THE AFRICA OF MY DREAMS

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DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to Almighty God, for the infinite wisdom

He bestowed upon me to pen this book.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

Many times, some of the prayers we pray in Africa are usually because of a default setting. We pray because we are in a system that is not working. If we are to live in an environment where everything is working well and fine, I doubt that we would focus on praying. Imagine a child who is supposed to be a Doctor and finish from the USA. And decided to serve his or her father's land, a place where things are not working well. His mind is wired to believe that it is his or her village witches chasing him or her

from doing what they are supposed to do. This has become a default setting, and Africans are wired to see some things as spiritual attacks, whereas if those things were in place, some of the prayer points wouldn't be needed. Africans have a lot of restructuring of the mind, which is our dwelling place. If we must dominate and fulfil prophecies, then we must arise and begin to raise good leaders who will fill those sectors of the economy. I sat and wondered why Africans have so much and yet suffer in the midst of plenty. Several factors contribute to this, including political, religious, educational, and economic. The religious sector is not left behind in the rebuilding of a better nation; it is

supposed to be the blueprint by which the continent can navigate and lead effectively.

The church is not just a worship center, but a light leading in all spheres of the continent. Several churches in Africa are beginning to make a caricature of themselves, loudspeakers but no power and transformational change in the community.

These tasks are unnecessarily under the guise of giving, milking the congregation. Don't get me wrong; It is good to give, but not under compulsion or manipulation.

But when churches milk and dry up the pocket of members under the guise of sowing seeds, it becomes worrisome.

Members are not just meant to come to church every Sunday, speak in tongues, and go home.

No, the church is a place for transformation. The members go out, and their lives reflect in all areas of the economy.

That's how to represent Christ in a dark world. Not having more churches with prevailing darkness, which has sucked deep and dried every sector of the economy like a cancer cell.

We need to break out of being brainwashed by repeated patterns and cycles of defeat that have been succumbed into our mind frame and begin to see light.

The church is a light, called out of darkness. An Ecclesia, which is coined from the Greek word ekklēsía, means “assembly” or "called-out ones.” The body of believers in Christ is to become a light.

We are in an era in Africa where we need female leaders to confront stereotypes and break out of patriarchy. And this requires a level of wisdom and preparation. More women need to be educated, more women need to become leaders, and

more women need to step up in business and politics. We cannot just fold our hands and watch things happening, especially to the female gender, and no one to confront that.

Some parts of African countries still perform Female genital mutilation. Female Genital Mutilation is harmful and illegal in many countries, yet some African countries still practice it. The implications of this are severe bleeding, infections, complications in childbirth, and even death.

That is why we need women to rise and speak out against human rights, particularly the rights of girls and women. And for us to have women in this space to help other women

coming behind them. And this comes with a level of preparedness and educating the masses. The Africa I envision is one where there are no religious wars or economic instability. A place where peace and unity thrive and where everyone is bound by love, no matter the tribe and region.

Quality education, health care system, the Agricultural sectors, and industry work for the benefit of everyone. No money laundering by the Governments. A continent where one doesn't suffer harassment from police officers when

driving all the time. Can we truly get a free continent? Ponder!

CHAPTER 2

POEM

Black but strong,

Our Afro hair and dark melanin,

Were a part of us we never embraced,

We wanted to be like the white,

To learn their culture and their ways,

But yet, we were created differently,

We toned our skin to fit like them,

We sewed our outfits to embrace their culture,

We faked our accent to speak like them,

Gradually, we began feeling inferior,

Losing our roots and culture,

Because we thought the whites were better than us.

The whites were never better than us,

We were created in the image of God,

No racism, not inferior,

I am black, and I am beautiful,

And I am blessed with the resources of heaven,

I do not need to tone down my skin to be accepted.

My brilliance is my innovation,

So I crack the code for excellence.

To thrive in the rebuilding of a better Africa.

PROPHETIC PICTURE OF AFRICA

I see Africa clothed with the garment of glory, her beauty restored, her fragrance attracts partnership and foreign investors. She becomes a revival hub that attracts Continents to her.

I see a spiritual awakening of prophets, intercessors who will walk in purity with the message of hope and restoration.

I see political tyrants bowing down and new leaders emerging with the heart of empathy, people-centered, driven by justice, equity, and truth.

I see old and outdated educational curricula being scrapped and new ones unveiled. Men and women of divine insight, hindsight, and foresight will begin to rise to mount their gates and transform the educational department from within. Indigenous knowledge will blend with technology to raise builders of the continent.

I see Africa leading in Technological advancement and being celebrated among other continents with the best innovations.

I see Africa's industries being represented in nations of the earth.

I see Africa becoming a global player and a safe place for other continents. I see Africa shaping ideas and culture for national transformation.

I see the economy being restored, and wealth hidden in the soil and minds of the people will be unlocked.

I see a united Africa, where there is no tribalism, no segregation, or religious war.

CHAPTER 3

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM FELLOW AFRICANS

Africa is not just a continent, it is a prophetic womb carrying divine blueprints for global restoration. I see Africa as the spiritual motherboard of the world: rich in culture, deep in soul, and limitless in potential. But more than that, I believe Africa is rising not by imitation, but by revelation. The Africa of my dreams is one where the next generation builds from identity, not insecurity… where education becomes empowerment, not imprisonment… and where

technology, music, and faith fuse into systems of liberation. I see an Africa where young people write code like scripture, compose sounds like strategy, and innovate with heaven's boldness. A continent where we no longer ask for inclusion, but command attention because our excellence, integrity, and originality speak for us. We are not waiting to be discovered, we are awakening to who we've always been. Africa is God's gift to the world. And it's time the world experienced us fully, freely, and fiercely.

— Caleb Motinwo

We are a very rich continent, both in terms of natural and human resources, and Africa continues to experience searing challenges. Some of these challenges are corruption, bad governance, toxic tribalism, mismanagement of resources, wars, and so on.

Despite these challenges, I am a firm believer that Africa will be better. Because many Africans are waking up. Many of us have realized that we're the ones to make Africa great. We're going to have an Africa where leaders are selfless, where we're able to provide solutions to our challenges, and where sincere and tremendous efforts are made to overcome toxic

tribalism, corruption, and other vices. We're going to have an Africa where love breathes.

— Aye, Brandon Kiven, Cameroon

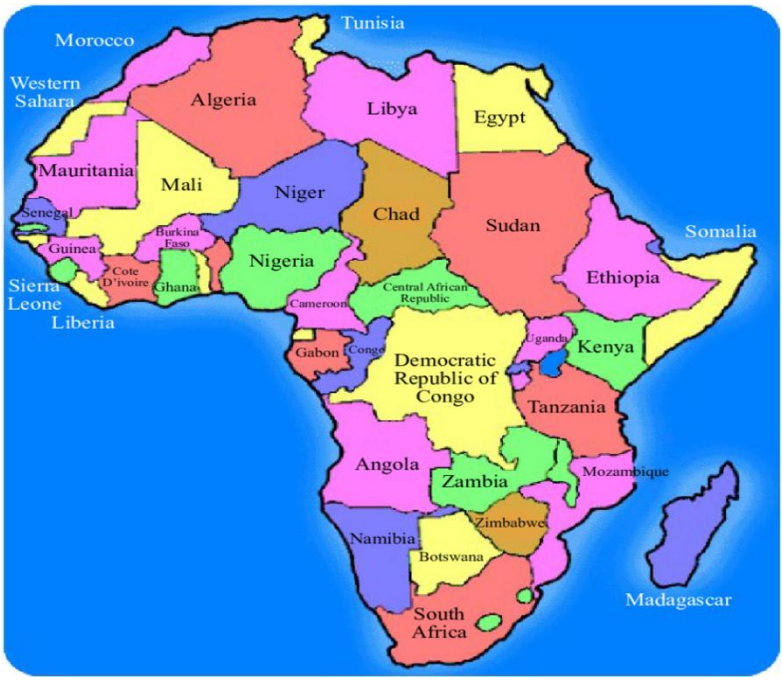
I have a vision of Africa undergoing a massive transformation. Some years before COVID, I had a dream (a real dream at night) seeing the map of the world, and everywhere looked brown, but Africa looked green. I didn’t know what it meant. When Covid happened, I thought that’s what the dream was about because other places were so badly hit, but Africa didn’t seem to be so badly affected. I still do not know what the dream meant, but I have a

strong feeling that Africa is going through a major transformation,, and in ten years, Africa will not be recognisable.

I see Africa rising with strength, innovation, and unity.

I see the continent standing in a place of power, confidence (it does not currently have), and global influence. I see our people, our resources, and spirit becoming the foundation of a flourishing future, one that does not need Western intervention or foreign aid.

— Grace Wairimu, United Kingdom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CHAPTER 4

THE ORIGIN OF AFRICA

Right from Bible days, Africa can be traced to Ham, who is one of Noah's three sons. This can be seen in the book of Genesis 10. Ham was the son that Noah cursed, who laughed at him when he was drunk. Although there is a misconception that I don't really agree with, that Africa's backwardness is a result of the curse Noah placed on Ham. Why are there several perspectives on this? I see Africa as a blood-washed country preserved under the covenant of Yeshua. Because, as a Christian in Africa, I do

not believe that I am under a curse by a man called Noah who lived before I was born on Earth. I am now under the covenant of a blood that speaks better things than any generation curse spoken far back before I was born. So Africa is not just a continent but a continent with a Divine mandate by God.

Great men who have walked this earth and passed on spoke about this continent. Some of whom are Pa Sydney Granville Elton.

- He prophesied that “Nigeria and Nigerians will be known all over the world for corruption. Your name, Nigeria, will stink for corruption…”

- He also declared that after this phase of corruption, “a new phase will come—a phase of righteousness. People from the nations of the earth will hold a Nigerian and say, ‘We want to follow you to your nation to go and learn righteousness.’”

I remembered the last crusade held by Reinhard Bonnke in Nigeria. I was there at the venue, and he made a statement that I can remember. "I see a blood-washed Africa." An African who is washed by the blood of Jesus, and he said God told him Nigeria will be the country to carry revival to other countries. That was the reason why he

came to Nigeria on an instruction from God to fulfill the divine mandate.

Even though Nigeria doesn't look like the prophecies spoken about her at the moment, I will not give up. I know people who have told me they don't bother or care to pray for this country bodily. Why? They are yet to see their answered prayers concerning the Nation, Nigeria. It is as if the more they keep praying, the more deteriorating the situation becomes. Several people seek to travel out of the country for better opportunities and a better life, because Nigeria has become a plague that people pray against. "May Nigeria not happen to

us is already a prayer point." People wonder why power was handed over to the Northerners by Lord Lugard, because they seem not to let other tribes rule. We sing of Unity, but lack unity,

We talk about love, but still fight each other.

The Biblical Descendants of Africa

1. Ham's Sons (Genesis 10:6):

- Cush – He was generally associated with Ethiopia and parts of Sudan.

- Mizraim – Associated with Egypt.

- Phut (Put) – Associated with Libya or North Africa.

- Canaan – Settled in the Levant, but some descendants likely mixed into Africa later.

2. Cush's Sons (Genesis 10:7):

- Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah, and Sabtecha – Traced to regions around East Africa, Arabia, and possibly Southern Africa.

- Nimrod, a son of Cush, became a mighty hunter and founded cities in Mesopotamia (e.g., Babylon), showing early African influence beyond the continent.

3. Mizraim's Descendants:

- Ludim, Anamim, Lehabim, Naphtuhim, Pathrusim, Casluhim (from whom came the Philistines), and Caphtorim – Traced to ancient Egyptian regions and North Africa.

We are all equal. White, black, no matter the colour, race, or tribe, we are all equal. We do not have to feel inferior to change our skin as a black person to be like the white. My Bible tells me that God created us in His own image, whether black, yellow, or white; we are created in God's image.

I have heard of stories of Africans who were despised in a foreign land, and the extreme hate of racism attacked them for being black. Why should it be so? What is my crime for being a black woman? What is my crime for entering a foreign land to study? God, in His magnificent power, created us with unique strength to adapt to our harsh weather conditions. Why should I then look down on myself and my skills? Africans are unique with unusual talents buried within them; each time I look at our beautiful crafts woven into beautiful sculptures, it reminds me that we are

created with unique abilities that can't be seen anywhere else.

Oh yes, we may be backward in the aspect of technology, but this doesn't rule us out. Our food, dance, and dressing, which present culture as a way of life to us, give me an intrinsic sense of a unique identity. We may not have it figured out at the moment, but we can get to the point of our destination one step at a time.

The Africa of my dreams. Africa is a continent I love so much, probably because of prophecies I have received from God about it, and also prophecies concerning past heroes of

faith like Pa Elton. This has helped to keep my hope and faith alive that God's promises for Africa are yea and Amen.

I do not mean to write from a religious perspective, but I have seen and hope that Africa will rise one day because of the potential it has. Africa is a continent rich in diverse talents and resources; like in some countries, we have:

- **Gold:** South Africa, Ghana, Burkina Faso, Tanzania, and Sudan.

- **Diamonds:** Congo, Namibia, Botswana, Angola, South Africa, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

- **Crude Oil**: Nigeria, Angola, Libya, Algeria, Egypt.

- **Natural Gas:** Algeria, Nigeria, Egypt, Mozambique, Tanzania.

- **Copper:** Zambia, Democratic Republic of Congo, South Africa.

- **Cobalt:** Democratic Republic of Congo, Zambia.

- **Iron Ore:** South Africa, Mauritania, Algeria, Nigeria.

- **Bauxite (Aluminum ore):** Guinea (largest in Africa), Ghana, Sierra Leone.

- **Uranium:** Niger, Namibia, South Africa.

- **Coal:** South Africa, Mozambique, Zimbabwe.

- **Lithium:** Zimbabwe, Democratic Republic of Congo.

- **Phosphate:** Morocco (largest), Tunisia.

Looking at all these resources tells me that Africa will be great again. Her fortunes will be restored. Africa has so much, yet it is rated as one of the poorest continents in the world. I keep wondering how countries with so much in them are still not able to find stability. A country rich yet poor, underdeveloped.

I am from Nigeria, known as the giant of Africa. A country blessed, yet we hope for a better tomorrow each passing day. "May Nigeria not happen to us" has finally become a prayer point; the insecurity level, the cost of living is high, lack of job opportunities, and the unemployment rate. What's the fate of the upcoming ones? What hope do they have about the country and the continent?

We need to awaken to drive a change. The change starts from you and me; we are today's leaders, not tomorrow's leaders. Let's stop waiting for tomorrow before we do the right thing; your seed can sprout and germinate,

leaving a legacy for future generations to come.

CHAPTER 5

NIGERIA

Nigeria is a country with over 250 ethnic groups and languages located in West Africa on the Gulf of Guinea and bordered by:

- North – Niger Republic

- East – Chad and Cameroon

- South – Atlantic Ocean (Gulf of Guinea)

- West – Benin Republic

With geographical coordinates of **Latitude: 4°N to 14°N and**

Longitude: 3°E to 15°E. Nigeria, known as the giant of Africa, has the largest population in West Africa within the tropical zone, with diverse landscapes like coastal plains, savannahs, plateaus, and mountains.

Nigeria has over 200 million people, giving it significant influence on the continent and making it one of the biggest economies in Africa, driven by oil exports, agriculture, and a growing tech and entertainment industry.

Yet, looking back at our country celebrating Independence every year,

we are still dependent and in bondage. A country of over sixty years, yet it has not found its footing. How do you talk about a child being spoon-fed for over five years and still not growing? How much more than a nation of over sixty years? A nation blessed with so many resources, yet still feeding on others who milk their resources in exchange for a pittance.

A nation that holds a prophetic time bomb as God's agenda for this end-time movement, to birth other nations into coming into the fullness of Christ. Yet, the rich get richer, and the poor get poorer. Religious centers have become places to make money. We

have so many churches, yet our country doesn't look like what it should be. Churches are opening every month, almost as if there's a calling into ministry. And the gullible members become victims of a brainwashed, spiritually faulty foundation. Some pastors are getting wealthier, and the members are poor.

The church has a role to play in influencing all sectors of the nation as a whole, including politics. We have left the political space for a while, thinking it is not for us, and allowed wicked men to rule, which has been one of the reasons for our backwardness. My Bible tells me that

when the righteous rule, the people rejoice, but when the wicked rule, the people suffer. Proverbs 29:2 (KJV)

THE ORIGIN OF NIGERIA

Based on my knowledge of social studies back then in secondary school, we were taught the origin of Nigeria and how we were colonized by the British Government. A particular name was mentioned, and that was the name Lord Lugard, the man who amalgamated the Northern and Southern protectorates of British Nigeria into one colony. This happened on January 1, 1914.

The name “Nigeria” was actually coined in 1897 by Flora Shaw, who was later betrothed to Lord Lugard, from “Niger Area,” referring to the areas around the River Niger. Lord Lugard became the first Governor-General of Nigeria.

Although it was said that the purpose of the amalgamation was done mainly for administrative and economic convenience, by allowing Great Britain to have easier control and allowing the North, which was less economically self-sufficient, to benefit from Southern revenues, this

amalgamation has, over the years, been the reason for many disagreements, fights, and riffs in the country because power was handed over to the North, which has been a major problem for everyone because of the leadership position of the nation, Nigeria.

Questions are being asked and raised concerning the current situation because the economy seems very unstable, especially with the resources and policies that do not really favor other tribes in Nigeria.

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It was said that Lord Lugard handed power over to the North for the following reasons:

1. Indigenous Governance System:
The Northerners had an organized Islamic emirate system, "the Sokoto Caliphate," which gave them access to handle power through indirect rule. Lugard saw a structured system and respected the idea of them having a political structure and governing through local emirs, unlike the South, where indirect rule faced resistance.

2. They Were Loyal: They could carry out instructions easily because of their less exposure to Western education and Christianity, compared to the Southerners, who were more hardened and could question every decision. The Northern rulers were seen as more obedient to British rule. The Southerners were more exposed and rigid in carrying out certain instructions because they had elites among them.

3. Distrust of the Educated South: The South, more likely the Yoruba and Igbo regions, had more Western-

educated elites, who were ready to challenge every colonial policy. This made Lugard afraid, as this could lead to anti-colonial agitation.

4. **Political Balance:** The Northerners had a larger size in terms of landmass and population; this was one of the reasons he handed power over to them. This legacy influenced Nigeria's early political structure, which has caused a lot of rifts and hatred and continues to shape its regional dynamics today.

CHAPTER 6

THE RISE OF FEMALE LEADERS IN AFRICA

We are in an era where female leaders are rising to break the bias and limitations that have held us down for years. Women are changing narratives, stepping into their places of assignment. We need more women to become more aware of themselves, so that they can do more and also stand to lead a nation.

Countries in Africa have, in one way or another, suppressed women due to

patriarchal systems and gender-based violence.

Many women in Africa, over the years, have suffered in silence and been mistreated, either by their spouses or threatened by the opposite gender if they have big dreams.

Recently, there has been a gradual but significant shift, with several females in leadership reflecting both changing societal norms and the resilience of African women in politics, activism, and leadership.

Why can females make better leaders?

1. Emotional Intelligence: Women often are known to have higher empathy, which helps them understand and connect with their teams better.

2. Collaborative Leadership Style: Female leaders are more likely to value teamwork and inclusiveness, which boosts morale and innovation.

3. **Resilience:** Many women have adapted to thrive in challenging environments, making them withstand difficulties and remain strong under pressure.

4. Multitasking: Women often manage multiple responsibilities effectively, balancing tasks without compromising quality.

5. Focus on Long-term Vision: Female leaders often prioritize sustainability, community impact, and holistic success.

6. Communication Skills: Women often excel in active listening and clear, thoughtful communication. They bear the pain and burden of one another due to their nurturing ability.

Although it can be seen that leadership isn't about gender alone but values, skills, and vision. But when women lead, they often bring unique strengths worth celebrating.

Some Women Who Have Ruled In The Past

- The Pre-colonial era: Examples of women who ruled during this era were Queen Amina of Zazzau, Nigeria, who was one woman who broke cultural barriers and patriarchal mindsets by leading an army and also expanding the territory of Zazzau in Kaduna in the 16th century. She is known in history today as one woman

who built defensive walls known as the "Amina walls". Some remnants are still in existence today. She was a woman who challenged all odds and led in a place that was rarely impossible or almost forbidden.

We also have Yaa Asantewaa (Ghana), who ruled in 1900, whose legacy still remains to date in Ghana. She is celebrated in Ghana as a symbol of strength and resistance, leadership, and womanhood. She led the Ashanti rebellion against British colonisation. The Yaa Asantewaa Girls' Senior High School to date was established in honor of her legacy in Kumasi.

We also have Nzinga Mbande (Angola), who led kingdoms and military campaigns.

- Colonial & post-independence era: In the colonial and post-independence era, women's political roles were suppressed; some women played a role, an example of which is Funmilayo Ransome-Kuti (Nigeria). In Nigerian history, she was the first woman to drive a car. She lived from 1900 to 1978, a political advisor, Nigerian educator, political activist, and women’s rights advocate. She was Nigeria’s foremost female nationalist

and the mother of modern African feminism.

Other present leaders include Ibukun Awosika. One of the women I love so much in Nigeria. She is a prominent Nigerian businesswoman, author,

pastor, and motivational speaker. She is the first female Chairperson of First Bank of Nigeria, which is one of the country's largest and oldest financial institutions. She is the founder and CEO of The Chair Centre Group, a furniture manufacturing company, and also co-founded several organizations, like Wimbiz.

She has been a woman who is at the frontline of Nigeria's leadership, shaping the political sectors, business, and also actively involved in women's and men's leadership transformation. She is a well-known, popular figure who is playing her part in the rebuilding of Africa.

Ibukun Awosika is indeed a remarkable leader. Her achievements and contributions to Nigeria's development are truly inspiring. Imagine Africa with more female leaders like her, breaking barriers and driving change.

Another present leader is Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, who is a globally respected Nigerian economist, diplomat, and international development expert. She broke the record as a black woman, becoming the first woman and first African to

become the Director-General of the World Trade Organization (WTO) in March 2021. Having spent 25+ years at the World Bank, rising to the position of Managing Director, she also chaired the Board of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, and served on multiple global boards. She is known for fighting corruption and also advocating for equity. She is one of Africa's most respected women who made it to the top, in a place where women or Africans are neither allowed to lead nor expected to succeed.

Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala's achievements are truly inspiring. She's

a trailblazer, breaking barriers and smashing ceilings. Her work in fighting corruption and advocating for equity has earned her global recognition.

Questions

What do you think are the key factors that have contributed to her success, and how can her example inspire other African women to pursue leadership roles?

Another woman I have known and watched from afar. She gave me wings to fly. Forever grateful for the day our paths crossed. Dr. Peris Siamanta, the founder and CEO of Kenya's Reading and Writing Culture.

I have watched her closely, observing how determined she is to create a better Africa by making every effort to improve literacy in Africa. She's planting libraries in states in Kenya, Nairobi, and also giving other countries access to get their books to a wider audience. She is solving the problem of reading, which is a serious problem in Africa. She is an author of several books and a midwife.

Debola Deji-Kurunmi is one of the women I know and admire, who is passionate about Africa with her divine blueprint from God. Her work can be seen on several continents, shaping, teaching, modeling, and coaching. She is a woman who has authored over twenty books and runs

three organizations. Her legacy is a testament to God's grace and divine empowerment.

Factors that have hindered the rise of female leaders in Africa.

Here are several factors that have hindered the rise of female leaders in Africa:

1. Patriarchal systems: The patriarchal mindset is one of the limitations women face in Africa. In an African setting, a woman is trained to become a housewife. Women are silenced if they attempt to rise because they have been wired to become housewives who cook, clean, and care

for their husbands and children. I'm not saying this is wrong, but isn't there more to a woman's life than cooking and cleaning? Some women enjoy that role, while others have been conditioned to believe their existence is centered around being a domesticated housewife.

Marriage is good; marriage is beautiful. However, there is a purpose for which you were created. God brought you forth out of your mother's womb to reflect His glory and live for His purpose. You have a dream; God gave you a brain to think. In the Western world, there are several women leading in industries and also

having a good home. Purpose doesn't stop you from having a good home; it all depends on you and the kind of spouse you marry. Think deeply before entering any relationship with a man, especially if you are a woman called into leadership. Do not marry a man who will cripple your wings and reduce your self-worth. There is much more you can achieve in life. Find the true purpose of your existence.

2. Gender-based violence and discrimination: This is another reason why women are not seen, known, or heard. Violence against women and discrimination. Several women these days are afraid to take

on leadership positions because of discrimination and a lack of respect from men. I've been there, and I know how it was when I led a position that included both males and females. Most men were raised to see themselves as superior and feel that the female child is inferior. I challenged that mindset and didn't allow anyone to intimidate me.

You hear words like, "I'm a man, I'm a man. Some men almost want to hijack the leadership position from you by any means. Then, I knew there was a problem with the foundation and upbringing of most African men. This isn't just in the home alone, but also in religious settings and organizations.

Some women also suffer violence at home, ranging from abuse, beatings by their own spouse, violation of their will to take advantage of their body; some women are sex tools in the hands of their husbands. An average African man doesn't want his ego to be bruised. An average African man has been wired to be the one to take care of the family's needs by paying the bills and meeting all expenses. But when it goes the other way round, their ego seems to be bruised. Some men cannot stand seeing a high-flying woman; it's like torture to their souls.

3. Limited access to education: The inequality in girls' access to education to gain exposure has been a great limiting factor; several regions still face unequal access to quality education due to patriarchal systems, which limit opportunities for leadership development among women.

4. Economic inequality: Society has, over the years, placed the financial dependence of a woman on a man. Several people hold the mindset that a woman should not work or do anything because her needs will be provided by her spouse or father. This has hindered several women from

exploring their potential to fulfill their purpose. Many women lack the financial resources needed to campaign, lead businesses, or influence policy.

5. Lack of mentorship and networks: To bring balance to the problem of imbalance on earth, more women need to have access to support systems and mentors who can guide them into leadership paths. This means those who have risen to the top should pull others up.

A New Africa. A new Africa is possible, and it won't just happen overnight. The "called ones" need to

rise and take action. Everyone has a role to play in the restructuring of Africa. Your good deeds and little inputs in your own way play a role, but there are some people given a specific assignment by God for this continent, and the problem has to be tackled from the root. Several people have to mount their gates, not just with prayers alone, but with strategic movement. Africa is a continent that prays a lot, but this time around, we need actions. As a believer, my Bible tells me that "Faith without works is dead." To your prayers, action must follow, and to your actions, results must proceed. A new Africa is something I have dreamed of several times, and I have so much assurance

that it is possible. Prophecies were spoken, and I have held on to those words.

CHAPTER 7

THE CREATIVE INDUSTRY

The African entertainment industry can be a tool for driving change. Africa's creative industry is positioned to be valued at around $58 billion, which has helped to increase the employment rate, equipping millions of people around the continent. The driving growth in Africa's creative economy includes:

- Music: The music industry has made remarkable progress over the years, with Afrobeats dominating global charts, generating streaming revenues

projected to hit $314.6 million by 2026.

- Film: The Nollywood industry produces over 2,500 films yearly, making it the second-largest film industry globally.

- Fashion: The textile market is valued at $31 billion, with several brands gaining recognition.

- Digital Content: The gaming and digital media are emerging rapidly and becoming major growth sectors, with Africa's video game market expected to surpass $1 billion by 2025.

According to predictions by experts, Africa's creative industry could reach $creative industry could reach $20 billion in annual revenue by 2025, creating millions of jobs and driving economic growth. This industry encompasses content creators, writers, authors, publishers, and more.

The vicissitudes of fortune in the improvement of technology have enhanced the creative industry, and this can be used to drive change in the revolution of a new Africa. Although Africa is a palimpsest of old innovation and new dreams, which in time would be eradicated as continuous change is driven, the

innovation of artificial intelligence, combined with human intelligence, can produce excellent work in the creative industry. Africa's creative industry has grown rapidly, showing that Africans are talented. Our minds are wired to unravel deep concepts and convey our messages to our audience. Despite hardships, there is always something to make you smile.

The creative industry can create a balance by introducing educational content and not just a wash of comedy shows that offer no value to the people. Educational content enlightens the mind and makes us wiser and more useful to ourselves and society.

Various strategies can be used to pass these messages in different languages, which can be pleasant to the ears of the listeners.

Creating a balance between religion and the world, people talk about religion being Africa's problem, which I have addressed in the previous chapter. Africa's religion seems to be dogmatic and used as a weapon to tie down members. Faith should be a major focus in carrying out what is being studied in church. The Bible says, "Let your light shine before all men," so our light is supposed to shine in different sectors of the economy, or anywhere we find ourselves, we must

shine our light and be good citizens. Don't be too prayerful, and yet your results don't produce excellence. We display mediocrity in the workplace and in our place of assignment. Excellence will stand out and bring you before kings. God is a God of excellence; He loves excellence, and that was why everything He created was good. Excellence should be our watchword in anything we do. Go to church, but play a role in nation-building. The two cannot be mutually exclusive from each other because that is the purpose of creation.

In summary, Africa needs a revolution, a revolution of the mind.

¶ We need changemakers, policymakers, and decision-makers who are driven by a passion to drive transformative change on the continent, rather than personal interests.

¶ Our educational system, political landscape, and industrialization processes are all in dire need of reform, requiring a fundamental shift in how we approach development and progress.

¶ Africans need to reconnect with their roots and heritage, as our culture is gradually being eroded by external influences. Let's reclaim our identity, celebrate our unique traditions, and proudly showcase our rich cultural diversity. Our food, clothing, language – every aspect of our cultural expression matters. We must recognize that we are all created equal, regardless of skin color or background. We don't need to conform or blend in to fit someone else's mold; our uniqueness is our strength.

¶ Our belief systems need a profound revolution, as we often prioritize prayer over action, forgetting that

"Faith without works is dead." It's time to pair our spirituality with tangible actions, demonstrating our commitment to creating positive change.

¶ We urgently need more education, awareness, and eradication of gender-based violence, FGM, and other harmful practices that continue to plague our communities. Let's break the silence, speak out against injustices, and work collectively toward creating a safer, more equitable society.

¶ I firmly believe Africa will be great, but the change starts from you and me.

The rise of Kingdom influencers in Africa

Africa needs kingdom influencers to rise, those who own platforms with Christian core values, emphasizing Christian core values, as several people who claim to be Christians do not exhibit these traits. A kingdom influencer is a person who represents Christ's values in their life and everyday activities by impacting their community. They're like representatives of God's kingdom, spreading the gospel wherever they go,

and also changemakers for national transformation. I strongly believe that kingdom influencers can use their platforms as mouthpieces in restoring hope in Africa by educating the audience on the need to reclaim Africa. These conversations can be through podcasts, YouTube channels, radio, etc. The conversation can actually be focused on various fields like media, politics, education, and technology. They're not just limited to religious roles; that platform is given to them for a reason – to play a specific role using their gifts and influence to serve God, to stand out for their faith, speak about the change we need even in challenging environments, and be dedicated to spreading God's message

and making a difference in Africa as a whole.

We are tired of excuses and need more people to take action in reclaiming our continents. We can't always wait for the government to do things; we can also partner with fellow people who are passionate about change and do what we can to help the community. I have seen some organizations giving back to the community, helping women get funds, restructuring and changing lives in rural areas, fixing pipes and boreholes. The fact remains that if we can't keep waiting for the government to fix this, we have to play our role also.

THE BOY CHILD

Adding to a conversation from my pre-book launch, a Dr from Zimbabwe discussed the need for mothers to stop being enablers of most of the attitudes we see in the boy child these days, which is due to the negligence of mothers; they focus more on raising the girl child than the boy child. The boy child needs training also, just like the girl child. Train your boy child to be domesticated and not just focus on the girl child. The increase in crime rates, rape, and other social vices among this gender is due to the neglect of the boy child. To solve this inequality, both the girl and boy

children deserve to be trained equally, bridging the gap and reducing the incidence of violence.

Statistics show that a larger percentage of boy children are often isolated and left alone when growing up, as some of them prefer to be on their phones rather than relate with other members of the family. The wide gap creates hidden pain and loneliness, which in turn affects the child when they become an adult. The bottled and suppressed pain are usually channeled into anger and become outbursts of emotions, which can be dangerous.

¶ **Advocacy in the home:** Advocacy in the home is very important; it takes two to co-parent. Family is the first place where values are aligned, the first place a child is taught. Both parents should look out for raising the boy child. Fathers should play the role of being present in their parenting journey and not be absent. Also, children learn by what they see, so if fathers are domesticated and help in daily duties, this will also enable them to get to work because they see their fathers as examples.

¶ Advocacy in school: The school can also make it mandatory to teach these in the curriculum. The importance of educating children the right way.

¶ Advocacy in church: Sometimes, religious centers are enablers of some of what we see. They focus more on teaching women how to become better wives, and leave the men out. Most men struggle with poor leadership in managing their homes; their definition of leadership is to control with the tool of money. Spiritual leaders should bridge the gap by having counseling sessions for the male gender to avoid repeating the broken cycle every time.

The healthcare system:

Several people have lost their lives due to the healthcare system in Africa. The healthcare systems across Africa are still characterized by low underfunding, a severe shortage of skilled professionals, and poor delivery. The death tolls recorded in Africa's healthcare system over the last 5 years are quite alarming. Most African nations allocate less than 5% of their Gross Domestic Product to healthcare, and it is not that the money is not available, but they are not ready to invest in the healthcare system, resulting in poor infrastructure and frequent shortages of medical supplies. Yet, our governments travel out of the

country to receive treatment when they are ill and pay no attention to the citizens' pleas. To resolve this, it is important for governments to increase funding to at least 15% of GDP, as outlined in the Abuja Declaration.

70% of global maternal deaths occur in Africa, with 442 deaths per 100,000 live births in 2023, down from 727 in 2000. Several healthcare systems lack basic facilities, and the cost of maintaining them is high. This is even more challenging for people who live in rural areas who lack clean water and a hygienic environment. The spread of diseases seems to be rampant there. Africa as a continent

continues to grapple with infectious diseases like malaria while also facing an increasing prevalence of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) such as diabetes and hypertension. NCDs caused 37% of deaths in Africa in 2019, up from 24% in 2000, with cancer, cardiovascular diseases, and diabetes being major contributors. It also carries 95% of global malaria cases and 96% of malaria deaths, with Central and West Africa being the most affected**.**

This is more rampant in the rural areas because of their underdevelopment.

Also, inadequate infrastructure and supply chain deficiencies further undermine the healthcare sector, which is one of the problems affecting the healthcare system. Right now, Africa still imports over 90% of its medicines, which shows that we are still dependent on foreign aid, and this makes us highly vulnerable to global supply chain disruptions. Hence, we need a solution to curb this menace for a better continent.

CHAPTER 8

POEM

Africa will rise again,

From the ashes of gloominess,
betrayals, stolen treasures,

Her inheritances will be restored to
her from her slave masters,

A legacy that will speak in years to
come,

Her time is now,

For she has travailed so much

And will not bring forth wind,

For her seed shall be preserved,

Because in her, Nations will come to light,

In her, Nations will find light,

In her, posterity will be grateful for the act of preservation,

Through her, continents will be restored,

Black but not broken,

Black but not destroyed,

Africa is rising.

As an African child who is passionate about the reformation and rebuilding of Africa, I have discovered and

traced some of the reasons for our backwardness.

1. **Education:** Africans, over the years, have suffered from poor education and a lack of access to proper schooling. But recently, there has been a transformational shift in that aspect as people are now rising to value education. I remembered back then how people would shout or say things like "school na scam," not knowing that our lack of access to quality education is one of the major reasons for our limited mindset and our inability to drive innovation towards sustainable change and development.

2. Poor leadership: Africa has suffered poor leadership; we lack true leaders who have the heart of the people in mind. The selfishness of our leaders has sparked corruption, which has eaten deep into us. There is a proverb that says, "When the head is correct, the whole body will be correct also." Yes, a leadership position is a position that should be held with high esteem. A leader should be willing to serve the people and feel their pains. But leadership in Nigeria is just like that of murky waters, which holds no stability but for the greed of men.

3. Overdependence on foreign aid: Africa, rich in natural resources, yet it

depends on foreign aid; these foreigners milk out resources all in the name of refining them. Some of these resources are not even beneficial to the citizens, but to the Government and foreign aid. Yet, we are blessed, but still export from other countries instead of working on our industries and providing employment to the citizens.

4. Poor healthcare system: A poor healthcare system is also a major challenge and concern for us in Africa. Our health systems are gradually improving, although we still have a long way to go. A poor healthcare system and the spread of diseases are

some of the reasons why we are backward.

5. Colonial Legacy: Colonial legacy, like artificial borders, exploitation of resources, and suppression of local governance by disrupting long-standing systems, has had a negative effect in Africa.

6. Conflict and religious war: We cannot deny or hide the fact of conflicts in Africa. I am a Nigerian, and I have seen several conflicts in the country, like Boko Haram, Herdsmen, and others who terrorize citizens and also hinder farmers from going to

farm and worshipers from attending religious gatherings, which has led several thousands of people to be displaced from their communities.

7. Weak Institutions: The weak institutions, like fragile political, judicial, and economic systems, often fail to enforce laws that protect the rights of citizens.

8. Cultural Factors & Mindsets: Some regions in Africa are still held bound by rigid traditions and find it difficult to embrace change, which affects the nation in the long run. Some of these changes can be seen in gender roles and education. Although

things are changing, there is still an imbalance in society because more women need to be educated to a high level, and also, Female Genital Mutilation has to come to an end.

9. Climate Vulnerability: Climate change is one of the effects that has affected us greatly. And this has caused food shortages and insecurities, and also affects our health.

10. Debt burden: Africa has been burdened with debts and is relying on foreigners to develop the country. These debts have limited the continent and hindered us from moving forward. It is now time for us to look inward into ourselves and focus on what we have. We live in debt, with corrupt

people in Government embezzling so much funds for themselves, not minding the lives of citizens.

For me, leadership is spelled in this form:

L – Listen: A true leader who has the heart of the people and nation at large should listen actively to others' needs, ideas, and concerns.

E – Empathize: A true leader should be empathetic and show compassion. The pain of the people should be yours; you must be able to walk in their shoes and know how they feel. Empathy is one of the qualities a

leader should have. You should also understand others' perspectives.

A – Act with Integrity: A leader should be honest in his or her dealings with the masses. Lead with honesty and transparency, not for your selfish reasons.

D – Decide Wisely: A leader should be able to make good decisions for the betterment of the masses.

E – Empower Others: A leader should encourage the growth of others. And not just you leading alone, look around how you can help the masses meet up in areas that are lacking. Empower and have confidence in others.

R – Remain Accountable: As a leader, you must be held accountable for the laws and actions you take. Be responsible and open to corrections where necessary.

CHAPTER 9

AGRICULTURE AND ITS ROLE IN AFRICA

Agriculture plays a major role in the rebuilding of Africa. Some nations in Africa have,e over the years, become overdependent on oil, forgetting other aspects to explore. In Africa, agriculture is the backbone of many African economies, as there are different types of farming here. Our ancestors were more focused on agriculture as a means of feeding their families and not necessarily on a large scale, although several of them could scale to a larger scale.

In Africa, over 60% of the continent's population still depends on agriculture, especially those in the rural areas, because it plays a crucial role in food security, poverty reduction, and rural development. Some governments in Africa are now investing in the agricultural sector as it seems to hold high potential value, not just for solving the problem of food security but also for exporting raw materials.

We see countries like Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) as the largest exporter of cocoa beans in the world. It was recorded that it accounts for

approximately 42% of global cocoa export, valued at around US $3.32 billion in 2023, followed by Ghana, which is also the second-largest exporter of cocoa in the world. Ghana holds 20% of the world economy, as this seems to be its major export. This shows that Africa has potential for transformation in the agricultural sector, not only in driving sustainability but also in the rebuilding of the economy.

Statistics showing the exportation of cocoa, ginger, and spices in Africa:

- Cocoa (beans/paste/powder):

- Africa produced approximately 3.15 million tonnes in 2023/24, accounting for ~70% of global supply.

- For cocoa powder exports in Africa: 60,000 tonnes in 2024, valued at US $193 million.

- Ghana exported 36,000 tonnes of cocoa powder.

- Garlic:

- Statistics show African garlic exports in 2024: 22,000 tonnes, valued at US $40 million.

- Egypt dominates the export share (about 82% of Africa's garlic exports in 2024).

- Spices (Ginger, Turmeric, etc.):

- South Africa's exports of "Ginger, saffron, turmeric, thyme, bay leaves, curry & other spices" were US $70 million in 2023.

Here are some ways in which Agriculture can improve economic growth in Africa.

1. Employment: Agriculture can help provide job opportunities on a larger scale. And this is not just for menial jobs but for a larger population. Agriculture is now a new wave of wealth for Africans.

2. Food Security: Agriculture solves the problem of food insecurity and makes staple foods available for millions.

3. Economic Growth: Agriculture contributes significantly to Gross Domestic Product in many African countries.

4. Trading and Exporting: Cash crops like cocoa, coffee, tea, and cotton are major export earners.

In 10 years, hopefully Africa's agriculture will be projected to be more technology-driven, because new technology and innovation are emerging, and also climate-smart, as we take a new approach to solve the issue of climate change, which is one of the threats farmers in Africa face. Also, it will be youth-inclusive; nowadays, I see youths taking over the Agricultural industry and transforming it. A blend of Agriculture and tech makes work easier and smarter.

Several factors need to be put in place for this to happen.

1. Smart Farming & Technological Innovation: With the use of drones and embracing AI for crop monitoring and evaluation to get accurate precision on farming, this would be of help in the Agricultural industry. This means the Governments in Africa should look in this direction and invest in innovations that help to run a smooth and easy process, which later converts to market accessibility. These digital platforms will connect farmers directly to buyers, reducing middlemen.

2. Youth & Women Empowerment: In the next decade, I see the rise of more young people and smart, driven tech women who will lead agri-enterprises, creating jobs and modernizing the sector.

3. Climate-Resilient Agriculture: Climate threats in Africa are one of the factors that we should consider. The adoption of drought-resistant crops, paying attention to sustainable irrigation, and conservation of the soil helps to combat climate change.

4. Policy Support & Investment: The agricultural system in Africa shows much potential for wealth transformation, and hence Governments and investors should

focus more on agriculture as a tool for solving food security and boosting economic development in the next decade.

PROPHETIC DECLARATION OVER AFRICA.

- We declare that Africa will rise to fulfill her divine calling

- Your light has come; you shall no longer be called barren or desolate

- We declare that your crooked ways are made straight

- The earth responds to you as you fulfill your God-ordained purpose

- We declare that every sector of the economy responds to the Light

- You will never be defeated

- The Lord begins to perfect all that concerns you

- We declare that saviors will begin to arise on your behalf

- Nations will help you; strangers come to your rising

- We declare that the spirit of the bondwoman is broken over you

- No more terrorism and injustice; we say no to political crises

- We declare that the Educational system begins to fall into alignment with God's will

- Men with high intelligence quotient and emotional intelligence quotient will rise and begin to unravel mysteries for the growth of the continent

- We declare that your resources will begin to benefit you

- No more misuse of resources or stolen treasures anymore

- We declare that national treasures stolen by greedy leaders have been restored back

- The Lord begins to uncover them in hidden places and bring them out

- We declare that no more religious war; the peace of God will reign among us

- We declare that prophecies spoken concerning you by our fathers who have passed on will begin to manifest

- Righteousness begins to reign among us

- We declare that the Lord executes judgment speedily over those who oppress the poor in the land

- We declare that the breath of God flows through every sector, and light begins to shine

- Every dead sector receives light

- We declare that the Agricultural sector is a new wave of wealth for national transformation

- We declare that every innovation from Tech to Artificial Intelligence becomes a tool for your progress for God's glory

- We declare that the fear of God abides in everyone's heart, and no one thinks evil about his or her neighbors

- We declare that sexual perversion and lust be eradicated from our continent

- We declare that Africa will be seen as a reformer and a light bearer

- Men of high intelligence will arise from Africa, causing a revolution and transformation in the continent

- We declare that the fear of God begins to reign on our leaders

- They will rule with the citizens in heart; they will not launder to enrich their pockets while the masses suffer

- We declare that our land is cleansed from pollution and defilement

- Every bloodshed on our land is cleansed; only the will of God be done in our continent

- We declare that North, South, West, and East Africa are united

- We declare that our religious gatherings and centers become tools for the cleansing and purging of the land

- No more thieves in the pulpit; the fear of God resides in everyone

- We declare that our religious gatherings become a means by which one purpose can be found, not just to

serve in the body, but the outside world experiences a supernatural shift and transformation.

PROPHETIC IMAGES OF AFRICA.

Africa, an egg cracked open,

Ready to unleash its golden seed.

Potential bursts forth, vibrant and strong,

A new dawn rises, a new continent is here.

Africa, a garden watered deep,

Planted to flourish, her secrets to keep,

Men drink from her spring, refreshing and true,

Nations come to draw, from her well
of inspiration anew.

Her soil is fertile, her spirit bold,

A continent awakening from
mediocrity,

Her story to unfold,

From struggles to triumphs, she's wil
be heard,

She will rise, come what may.

Her people are resilient,

her heartbeat strong,

A force to be reckoned with, all day,
all long,

So let the world take note,

let other nations see,

Africa's rise is not just a dream,

it's her destiny.

Her land is lush,

with fragrance in the air

Fruitful and blessed,

with potential to share

No longer held back,

her voice will be heard

For her light has dawned, and her future's undird.

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A new dawn breaks, the night fades away

Africa's sunrise, a brighter day

She shakes off the shadows, stands tall and free

Her time is now, destiny.

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