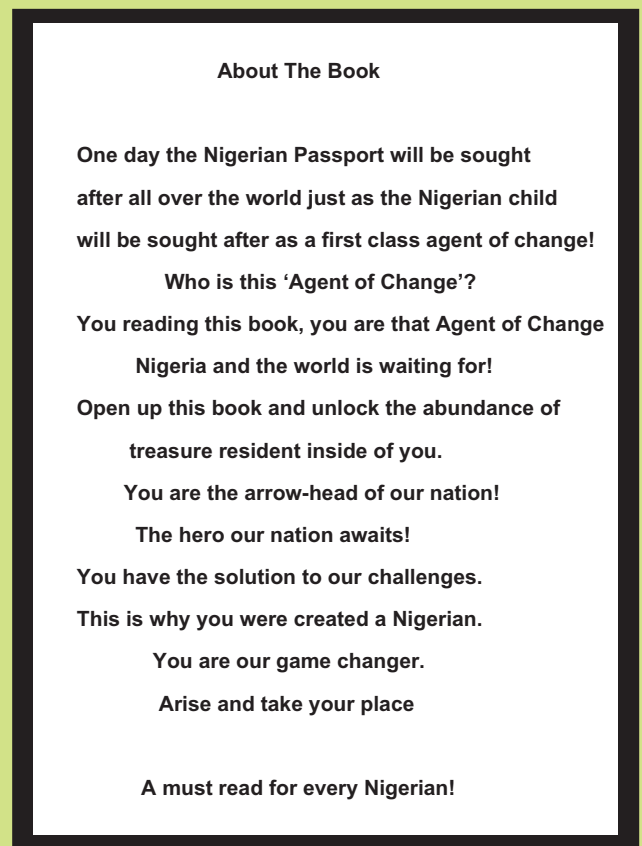


PASSPORT OF THE NIGERIAN CHILD
A PROPOSED POCKET BOOK FOR NIGERIANS

FRONT VIEW



BACK VIEW



EXCERPT FROM THE BOOK

1

Have you ever wondered why you are a Nigerian, instead of an American?

Probably you wished you were in one of the western nations! If I may ask: is there anything special in the European man or the American man that makes him extraordinary than you? after all, he has two legs, two hands, two eyes and a brain inside of his head!

Would you please check yourself to see if you have got less? even if you do, at least you have your brain!

I asked myself this same question some years ago and I discovered that all men have the same features internally and externally, regardless of their skin color, race, religion or ethnicity.

The other question then is: if we have the same brain and potential, how come those in the western world are more advanced than we are, despite our enormous land mass, population and vast natural resources?

The land area of United Kingdom, both land and sea is 243,610km² with a population of about 65,111,143.

Nigeria's land inclusive of sea is 923,768km² with a population of about 180 million or more, making Nigeria have a variance edge of 680,158km² land mass and population variance of 114,888,857 people.

I then ask: Can a man who is given a tennis court pitch-size stadium with four staff be wealthier than a man with a full size stadium with one hundred staff?

This is the case with Nigeria, the most populous black nation on earth with enormous land mass and enviable resources.

We should ask ourselves: what is the yard-stick for measuring development? if countries with smaller land mass and lesser human strength are more developed and successful than our nation?

2

In economics we learnt that the basic factors of production are land, labour, capital and entrepreneurship. Every country has these factors of production including Nigeria which is specially endowed with land and man power (labour)

Having gone through this and comparing the per capital income of other nations to that of Nigeria, it is evident that enormous land mass and a large population is not what determines a nation's greatness or makes a nation but rather the quality of the people that resides in that nation.

Furthermore and in line with economic principles, out of all the factors of production, entrepreneurship is the most vital because it is responsible for effective management, utilization and coordination of all the other factors of production for optimum productivity.

Judging from the disparity in the development of our nation compared to other nations, we can conclude that we are not rich in entrepreneurship compared to developed nations otherwise our naturally endowed resource would have been well managed to aid our exponential development.

It is evident that we have not effectively developed the minds of our people with the appropriate orientation to uncompromisingly manage resources.

Until our minds develop uncompromisingly, our nation will not develop.

The present state of our nation is the true state of our average compromising state of mind as a people.

From this analogy it is obvious that it is not land mass or resources that makes a great nation but the quality and state of mind of the people in that nation.

The next questions are these: what is the quality and mind-set of an average Nigerian? What is the quality and mind-set of an average European?

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3

Below is a short story

An African father lost one of his son's in the military; the son stepped on a landmine at the war front. This man wept and mourned his son for years.

On the other hand an American man also lost his son who was in the military at the war front.

This young soldier stepped on a landmine as well. The father mourned and subsequently went on a research and created a landmine detector that will detect and detonate landmine.

I want you to ponder on this two individuals who went through same trauma, their reactions and subsequent actions.

This is a true picture and reflection of people quality required to drive the much desired development at personal and national level. If the African father had thought along same line as his American counterpart he would have been able to add to Africa's development by solving one of the challenges confronting the military at the war front, thereby helping to save other people's children from such death,

Eventually when this American man was questioned, he said he created the device so he could save other peoples children from being killed by landmines, so that other parents will not have to experience the kind of pain he experienced.

From this short story I can categorically say that the quality of a person is not in height, skin colour, body frame or structure but in his or her thought process and mentality.

4

What kind of mentality do you have? How do you think?

Is your thinking always self centered? or about human lives generally which also includes you?

When you think of "ME" other lives are exempted but when you think of "US "you carry others along including yourself.

THE GAME CHANGER

There was a football match between two nations. One of the nations was already four goals down at about few minutes to the end of the game.

The fans of the winning team were already celebrating while the fans of the losing team were walking out of the stadium knowing they had lost the game .

Some minutes to the end of the game, something spectacular happened when a new player was brought into the game by the coach of the losing team.

Upon his entrance , the game changed .The losing team scored their first goal, then the second, the third and then the equalizing goal. The entire stadium was filled with jubilation.

The march went into penalty shoot-out and the losing team came out as the wining team.

Right now Nigeria is losing , backward in development compared to other nations but with you in the team now, I believe there is hope for Nigeria.

God who is the master coach has brought you into team Nigeria at this point in time.

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