

Even after the popularization of black action, black pride, black solidarity, black consciousness, Africa still remains the underdog in the racial hierarchy. Even after the liberation from Colonial rule, Africa has continued to suffer all sorts of indignation and subjugation under the yoke of democratic and military exploitation. Even after the abolishing of slave trade, Africa has refused to let go of its slave mentality. Even after the joyful celebration of Political freedom and national independence, Africa has excellently failed to justify its glorious transition.

Even after the departure of the Colonial masters, Africa still does not truly belong to Africans. It may be controversial to say; that African independence from Colonial rule has been the biggest curse to the black continent. It may have been a Political error to have been enslaved by the white men, but it is a Political atrocity to be enslaved by your own race under the disguise of democracy and independence! Without Political maturity there can be no Political correctness!

African leaders lack the Political maturity to redeem the African continent from the stranglehold of economic backwardness. African leaders lack the patriotic character necessary to galvanize a change in the economic image and political structure of the continent. African leaders lack the quality of humility and servitude to humanity which is paramount in the principle of leadership. African leaders lack the moral discipline to manage the resources which could transform the fortunes of the continent. It may be controversial to say; that black independence or freedom in Africa has done little or nothing for Africans!

So I ask this question: "was Colonial rule not better after all?" (Laughter) some people may not like my utterances or choice of words, but that's because I speak the truth and the truth my dear taste like vinegar. Africans don't like being told the truth; Africans need to take off their blindfolds to see the handwriting on the wall. Africans need to wake up and smell the coffin. For so long Africans have blamed the white men for their misfortunes and failures. But I swear it by God; African leaders are the masterminds, the instigators, the architects and the chief cause of the immortal problems that has been disturbing the continent for decades. I have said this before and I

will say it again. "the white men are not the cause of our problems!"

They say; with great power comes great responsibility. African leaders have abused their seats of authority and the oil of power and leadership. Greed and selfish interest has precipitated an economic backwardness. If we should analyze and carefully study the economic and political situation in Africa without emotion, prejudice, irrationality, and fear, we would come to a valid conclusion which proves beyond reasonable doubt that independence from Colonial rule has been a curse rather than a blessing to the black continent!

It seems to me that the leaders in Africa have absolutely no idea the meaning of "leadership" and are ignorant of their responsibility and function. The big question is: who is a leader? A leader is someone who has the qualities, knowledge and skills to influence a change. A leader influences others to work together so as to accomplish a common goal or objective. A leader is a servant to the people, the head of the family, the heart-beat of the society, the pillar of the nation! Show me a leaderless nation and I'll show you a nation under the yoke of corruption, show me a leaderless nation and I'll show you a nation on the strangle hold of poverty! Show me a leaderless nation and I'll show you a nation politically jinxed and economically crippled! Africa as a continent is leaderless!

So I ask this question: "was Colonial rule not better after all?". I am not timid to challenge the status quo, I am not afraid to say the truth, and you can bet that I will not shy away from highlighting the hidden facts on issues of this magnitude, as a matter of fact- "if it scares me, I'll write it". The relegation of Africa from a second class society to a third world continent as a result of the backward nature and archaic image, ◻ primordially designed by the leaders in Africa, underlines the negative effect of independence from Colonial rule!

What is the first thing that comes to your mind when you hear the word "Africa"? I guess your truthful answers would be- Poverty, Hunger, HIV, Ebola, War, Violence, Boko Haram, Bloodshed, Genocide, Voodoo, Hardship, Corruption and so on. But I tell you most solemnly, Africa was never jinxed during the Colonial rule as it now, all of these problems are the dividends of independence and the transfer of power from the "white masters" to the "black masters"!

The only sin, the white colonial masters committed was the trading of slaves and the forceful acquisition of the African continent without the consent or the approval of the indigenes through military hegemony at the expense of our freedom. But if you're sensitive and conscious enough you will clearly see that slavery and colonial rule still exist in Africa and it has been modified by the African leaders, the "black colonial masters" if you wish. It may be controversial to say that the white colonial masters were more efficient, dynamic, intelligent, effective, and purpose driven than the black colonial masters who are currently hiding under the disguise of democracy and independence! These "black colonial masters" who call themselves "leaders" have committed worst crimes against humanity by the virtue of independence.

Like I always say; "Africa is a blessed continent jinxed with corrupt leaders, until these leaders are completely purged from their seats of authority, Africa will remain cursed in perpetuity!"

So I ask this question: "was Colonial rule not better after all?" some people might be quick to say; colonialism paved way for imperial exploitation in Africa. True, but it is noteworthy to state; that the white colonial masters exploited the resources in "Africa" for the glory and benefit of their land, now that is patriotism! Whereas, the "black colonial masters" are exploiting the resources in "Africa" for selfish interests and personal glory, now that is corruption! If truly "dogs don't eat dogs" then African leaders have betrayed their own race, their own people, their own land. It may be controversial to say that a leader who steals from his land to enrich him-self

is indeed ideologically bankrupt and morally deficient!

It is true that colonial rule is evil, but isn't also true that "Independence" which ought to be a blessing to Africans have become their worst nightmare? Are Africans truly free from the chains of slavery and the curse of colonialism? Some people might not like my utterances or choice of words but that's because I speak the truth, and the truth my dear taste like vinegar. And I will not shy away from issues of this magnitude, as a matter of fact- "if it scares me, I'll write it".

What has Africa achieved from independence? Did I hear you say "freedom"? (Laughter) the big question is; what is freedom? Freedom is the state of not being a prisoner or a slave. In order words the right to do what you like. From this simple definition can we honestly say that Africa is truly free from the products of economic backwardness? Like I always say; "every continent has a problem but Africa's problem is outrageously disturbing and seems immortal". I see a continent where seats of authority have become a business venture and a lucrative enterprise!

African leaders ought to have justified the political freedom and independence as a continent from colonial rule, but instead they choose to carry on with the unethical tradition! How can Africa be redeemed when the leaders are busy raping the resources and embezzling public funds? How can Africa be redeemed when the leaders have failed to unite the continent? How can Africa be redeemed when the leaders are driven by greed and selfish interest? How can Africa be redeemed when the leaders do not value the importance of patriotism? Poverty, Hunger, HIV, Ebola, War, Violence, Boko Haram, Bloodshed, Genocide, and Hardship, all these political diseases are the hallmark of corruption and the square root of bad leadership.

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So I ask a question: "was Colonial rule not better after all?". There is an Ibo adage that says; "Obi can never be a boy forever" in order words Obi will one day become a man and fend for him-self. My point is: Africa is matured enough to take responsibility, to become "INDEPENDENT" and not "IN-DEPENDENT". African leaders need to show some political maturity by justifying the political freedom and independence from colonial rule, through the act of PATRIOTISM! Some people might not like my utterances or choice of words but that's because I speak the truth, and the truth my dear taste like vinegar. And I will not shy away from issues of this magnitude, as a matter of fact- "if it scares me, I'll write it"

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