

The Unresolved Religious Issues as Factors in Public Criminalization: A Sociological Perspective

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ABSTRACT Sociology as an academic discipline emerged from the crises of industrial revolution and French socialist revolution of European society in the 17th and 18th century. It was then founded from social problems associated with all forms of deviance and crimes. This paper is a focus on some of the unresolved issues related to religion which is a common practice of almost all societies of the world. Those issues are serious factors in the process of criminalization of members of the general public. Worldwide demographic distribution of 2010 indicated that; Christianity (31.5%), Islam (23.2%), Irreligion (16.3%), Hinduism (15.0%), Buddhism (7.1%), Folk religions (5.9%) and Other religions (1%). There are many fundamental questions which are unanswered by religion. The concept of God is unresolved. And because the concept of God is unresolved the contradictions prevailed by the existence of several religions is also unresolved. Why do we have many religions if there is only one God? Why are the contradictory principles from the different religions? Why are the contradictions attributed to one God? Ridiculously, religious doctrines are sources of social law affecting legislative and judicial matters as well. In fact norms that were created by the principles of those doctrines remain sources of social control, laws made and enforced accordingly. Religion undermines democracy and promotes dictatorship and monarchy which are contradictions to successful enforcement of human rights. It justifies and encourages terrorism, threats and insurgencies and all related crime including frauds, robbery, slavery and humiliations. So long as the foundation of religion is falsehood and freedom is compromised to threat and unconditional belief and forceful acts on false recommendations, societies dominated by religion must experience all forms of conflicts including murder and assaults. The recent case of Boko Haram is a good example of failure of religion to prove itself as humanitarian gesture determined by super power called God. And to have peaceful co-existence of members of different socio-religious groups, religious practices must be purely a personal and private affair. There should be total withdrawal of states involvement on matters of religious practices as recommended by the constitution. State construction of worship centers should be criminalized and politicians insisting on such rites during campaign should be disqualified by INEC. State must stop religious preaching in the public by all religious groups to avoid inter and intra-religious conflicts.

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INTRODUCTION

Religion has remained from time immemorial as an institution of societies. It has been established that the earth didn't contain the substance of human beings before 10million years ago. In fact the result of discoveries indicated that the modern human being of the contemporaries existed from about 150-60,000 years ago. While of the beginning the human beings were simple economic activities, their lives evolved with development of culture which were inclusive of religious activities. While dominant religious philosophies like Islam and Christianities claimed religious activities started with the first human species that existed, which was discovered to have existed in less than 150,000 years ago (Ruddiman,2005; Steffen et-al, 2011)

Even with that philosophy, religious activities of the first group of human beings was characterized by critical and unresolved issues most of which were contradictory, paradoxical and challenging. Those were factors leading to deviance or criminality of members of the group. This paper is an attempt to explore into such issues and their relationship with public criminalization. The following are therefore asked and begged for their answers. What is Religion? Why religion? What is the relationship between those

issues and public criminalization? To what extent religion is a factor in development and underdevelopment? What sociological solution to those religious issues that factor in public criminalization?

WHAT IS RELIGION?

In world cultures, there have been many different groupings of religious belief. In Indian culture, different religious philosophies were traditionally respected as academic differences in pursuit of the same truth. In Islam, the Quran mentions three forms of religion: Muslims, the People of the Book, and idol worshipers. Initially, Christians had a simple dichotomy of world beliefs: Christian civility versus foreign heresy or barbarity. In the 18th century, "heresy" was clarified to mean Judaism and Islam; along with paganism, Religious traditions fall into super-groups in comparative religion, arranged by historical origin and mutual influence. Abrahamic religions originate in West Asia, while Indian religions in the Indian subcontinent (South Asia) and East Asian religions in East Asia. Another group is the Afro-American religion, which have their origins in Central and West Africa (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Major_religious_groups).

Middle Eastern religions are; Abrahamic religions are the largest group, and these consist mainly of Judaism, Christianity, Islam, and the Bahá'í Faith. They are named for the patriarch Abraham, and are unified by the practice of monotheism. Today, at least 3.8 billion people are followers of Abrahamic religions and are spread widely around the world apart from the regions around East and Southeast Asia. Several Abrahamic organizations are vigorous proselytizers; Iranian religions, partly of Indo-European origins, include Zoroastrianism, Yazdânism, Ætsæg Din, Ahl-e Haqq and historical traditions of Gnosticism (Mandaeism, Manichaeism). Indian religions, originated in Greater India and partly of Indo-European origins, they tend to share a number of key concepts, such as dharma, karma, reincarnation among others. They are of the most influence across the Indian subcontinent, East Asia, Southeast Asia, as well as isolated parts of Russia. The main Indian religions are Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism and Sikhism. East Asian religions consist of several East Asian religions which make use of the concept of *Tao* (in Chinese) or *Dō* (in Japanese or Korean). They include many Chinese folk religions, Taoism and Confucianism, as well as Korean and Japanese religion influenced by Chinese thought (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Major_religious_groups).

African religions are the religions of the tribal peoples of Sub-Saharan Africa, but excluding ancient Egyptian religion, which is considered to belong to the ancient Middle East. African diasporic religions practiced in the Americas, imported as a result of the Atlantic slave trade of the 16th to 18th centuries, building on traditional religions of Central and West Africa. Indigenous ethnic religions were found on every continent, now marginalized by the major organized faiths in many parts of the world or persisting as undercurrents (folk religions) of major religions. Those are traditional African religions, Asian shamanism, Native American religions, Austronesian and Australian Aboriginal traditions, Chinese folk religions, and postwar Shinto. Under more traditional listings, this has been referred to as "paganism" along with historical polytheism. New religious movement is the term applied to any religious faith which has emerged since the 19th century, often syncretizing, re-interpreting or reviving aspects of older traditions such as Ayyavazhi, Mormonism, Ahmadiyya, Pentecostalism, polytheistic reconstructionism, and so forth. Worldwide demographic distribution of 2010 indicated that; Christianity (31.5%), Islam (23.2%), Irreligion (16.3%), Hinduism (15.0%), Buddhism (7.1%), Folk religions (5.9%) and Other religions (1%) (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Major_religious_groups).

The advantage of Islam and christianity ahead of other religions is the wide travelling behaviors of their pioneers that kick-started the Islamization and Christianization at their origins. The Arabs travel far towards Africa and Asia for trans-saharan slave trade and other missions. They also devised peculiar methodology characterized by threatening other social and religious groups, resulting in humiliating many and conqurance of several others. For instance Islam claims to be the only approved and acceptable

religion from God. All other religious groups are condemned as atheism and deviancy that will end in hell fire, unless repent to and convert to Islam, by testifying that there is only one God and that Muhammad is the messenger of Allah. And for Christianity there is only one savior on earth and that is Jesus Christ. And nobody is safe unless he testify that Jesus is God and son of God who was descended to live with human beings and died for their sins. One you testify christianity you have your sins cleansed as he has already died for your sins.

For instance Islam missionaries were empowered by the teachings of the Qur'an that non muslims can be advised to join Islam, and when they resist they can be threatened by taxing them heavily before they could be allowed to live within the boundaries of Islamic societies. It is either you continue to pay heavy tax to live as non-believer or join the religion of Islam to live without Islamic threats and coercions. Furthermore Islam is so cultic that once you join it you are not allowed to withdraw. Once a muslim is always a muslim and withdrawing is visited with death penalty in shariah established societies.

In whatever name a religion may be the fundamental phenomenon is characterized by principles and practice. The principles are the guidelines and the concept which are the abstract and action and activities which are the practices including creating worship centers applying the principles accordingly. There are shrines, temples, and others including mosque, church etc.

The principles of religion include the belief in the concept of God. Simply belief that there is God or Supreme Being and confirm your belief by practicing some form of rituals testifying that they are in line with those principles. Religion is therefore a belief in the distance of super natural being and practice of rituals to that effect.

WHY RELIGION?

Religion from all exhibitions is ignorance and viscous circle of ignorance. It is a simple commitment to fully belief in the unknown as if they are known and confirmed to have known. This is blank testimony to lies and falsehood.

Every research begins with hypotheses (a prediction base on a belief determined to be confirmed or otherwise). However, research must lead to knowledge by digging to uncover the unknown to know what is knowable. Discoveries will disapproved or approve hypotheses. Approved hypotheses are confirmed and exhibited as knowledge. Research is therefore knowledge seeking determination supported by full package of freedom strengthening the researcher to freely discover the knowledge facts. It is therefore leading to science and permanent legacy of referral material.

The first aspect of religion which is to believe in the existence of Supreme Being is synonymous to hypotheses. However, hypotheses on whether there is Supreme Being remain an aspect yet to be discovered. Unfortunately discoveries about such hypotheses have been criminally and religiously restricted, that researches are hardly freely conducted to discover the truth or falsify the fact that there is no supreme being.

Religion is not requirement of life particularly in ages of free discoveries in line with science and technology. God is not discovered and it cannot be discovered scientifically. Religion therefore shape ignorance and discourage basic knowledge of nature and other realities. Religion is therefore falsehood created by actors, supported by falsehood and perpetuate falsehood altogether. Religion therefore must be associated with underdevelopment.

The second aspect of religion which is the practices, worships and rituals are practical aspect that can be empirically discovered of their activities and bases. Worship centers are existing time immemorial, all built by people at different times.

Instructions about religions are ordered by human beings mostly claimed to be from the Supreme Being. The method used in its formation and perpetuation are dominant ones. Religion may be a necessity in the pre-science and technology age but certainly a misplaced priority in the modern and contemporary age.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES IN RELIGION

There are many fundamental questions which are unanswered by religion. The concept of God is unresolved. Because the concept of God is unresolved the contradictions prevailed by the existence of several religions is unresolved. Fundamentally what is God? , why do we have many religions if there is only one God? Why are the contradictory principles from the different religions? Why are the contradiction attributed to one God? Are those principles simple opinion of founder of the various religions and confirmed the non-existence of God?

God has been described as everything from an impersonal life-force to a benevolent, personal, almighty Creator. He has been called by many names, including: "Zeus," "Jupiter," "Brahma," "Allah," "Ra," "Odin," "Ashur," "Izanagi," "Viracocha," "Ahura Mazda," and "the Great Spirit" to name just a few. He's seen by some as "Mother Nature" and by others as "Father God." He always addresses Himself as "Father," never "Mother." He calls Himself "a Father to Israel". His prophets acknowledged Him as Father by saying, "You are our Father, we are the clay, and you our potter; And all of us are the work of Your hand," and "do we not all have one Father? Has not one God created us?" Never once does God refer to Himself as "Mother" and never once is He called such by the prophets to whom He spoke. Calling God "Mother Nature" is comparable to calling your earthly father "Mom." (<http://www.AllAboutGod.Com>).

God has different name in different language. God means the creator of the Universe or the Supreme Being. In Hausa it is called Ubangiji. In Arabic it is called Allah. It is simply a spiritual powerful super force that generates all forces and believed to exist spiritually and materially, as well commanding material existence and actions visible in human surrounding and nature. While that may be general position of most religions, it is not discovered as truth and absolute truth; nor can this be discovered again on scientific bases. This will remain hypotheses forever. It is therefore a serious religious but sociological and scientific issue which is yet to be categorically resolved in general life conduct and academic operations.

Associated to the concept of God are concepts of spirits, including angels, devils, souls and projected spiritual powers of prophets, ancestors, and their relationship with the concept of God. While the prophets and the ancestors are human beings, their spiritual exhibition are claimed and cannot be testified, it is therefore hypothetical, undiscovered and predominantly falsehood. The messages from those sources are also hypothetical, and cannot be discovered in anyway. Paradoxically people are criminally mobilized to belief in the falsehood. If all the messages claimed by the prophets are simple opinion of the prophet or their dreams, hallucination and deep thoughts linking to their own psychologically created images called God, obviously the world population must have been deceived , reframed , redirected, restructured and continuously reorganized on those bases. This fundamental researchable issue is yet unresolved.

THE UNRESOLVED ISSUES AND PUBLIC CRIMINALIZATION

The concept of God, spirits, prophets, ancestors etc are yet to be proven scientifically as undisputable truth and therefore unresolved in social life and in the academia. However, those issues are very fundamental in social making and construction in the past and the present. Take for example the Qur'an and the bible as sources of religious doctrines. The bible was accessed through

Jesus and the Qur'an was accessed through Prophet Muhammad. But they are yet to be discovered to have originated from the Supreme Being as the Supreme Being is yet to be discovered scientifically.

Ridiculously, religious doctrines are sources of social law and including legislative and judicial adjudicative matters. In fact norms that were created by the principles of those doctrines remain sources of social control, laws made and enforced accordingly. If those doctrines form aspects of some societal laws and their operations, the world population is being criminalized religiously and therefore the basis of such criminalization is falsehood and illusion.

Religion has further created confusion by creating conflicting values and projecting it as eternal values, deceiving and streamlined adherents on such bases contrary to those that modernization created such as democracy, fundamental freedom, social and natural rights which completely contradicted religious philosophy of dictation, coercion, threat and bondage. Religion has made it difficult to freely conceptualize independent law which has no bearing to religions. It also created cultism by creating and establishing threatening members against the new laws that obviously undermines religious doctrines and strengthens legislated laws. Those that are mobilized through religions to develop religious social lives, live in conflict with establish laws. This is why we had in history religious conflicts such maitatsine, Boko haram, shiah riots, ISIS, al-shabab, al-qaida etc.

Unresolved issues like the Qur'an, bible, spirits, ancestors, prophets etc as sources of indoctrination have at same time serve as sources of creating disunity, misunderstanding and chaos. If for instance the bible says "Jesus is a son of God" to the Christians, the same God is claimed to have falsified himself by saying "God has no son" to the muslims. Each one is claiming the originality of his holy book as the same God who is the only one and never lied. This either proved that the bible and the Qur'an are fabricated documents by their authors or there are two Gods or many Gods exist to the service of every religion. Christians and Muslims have been killing each other on those grounds. Almost all religious groups are conflicting groups against each other. Number of religious groups in existence may likely to be the number conflicting religious bases groups in the community. Because of the differences there are inter and intra religious conflicting groups. Religion is therefore major source of public criminalization.

RELIGION, DEVELOPMENT AND UNDERDEVELOPMENT

Development is a psychological satisfaction of the circumstance you find yourself. It involves freely tapping of natural resources available for a community and collectively utilizing it for the improvement of the standard of that group. If you are talking about Nigeria, development is the collective utilization of both natural and social resource of the Nigeria community for the improvement of the standard of living of the populace. The natural resources in Nigeria include the abundance of land for agricultural purpose, abundance of land for mining of mineral resources such as granite, copper, iron ore, gold, and diamond. Abundance of land for rearing of animals and livestock production. Rivers and oceans for navigation, as well as riverine businesses including for fishing, irrigation and transportation. It also involves the mobilization of the human resources for various professions and occupations to cover up the offices in economic, political and social institutions of the society. Produce experts in economic management such as bankers, organizational managers, politicians and political office holders and social sector officials such as medical doctors, social workers, securities, militaries and paramilitaries etc. Recognizing, accessing and mobilizing these resources and using them for the up keep of the society is called development.

Paradoxically the reality will display that Nigeria's resources are in abundance and not judiciously tapped and utilized. The large population is left with majority unemployed as a result of poor industrialization. The major mineral resources, the crude oil is criminally tapped and funds realized predominantly siphoned into few pockets, with less than 5% of the population controlling over

90% of Nigeria's wealth. The youth are not mobilized into the abundance of the agricultural land because of deviation of farming as a profession resulting from poor agricultural education, mechanization and mobilization. Virtually all sectors of the economy are left untapped or tapped not judiciously. Currently there are often farmers and herdsmen clashes in Taraba, Benue, Plateau, Adamawa and some eastern state of Nigeria. Thousands have died in such clashes. There are cases of bandits and cattle rustlers that kill herdsmen and rustler away their cattle. Just early June 2018 about 23 people were killed, several homes torched, and villages burnt down in Zamfara state (<http://googl/FKBTAv>). These are effects of poor policy and poor implementation of some proper policies and rules by law enforcement agencies.

Manifestation of underdevelopment includes prevalence of corruption, high rate of unemployment, illiteracy, ethnicity, religions bigotry and dependency. Nigeria is a dependent capitalist economy and therefore it must be characterized by high value to bureaucracy and attachment to bureaucracy. Resources of the country are centrally owned by government. The land and its continent including minerals belong to government. Resources of government are generated from these abundance of natural gifts such as crude oil and exports of minerals. The population is also mobilized and taxed according to their personal income and value added tax. Every business is taxed from all sources of public service. Industries are taxed by power supplies, by quantity of products, by assets invested, by profits generated, by business premise attestation, by insurances including health, risk management, pension operation etc. There is tax for import, export, tourism visa, for infrastructural utilities such as airports, water ways, port authorities etc. It is therefore an obvious fact that wealth is with the government and the only source of public enrichment is through the approval of government. Income per person is obviously determined by government through salaries and wages commission. There is a serious gap between the laws and the operations. Laws are predominantly violated and offices are virtually abused and so corruption is so apparent that such revenues are not generated expectedly, those generated are also not adequately remitted and those remitted are not adequately accounted for.

According to Ibrahim (2003) survival of democracy in Nigeria depend on the capacity of stakeholders in the policy to combat the ravage of corruption. The structure of Nigeria policy is characterized by excessive personalization of power, which provided a culture of unbridled corruption.

The Lawrence Anini saga was one of the dramatic illustration of growing criminalization of the Nigeria state and society. By 1985 Anini controlled a well armed criminal gang. Anini had a score to settle with the police because in September 1985, the police had raided his modest family shop in Ibadan, killed his father and his junior brother. In august 1986 2 members of his gang were arrested and killed by police regardless of bribes they collected. Anini felt double-crossed and publicly announced that he would kill 100 police officers. In three months he killed 9 police officers. Yet Anini become a very popular jack – hero during the period. Anini was described as Nigeria's Robin Hood, a revolutionary who would clean up the corrupt Nigerian system. Anini also raided rich people and banks in broad day light and distribution part of his booty to cheering crowds. He was nick name "Anini the law" because he was killing police officers. When Anini was finally captured on 3 December 1986 another 11 police officers in the criminal investigation department in benin city were also arrested as part of his accomplice (Ibrahim , 2003).

The military in Nigeria has entrenched the culture of public corruption established by earlier civilian regimes. Military become power drunk and virtually transformed corruption into state policy. It actively pursued policies intended to guarantee impunity for corrupt state officials. Under the Babangia, Abacha, and Abubakar administration, what used to be known as corruption became the art of government itself (Ibrahim 2003).

A huge security apparatus with vast parallel and un-stated powers was established with the state security service (SSS), the directorate of military intelligence (DMI), special strike forces (SSF) at the national level. At the state level, military governors established their own terrorist units”, such as operation sweep (Lagos state), operation wedge (Ogun state), operation Gbale (Oyo state), operation storm (Imo state), operation wipe out (Rivers state), operation Zaki (adamawa state), and operation Kwanta-kwanta (Bauchi state). These outputs were directed at terrorizing the population and carrying out very high levels of extra judicial killing (Ibrahim 2003).

Shortly after the death Abacha, \$1.8 billion identified as placed by the late dictator in Brazil, Lebanon, Britain and Switzerland. About \$675.2 million, £75.3million and ₦252million of state funds had been recovered from the family of Sani Abacha (totalling ₦64.6billion, one quarter of the 1998 budget of federal government). About ₦8.6billion was discovered from Ismaila Gwarzo security advisor. About \$2,500million was collected from state forms to pay Russian contractors working on the Ajaokuta state mill and only \$500 was paid to the Russians. Some \$2.2 billion was found in Abacha’s Swiss account (Ibrahim 2003). Chief George a chieftain of the ruling People’s Democratic Party, alongside principal officers of the Nigeria Ports Authority was convicted and sentenced to 2 years imprisonment. The Commission has recovered over \$11 billion since its inception in 2003. The bulk of this, that is, \$6.5 billion was recovered in the last two years alone. These recoveries include some part of the Abacha loot as well as recoveries arising from the bank sanitization exercise which the Commission embarked on with the Central bank of Nigeria. Expectedly, a substantial portion of these recoveries are Government Funds that have been siphoned and criminal proceeds from bank frauds. It will do us well to explain the avenues of recovery and the use to which this recovered fund are channeled. Restitution may not be the primary motive of the work of the commission but it is an important incidental of the investigation and prosecution of criminals. Thus in cases of official corruption and theft of Government funds, the proceeds of the crime are remitted to the office of the Accountant General of the Federation of Nigeria or that of the applicable State Government, as required by public service rules. Where the victim is a private entity, the proceeds of the crime are given to such private entity. See table for record of recoveries (Waziri, 2011).

Alfred Rewane a financier of NADECO, an opposition coalition of Abacha regime was killed. Kundirat Abiosa, the vocal wife of the detained winner of the June 1996 election, Bagauda Kalto, the Kaduna correspondent of the News magazine was also killed. General Shehu Yar’Adua an ardent opponent of Abacha self-succession plan was also eliminated by state security agents (Ibrahim 2003).

Jolly Nyame former governor of Taraba state sentenced to 28 years imprisonment for corruption, in May, 2018. He is to serve 14 years in concurrent terms. EFCC was instructed by court to return looted funds to coffers of Taraba state (NTA news network Abuja 9:00pm).

As a major indicator of underdevelopment, corruption in recent time is responsible for instigating boko haram activities by preachers popularizing of jihad and establishment of sharia to enforce jihadist activities as a panacea to the prevailing corrupt practices and impunities of the authorities in Nigeria and particularly the northeast. Unfortunately no lesson has been learned by some authorities after all the suffering from terrorism and insurgency.

Northeast was globally focused to diminish boko haram activities by global military, financial and logistic support in the fight against terrorism and insurgency. While it is clear that boko haram activities have been pulled down by recapturing areas occupied by the terrorist group in September 2014 by the Nigeria armed forces, it is also very clear that the engagement and general episode of the military, the instrumentality of the federal government and total involvement of the state government in providing

logistic support to back up the armed forces, was characterized by corrupt practices at all levels. After victory the rehabilitation, reconstruction and resettlement of victims of boko haram terrorism was fully characterized by corruption in all levels. It was on record that there was full involvement of several countries of the world, as well as major informational bodies such the UN, EU, AU, ECOWAS etc by providing both financial and military support amounting to billions of dollars and billions of Nigeria. It is disturbing that a very good proportion of such contributions ended up criminally in very few officials' pockets. For instance recently Borno State government claimed to have completed the rebuilding of about 80% of the houses destroyed in Bama. Contrarily, eye witnesses confirmed that less than 40% of Bama's destroyed homes were actually rebuilt. The ministry of Rehabilitation, Reconstruction and Resettlement have criminally deceived the general public by reconstructing houses along the main road crossing Maiduguri to Mubi road and painted them so that every passerby will unconsciously appreciate the situation. Most of homes reconstructed are also perceptual deception of public as only the front phases are completed while the interior are left destroyed.

The fraud, deception and criminal exhibition by a state that witnessed thousands of its citizens killed further confirmed the irresponsible, insincerity and mockery of the religion they claim to practice. The actions are total contradiction to constitutional approvals, their claimed believed in God and Godly principles of anti-corruption and the associated punishment in the judgment by same God after death. Obviously religion is irrelevant in a scientific society, where religion is operated as sort of mockery used by the same non believer elites to radical the masses who may have been deceived to have faith, and maintained an adamant posture of having redress of this official cheating by God after death. It is very clear that with this imbalance and criminality, it is left for General Buhari to decide to call to book these criminals of corruption, deception and mockery to book or perpetuate illusion, injustice and criminal domination. Buhari we trusted can optimistically take necessary actions against these criminals of billions meant for rehabilitation, reconstruction and resettlement of Bama and other northeast Nigeria that have been devastated by boko haram since 2001 to date.

Another indicator of underdevelopment is the level of illiteracy of the entire population and the academic illiteracy in academic circles. The Minister of Education, Adamu Adamu said the country had about 65 million to 75 million illiterates, describing the figure as unbecoming and high, considering the country's population. "Education is the bedrock of any country's development and any country that does not educate its populace is bound to fail. Females account for nearly 60 percent of the country's illiterate population. Nigeria will not achieve its development aspirations until it checks the high level of illiteracy by adoption of inclusive education where every Nigerian will be given the opportunity to go to school, regardless of background, ethnicity and gender. This was attributed to Boko Haram insurgency, saying that many of the sect's followers only knew the Quran but could not interpret and digest its meanings. The most expedient approach is through selective, intensive and nationwide on-going campaign against illiteracy, targeting states and groups that have the highest levels of illiteracy, with girls and women as the main target." "If a minimum of 10 literacy centres could be established in each of the 9,572 wards with each centre enrolling a maximum of 30 learners in two sessions per annum, 5.7 million adults would be made literate at the end of each year under the national literacy campaign. Thus, about 23 million people would be literate." The minister lamented that in spite of the fact that the percentage of Nigeria's budget committed to education is very low, nothing is allocated to research and development. He noted that and over 90 per cent of federal and state government annual appropriations for the sector is committed to payment of staff salaries. "Less than 10 per cent is for capital projects and procurement of teaching materials (Adedigbe, 2017).

In 2015, youth illiteracy for Nigeria was 9.43 million. Youth illiteracy of Nigeria increased from 5.19 million in 1991 to 9.43 million in 2015 growing at an average annual rate of 24.32 %. Have a question? Youth illiterate population is the total number of youth between age 15 and age 24 who cannot both read and write with understanding a short simple statement on their everyday life.

Youth literacy rate	72.8 %	WB
Youth female illiteracy	62.1 %	WB
Adult literacy rate	59.6 %	WB
Adult illiteracy	41,261,920 number	WB
Adult female illiteracy	61.4 %	WB
Elderly literacy rate	26.4 %	WB
Elderly illiteracy	3,672,265 number	WB
Elderly female illiteracy	59.5 %	WB

And those that have gone to school, a good proportion of them are academic illiterates who have gone to school but have little benefit from the facts of such literacy. Majority of such literate are unethical and therefore acting in contradiction to the principles and philosophies of the professions and training given to them. Take for instance, social scientists claiming to be religious and acting in haterates to those who stuck to guides of social science ethics.

If more than 30% of the population is illiterates, the 30% of Nigeria are excluded in the helm affairs of the country. They cannot be employed in the bureaucracies, they cannot decide for their communities, they can not officially communicate. Most of them are forced and condemned to be stage of manipulation by the privileged elites. They end up as criminals, hooligans, tedious workers and bondage servants of the elites.

And the remaining literates are not well educated and therefore dangerous for effective policy making and development. Most of them have gone to school but do not know the meaning of being to school. They are ignorant of the philosophy of education and so cannot be guided by the inculcated principles and ethics of their different training. Instead their actions are determined by historical, social and environmental mindset established by the normative principles of the society that culturally evolved without any professional demands. So they are incorporated and controlled by the upper privileged elites consciously. They are mediocres and if they are found to be teachers they will reproduce mediocrity and challenges. This is the impediment to development

The religion on the other hand is a product of normative force and not professional orientations. Religion undermines freedom of determination planning, strategizing and effecting devices for future transformations and changes. Religions restructured, breeds and perpetuate underdevelopment and perpetual bondage. There is no bearing between development and religion. Where religion is dominant the people cannot be innovative, critical and independent. Therefore there is relationship between religion and underdevelopment but there is no relationship between religion and development. This is because religion undermines democracy and promotes dictatorship and monarchy which are contradictions to successful enforcement of human rights.

CONCLUSION

Religion as observed breeds crime and criminality, in every society by instituting culture of hate-rate against members of other religious groups. Religion in most situations teaches ethnocentrism and dictatorship. It predominantly justifies disunity, conquerance, domination and imperialism. It justifies social inequalities, stratifications and almost all forms of injustices emanating

from that. And subsequently it justifies and encourages terrorism, threats and insurgencies and all related crime including frauds, robbery, slavery and humiliations. So long as the foundation of religion is falsehood and freedom is compromised to threat and unconditional belief and forceful acts on false recommendations, societies dominated by religion must experience all forms of conflicts including murder and assaults. The recent case of Boko haram is a good example of failure of religion to prove itself as humanitarian gesture determined by super power called God.

Sociology is the scientific study of human behavior, its antecedence and its consequences. One of such behavior is the institution of religion created by man. Sociology of religion proved that man created religion, by creating the concept of God and attributing his own characteristic to same God and reflects on events as consequences of God's determinations. This is completely hypothetical display that sociology discovered as total false. Generation of people are deceived, threatened and coerced to belief and practice some form of worship called religion in all societies. Very important part of time that could have been used for better engagement and productivity is criminally sacrificed for religious practices. A lot of revenue is lost on religious ground. A lot of lives are lost on religious ground. A lot of properties continuously destroyed on religious ground. The public is unduly criminalized by injecting hate-rate to one another on the bases of differences of religious backgrounds and denominations.

Since sociology proved the claimed foundation of all religions as false, sociology clearly recommend for assessment of religion and its total eradication in the interest of prevalence of complete humanity and development. Certainly with the advancement of science and technology in the millinium, religion will soon disappear on earth. The replacement and displacement of religion by science and technology is the inevitable evaluation and revolution of human history. In the interim following are recommended.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Religious practices must be purely a personal and private affair.
2. There should be total withdrawal of states involvement on matters of religious practices as recommended by the constitution.
3. State construction of worship centers should be criminalized and politicians insisting on such rites during campaign should be disqualified by INEC.
4. State must stop religious preaching in the public by all religious groups to avoid inter and intra-religious conflicts.
5. Individually people can choose to be non-religious and there must be a clear state protection for them.
6. Informal schools such as church or bible training schools should be closed down.
7. Primary and secondary education must be compulsory and school age children must be in school during school hours and those outside must be taken to school by all cost.
8. Education must compulsory and free at the primary and secondary levels and considerably subsidize at the tertiary level..
9. All terrorist must be called to book.

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