

PERSONALITY AND POWER CRISIS



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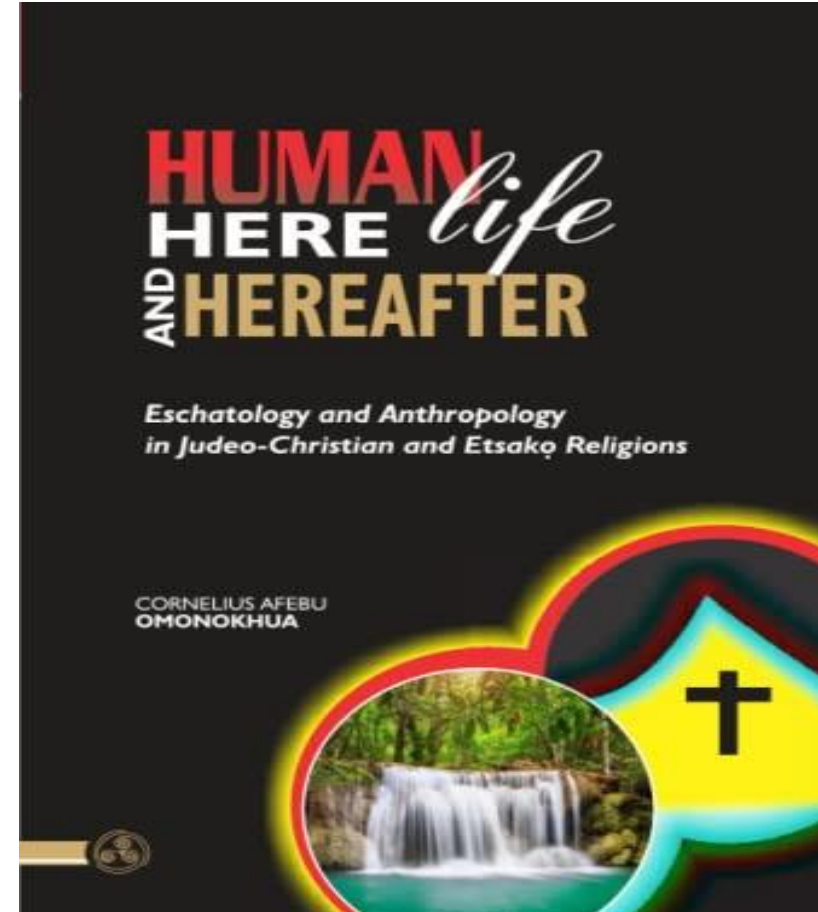
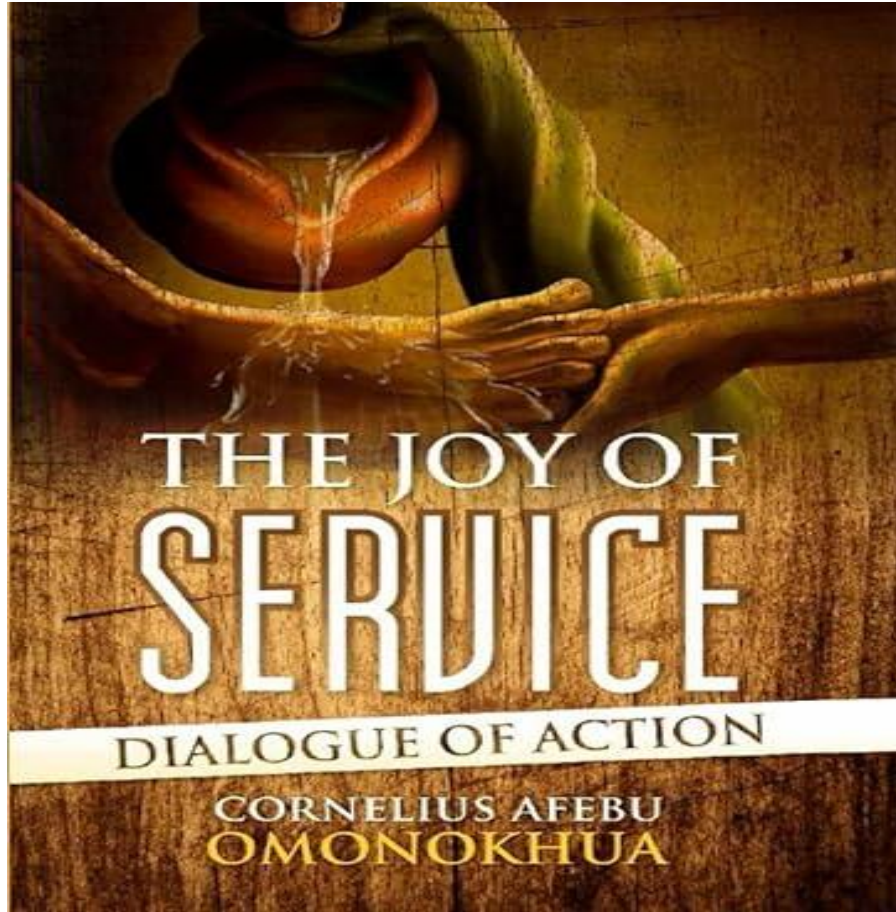
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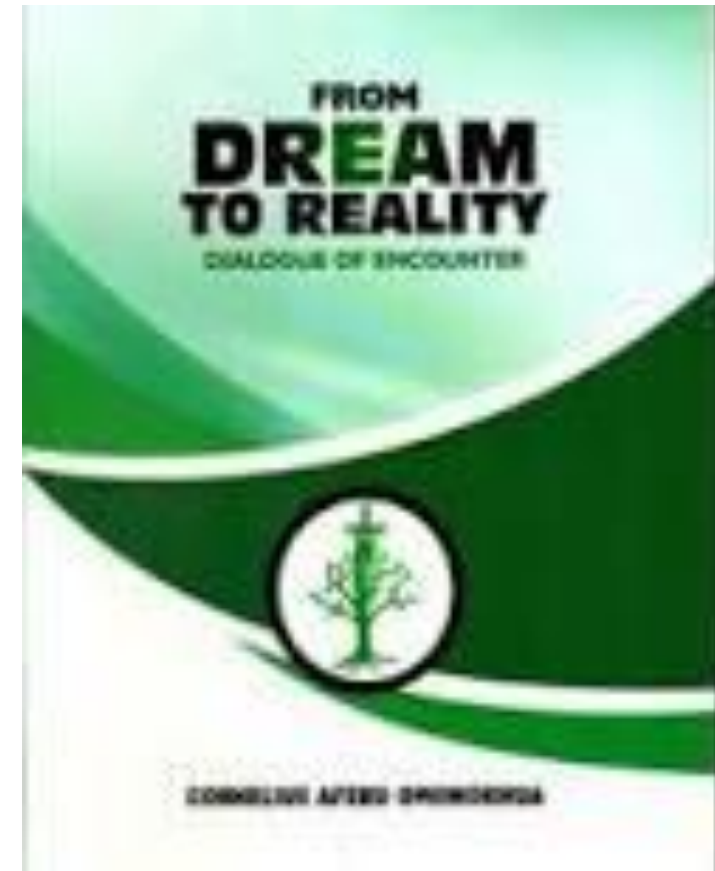
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WHAT IS PERSONALITY

- **Our first webinar was a focus on “*Anthropological foundation of human character*. There, we identified personality with enduring characteristics after debriefing and healing of memories. We also examined human behaviour with specific traits.**
- **In this webinar, we are going to go deeper into the human person by looking at the interests, drives, values, self-concept, capacities, control of emotions and temperaments that makes a personality fits for leadership.**

THE PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

JOHN BUNYAN

- This is an allegory for spiritual journey. It is a physical journey from the City of destruction to the celestial city - journey from earth to heaven.
- The Pilgrim convinced himself:
- *This hill, though high, I covet to ascend. The difficulty will not offend me. For I perceive the way to life lies here. Come, pluck up, heart, let's neither faint nor fear.*

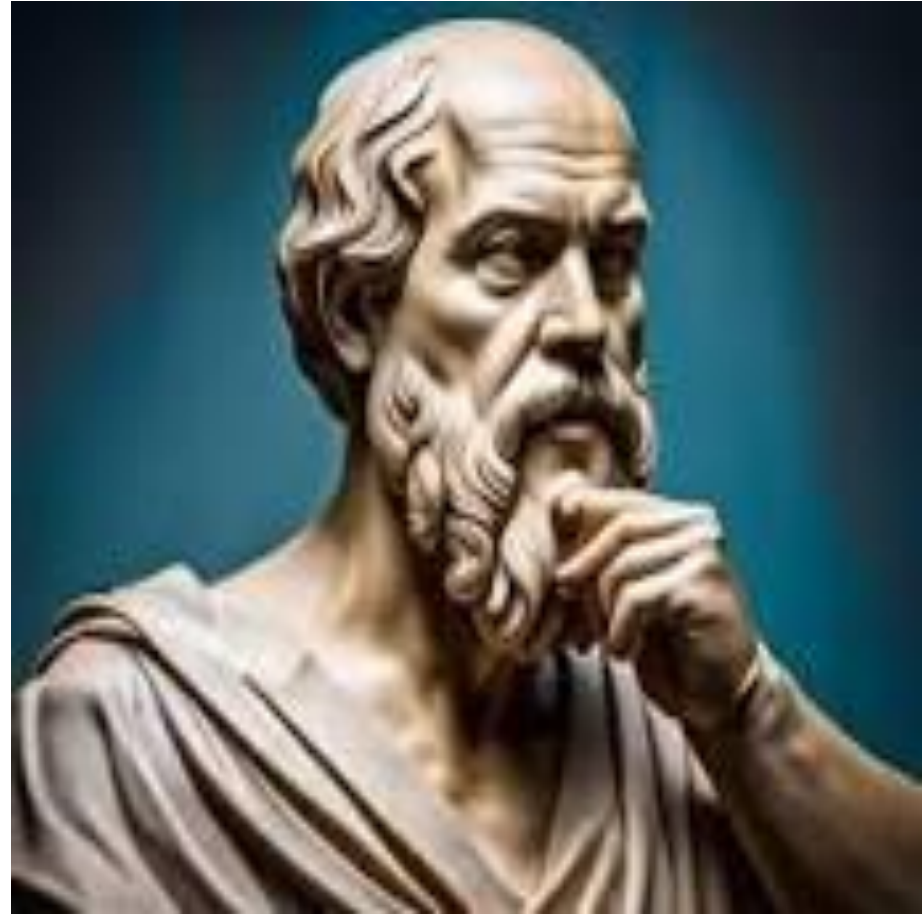


FROM THIS WORLD TO THAT WHICH IS TO COME


- **THE PILGRIM'S PROGRESS demonstrates that:**
- **Knowledge is gained through travel. What do you learn from foreign trips to improve himself and your people back home?**
- **learning from your mistakes and dropping the unnecessary baggage that slows you down from making the journey impossible.**
- **Life is a journey of faith, perseverance, friendship and repentance.**
- **The motivation is the promise of peace and fulfillment on earth.**
- **The destination is eternal life.**

MAN, KNOW THYSELF SOCRATES

- **TRUE WISDOM IS:**
- Knowing that you do not know.
- You cannot know everything.
- Recognize the limits of your own wisdom and understanding.
- Consciousness is your essence.
- Your soul is the fundamental that transcends your body.



WHO ARE YOU?

- **SOCRATES is challenging you,** to know who you really are.
 - How well you really know yourself.
 - How do you answer the question: **“Who am I?”**
 - **Look how you define yourself:** By your employment, relationships, your possessions, your dreams, your actions, by what you do, think, say and like. What happens when you no longer do the things you do, own the things you own, dream the things you dream, think the things you think, say the things you say or like the things you like?
 - **Do you cease to exist?** Is there no part of you that is constant? If not, then, **who are you?** Worse still, do other people define who you are?
 - **Are you simply what others perceive you to be?**
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IMMANUEL KANT

- **“Know thyself”** - is to know one’s own heart and to understand the motives behind one’s actions, in order to harmonize one’s will with one’s duty.
- **German author Goethe**
- The female personification of Truth:
“Know thyself, live with the world in peace.
- **(Metaphysics of Morals, 1797)**



SOME INTERPRETATIONS

- **RICHARD WANGNER:**
- "Know Thyself" is the "awakening of humans to their simple, sacred dignity", departing with partisan political battles and identity conflicts, and aiming for a universal recognition of shared human dignity.
- **FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE:** The German people should know themselves by discarding old ideas inherited from foreign cultures and looking to their own present needs, so as to develop a new culture which would be a true expression of their national character.

PERSONALITY TRAITS

- **Personality traits are characteristic way of thinking, feeling and behaving. These include moods, attitudes, and opinions that are expressed in interactions with partners in dialogue. Your personality is revealed in the way you are sensitive to people at different categories, levels and degrees.**
- **Are you caring, stubborn, determined, ambitious, hard-working and dependable. How do you think, behave and feel in general?**
- **Are you unconditionally calm, loud, sociable, appreciable or irritating to people?**
- **Are you a good planner, ambitious, aggressive, flexible, patient, rigid, competitive or jealous?**

TYPES OF PERSONALITY

1. **SANGUINE** – Optimistic and social, energetic, talkative, charismatic, friendly, full of life.
2. **CHOLERIC** – Short tempered, irritable, outgoing, in control of their environment or situation they are in.
3. **MELANCHOLIC** – Analytical, quiet, sad, paranoid, critical, and socially withdrawn.
4. **PHLEGMATIC** – Relaxed, peaceful, calm, patient, and unflappable in the face of difficulties or stressful circumstances.

WHAT MAKES A PERSONALITY

- **God created every human being with latent potentials. As the human person develops, he or she is shaped by genetic inheritance from parents, process of growth, formation, environment, events, relationships and social influence. Attitudes and values has a lot to play in the personality of a person's career and mental well-being. A leader's personality is accessed in terms of courage to be trustworthy, honest, reliable, punctual and loyal.**
- **A balance personality cares about intergrity, respect, and courtesy. In leadership, the balance personality is aware that he is responsible to the people. He or she is therefore, accountable, diligent and self-controlled. He or she cares about justice, freedom, development and peace.**

GREEK CONCEPT OF PERSONALITY

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- **According to the Greeks, there are three types of personalities:**

1.THE IDIOTS

2.THE TRIBESMEN

3.THE CITIZENS

THE IDIOTS

- **The word idiot is not used as a curse or insult but a type of person who is self-centred. The idiot do not care about others. That is why they must cheat in examinations, forge certificates and steal.**
- **If an idiots is in a leadership position in government, he or she must plunder the government treasury. At the grass root and middle class levels, the IDIOTS sell their votes and rig elections for their political oppressors.**

THE TRIBESMEN

- **The tribes men are people that look at everything from the point of view of their tribe. The word TRIBE in this context is deeper than ethnicity. The tribe includes religion, party, secret cult, gang, circle, club and whatever they have in common. If you do not belong to the group of the tribesman, you can never get or gain anything regardless of your qualifications and opportunities.**
- **The tribes man suffers from blame transference syndrome (BTS). He does not accept guilt hence all his misdeeds and failures are attributed to someone else or some external forces.**
- **If a tribesman is a political office holder, he will alienate every other person in his appointments. He does not care about efficiency.**

THE CITIZENS

The citizens are people who love justice, development and peace. They care for the common good, common well-being and welfare of others irrespective of religion, ethnicity and party. They care more about name and legacy. Their concern is to do the right thing.

Even in political positions, they show example by respecting and obeying the laws of the nation. Their appointments are based on merit and efficiency.

The citizen is a man of vision for himself, family, nation and the entire world. He is a gentle man / woman, who cares about values. He uses every opportunity to enable peaceful co-existence.

MARGARET THATCHER

- **It is those who feel powerless that act in a demanding, overwhelming, power-driven way to compensate for their perceived powerlessness. As a result, they underestimate their ability to affect others and behave in extreme ways that are aggressive or disproportionately intense. This has far more negative impact on their partners and their relationships than they had ever intended.**



PERSONALITY THE POWER IN YOU

If you are competent to lead the people, the way you talk and relate to people will command respect in a way that you will be obeyed without issuing commands with threats. Once you appreciate the power in you, you do not need to demonstrate it by verbal force.

Those who source for power to protect their weakness and powerlessness can never adopt the attitude that consider the right or opportunity of others. Instead of creating space for others to grow, they become obstacles and enemies of progress.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

- **Every serious organization that has a clear mission, vision and specific objectives take leadership training seriously. The organization source for qualified experts with merit to occupy the positions that each person specializes in. Leadership training makes human beings actualize their potentials. No organization with a clear focus exists to produce leaders without commitment. The organization therefore invest in human resource management and strategic planning to identify human beings with adequate emotional intelligence, emotional competence, personal competence with self-control, social competence and self-management.**

CAPACITY BUILDING

- **An organization whose aims and objectives are conflict management, conflict resolution, conflict transformation and peace-building needs people who are reconciled reconcilers akin to evangelised evangelizers. A peace builder needs special skills for public relations and control of anger. This calls for the capacity to be an image maker of the institution with acceptable behavioural acumen to showcase what the organization represent. The calmness of a leader reflects inner peace in relating to people. Only the meek can lead the world to true peace.**

WHAT MY FATHER TOLD ME ABOUT POWER

- **“My son, so many people have died in the process of fighting for leadership positions. It is difficult for some people to give up the crown and many have preferred to die if they could not cling to power. The people who kill and even prefer to die if they do not occupy leadership positions do so because they do not understand that kingship is a gift from God. If you know yourself, you will know that you have no power except what God gives you as a gift.**
- **Power in the hands of the Wise can heal the world whereas power in the hands of the Fool can destroy the world.**
- **The wise lead the world with soothing words while the fool rule the world with a dangling sword.**

WHAT MY FATHER TOLD ME ABOUT POWER

- **Power is a double edge sword and it intoxicates like liquor if not put under control with humility as prudent guide. My son, do not be a tyrant even if you are the strongest man on earth. If somebody is envious of your position, do not fight because some people who have stolen the position of leadership may not even know what to do with power. They do not know that power is a sacred opportunity to serve God and humanity. Life is not a bed of roses but with prayer and dedication you can build human structures. Pray for the people under you and do not prey on them.**

MY EARTHLY PILGRIMAGE

- I now realise that nothing good comes easy. I have not gotten many things on a platter of gold. I have come to understand the allegory of the mosquito who after flying for the first time returned to tell the mother, “Everybody was clapping for me.” The mother told the baby mosquito, my dear, they were really not clapping for you, they were trying to kill you.” I have been denied so many opportunities in life not because of lack of merit and efficiency. The reason is that somebody simply does not need me. I do not know if I am a threat to their positions.**

LESSONS FROM DEPRIVATIONS

- **I have learnt from experience that most of my deprivations were steps towards greater heights.**
- **JOURNEY FROM MY MOTHER'S WOMB TO EARTH**
- **PERSONAL DEPRIVATIONS IN LIFE.**
- **Some of my deprivations have led me to meditate very deeply on the attitude of John the Baptist towards, authority, office, position and power.**

JOHN THE BAPTIST AND THE VALUE OF POWER

- **In our world today, human beings like John the Baptist are very rare. If we have many types of John the Baptist in our world, the earth will be a foretaste of heaven for everybody**



JOHN THE BAPTIST AND THE VALUE OF POWER

- **Some of the disciples of John the Baptist came to him and said, “Rabbi, he who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you bore witness is baptizing, and all the people are going to him.” John answered, “A person cannot receive anything unless it is given him from heaven. You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, ‘I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him.’ The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore, my joy is now complete. He must increase, but I must decrease” (John 3:26-30).**

JOHN THE BAPTIST AND INTEGRITY

- **John was a man of integrity and he paid for his honesty with his blood. When John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of his marriage to Herodias, his brother's wife, and all the other evil things he had done. Herod added this to them all: He locked John up in prison (Luke 3:19-20).**

JOHN THE BAPTIST

A LESSON ON CONTENTMENT

- **John could have proclaimed himself the Messiah but he did not. He was content with his position: “The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire” (Luke 3:15-22).**
- **I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness (John 1:23).**

HE MUST INCREASE, I MUST DECREASE

- **The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom stands and listens for him, and is overjoyed to hear the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete. He must increase, I must decrease (John 3:30).**
- **Your true character is most accurately measured by how you treat those who can do nothing for you and those who can do something for you. When our nails are growing, we cut the nails and not our fingers. Similarly, when ego starts rising, cut your ego and not your relations. Do not kill your opponent to take over his position.**

ABUSE OF POWER

- **Uncontrolled power is akin to “intoxicating liquor”.**
- **Abuse of power is like demonic possession - This is personality crisis akin to the biblical demoniac whom Jesus asked, “What is your name?”**
- **He replied, “My name is Legion, for we are many” (Mark 5:9).**
- **This is schizophrenia, that is, split personality.**
- **Jesus said to his disciples: “Do not give dogs what is holy; and do not throw your pearls in front of pigs, or they may trample them and then turn on you and tear you to pieces” (Matthew 7:6).**

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF SELFISHNESS

- **It is a natural instinct to care for the needs of others, to be generous and sensitive to human misery. In African tradition, people frown at selfishness. Corruption is a product of selfishness; hence efforts are being made to fight it like an army set in a fierce battle.**
- **A selfish person always has a selfish motive even in actions that appear to be generous. A selfish person can spend a fortune to build a world around himself. He uses his gifts only as a prize to seal up his beneficiaries in his pocket for easy control and manipulation to his selfish advantage. The generosity of a selfish person is like the gift of the Trojan horse.**
- **Selfishness contradicts the African value of community - Ovhabumhe**

DEGREES OF GREED

CAIN AND ABEL

- The syndrome of everyone to oneself and God for all is Cain's Syndrome - Am I my brother's keeper (Genesis 4:9).

LOT AND ABRAHAM

- Abraham allowed Lot to choose for himself all the valley of the Jordan, and journeyed eastward (Genesis 13:10-11)

SELFISHNESS, GREED AND SELF-INDULGENCE

- **Jesus condemned selfishness as “robbery and self-indulgence” (Matthew 23:25). He warns against every form of greed because a person’s salvation and life do not consist or depend on worldly possessions (Luke 12:13-21).**
- **Peter: “Put yourselves at the service of others” (1 Peter 4: 10-11).**
- **Paul: “Jesus died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves (2 Corinthians 5:15). Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind and regard one another as more important than themselves (Philippians 2:3). “Do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others” (Philippians 2:4-8).**

SELFISHNESS

A DEED OF THE FLESH

- **Selfishness is evident and manifested in immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions and factions (Galatians 5:19-20).**
- **Paul: “In the last days, difficult times will come. For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revellers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful and unholy” (2 Timothy 3:1-2).**
- **James : “If you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth. This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural and demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder” (James 3:14-16).**

ISLAM CONDEMNS SELFISHNESS AND GREED

- **Islam commands a Muslim to offer love, generosity and protection to people who are in need and displaced in the society.**
- **Generosity is included among the pillars of Islam. The inhabitants of Madinah were called Ansar (helpers) because they accommodated the Muslims who fled from Mecca at the expense of their personal comfort.**
- **The Qur'an: "They gave preference over themselves, even though poverty was their own lot" (Qur'an 59:9).**
- **In Islam, the poor has a right to be helped in time of need (Qur'an 70:24-25). Hadith by Al-Bukhari on the authority of Abu Hurayrah: Selfish people will not receive mercy from God on the Day of Judgment. Grievous suffering is their portion (Qur'an 3: 77).**

TRADITION AND RELIGION DETEST GREED

- **If tradition and religion forbid and detest selfishness so much:**
- **Why then are some people still very selfish?**
- **The need for a psychological enquiry into the sickness of selfishness.**
- **Have you been a victim of the misfortune of selfishness?**
- **How can selfishness and corruption be conquered and expelled from the human society?**
- **Parable of a selfish and greedy man who drowns out of selfishness.**

SOME CAUSES OF CHRONIC SELFISHNESS

- 1. Insecurity,**
- 2. lack of faith in the divine providence,**
- 3. lack of adventure,**
- 4. fear of the future,**
- 5. lack of self-confidence,**
- 6. lack of courage to take risks,**
- 7. lack of vision and lack of the awareness that no one lives forever.**

WHO KNOWS TOMORROW

A man joined a secret cult to become a billionaire. But there was a condition, namely, he would never spend his money to help any of his family members and kindred. This film shows that some people who appear to be selfish are only obeying the injunctions of the devil who gave them the material wealth. The evil of selfishness is that a selfish person thinks that his action is the best. Like a mad person who thinks that it is those who are sane that are mad, the selfish person thinks that those who are generous are wasting their money. ourselves. No one is too poor to give and no one is too rich not to receive.

CHINUA ACHEBE, THINGS FALL APART

A man who calls his kinsmen to a feast does not do so to save them from starving. They all have food in their own homes. When we gather together in the moonlit village ground it is not because of the moon. Every man can see it in his own compound. We come together because it is good for kinsmen to do so.



SELFISHNESS

A PSYCHOLOGICAL AILMENT

- **If Selfishness is psychological, then,**
- **It calls for psychological therapy and healing.**
- **If selfishness is pathological, demonic and psychological, then,**
- **All hands must therefore be on deck, to win the war against selfishness and corruption.**
- **This calls for a thorough examination of conscience to see to what extent we are infected and affected by this disease. We can make consistent efforts to heal ourselves before healing the other.**

WHY MACBETH KILLED HIS ROYAL GUEST

- **William Shakespeare in the tragedy of Macbeth presented vaulting ambition as a very a dangerous quality.**
- **Ambition is one of the principles of motivation to self-awareness and transformation**
- **But killing a human being to attain power and high positions is a tragic road to self-destruction.**
- **Shakespeare presented Macbeth as a good and valiant man who was not prone to evil.**
- **He was a victim of ambition because his means to source for royalty contradicted his true conscience and nobility. He had the ambition to be king but he did not have the will to make it a do or die project.**

MACBETH

LISTENED TO EVIL VOICES

- His political desperation was slowly ignited by the witches and his wife. When Rose and Angus gave him the news of new titles, Macbeth responded that he should not be dressed in "borrowed robes." He felt that he did not deserve the titles even though the three witches had addressed him, Thane of Cawdor, Thane of Glamis and future king. Macbeth was aware that someone else was already Thane of Cawdor. He did not desire a position somebody was already occupying. He shared the interpretation of Banquo who warned him: "What! Can the devil speak true?"
- Macbeth, Act 1, scene 3; Act 1, scene 1

THE POWER OF A WOMAN, LADY MACBETH

- **Lady Macbeth trusted the witches absolutely and vowed to put pressure on Macbeth to kill the incumbent King. She wanted to be a first Lady and the only way to achieve that was to encourage her husband to kill King Duncan. She could not do it herself because women by their nature do not have the capacity to commit brutal acts of killing.**
- **She wanted to be made a man saying: “You spirits that tend on mortal thoughts, unsex me.”**

LADY MACBETH

- **When she received the news that King Duncan of Scotland would be arriving that night to visit her family, she saw that as an opportunity to ensure that her husband kill their visitor instead of playing a good host like every normal woman. She imagined herself as a vessel which may be emptied out and refilled "from the crown to the toe." One thing nobody, spirit or otherwise, has ever poured into her is "the milk of human kindness" which was aborted by her over ambition.**

LADY MACBETH

- **The consequences were series of deaths not only of Duncan but the guards and Banquo who was his best friend. The syndrome of political ambition does not respect relations and best friends who could be obstacles to the desired political power. When Macbeth got what he wanted, he became afraid of losing or giving up power. His downfall was assured as he turned from a noble Thane to a violent and bloody tyrant at the persuasion of his wife to use his ambition to gain and sustain power and position.**

LADY MACBETH

- **When the witches told Macbeth that he would become king, they also told Banquo that he would not be king himself, but that his descendants will. This is why Macbeth in his lust for power saw Banquo as a threat and had him murdered by two hired assassins. In the process Banquo's son, Fleance, escaped. In all these murderous venture, Lady Macbeth could not sustain the woman passion in her that made her say: "I have given suck, and know how tender it is to love the babe that milks me".**

LESSONS FROM MACBETH

- **The manner Macbeth killed Duncan in his sleep at Macbeth's castle as a royal visitor is a lesson that a person with political ambition does not have permanent friends.**
- **What William Shakespeare wrote as drama is the political history of Scotland.**
- **The real historical King Macbeth ruled Scotland from 1040 to 1057, after his forces killed King Duncan I in battle near Elgin.**
- **(Macbeth, Act 1, Scene 5, 38-43)**
- **Shakespeare Macbeth, Act 2, scene 2**
- **Shakespeare, Julius Caesar, Act 3 Scene 2**

SIGN OF OVER AMBITIONS

- **This tragic satire still exists in many countries in the world today.**
- **In 94 AD, King Herod killed the innocent children to sustain his power (Matthew 2). Among the signs of over ambition is:**
- **Chronic deceit and lies. No matter how smooth they talk, there is no truth in what they say. When Macbeth murdered his guest King Duncan and took over the Scottish throne, he had to protect himself from every suspicion. He killed Duncan's guards saying that he was angry that the guards murdered his guest.**

EFFECT OF OVER AMBITION

- **Duncan's sons were so scared that they had to run away because they too might be killed. Before killing Duncan, Lady Macbeth got the King's guards drunk. Although Macbeth liked Duncan and did not really wanted to kill him, his ambition for power and obedience to his wife invaded his mind to the extent that he saw a ghostly dagger floats in front of him and points the way to King Duncan's bedroom. After Macbeth had stabbed Duncan, he came back, covered in blood and still holding the dagger.**

EFFECTS OF OVER AMBITION

- **It was his wife, Lady Macbeth who took the dagger from him and planted it on the guards who were deeply asleep. It was Macduff who found King Duncan dead in the guest room.**
- **In Shakespeare Julius Caesar, Mark Anthony said: The evil that men do live after them. Lady Macbeth became melancholic and schizophrenic to a point that she did not believe that even the Neptune's Ocean and the sea of Arabia could wash the blood from her hands.**

EFFECTS OF OVER AMBITION

- **Macbeth was defeated by Malcolm who in history is King Malcom III, son of Duncan I in 1057. Macbeth had believed the witches who told him that no man born of a woman could defeat him. Little did he know that Macduff was untimely ripped from his mother's womb. Macduff was loyal to King Duncan to the end. Even after the death of King Duncan, he loved Scotland to a point of raising an army to overthrow Macbeth and his rule of tyranny. King Duncan was the father of Malcolm and Donalbain in the play.**

NEVER CONTENT WITH POWER

- **Some people are never content with power and this often leads to enmity with others who are also ambitious. Thane of Cawdor was a title given to Macbeth after the previous Thane of Cawdor was captured and executed for treason against King Duncan. The historical King Macbeth fought a Thane of Cawdor who died in battle, but he did not thereby acquire the title himself. Macbeth was Thane of Glamis and later became the Thane of Cawdor. He wanted to be king just because the witches said so.**

MORE LESSONS FROM MACBETH WOMAN OF SUBSTANCE

- **Those who believe that they must rule the world by magic powers from the occult world need to learn from the tragedy of Macbeth and his wife. Women should learn to assist in taming the over ambition of their husbands.**
- **According to Donald Duke, the former governor of Cross River State, a Public office holder who is misbehaving do so probably because he does not have a good wife. He says: “You can be referred to as Your Excellency today, but, the best, it will only last eight years. Life is a stage, a platform for services unto God.**

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES ON AMBITION

- **What does it profits, if you gain the whole world and suffer the loss of your soul (Mark 8:36)?**
- **Using violence to get what you want is wrong (Qur'an, 24:22).**
- **Make allowances for others (Qur'an, 7:199).**
- **God loves those who control their rage and pardon other people no matter their ambition (Qur'an, 3:134).**
- **Those who seek power have taken away peace from the earth (Revelation 6:4).**
- **The tragedy in our world today is the greed of a few people who want more of everything.**

SOLUTION TO GREED AND POWER CRISIS THE KENYAN OPTIONS

- **KENYA: "Non-negotiable" DEMANDS to President RUTO after Withdrawal of Controversial Finance Bill 2024 is what all African nations need immediately: They are**
- **Scrap the illegal and illegitimate Chief Administrative Secretary (CAS) position.**



THE KENYAN OPTIONS

- **Removal of public funding of the Office of the First Lady, Second Lady and Prime Cabinet Secretary's Spouse, and instead redirect those funds to employing teachers and doctors.**
- **Scrapping of the housing levy, the publishing of audited records on how the funds have been utilized and refunds for all contributors.**
- **Immediate firing of all government officials with criminal records and integrity issues.**
- **Reduce wastage of public funds in government, including travel.**
- **Conduct a lifestyle audit for flashy state officers.**

THE KENYAN OPTIONS

- **Members of Parliament (MPs) should not earn more than doctors.**
- **Reduction of Members of Parliaments' salaries and allowances, capping them at Ksh.200,000 (Approx \$1560).**
- **To curb wastage, the list advises that all government officials should use government vehicles, trains and airplanes.**
- **Constitute the Independent Electoral & Boundaries Commission (IEBC) within the next 30 days**
- **Employ Junior Secondary School (JSS) teachers and intern doctors.**
- **Call for the restoration of the school feeding programme.**

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CONCLUSION

- **Human beings do not need much, what is called wealth is the excesses that are rather wants than needs.**
- **May those whose ambition for power and ready to destroy innocent people attain the awareness that this world is not our permanent home. We are just passing through.**
- **May we work for heaven where we shall be with the king of kings forever!**
- **AMEN.**