXED ECONOMY. This recognizes the direct participation of the state or government in the economy on behalf of the citizens, for collective safety and prosperity. While this will be at the commanding levels, individuals are not prohibited in free participation in the economy. These will admit independent

operations or the partnership between the two categories. The logic and sense in this structure is that as a developing economy, private individuals or a club of this do not corner all economic opportunities and benefits. It especially protects the interest of the majority who are weak and vulnerable, because the participation of the state will empower the state to enlarge the opportunities for the growth and development of an increasing number of the weak.

The second idea is that no religion shall be adopted by the state. This specifically protects the belongingness to any faith of choice that is civil. Any form of livelihood that will for instance involve burying people alive along with a dead king or an association that engages in killing or eating fellow humans is not admissible. And Nigeria is comfortably most populated by Christians and Muslims.

But we have not been able to clearly define a framework that admits the relationship between the two to give us safety and prosperity on a consistent and predictable basis by ourselves and others. This is a big responsibility we have been ignoring. And it is the root of most of our confusion, regrets, dissatisfaction, disappointments, frustration etc.

To be sure, it is not because it is impossible – as deserving as it is. It is like we are sleeping and only require to be awake. We are lying down and require to stand up. We are silent and require to speak up. We are screaming the glory of God without getting moved. We are constantly praying but deeply enmeshed in committing sins. We are children or servants of peace but are arrowheads of violence. We constantly preach orderliness but enjoy corruption.

But we are attracted to people and nations who attain and sustain orderliness, resist corruption, are awake, standing and clean.

What is the difference? They have physical territory that is recognized as theirs and we do not lack this. They have specific flags with a colour or design that depicts a critical aspect of their identity and we have too. They have a national prayer or anthem, we do not lack one. They have constitutions, we have one too. They have men and resources like we do. We have needs, wants and fancies like them. But even with structures, institutions and processes like political parties, legislatures, judiciary, banks, companies, media and associations, we are still far below what we can, should or minimally achieve. WHY?

## **OUR DESPICABLE IGNORANCE**

The consciousness of our identity that is most critical in the first step to livelihood. We have an identity but are not conscious of it. It is therefore not TRUE or it is FALSE because it is not serving, it is not being used. Our relationship with our resources and ourselves therefore inevitably fail to meet our needs, wants and fancies like safety and development for our prosperity.

But because it is historically inevitable for the three to be in play, for history, our burden is the muddling or straightening of the relationship between the three. Indeed because muddling can possibly enable a skewed provision of the needs, wants and fancies, it can be luring or tempting and even deliberately pursued. Mischief, Oppression, Wickedness, Manipulations etc. will become pervasive and these gradually compete for spheres of control. Society then becomes caught up in confusion, frustration etc.

The damaging critical characteristic or consequence is wasting irrecoverable time with the implications of destroying the family, corporate and state institutions. The inevitable destination is checkered safety and prosperity. Ignorance and hypocrisy cannot replace knowledge and sincerity.

Indeed knowledge and sincerity that is unique cannot be suitably replaced or replicated by another one that is of different characteristics. This is why as much as relationships can be feasible, the RIGHTNESS of that relationship does not have to be disrespectful or abusive of any party. It is however possible for one to appear to take advantage of the other, but it will be at the detriment of the seeming beneficiaries because, it will necessarily be limited to isolated aspects. Thus, whenever the beneficiary insists on sticking to his holistic identity, it will be insincere and a slight on the other. Where the advantage is accommodated, it generates greater complications in the pursuit of common safety and prosperity.

Take an example of a man who lives on the principle that fornication and adultery are absolutely unacceptable evil, getting involved in a community where these can be accommodated. A fruitful relationship can eventually lead to one of the following: the man may leave and as generations grow, his recognizable relations may connect with the covert relations. Indeed, they may find attraction to each other and get married. Incest becomes institutionalized. It will be foolish and irresponsible to say it was not intended. Another possibility may be non-admitted accommodation. This can lead to the mother appearing with the child at the embarrassment of the father. Indeed it can happen on the death of the father. And it will not be sufficient to close the chapter with the ruling that, the child is not recognized. Indeed, the covert and overt but same related generations may be part of different communities and go to war, killing each other. For such man, godliness and blessings have not just been turned against but he has contributed to a possible disaster for generations to come. This is why those who believe in the hereafter need to understand the gravity of ignorant or deliberate commitments that are WRONG.

It is not different with corporate livelihood or nationalism. This is why for example, in the objection to alcoholism, the abuse covers not just the person who drinks

alcohol. The maker, the marketers, the hosts, the specific farmers of the raw materials, the specific sellers of the raw materials etc. are subject to sanction because of their roles in empowering the availability of alcohol. Do we observe that a seditious material in an organized society admits the writer, the publishing house etc. for questioning? It is to Protect what is Right.

In essence, those who have nothing to lose are those who have nothing to protect. As a result, those who have things to protect must in their relationships with others DO SO MORE AND BETTER BY SUPPORTING, ENABLING AND ENSURING THAT THE THINGS TO PROTECT OF OTHERS ARE NOT DISRESPECTED OR ABUSED. Indeed, those who have nothing to protect have the responsibility of ‘protecting’ their identity by deterring those with protection EXCEPT they will declare abandonment of their protective identity. Anything short of this relationship will generate corruption because of the insincerity and hypocrisy on both sides. It will be most irresponsible of the party that is knowingly involved.

### **THE SECONDARY STATUS OF MIXED ECONOMY PRINCIPLE**

Every Nigerian is entitled to basic living needs, wants and fancies, irrespective of language and location. And our provision is that NO individual or group must be left out. This is the only benefit and security of giving the state a superior status in economic affairs. Individuals, families and groups or associations cannot be entrusted with this. This is because everyone has access and must not be denied in participating in our collective affairs. The twin requirements that will be sufficient to ask to be part of it is to be a Nigerian. And if you have the knowledge and skills for state responsibility, you stand the chance of being entrusted with it. And the greater role of asking, demanding and supporting, by guiding, protesting or criticizing rests with the others.

However, men and women are not meant for lifeless goods and services just as living to only meet physiological needs, wants and fancies does not give fulfilment. The principle of mixed economy is then an instrumental guide for employment by Nigerians to serve the needs, wants and fancies of ALL.

And the identity of Nigerians is majorly or largely religious, as Muslims and Christians. This is without discrimination against individuals, circles or communities that choose to be outside, to the extent that they are not opposed to the religions by principles or practices.

### **SECULARISM WITH RELIGIOUS FREEDOM**

The two are not competing. The principle admits full scale religious identity and livelihood **AS LONG AS SECULAR AFFAIRS OR RELATIONSHIPS ARE PURSUED WITHOUT CONTRADICTIONS** for the collective safety and prosperity of every and all citizens of Nigeria. Non-Nigerians will logically be necessarily required to respect and uphold this **REGARDLESS OF THEIR BELIEFS, PRINCIPLES AND ORIENTATION.**

This provision and standard **REQUIRES** that every citizen who is a Christian or Muslim, be so, consistently, on their own and in relation to others. This **WARRANTS** that Christians and non-Christians support Muslims to remain, continue and be better Muslims. And if any Muslim or Muslims attempt to be a bad or wrong Muslim, they should be **CHECKED**. This can be by Questioning, Exposure, Reporting, Reminder, Correction, Resisting. The very same will apply to Christians by Muslims and others – **ON SECULAR MATTERS.**

This relationship does not empower interfering with canonical practices. A non-believer has no business with the prayer or non-prayer lifestyle or livelihood of

believers. But a non-believer absolutely has responsibility of questioning a believer who is asking for the service of blow job, alcohol in room service etc. This responsibility is higher, where a believer applies to work in a brewery of alcoholic drink or establishing a club or gambling outfit. And such customers should be reported. The responsibility is highest and not to be tolerated, on national affairs. A believer who is found to approach any related great sins must be helped and sanctioned appropriately where it is committed. This is why and how the Shari'ah and the judicial structure are to be positive benefits of both Muslims and non-Muslims.

For example, a leader who has a lieutenant that is a Muslim and is accused of excesses bothering on his trust, does not need to set up a probe. There is the quick method of engaging the person in swearing after Asr prayer together, with witnesses. It is also very convenient to demand that a leader applies it to miscreants or pretenders around him. It is therefore helpful to deal with complaints of interference in official matters by strangers or outsiders. Believers should be safety valves for the safety and prosperity of mankind.

### **THE PRINCIPAL BINDING PRINCIPLE**

Neither a Muslim, a Christian, a non-believer is to be tolerated for telling lies on self, another or any issue nor acting accordingly or to that effect. It is WRONG between a couple, friends, peers, in a group, association, organization, or country. And the responsibility of ensuring this does not rest on the teller alone. The listener has equal responsibility because of the possible negative consequences or impact on our general safety and prosperity.

An example of such consequence is the laws and service now engaged for such on the social media and the impact of careless sponsorships for such.

Take the personality of Muhammadu Buhari after his return from health care in London. The idea that the person who returned was cloned was floated. Is there NO ONE who printed and sold the idea or broadcasted it not aware that the World Health Organization has banned its application to humans? Is his wife not available to be asked the simple question, if he is the one or not? Were the doctors who attended to him in any way competent for such? Will the Bishop of Canterbury not be reliable for the truth? But in our setting of ignorance and hypocrisy, it is muted and spread. Is the sponsor or originator neither a believer nor an unbeliever?

If the consequence of this on the polity is undermined, what of the slight on the Prophet that Muslims believe in and non-Muslims or non-believers are not compelled to believe in BUT are required to respect? After the ruling on the execution of the person, interested parties are questioning the ruling or expressing reservations. Nobody cares and is supportive, even if the person is a Muslim. Is the most constitutional thing to do, not speed up the completion of justice? Was the judicial system wrong? Are there no Muslims on the tray of dissuading the completion of justice? This is hypocrisy and is WRONG of all Nigerians not to support the ruling, especially if he is a Muslim. How can we expect straightness or consistency in our pursuit of collective safety and prosperity when we are ignorant and hypocritical about our identity and livelihood? It is simply, logically and sensibly IMPOSSIBLE. Truth is the direct opposite of Lies and mixing them cannot produce pleasant results.

It is in this light, one should wonder over Buhari is a religious bigot. And abandons everything to prove the contrary, regardless of the costs. The Vice President had to state that his principal has not attempted to convert him. But the Abiola-Kingibe ticket was faultless and most embraced. It is not different in getting loans without interest from an Islamic Bank or having diplomatic relations with the State of Israel.

What is rational and sensible to expect from an individual, group or nation that is ashamed or afraid of the collective identity that will grant it safety and prosperity?

The contradiction of the truth or identity of one or a people in livelihood is what is meant by INSINCERITY, HYPOCRISY. It is the means to the same destination of the IGNORANT.

This is why sanctions are put in place, to maintain straightness and predictability in our general pursuit of prosperity, safely. And in order not to make sanctions a way of life in the relationship between leaders and followers, education is promoted to wipe out ignorance. But take our country today, at sixty, how committed are we to education at our family level? What of schools, beyond schooling? And what does the government do about education, beyond schooling? Indeed what do political parties do about this education for our collective safety and prosperity, in power and out of power? What do we expect to be the dividends of ignorant polity and hypocritical leaders? Who will help the other?

This is why the only unfortunate meeting point is the culture of complaints and criticisms in diverse and even contradictory modes, with everyone having a peculiar solution, but an opportunity to use it ends up in DISBELIEF, CONFUSION AND FAILURE. This is why and how our best bet fails, most of the times. Success is a matter of chance.

The following are a few examples of diversions, confusion, insincerity, hypocrisy that can only be hatched by inconsistent identity in the pursuit of collective safety and prosperity.

a) Nigeria's former president, Olusegun Obasanjo, has advised the Igbos to be wary of the promise of the APC government to hand over power to them in 2023, noting that it was dangerous to take the APC government seriously, the Vanguard reported.

- Speaking at the inauguration of the South East chapter of the Presidential Support Committee in Umuahia, Mr Boss Mustapha assured Ndigbo that Mr Buhari did not hate them. According to him, the shortest route to producing a president of Igbo extraction is by supporting and voting for APC in 2019. He urged them to ensure that Mr Buhari returns in 2019.
- The minister (Babatunde Fasola), at a special town hall meeting on infrastructure organised by the Ministry of Information and Culture and the National Orientation Agency, urged the people of South-West to vote for Mr Buhari in the 2019 elections, to guarantee a return of power to the region in 2023.

But Mr Obasanjo, at the event, asked the Igbo leaders across the federation to remain focused and united, saying the All Progressives Congress (APC) would not honour its promise to hand over presidency to an Igbo indigene in 2023. These were newspaper reports in December, 2018. The question here is, what is true and building of our collective safety and prosperity here? What is Christian or Islamic about the identities of the speakers, that conforms with the pursuit of our collective safety and prosperity? This is the dangerously hopeless culture and orientation I call FREE DEMOCRACY.

b) The letter, copied to Mr Malami, read in part: "SERAP is seriously concerned about the apparent inertia by the authorities to diligently and expeditiously prosecute high-profile corruption cases. While many of these cases have been dragging before your assumption of office in May 2015, several of the cases have not satisfactorily

progressed, contrary to Nigerians' expectations." "Speedily, diligently, effectively and fairly prosecuting high-profile corruption cases would demonstrate your government's commitment to enhance probity in public life and willingness to enforce accountability in public life.

Expeditious prosecution of those suspected of grand corruption irrespective of the position and status of that person is imperative to retain public confidence in the ability and willingness of authorities to prevent and combat corruption." "According to our information, details of about 103 high-profile corruption cases being handled by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) were reportedly made available in 2017 to the Office of the Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister of Justice upon request." "Further, the case files of 15 high-profile corruption suspects are allegedly missing. The missing files are among the 23 cases reportedly sent by the now defunct Special Presidential Investigation Panel on the Recovery of Public Property, (SPIP) in 2019 to Mr Malami, and include some charges of fraud involving some former governors and senators, as well as non-declaration of assets and possession of foreign accounts cases."

SERAP therefore urged President Buhari to instruct Mr Malami to: Explain why after several years these high-profile corruption cases have not been expeditiously, diligently, effectively and satisfactorily prosecuted to logical conclusion; Take immediate and concrete steps to prosecute the cases in close cooperation and collaboration with appropriate anti-corruption agencies; etc . The question in this case is, why and how did these challenges come up in the first place, under a sweeper governance? If there is no consistency in the identities of the leaders and the followers, actions will not be predictable and a lot of human and material resources will be wasted in correcting derailment. Let me also quickly add that critics are not

a better guarantee in this arrangement. You will not understand until you become burdened as part of it.

c) The Yoruba ethnic group in Kwara and Kogi states has demanded a merger with their kith and kin in the South-West region through boundary adjustment. The group, which occupies seven local government areas in Kwara South senatorial zone and five LGAs in Kogi State, in a statement on Friday, said it had forwarded a memorandum to the National Assembly on the platform of Kwara South Consultative Forum.

According to the National President of the forum, Pa Joseph Aderibigbe, who was the first Secretary to Kwara State Government when it was created in 1967, the group submitted a memorandum to the 9th National Assembly's Committee on Review of the Nigerian Constitution, with a demand for the merging of the Yoruba of Kwara and Kogi with their kinsmen in the South-West through boundary adjustment. The group added that the Yoruba in the group should have their own administrative units like others within the proposed Region. It further demanded that the rest of the Yoruba in the remaining five LGAs of the state should be part of Kwara Yoruba to be merged with the proposed Western Region through a referendum. This was reported by Punch newspaper.

In this case, is the creation of more states the most rational and sensible option for building our society? If the identities are right will the temptation of having own states not die out? If the right things are done most of the time will this be necessary?

d) Read Chief Audu Ogbeh in an interview: But I saw it because my worry is that for a very long time now, since the end of the 70s, the only industry in the North is either politics, armed services or civil service. Before now, we had industrialists in Kano, Benue, Jos, etc. So, we are declining. The most tragic thing that happened

which nobody mentions when we complain about marginalisation is the fact that under President Olusegun Obasanjo, the so-called banking reforms took away every bank in the North. How do you develop a region where there are no banks? We shouldn't pretend, we are all very ethnic and regional in our thinking. Many of these other banks are not willing to finance anything up here no matter how hard you try. As at today, there are no northern banks. There is a new one now called Taj coming up. We can't take a loan. Even when Yar'adua launched the N200bn commercial agricultural scheme credit programme and put the money in the hands of two big banks, everyone of us who applied from up here was denied; the argument being that we were politically exposed. But I know some friends of mine, active politicians, who got the loans in other parts of the country. How do you build a farm worthy of mention? How do you expand the agricultural industry which was our strong point before if you can't access credit from the banks? So before our very eyes, we lost 126 industries in Kano alone and the rest of us went down? I remember vividly that Senator Abdullahi Adamu tried to borrow from that commercial credit scheme but he was denied; Professor Jerry Gana was denied; the current Governor of Katsina State, Aminu Masari, (he was not governor then) was denied; I was also denied. These are some of the issues. Again, the question is, if we are living a consistent identity, will a current forefront critic now earn trust for nationalism after such an opportunistic damage?

With these characteristic setting, will any president or governor be denied the inclination to be either confused or pretend to be even after being a critic earlier or turning into a venomous critic after his tenure?

## **CONCLUDING INVITATIONS**

If we truly and sincerely CARE, we must begin with and keep educating ourselves and the younger generations on what things constitute RIGHT for our identities and the fitness of these to our pursuit of collective safety and prosperity.

The bridges that we now have, like the principles and practices of Federal Character representation and Zoning should within a given period become mere COLOURS as against being development strategies. The same should become of tribal and regional masquerading into the politics and economy of our collective safety and prosperity.

We shall then be saved from the ambitions of religious rascality by those who manipulate religion to appear as sleeping pythons.

## **PART II**

### **RATIONAL AND SENSIBLE INVITATIONS AT SIXTY-ONE**

## **RATIONAL AND SENSIBLE INVITATIONS AT SIXTY-ONE**

The common acceptable calculation is that we will be sixty-one years old as a sovereign state on 1st October, 2021.

We have been building this as the reward for responsible togetherness. The superiority of this was tested and reaffirmed by the price of war we paid for recovery from resistance to the continuity of this responsible togetherness and the rewards we have established.

Independence therefore primarily relates to our collective beingness. The essence of this rests on what connects, enables and sustains the safety and prosperity of ALL CITIZENS OF NIGERIA IRRESPECTIVE OF OUR INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP IDENTITIES. The generation, production, reproduction, sustenance and improvement of this is the ultimate purpose or objective of all, WITH EVERYONE LIABLE TO COMMITMENT.

Thus it is not illogical or unreasonable and senseless to recall, outline and display rewards over time and especially the principal rewards. This is specifically an administrative or management function. We can for instance list rail transport that was inherited from colonial administration that started getting a new form and quality with Jonathan Administration and has been seriously built upon by Buhari. We can differentiate between Olusegun's establishment of oil refineries and the repackaging of the operational laws, structure and governance by Buhari. We can also register the establishment of a National Carrier, its collapse, the attending costs and the dream of recreating another.

However, the value-level of the connection of physical structures with INDEPENDENCE is at the bottom. The above star examples of achievements can

be effectively and efficiently established if we are still under colonial rule. This is why it is the routine capability and generation of the machinery of government, the civil service, intermittently produce such lists.

The higher level of what is valuable for our INDEPENDENCE is OUR INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE ABILITY TO MAKE THE LISTS OF ACHIEVEMENTS AT RESPONSIBLE COSTS , WITHIN RESPONSIBLE TIME AND TO RESPOND TO OUR COLLECTIVE NEEDS IN A PRIORITY ORDER THAT BRIDGES THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US WITH HONOUR. An example of demonstrated ability in Independence relating to such physical achievements is the case of China. The building of a response Hospital to Covid-19 challenge within weeks, for use. They have also built a magnificent airport within records time. These are WITHOUT JEOPARDIZING the safety and prosperity of any one and all members of the republic. This bridging is what has been attained by Russia. There are no ghettos in Russia. University Professors and peasants can be in neighborhood.

This higher than low level of what is valuable for our INDEPENDENCE is growingly degenerating or worsening. From the critical star achievements examples, our backwardness is definable. Whether you approach it from the angle of sixty-one years to attain the present status or the time and cost of each, it does not match our capabilities. For the difference in our railway system, neither the cost nor the time is BETTER or BEST. What Buhari has been able to do with Amaechi indicates that Jonathan was worse, THE DEBTS notwithstanding. As for the Petroleum Industry Act, it took over two decades to realize. For Buhari who came on board with the sensitivity and commitment to realize it from May, 2015, he became able in August, 2021. This is in respect of the sector Nigeria hangs on, more than any other singular sector or product, for our development. The quality of our sensitivity and

commitment is undoubtedly worse than poor. And the case of the Nigeria Airways that has been buried is a greater shame. It is therefore not surprising or inconsistent with Buhari still struggling to establish a new one at costs to be imagined.

The machinery of the colonial government took more responsible time and gave optimal levels of production and exploitation without increasing strangulations. It served the masters and sustained the subjects of the colonies.

In relation to the responsible livelihood bridging in the gaps between individuals and groups, the COSTS are what have become our principal concerns, in the parlance of CORRUPTION. The Civil Servants, Political Leaders, Legislators and Businessmen in the commanding heights of the economy are the MILLERS. A Chief pension trustee has been running and getting caught to answer for misappropriation. Governors have been found questionable. Ministers have not been free from blemish. A head of the National Assembly had only secured discharge on legal technical grounds from the Supreme Court and not culpability. An Inspector General, a Service Chief and a Comptroller of Customs have been culpable. In the center of armed insecurity legislators were made dumb when an Army Chief advised them to invite a retired Chief for arms acquisition funds since he was alive. In the business realm, those who have privatized our collective trust to give us electric power have proven to be worse than the public arrangement that was rubbished by corruptive thinking of the government that carried it out. The effectiveness and efficiency dreamt of to necessarily go along with profiteering has not been seen or felt. No indications that electric poles or cables or transformers need replacement before they breakdown. It has for years been IMPOSSIBLE to either provide meters to consumers or to provide responsible technology facilities for billing or have a rational, sensible and consistent estimation formula for customers not metered. As

for the oil magnets, the public purse will either accommodate payment of subsidies or the polity will make do with scarcity.

As a result, we have not advanced beyond having exclusive settlements for natives, others for other natives and reserves for the neocolonial elite, since independence. In other words, our independent governance has not reflected or made any impact on our livelihood gaps to be united in common pursuits. We have failed to break from the divisional cultural orientation of colonialism. Our differences are growingly intolerable.

And the highest level of what is valuable for our independence is not better. It is comparatively competing in weakening the growth and development of our Independence. This has to do with our identity and the cultural orientation that drives us in building our independence.

Ibrahim Badamosi put it succinctly in his response to a friendly journalist, on his eightieth birthday. He said, during his rule, the **UNITY AND ONENESS OF NIGERIA WAS SETTLED**. In history, it meant that resort to the previous experience of resisting our unity had no room to be entertained and was extremely risky to be associated with. Indeed, when he assumed power, Abacha was asked at an airport, to comment on the new formation. He tersely stated that they were not elected and are not expecting anyone or group to be pleased. It was a military regime.

The benefits of this stance are what we have been losing and destroying.

This is really **INEVITABLE** because the regime had no **TRUE IDEOLOGICAL CONSCIOUSNESS** that drove it. It couldn't have been alive to the education of the population accordingly for the sustenance of whatever was consistently achieved

and for consistent building. It was hence a simple ample opportunity to do whatever you believe and admit to employ, for the governance of Nigeria.

And the proof of this, is the experience of Buhari under a time with the double characteristics of absence of military control, copied freedom of speech and underdeveloped cultural identity for our unity and oneness. Thus, in place of another civil war which was really executed by military mutiny with the over ambition for a new civil rule, we have skirmish sparks of secession, insurgency and challenges of constituted authority.

Lame outings to ease the effects of this weakness and degeneration offer options like federal character distribution of political offices, restructuring, creation of new states, state police, etc. The bankruptcy of all of these is revealed in the contradiction of patriots like Olusegun and Cardinal Arinze who have expressly stated that at least secession is a wasteful investment and the false meeting point of ALL, that Muhammadu Buhari is the main problem.

It is false and bankrupt because the weakness had been degenerating before Buhari. And neither his critics nor him have come to grasp with understanding these ingredients of National Independence and what actions should be Primary. Rather than being separately responsible, the former heads of Nigeria are more responsible for these failures, having continued to be forefront leaders for decades and still battling with the same problems.

Not even the difference in the levels of the same problem is admissible as fairer because the different times present different negative characteristics of the challenges. For example, there is nothing preferable between the evidences of some of the wasteful and corruptive practices of the Peoples' Democratic Party reign revealed by the All Progressives Congress Government and the triple-jumping

indebtedness and the insecurity accompanied by billions of Naira records with increasing costs of existence. These are at the level of physical projects performance, the costs in monetary and time terms. Corruption is endemic across. And at the level of unity cultural orientation, none fared better. The fear of military actions against disunity does not build unity. This is why the dealings with Saro Wiwa struggles have not produced lasting benefits. And the palliatives of thirteen percent, Niger Delta Development Commission etc. have proved to be of no real connection with total unity concept of our oneness. This is because they have critically failed to bridge the gap of physical degradation in relation to the environment of oil production and the economic well-being of the people. The same corruption has consumed them. This is the real root of distrust that drives the resistance to three percent provision for the communities again. While the innocent and naive can be educated, the greedy elite promote nonchalant reception to gain false prominence and cool financial benefits.

Consequently, we are more ruled by CHANCE OUT OF CONFUSION OR CORRUPTION, regardless of the combination of our skills or competences, resources, plans and even aids to achieve whatever policies and projects. The costs of each move is extremely high financially and socio-politically painful. The example of the suggestions for strengthening our unity by regionalism, creation of more states, state police, restructuring, resource control or adjusting the content of the exclusive list in our constitution are pointers to this. We are unable to agree more than disagree because we LACK a common take off point. Rather, the objective is to seek a common point from our divided and contradictory points. This principle and practice of the freedom of speech and expression is NOT DRIVEN BY A COMMON BELIEF, UNDERSTANDING AND COMMITMENT TO OUR UNITY AND ONENESS. Neither the content of our National Anthem nor the

Constitution is the hanger. We have been practicing or can claim to be practicing federal character principles for two decades to build our unity and oneness but are more fiercely distrusting than we used to be.

Take the political angle. Someone is spearheading the creation of Oduduwa. The greatest unity and oneness response you can get is a lame expression of its senselessness and practical non-feasibility. It can even get challenged. While the proponents build up, frustration from other angles tempt negative neutrality by those who are against this new creation, in response to this clear challenge of our common unity and oneness. The academics of the feasibility of unity by this creation and even the legality is generated by luminaries. The trustees of our unity and oneness are forced into silence and inaction, at state and local government levels, leaving only the federal government to face the confusion. This is why the barristers with the secessionists do not have our unity and oneness as what drives their business BUT whatever can bring in money and fame or both. The cost to what we have achieved and building for our collective safety and prosperity including them, do not matter. Accordingly, the more people are ignorant or bankrupt in our unity and oneness, the more they indicate commitment to these. At best, the intent and pleasure is to rubbish, disorganize and oppose Buhari or the All Progressives Congress or both. But this is more negative than positive because Nigeria is superior and more lasting than these two. And the damage that would have been made for recovery cannot be associated with any rational and responsible person or group. The more intelligent and positive thing to do is to help out of the darkness. And the more Buhari and the All Progressives Congress ignores the more it stands to be held fully responsible. This why and how the submission for fifty percent share to states of mineral derivations is not consistent with five percent or ten percent for the communities,

expressed by individuals, groups and clusters of political leaders, after the legal representatives of all of us have processed three percent.

At the sociological angle, isolation is the standard, against responsible relationships. Neither an employer nor an employee entrusted with resources management with their skills IS MORE OR FIRSTLY CONCERNED WITH THE TRUST FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL. Everyone is for himself or a cluster of them for themselves ALONG WITH THE ALL. Smart rascals put it as: self-first is not selfishness. Take any formal organization, this is the greater orientation if not the ruling one. Where strictly private trust is the case, the orientation is to relate with other organizations with DUAL OBJECTIVES, to serve both the organizations and the persons bearing the trusts. Do we not observe that for new or younger hands to join the political train and lead, the older persons rarely voluntarily retire or sponsor the younger ones? Generation change or transmission is for that reason not deliberately built. The best cases are either to serve as stooges or for the old to succeed themselves by their children, allies or whatever. The inevitable setting is therefore defined by the young who have built up skills to either submit themselves as loyal agents and die in doing so or double as smart betrayers before weaning themselves. And since private sector is not really developed, it is more evident in the rape of public resources. The basic standard of relationships between men that is CIVIL permitting the monopoly of the use of physical force as necessary to be the reserve of government has collapsed. This is a grievous consequence of the weakness of a common belief in our unity and oneness as the driving factor in our relationships. And pervasive character of this, is the indicator. Militancy, Insurgency, Banditry, Kidnapping, Robbery, Arson, Assassination are all faces or modes of the same thing. To order citizens to stay at home or face the risk of losing your life and property by a body other than the government is only the beginning of an extreme experience. The characterization of

this with allegations of fetish initiation for compliance along with illegal bearing of arms, support by senior barristers, cultural leaders, etc. define the dynamic capacity of the opposite of unity and oneness to grow and drive our history. Indeed, are we not seeing contradictory judgments pronounced on the same subject by Judges?

Our political-sociology is therefore incapable of generating, producing, reproducing and developing an economy that will serve all of us to enhance our unity and oneness. It is logically impossible to be independent with inconsistencies.

This is the growing and developing character of the politics, society and economy Obasanjo, Umaru, Jonathan had and now Buhari has, as the burden to make rational and sensible for our collective safety and prosperity **WITHOUT ENABLING THE IDEAS OF OUR UNITY AND ONENESS TO DRIVE OUR GOVERNANCE**. We are thus politically, sociologically and economically active but ideologically unconscious because our knowledge, sense and commitment across these phases are **WITHOUT A CONSCIOUS, TRUE AND CONSISTENT IDENTITY AS A COLLECTIVE, AS ONE, AS UNITED**.

This is why we all admit that corruption is evil and that it is commendable to deal with it in our own interest. But, how far have we gone? Is it that members of the bar do not know or cannot decipher abuse of collective trust to distance themselves from struggling to make it the contrary, insufficient or condonable? Is the real problem with the laws and the joint capabilities of our bar, the bench, the legislature and the ministry of justice cannot tear off the blind of self-destruction against our unity and oneness as a constant and principal doctrine? With the Executive and Legislature, is budget padding an **UNCONSCIOUS** process? Indeed the growth of accommodating a level of corruption as an orientation is beginning to carve a niche in our livelihood and governance because the concept of corruption challenges being universal is

notoriously gaining ground. It is either said that perfection is not possible or that it is clearly impossible and foolhardy to give a consideration to dealing with corruption. But even the societies we admire and identify, corruption in them HAVE RULING IDEAS AND MECHANISMS against making it possible for corruption to rule or drive their livelihood and governance. For example, in the United States, it is most unlikely and most unsafe to engage in direct corruption in relation to the government bureaucrats. EVERY BODY IS SURE OF SAFETY WITH THE BUREAUCRACY. The members can only possibly legally enjoy favours by engagements. This can be by honoraria for presentation or post retirement board appointment in the private sector. In the case of China, where direct corruption is feasible IT CANNOT BE OF ANY IMPACT ON THE INTERESTS OF COMMUNIST CHINA. The impact must be outside. You can therefore connive to have inferior or even out rightly destructive products produced to make criminal benefits BUT NOT FOR THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA even if the financial benefits will return to China.

### **WASTE OF TIME, RESOURCES, DIVERSION AND WORSENING DAMAGE**

If we are interested and wish to be committed to knowledge of our unity and oneness for our independence, it will be INSUFFICIENT to criticize and not care to make the explanatory criticism wholesome enough to drive us to solutions irrespective of our individual and group differences. Any criticisms short of this will amount to wasting our time, resources, diversion from the principal challenge, by the critic, the media, group or organization giving it audience or sponsoring it.

We have experienced the failure of making Buhari and the All Progressives Congress the definitions of the problems and their removal as the solution with lousy

COALITION. The bankruptcy of ANYTHING BUT JONATHAN in defining our problems and the solution of ousting the Peoples' Democratic Party is now better appreciable.

But these painful, costly and time consuming efforts are realistically more positive and intelligent than going to the United Nations to protest against damages or destructions that have been generated by self-failures and inflictions. This may even be more condonable compared to surrendering our collective ability to hopelessness and suggesting that other countries should come and solve our problems for us. The most degrading is to address a foreign parliament to invite it for intervention. Unfortunately, no WILLING country CAN INTERVENE IN ISOLATION OF THE IDEAS THAT DRIVE ITS OWN INDEPENDENCE. It further means the consequences of protecting and serving its own interests. And this is more with Europe and America as against Communist countries with no subtle expansionist-cum-imperialist taste. But we are so weak as to have some of our citizens mobilized from outside by people ideologically bankrupt of the basic requirements for historical development in our circumstances.

### **THE CHALLENGES OF TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE**

We must begin by admitting that we are yet to be really independent because we strongly need to build the mind of unity and oneness. The structures of territorial jurisdictions, the machineries of Executive, Legislature, Judiciary, Political Parties, instruments of Constitution, National Flag, National Anthem, supports like the Media, Labor, Non-Governmental Organizations, etc. are still in the state of unconsciousness because the operators are mindless of a common belief, knowledge and commitment to unity and oneness that drives our livelihood.

Following this, we will need to adopt a responsive and responsible strategy to commence mind-building for our collective safety and prosperity through unity and oneness, irrespective of our individual and group differences. The dual faced character or objective of this mind-building is to provide an understanding of the total problems and the solution that will serve all without exception, for commitment by all. This is responsiveness and bearing responsibility. This will begin by admitting that we are all culpable in the degeneration process and need to transform into being part of the solution. And the optional statuses available are to either be a contributor in the formation process of transformation or be an active obedient supporter by genuine or dedicated following. Neutrality will be as negative as opposition because it will give way to non-corrections to veering from either of the positive statuses and roles. To be sure, not everyone needs to be an active contributor to building the ideas and the development of the same.

Thirdly, this will be an educational process far beyond schooling. It will involve and engulf everyone who is a citizen. This means that, more than the threat or challenge of Corona virus that warranted the closure of schools, this education for the Independence of this country is a justification to suspend all schooling, School all teachers and students of all shades within a reasonable time, for all to transform into teachers of citizens on this education or mind-building for another reasonable time.

Along with this, institutions will be transformed in their operational modes to reflect the spirit of the unity and oneness the citizens are being milled through. For example, principles of federal character representation will have a time span and be monitored towards abandonment. The ultimate objective will be that, at the beginning of the end, the federal character will simply be our colour. And where it is not available, it will not affect the structure and quality of required standard results. Everyone will be safe with everybody.

While a nation-wide massive education will be conducted in the beginning, registered members of political parties will especially be constant in this education and its development. This is necessary since they serve as the feeding grounds for producing our political leaders.

As a responsible strategy, the time for commencing what is RIGHT will be stated. By implication, actions will become sanctionable IF ANY WRONG IS COMMITTED HENCEFORTH. This will be superior to the games of probes, investigations, audits, visitations, etc. at discretionary timelines, which have failed to yield any real impact on the society. ANYTHING before will be allowed to go. Any claims ahead of the stated time will also be forfeited. The new standard will equally apply to ALL without discrimination.

I have personally attempted to develop a comprehensive understanding and the solution to building our unity and oneness for our collective safety and prosperity that will enable our independence, through reflections on our history. The materials are six in number. They are all available for free download as follows:

1. OUR FAMILY, OUR HISTORY, OUR PURPOSE, OUR POVERTY AND THE ANSWER – available at [jimada.sadtayyfoundation.org](http://jimada.sadtayyfoundation.org)
2. UNDERSTANDING POVERTY AND THE RESPONSIBILITIES ARISING FROM THE DEFINITION, FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE IN NIGERIA – available at [jimada.sadtayyfoundation.org](http://jimada.sadtayyfoundation.org)
3. A LEADER’S COMPANION – available at [nigerians.sadtayyfoundation.org](http://nigerians.sadtayyfoundation.org)
4. REFLECTIONS ON ONE TERM OF GOVERNANCE FOR POLITICAL REORIENTATION – available at [nigerians.sadtayyfoundation.org](http://nigerians.sadtayyfoundation.org)

5. TOWARDS A BELIEVER'S LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE ORIENTATION  
– available at [nigerians.sadtayyfoundation.org](http://nigerians.sadtayyfoundation.org)
  
6. WHAT BELIEVERS MUST GIVE FOR OUR NATIONHOOD IN OUR OWN INTEREST AND FOR THE PROTECTION OF ALL OTHERS – available at [nigerians.sadtayyfoundation.org](http://nigerians.sadtayyfoundation.org)

## **PART III**

### **INTERACTING WITH MY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE FOR 2023**

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### THE CANDIDATE

Good day my brother. I have decided to pay you a personal visit, in order to sound your mind on my pursuit to ask fellow citizens for the mandate of the office of the **President**. I am aware that you are not a card carrying member of any political party. I also believe that our interaction will be straight.

### JIMADA

You are welcome. I am not sure if I should feel honoured or embarrassed by this grand objective of yours. All the same, let me say that: I am open to believe in you, like any other prospective contestant, because you are a full citizen of this country, you are not on tour in another country and in the hobby of wishing us good or even here and committing yourself to only commenting, devoid of guidance participation or worse still, utopian participation or contribution.

I will therefore not be excited about any candidate with several citizenship status even though it is not illegal. I cannot be sure of such a person in commitment or even respect for our difficulties and failures. I can only be sure of him, in the event of success. In addition such a candidate in my opinion, may not fairly **understand** the peculiarities of our trappings for a more **realistic** leadership. It may be like guaranteeing good governance by a Professor of political science. And for those who are qualified because they are living here with us, our solutions are superior to our drawbacks. A fine regular or professional critic is thus not sufficiently attractive. He or she must be similarly known and seen to have attempted commitment to real solutions or consistent suggestions that are understandable, admissible and sufficiently serving. My brother, I am similarly not with anyone who genuinely

shares our challenges and cares for a solution but is utopian. This can be characterized by assuming the position of having the authority to commit us to a solution that is short of passing through our realities. For example, only a person of inordinate greed and hypocrite will aspire or accept to pursue your kind of ambition outside a political structure that is established and the culture of the members. I believe that there **will** be the need to connect such commitment to our immediate realities.

## **THE CANDIDATE**

I believe that I have come to be more characterized with what you will welcome. I am much less characterized by what you have outlined as your objections. But, what is your position on the appropriate age of the person with my ambition?

## **JIMADA**

In our present circumstance, I sincerely believe that the provision of the constitution is reasonably and sensibly sufficient. It will not require any irrational and senseless adjustment. This is because age is only one of the attributes that is measurable for considering the choice of a leader. It has also been most intelligent to provide for a modest level of schooling. This combines with the claim of any basic age to serve two objectives. The first is that it secures our communication line of literacy across Nigeria. The second is that it admits the necessary transitory requirement for both the old generation that have had less schooling and more real life exposure along with the young generation with high and loads of schooling with less real life exposure – regardless of skill or professional exposure. Real life exposure that is total or wider in scope, is the basic requirement for leadership.

It appears to me that for a few terms to come, **no political party has yet evolved to be cultured with the capacity to sponsor the young that utopians have been dreaming of.** If a party starts to work towards it now, it will be fine.

For that reason, it is a realistic challenge and responsibility on the part of those that are now suitable, to commit themselves to the sacrifice of special health care. And this I know, to be very possible. In summary, age naturally comes with autoimmune challenges. The diagnosis by facilities provided by science should be able to establish, where to start from. And there is probably **no health condition** of a **serious and support deserving candidate** that cannot be sufficiently **overcome** in a generous period of six months, with disciplined attention. Let me also quickly add that **only alternative medicine** can do such.

The leaders that have been falling sick or becoming problematic have not taken this advantage. They have largely lived on orthodox medicines like occultists or idol worshippers. And their number is still **less than those that have served well.** Indeed some countries have experienced rascals in old age.

There is no old or aged person who will not appreciate resting and even enjoying it. But it is unintelligent to send all old or aged persons to rest, when the conditions or environment that will enable resting are not in place and the most competent and feasible hands that can put it in place are the old. This is why it is a rational and sensible policy provision in some societies for the young and old to enjoy tours or foreign holidays. But in our case, those who ‘enjoy’ such are either the thieves of government, private successful individuals, the royals or those engaged by international organizations. For **collective Nigerians**, these persons **care less.**

Consequently, the age that will be inhibitive is to be **determined by the specific trappings and capacities of a political party.** I am almost certain that **no**

**individual of the age of ninety** will present himself or be admitted as a flag bearer by any political party. And it is tolerable to attain such age in office. Moreover **only a foolish leader leads alone or fools get led by one.**

## **THE CANDIDATE**

I believe that this interaction will help me in any probable debate on my suitability along with any other candidates.

## **JIMADA**

Well, this is not a couching relationship for any debate. I believe that it can be fanciful. However, if we are to concern ourselves with meanings, I am of the opinion that it is more meaningless than useful. It can be an orator's opportunity against the discerning. In our setting, it is more of an elite affair. An independent national address by each candidate flying the flag of his or her party will be more meaningful. They can equally be provided with the slot of a day, an hour on National Television and Radio. Those interested can indicate to be slotted and citizens that care will hook up to listen.

What is **meaningful** for sharing is not the summary of the party's manifesto or a list of condemnable actions of the leadership to be succeeded but **the candidate's identity in relation to our collective identity and a simple demonstration of understanding WHY the incumbent leadership has problems along with the realistic solutions.** This is because no amount of promises will be realistic while in the darkness of the actual status of affairs like resources.

## THE CANDIDATE

Please excuse me in case you consider my next question to be immodest. From your personal knowledge of me, will you recommend me for consideration?

## JIMADA

I do not see anything immodest about that. The only correction I have to make is **my personal knowledge about you as against of you**. I mean, I am not in your class by political, social or economic status. But because of your status up there, my sincere knowledge of you is informed by what have been made available to us and my personal evaluation of those.

You certainly have moved from your place of birth to a more open and competitive location. You have struggled and registered yourself with a good number of people as a successful person. Indeed, you offered yourself to lead and got the acceptance to do so. I personally admit this as a credit to you. This has its historical drawback but a superior opportunity was not available. That cannot be your fault.

You have certainly been associated with being a remote factor behind probably many new or additional props for public service and leadership, that are neither your birthplace relations nor of your declared identity relations. A few have become prominent and independent enough to disagree or even challenge you. This is certainly a special credit, because they have become accepted by others according to what they have made of themselves. Many have passed with a few becoming an embarrassment. This is out of your control. If they have **cared to do better than you by crossing over to more different locations** it would have been better today.

I have also specifically observed your patient perseverance in order to possibly achieve a superior future. The pains of remaining as against sacrificing immediate

investments by moving away is commendable. Only persons of foresight insist on not abandoning a project they are part of building. This will inevitably be characterized by betrayals and even support with diplomatic denial of evident mess. The greatest challenge in this respect is to **resolve not to do the same or what is similar because it is wrong, if one is faced with the same challenge of trust.** And the greater challenge is to **understand why the betrayals and evident mess were consistently or severally committed.**

I expect that any intelligent person that is committed to our collective safety and prosperity will welcome any persons with these credentials. I think recommending you will be partisan and I am not in a position to monitor or oppose you **to continue on this course.** But any individual can weigh my basis to decide on you.

## **THE CANDIDATE**

My brother, if I may ask again: what is the big deal about recommending me?

## **JIMADA**

I do not think that we need to go into any deal. Having fair credentials is good but not sufficient or any guarantee. The credentials need to be consistently kept and built on. Over time, you need conscious and deliberate support to maintain or achieve the present rating.

You have practically experienced betrayals overtly and covertly over time by a very credible partner. This is with someone in the same boat of struggles with you. This is why it will be over ambitious of me to go into recommending you. It is safe for both of us and especially for me, to clearly indicate non objection to you. I cannot predict some things about you for the reason that they need to be lived.

Let me take the example of your family trappings. I will certainly not consider a candidate who is not married. Not even one in separation, divorce or a widower. And you will appreciate that the various experiences we have had with married leaders makes both the leader's partner's involvement in any form or level of leadership a concern. Indeed most have been to the discredit of monogamy. A partner doing her own things or directing the leader or differing from the leader are all negative contributions. So, if there are no children that will be playing leadership along with the parents, it is bad enough for a support colour to become an issue. **No one can tell of your capacity to handle this, because we have had bed mates that are not even in wedlock with leaders, actively involved in leadership.** What of relatives, friends and associates? We have suffered more than irresponsible consequences of such.

Another example is psychological. It is impossible to live long without getting offended and seriously too. What is your disposition to your enemies? Do you get obsessed with seeking to get at them, regardless of whatever? Take a painful case where one's mother was raped by a very prominent man who has reasonable control of the economy and is busy raping it along with political and militant stooges for 'security'. If as a leader, you fail to place the collective interest entrusted to you above such painful personal grudge with belief and knowledge, you will get disoriented. You may spend all your time wasted, instead of focusing on leadership that will better affect them too, for transformation. If you lack the knowledge and discipline to handle those who had offended you, when you get into leadership, the test will be between the assumption that you can deal with them alone and return good for their evil and watch their submission to you, with humility. No amount of undertaking will be sufficient until you get the mandate.

Yet another example that relates to your personality is, if you are incapable of keeping your good words with people, especially if you are able to establish that they are of sincere value to you and your leadership. The weaker you get in this, the more you stand to lose their support by negative neutrality or opposition. And since a leader has the great responsibility of catering for those opposed to him and a greater responsibility to possibly convert them to his side, you will drop to belong to praise singers in self isolation from those who gave you the mandate. And the indicator is the growing amount of unreasonable and senseless time it will take to make positive decisions.

## **THE CANDIDATE**

I will make deliberate efforts to live above these including accommodating those who will help me to keep me on track. I also ardently hope that the security challenges we are now facing will become history, long before the present leadership leaves.

## **JIMADA**

As for the first, time will tell. As you very well know, except they have access to you or if you have the humility to remember to reach those you know and invite those with such credentials that you later discover, you are liable to avoidable captivity and isolation.

In the case of security, I expect that you will give it a more and deeper understanding than what are being bundled around. Security is a comprehensive concept for TOTAL SAFETY. It must not be limited to safety of the physical body and resources. This is why security operatives can be rightly involved in financial matters relating to fraud as well as rape. They can also be engaged in clamping down

miscreants or arresting them for prosecution. Food security does not involve operatives but is critical against famine. A leader committed to security must hence be committed to production of goods and services for the safety and prosperity of the society. The health of the physical bodies of citizens, their education, provision of electric power, housing, employment and beliefs are all aspects requiring to be secured.

You will further appreciate that BELIEFS are the FOUNDATION upon which all the aspects rest. There is necessarily a limit to which all the other aspects can be achieved with little care for the firmness of the beliefs foundation. In our case belief in Nigeria is fundamental. And belief in God should strengthen this. Where both are not firm by growth and development like the physical and services processes, where there is no connection between them – to advance and expand together, any and most of the others will suffer and begin to collapse. A naive observer will see them as competitive needs or challenges. Unfortunately, in our case, the poverty of beliefs foundation is at such a low level that ANY MEANS OF SECURING SELF AND POSSIBLY IMMEDIATE ASSOCIATES IS TEMPTING, INVITING OR JUSTIFIABLE – regardless of the belief that they may be wrong. This is why believers will get engaged in killing other believers. This is why those entrusted with custody of arms and ammunition will trade them. This is why public resources are reasonably managed to disappear. This is why the development of infrastructure is slippery and difficult. This is why assassination is paid for and agents can be gotten to executive them. This is why arson and destruction of public assets are targets of protesters.

And there is the historical aspect of the challenge which must be put into consideration, in order to realistically attend to it for a lasting benefit. If the loyalty of the custodians and legal users of the instruments of coercion is divided, between

the Commander in Chief and others, this will need to be corrected. If with these services there are characteristics of financial corruption, prejudicial postings and even professional sabotage that cost the loss of marksmen, delayed or non-provision of equipment or leakage of strategic information etc., they will need to be checked and restored.

## **THE CANDIDATE**

Your exposition is frightening. This gives me the impression that my expectation is not likely to be achieved. It means that we are already in such a hopeless state that recovery in the near future is a dream. This is because, now that the physical bodies of Nigerians have to be secured as an urgent priority, the instruments cannot be competent in the present state.

## **JIMADA**

That is the real challenge that requires **sincere understanding and responsible resolution in the shortest possible time**. Nigeria is not the personal property of the leader to manage **anyhow**. All conflicting parties are entitled to responsible attention **based and driven by uniform beliefs**. So, wherever the present leadership **stops**, the successor will require to finish – to the level that will enable other aspects have safety to prosper. No amount of impeachment and restructuring can achieve this.

Take the approach of dealing with the threats to the safety of physical life by bandits, kidnappers, armed robbers, assassins, insurgents, militants, etc., the most lousy, costly and bound to fail solution will be a revolution. In our setting, you will really only ignite violence for the large extermination of the masses and giving fresh air to the very elite criminals. A revolution requires the backup and motivation of a rational and sensible explanation of our challenges and specific identification of at least the

character of the system that is oppressive and examples of the personal identities that operate it. While most people will require to understand and commit themselves to it, the solution should be clearly defined by an intellectual leadership, for massive execution **BECAUSE OF THE INEVITABLE COSTS THAT WILL ARISE FROM RESISTANCE.** It is **not just abusing an incumbent leader or criticizing his governance and seeking to personally replace him.**

Similarly, the approach of using superior armaments may serve insurgency better, where they have no slim connection with internal factors for sustenance. But where there is some connection and internal violence colours are blossoming, the **information of the identity of the factors and putting it to positive use is cheaper and more responsible.** This is why some of the attempts of negotiations gave results. But the value will remain peripheral **until the creatures behind them are reached.** Unfortunately, while superficial gains can give some relief, it is costly, risky, temporary and **lacks the capacity and responsibility to provide a lasting solution.** And to be sincere with you, sincerity waters down when a leadership that has **tried** to exterminate powerful wrong doers suddenly calls for adjustments. The level of sincere belief after one year of chase will be higher than after five years of chase.

Given the width and depth of our history of elite ignorance, corruption and hypocrisy, especially where the leader cannot commit class or belongingness suicide, a more complex and subtle approach will be most rational and sensible to personally replace him, that qualifies being a responsible revolutionary.

And in my opinion, your identity and characteristics may qualify you for a benefit of the doubt relationships with the rotten elite and the ambitious but less cultured members of the young generation.

## THE CANDIDATE

What is the character of the width and depth that makes straight and simple solutions difficult for application?

### JIMADA

I may not be in the position of giving you a definite rundown. But let me give hypothetical scenarios that will at least give you an idea or a close impression. Take the political level. You assume office and you are called upon by a responsible person. He congratulates you and adds: **I pray that you quickly recognize your limits. A respected predecessor avoided being poisoned by shopping from different places. Another was given a benefit of the doubt as he was naive. He blocked any audience with an elder who sought to personally warn him. But he walked into his office and found the elder. The elder exchanged pleasantries and left. And his own armed confidant advised him to treat the elder with respect, otherwise, they will take action. He died with poisoning. Yet another tried to continue with the ambition of his predecessor and was expressly warned against following his predecessor faster. Another one battled, even with the support of a miracle.**

A friend you have not met for three decades then visits. He advises you not to put off an election, even in a state of war. That your predecessor considered getting the Legislature to approve it. He then had a dream: **leaders of the parliament were at a lunch. The host then told them that the details of gestures made to them was available to him. And he closed by indicating that their heirs may enjoy the gestures if they considered any delay.** He woke up in fright and confided in him, as to why he abandoned the idea.

Take the economic angle. You call on the head of oil and gas industry to instruct him that, subsidies must begin to decline and services must keep improving. And he keeps quiet looking at you for understanding. You then ask him to sit down and confide in you. You want to rely on him and will extend his tenure to achieve your goal. He sits down and submits: **Sir, Chief Sarki Oba Obong Tor is the main challenge. He is the smuggler, pipeline vandal, pirate, distributor across the country and has licenses. I succeeded my predecessors with some of his cares. Myself and family are attended to by his doctors, hospitals here and abroad. He pays for my overseas private and family holidays and shopping. My children attend Oxford and Harvard at his cost. He had called me yesterday to say, he has been trying for me. He expects that I will not betray him. He has seven agents tailing me and my family members for the past three years. Sir, please pity me and help me.** And you receive a modest customized congratulatory card from him the following day, with a strong commitment that he will help you to succeed in his small capacity.

Take the electricity power. You invite the private beneficiary owners. Before the date, your aide tells you that you should be very diplomatic and cooperative with them, because they can sabotage your government. They are in one club or cult with one Chief Sarki Oba Obong Tor. On the day, you find yourself sitting with representatives of quality professional identities.

You call on the Head of Service and Secretary to the Government of the Federation. He comes over to report back on his assignment. **Sir, the reform by Obasanjo did more harm than good, because of our unemployment status. I think you should better consider a cushioning policy for upcoming graduates to reduce the rate of government employment. Right now we have seven million on board. Some three hundred thousand leave every year. The previous government employed**

**two million over eight years. We can control it NOT TO EXCEED one million eight hundred and fifty thousand.**

And you come with the manifesto of **Probes, Visitations, Audits, Investigations, Arrests, Prosecutions, Convictions, Sanctions** for recoveries and governance.

### **THE CANDIDATE**

What? I am discouraged because, the chance of even doing my bit will be slim. If the leader is not reasonably free, the economy is virtually in servitude, electric power is untouchable and the machinery of government is helpless, dividends of democracy will be difficult to optimally realize.

### **JIMADA**

That is exactly what others had been doing to get us in this thick complex of history. Your duty will be to do better.

### **THE CANDIDATE**

My brother, what will you consider to be the suitable driver for a leader of this country?

### **JIMADA**

Let me repeat the obvious. **Belief** in Nigeria as a system and people. If you **believe in God** it should be a bonus for you to Nigeria and Nigerians. But this will be beyond lip expression to **knowledge, understanding and discipline of what is right and true**. The spirit will be opposed to **ignorance and hypocrisy**. This is why I have in my submissions to Nigerians suggested a practical process for nationhood by providing for top echelon retirees housing in distant different geopolitical locations.

And because they will always be many, an open lot will be a perfect means to determine for each person.

The absence of beliefs that connect our personal and collective identities to our present and future will always generate challenges of confidence, sincerity, prosperity and safety. And our Constitution is good enough. The Qur'an, Hadith and the Bible are bonuses.

Let me recall the practical example displayed by Abacha. A supposedly interest group in Kano approached Abacha to replace the Governor with a Muslim. He gave a date to both parties and asked the Governor, if he knew why he was assigned to Kano. He replied **NO**. Abacha then said, **it is for me to see if you will be watching to see my people kill Ibos**. The meeting then dispersed on a responsible note.

And this is a **MUST** for **whoever will become a responsible leader in this country**. His identity and ours **cannot be reduced to one or three governance policies or manifesto dreams**.

## **THE CANDIDATE**

I admit this. Doing so consciously has been on a low ebb. And it can gradually melt down the iron walls between tribes and regions.

## **JIMADA**

Thank you for the understanding. But if you are the particular person, there is a peculiar mountain challenge you will need to flatten. This is logically necessary because you belong to a stock that rarely appreciates that others are their better mirrors.

Nigeria and Nigerians should be opportune to enjoy the large and advance attributes of your professionalism and education **for others, less of taking advantage of others.** We should gradually **cease from competing, when cooperation will advance us better and faster.**

The tricky challenge will be to have a crop of the best of your stock, to live and demonstrate this to the level of **evident disregard of their stock identity.** This is **HOW** we can cross the bridge of **nepotism** to the nepotism we do not lose sleep about because of its benefit and positive transitional impact.

Similarly, any candidate from another stock with peculiar positive credentials should do the same. We are lucky to be many and various or different in positive credentials. This is what the concept or idea and pursuits of secession, regionalism and tribalism are bankrupt of. Every large or major stock in this country has something to give all of us and something to save all of us from. The seemly minorities do not deserve the majorities lording matters over them. Are we not witnesses enough with the cross fighting between the majorities that have led us nowhere?

## **THE CANDIDATE**

*Mnh!* I sincerely want to thank you for your time and sharing. It's now clearer to me, why party manifestos do not have different meanings in essence. And success is really the opening to the problems. I will go back to your materials on [nigerians.sadtayyfoundation.org](http://nigerians.sadtayyfoundation.org) that were the impetus of approaching you for refreshing understanding.

## **JIMADA**

I cannot thank you enough. You are welcome and I wish us all the best that should follow our sincere commitment to knowledge and discipline for our collective safety and prosperity.

## **A PERSONAL LETTER TO MY DEAR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE**

My Presidential candidate,  
Your geopolitical zone,  
Your state,  
Your local government area,  
Your town,  
Your ward,  
Your house of residence.

### **PEACE BE UPON YOU**

I hope that this letter does not come to you as a surprise.

My last interaction with you was inviting and ended on a responsible positive note.

I am reaching back or further in the tradition of responding more or better to a good gesture or relationship. In this case, it is cheap because it involves ideas, in the relationship.

And more importantly, it relates to making things better for all of us by someone who offers to bear the burden. Finally, if I am in your shoes, I will love that any further support from you to help my course be offered me.

You will however forgive me for being impersonal. This is inevitable because you are aspiring to play a super citizen role and will require every sense of humility and modesty to succeed. This is why characteristics of selfishness, impunity, arrogance are more generative of oppression and destruction.

The **most important** note is that, the leadership of this country **means caring and taking responsibility for every and all citizens of this country with respect for**

**accidental differences like location, language and religion along with the safety and prosperity of each and all citizens according to differential needs, wants and fancies, without discrimination.** It is therefore impossible to fit in, with your personal accidental identities. It will be an abuse of your leadership responsibility and duty to admit and act against any other accidental identity or a number of these by the measures of your identity. As in ideas, so will it be irresponsible to engage persons of your identity as the right and consistent instruments for your leadership.

This means that where persons of your identity are involved, they must have “lost” such pure identities as the motor that drives their livelihood. This will be **beyond the expression of willingness to be driven by superior principles to their personal accidental identities.** In our history, it may not be really **outrageous** to have a chunk of such persons to be less than all the different identities **BUT ALL WILL BE SEEN TO BE EVIDENTLY SERVED EQUALLY AND SUFFICIENTLY.** This is an inescapable transition challenge or bridge to be crossed. And the justification is that the **duty of leadership is rational and sensible service, defined and driven by principles and practices committed to collective safety and prosperity.**

Your personal ability to measure and manage the responsible and necessary limits of the personal accidental identities of such persons across all the different identities will be your constant challenge. This is because majority of men are not given and driven by the best ideas for their safety and prosperity. And in a large society like ours **anything** can get support or following, even at the cost of personal life and property. It is very much so, due to the level of ignorance that is widespread, of the content of the knowledge and discipline of what is right and true. The best results you should be achieving will be **developing a citizenry that strives towards optimal collective safety and prosperity irrespective of the weight of seeming**

**colours of the accidental identities of the drivers.** This is intelligently superior to having an absolute equal number of colours **irrespective of their living orientation of their “lost” of accidental identities.** Society is not like a Ludo or Chessboard with dead members that lack inherent dynamic.

Your personal greatest challenge or requirement is **to see you living a collective identity that is welcome and safe for and by all the different identities.** Those who will not welcome will easily be seen and defined by overwhelming majority as **foolish and inconsequential, deserving necessary sanctions against corrupting what is welcome, safe and prosperous.** This will be because of the **culture of transparency symbolized by the leader and his leadership.**

The summary of this **faith** is belief and commitment to **all the identities of Nigeria** and **our future** by safety and prosperity. This is of **non-negotiable status.** Any individual, group of the members or identities that seek to or pursue the contradiction of this faith, in any form, will justify imposition of necessary sanctions on it, immediately and heavily enough to seal reoccurrence and deter prospective miscreants. The sanctions can rationally and sensibly include sacrificing the body and soul of the persons that have become rotten.

This principle and practices are expressly and simply entrenched in our constitution. However, because of our level and scope of poverty, we are **turned into victims of this poverty despite the clear definition and provision.** This is appreciable on observing that our knowledge sources have not developed these. It explains the failure or dumbness of our shades of scholars in leading the discourse on our **unity.** For example, neither social scientists nor their associations nor research centres are forthcoming. And the government does not find them worthy of reference. Not even the lawyers who specialize in the end product as against the social scientists have

been consistently helpful. The constitutional lawyers have more often made it only a pastime. But the ideas, faith and practices of our unity needs to be consistently **built**. This gap is indicated by the confusing pronouncements of those who ought to know and lead us. It is therefore both a contradiction and inconsistent for an official on oath and application of our constitution to shred it. This is why our polity and leaders are historical caricatures by our own failures.

This corpse will need life by soul breathed into it and a body formed, **by you and your leadership**. There is no society or history that can be made without **ideas of identity, faith in it and practical commitment that generates physical and non-physical culture**. The national anthems, the pledges, the flags and constitutions of many countries make meanings and impacts only on the reality of a soul and body given to them. This is what we are bankrupt in but not because we are wretched. Thus it is not unexpected to have a variety of contradictory and embarrassing shades of ambitious pursuits by a combination of the ignorant, the hypocrites and the confused, in our society.

This faith of our identity and the superior form of our unity organization is the key to **everything for good governance**. We already have a crystal clear definition and course of actions to attain a meaningful livelihood or nationhood. And we have benefited from it only as much as our careless faith and practices will permit because of our **non-commitment**. And the consequences of growing ignorance and inordinate greed of the elite that are largely naive with the leaders who are hypocritical, we have bred auto-attackers of our faith and arrangements. They are like believers in a scripture asking for amendments when they have not lived the scripture. As a result, you will inescapably be faced with operating in an environment where the “faithfuls” are often only good at singing lines of the scripture but are really ignorant and non-symbolic of the content.

This has been our consistent oversight or failure since 1999. The amount of **education and reorientation** that will be required to have a more relevant or consistent polity is enormous. A special commitment can genuinely be commenced by the present leadership and Government. In the event, this is not done, **as critical as it is the necessary foundation for our historical identity**, you may not be able to make it a campaign point to win. Ambitious politicians on the train of the current thuggish course will strive to trivialize the noble course. And the burden of starting it will be heavier than **continuing** if the present leadership cares to start it.

The best and evident reference for this negative characteristics or attributes of our citizens, especially public leaders, is indicated in the identity of beliefs in God, a revealed scripture of guidance and strict accountability as the bridge to salvation and eternal life. These beliefs are roundly inconsistent with their livelihood and records of managing public trusts – in more cases than less. The greatest shame before us, is the **pervasive culture of** hypocrisy in the faith of our country and unity for our collective safety and prosperity **along with** self-deceit in identifying with God. But bands of prayer chanters and religiosity **is not godliness**. God has nothing to gain from our believing in Him and obedience. God has nothing to lose from our disobedience with sins. But with Nigeria, if we fail in having faith and keeping it, we will continue to be the losers. Here, where belief in God is not a political or state matter, it is for everyone to answer for himself before God. It is therefore contradictory to have bunches of believers in constant ordinary crises of corruption, violence, poverty and non-performance **before the eyes of men**. Nonetheless, to the discerning, belief and compliance cannot fail to produce positive results. This is why the provision of the freedom of religion and prohibition of state religion is the most intelligent arrangement in our collective interest.

You should then save yourself from the confusion that your personal identity will **necessarily** obstruct a faithful commitment to the positive leadership of our country. It **does not have to**. You should save anyone who is confused and suggests the same or the superiority of any accidental identities, by education. This is because, whereas the identity of sincere belief in God and responsible keeping to the guidance of the scripture should be a **plus in the orientation of collective livelihood**, confusing the relationship by an ignorant or hypocrite will be disorienting.

This leads to a second note. The definition or understanding of the **logical right or wrong relationship between the status or character of our faith and the regular pursuit of our basic, increasing and expanding needs, wants and fancies**. In our unfortunate circumstance where the faith in our country, our unity, our constitution is not consistent with our orientation and commitments, corruption, manipulation, distrust, insincerity, hypocrisy, confusion and even violence are inevitable. Everyone is on his own while public and even private resources are the target of all – according to opportunity or the tool at your disposal. Consistent morality has collapsed.

I am an experiential witness to the grave and pervasive state of this poverty of philosophy and therefore livelihood, that we are in. In the realm of knowledge, I have related with a few respectable Doctors of Philosophy in their fields on this subject of our faith bankruptcy. The best I got was responses of **disinterest**. The worst was meeting a wall of **non-response**. The mid response that were very few, were a mixture of **diverting me to the priority of pursuing good life and those acknowledging the value of our faith**. Indeed it was worse with people who are recognized to be grounded in the faith in God. **Access** was between **impossible and difficult**. And more embarrassing is that, they will offer to support **and will fail to after a firm promise and more than reasonable follow up**. These are people of

ideas and knowledge and the support I asked for was for these. Ideas and knowledge are not lost by sharing and are subject to improvement by sharing. The state of our weakness in this respect is therefore great. I have understood that involving people of monetary power to be attracted to my trade is more ambitious in a state where, whatever they give will be a “loss” and even the torch bearers of knowledge are either following them for money or competing with them for more – **against the fears of poverty**. But the most shocking is that, the political leaders I connected with were **worse**. This is because they were **avoiding even with employing their goodwill** for my trade. But they are the **neediest** of my trade. And the identities of these people cut across our six geopolitical zones, major languages and conventional centres of learning, business and leadership. Poverty, bankruptcy, wretchedness across the country and citizens **includes most of the elite that have between reasonable to unnecessary material security**.

A good cousin of mine who is a Professor of Business and had **struggled to become what he is** had assured me that **people are more attracted to be committed to benefits of HERE AND NOW**. This summary is the best definition of our orientation that **negates struggling for tomorrow or the future** (which applies to all of us irrespective of accidental beliefs) **and the hereafter for those who claim to believe in God**. Beliefs are meaningless without being acted out by bearers. This is **why we are where we are, against our declarations of identities**.

It will therefore be **really** too ambitious of **anyone to expect that given any imaginary resources any empirical achievements can be made**. While you will be extremely **lucky** to find the resources, it will be foolhardy **to expect that professionalism can guarantee results**. The professionals are **systematically** part of the web of challenges. This is because the practice of professional ethics has **no**

**larger value foundation of national identity or faith to rest on.** It is like professional practice without regulation.

But leaders in the past to the present have fallen victims of **projects for delivery of political promises or dividends of democracy, in the BLINDNESS of the foundation of faith in both the agents and the processes that are wanting.** This requires special caution to check and extra skill to manage. You should as a result not be simply or easily get carried away by bearers of competencies. Indeed your bold or strong symbolism or representation of our national faith and possibly your personal beliefs identity should check those who relate with you. They should know the high and inevitable risk of colouring competence with prejudice.

Accordingly, thirdly, you must appreciate and accept that **you are part of the problem BUT WILL BE TRANSFORMING TO BE PART OF THE SOLUTION.** It is impossible to be so alone. You will need to carry others along in a sieving process. It must not be being Mr Clean surrounded by a few charlatans singing and drumming your rightness. No one was born dirty. The duty of leadership is to reduce the dirt by expanding the clean **and not the people.** Of course, those who vehemently refuse or resist can be sacrificed.

And the **only way to pursue this** is by **making earliest deliberate actions with more immediately available resources of materials and skills to PROVIDE ALL BASIC NEEDS INCLUDING EDUCATION, HOUSING, HEALTH CARE, FOOD AND EMPLOYMENT in a continuous mode WITHIN THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME.** Everybody does not have to have University education when the quality has even collapsed. And our level of literacy can be raised to at least ninety five percent in two years **even if schools have to be closed down,** as against building schools. We do not produce corrugated iron roofs enough

to cover the nation in two years. We have other safe responsible means. We do not need three or five courses of meals like the Shuwa Arab of Borno State **but we can work and arrange to enable every mouth eat food thrice daily**, in two years. These are possible with systematic creation of employment.

As a **believer**, if you work with God, you will get His support from where you do not expect. Certainly not by bringing you strange citizens from the moon.

O ye who believe! give your response to Allah and His Messenger, when He calleth you to that which will give you life; and know that Allah cometh in between a man and his heart, and that it is He to Whom ye shall (all) be gathered (Quran 8:24).

This means that He may favour your leadership efforts by **touching the hearts of those you are striving to improve, to support your course**. These will include the **top beneficiaries of the rotten status quo and prospective members aspiring to join them**. This is feasible if you adopt His terms. His terms are defined by the fact that all citizens are equal, each has the right of improvement or adjustments. Repentance and change of course by accepting the faith of our collective unity for safety and prosperity is welcome. Forgiveness of **minor** mistakes or even commitments is considerable where only a few are chanced to be fair. In other words, the strategy to transforming will be **from the status and circumstances on the ground**.

My Dear brother. **After** a successful passage through the needle eyes of political party primaries, elections and you make the required **undertaking with our constitution**, you must be sensitive to rascals and rascality **from across the country and especially those who share similar accidental identities with you**, for help

with love. It will be your sole burden to bear with no one sharing it with you **in this world and in the hereafter.**

Throughout the course of your opportune leadership, you must **avoid wasting your time and the time of others with efforts** even in achieving what is good. You have no certainty or control of how long you will live or that of others. For instance, you will not find a concluded matter for action that is good and right and start spending years to change it simply because you do not know the person involved, or you prefer your own person. That will be anti-state. The root of such is **avoiding the truth, covering what is a lie, pretending to be committed to what is good, etc.**

Hypocrisy is the greatest and worst burden you can impose on yourself. If and when you do, you will get isolated.

This is my sincere understanding of the burden you are on the course of offering yourself to bear.

Please accept my personal best wishes.

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