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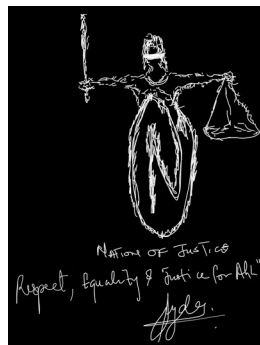
My Address to the Nigerian Youths

*aligned with Sections 1, 2, 14, 23 & 24 of the
Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as Amended)*

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My Fellow Young Nigerians, the youths of today, don't forget that our leaders today were once the youth described yesterday as the future, now here we are again.

I greet you not as a politician seeking your vote, not as a preacher seeking your offering, and not as a celebrity seeking your applause. I greet you as a brother who has come to tell you a hard truth wrapped in deep love: **Nigeria is not exempt from getting better — Revolution in the United States at the time is way different from the idea of Revolution in Nigeria. The condition of Nigeria allows me to say, “but the real revolution will not begin at Aso Rock or in the streets. It will begin in your mind.”**

For too long, we have shouted “change” every four years and yet remained the same in our hearts. We have removed one man only to replace him with another molded from the same soil of greed, impatience, corruption, oppression and ignorance amongst other pollutions. From Lagos to Maiduguri, from Port Harcourt to Sokoto, from Oyo to Niger, the story repeats like an old drumbeat that never changes its rhythm. And the painful truth — the one we have avoided for too long — is this:

Nigeria does not suffer from a shortage of leaders. Nigeria suffers from a shortage of citizens who are true leaders who genuinely think sensibly and truly care for the welfare of all.

We treat politics like an inter-house sports. We wear party colours like jerseys and scream for our team to win, not for our nation to rise and prosper. We celebrate thieves and terrorists because they come from our tribe. We defend failures because they share our tongue and pockets. We curse the government for unemployment, yet we celebrate shortcuts and corruption at home. We blame our government and other managements for potholes, yet we throw refuse in front of our own gates. We expect heaven from those in office while living like devils in our own small corners. And when the country falls apart, we act shocked — as if we did not vote, with our own hands, for the very fingers that now choke our throats.

No leader can save a people or nation who refuse to save themselves.

The Constitution Is Not a Book on a Shelf — It Is a Mirror, Your Identity.

Let me bring you face to face with the document that defines what we owe ourselves and what we owe Nigeria. The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as Amended) is not a museum piece. It is a living covenant between you and your country. And it begins by telling you exactly where the power lies.

Section 1 — Supremacy of the Constitution

Section 1 declares that *“This Constitution is supreme and its provisions shall have binding force on all authorities and persons throughout the Federal Republic of Nigeria.”* It further declares that *“The Federal Republic of Nigeria shall not be governed, nor shall any person or group of persons take control of the Government of Nigeria or any part thereof, except in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.”* And it warns that any law inconsistent with the Constitution *“shall, to the extent of the inconsistency, be void.”*

Read those words again, my young brothers and sisters. It is **Supreme. It is Binding. On all authorities and persons.** That means the senator is not above it. The governor is not above it. The police officer is not above it. The local government chairman is not above it. The market king is not above it. And the boy on the street who collects illegal “settlement” at a checkpoint is not above it either. The Constitution binds everyone — **or it binds no one. That is the Position.**

Section 2 — One Indivisible Nation

Section 2 declares Nigeria *“one indivisible and indissoluble sovereign state.”* Indivisible. Indissoluble. That means our destinies are tied together whether we like each other's tribe or not. Igbo, Yoruba, Hausa, Fulani, Ijaw, Tiv, Kanuri, Efik, Itsekiri — every drop of blood that flows in this land flows in one body. When you steal from Nigeria, you are not stealing from “them.” You are stealing from your own mother's womb.

Section 14 — Sovereignty Belongs to YOU

Section 14 is the verse you must memorize like your name. It declares Nigeria *“a State based on the principles of democracy and social justice,”* and it accordingly proclaims:

(a) sovereignty belongs to the people of Nigeria from whom government through this Constitution derives all its powers and authority; (b) the security and welfare of the people shall be the primary purpose of government; and (c) the participation by the people in their government shall be ensured in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.

Did you hear that? **Sovereignty belongs to YOU.** Not to the Senate. Not to the Presidency. Not to the godfathers in Abuja or Ado Ekiti. The government did not give itself power — **you** gave the government the power. And what you gave, you can hold accountable. What you gave, you can demand answers for. What you gave, you must never again surrender for a bag of rice, a wrapper, one or two thousand naira on election day or days before.

And Section 14(2)(b) is the standard by which every leader must be judged: **the security and welfare of the people shall be the PRIMARY purpose of government.** Not personal wealth. Not estates in Dubai or mansion in London or Switzerland. Not private jets. Not children studying abroad while public schools collapse at homeland. The PRIMARY purpose. Anything less **is constitutional betrayal, which must meet the bars of accountability.**

The National Ethics We Have Buried Alive

Section 23 of our Constitution lists the seven national ethics by which Nigeria was meant to be built:

Discipline, Integrity, Dignity of Labour, Social Justice, Religious Tolerance, Self-reliance, and Patriotism.

Look at that list. Now look at our streets. Now look at our offices. Now look at our churches and our mosques. Now look at the mirror.

- **Discipline** — yet we jump queues, beat traffic lights, and call it “smartness.”
- **Integrity** — yet we cheer the man who “made it” without asking how.
- **Dignity of Labour** — yet we mock the carpenter, paint the farmer as dirt, and worship the fraudster.
- **Social Justice** — yet we look away when the poor are crushed and abuse of power reigns, but then clap when the rich escape or when the pockets are loaded regardless of who suffers the loss.

- **Religious Tolerance** — yet we use God's name to divide what God created as one.
- **Self-reliance** — yet we beg, we bribe, we “connect,” we sell our voter's cards, and then we say, “welcome to Nigeria” or the sad phrase, “this is Nigeria.”
- **Patriotism** — yet we curse Nigeria in the morning and queue for her passport in the afternoon; we blame Nigeria, forgetting she's just the caravan and cannot drive herself, and remain blinded to the clear fact that the management turns and spins the wheels.

This is the mindset that is upside down. ***This is the abnormality we have begun to call normal, and then dressed it in agbada, danshiki, and named it “Democracy.”***

Democracy Is Not One-Size-Fits-All

Here is a truth I have long carried and which I have placed on the landing pages of my advocacy to resonate awareness: **Democracy is not one-size-fits-all.** What works in Washington does not automatically work in Wukari. What fits London may strangle Lagos. We have been wearing a foreign suit on an African body, and we wonder why it tears at every seam.

Democracy must be **measured** to fit the current mindset of our society. We must cut our coat according to our size. Democracy must be **molded** to fit Nigeria — our cultures, our values, our ancient ethics that taught us that a stolen yam tastes bitter, that the elder who lies loses his stool, that the community raises the child. We must surgically and step by step heal the abnormalities that now find a home here and live among us as if they were the norm.

The way we have it now — copy-and-paste democracy poured over a wounded society — is precisely what brought us into this mess. **Until our mindset is healed, no ballot will save us. Until our values are restored, no election will redeem us.**

Section 24 — Your Duties Are Not Optional

And now, the section that brings everything home. Section 24 of the Constitution declares:

It shall be the duty of every citizen to — (a) abide by this Constitution, respect its ideals and its institutions, the National Flag, the National Anthem, the National Pledge, and legitimate authorities; (b) help to enhance the power, prestige and good name of Nigeria, defend Nigeria and render such national service as may be required; (c) respect the dignity of other citizens and the rights and legitimate interests of others and live in unity and harmony and in the spirit of common brotherhood; (d) make positive and useful contribution to the advancement, progress and well-being of the community where he resides; (e) render assistance to appropriate and lawful agencies in the maintenance of law and order; and (f) declare his income honestly to appropriate and lawful agencies and pay his tax promptly.

Read it. Read it again. Read it until it enters your bones.

These are your **DOs**. Now learn your **DON'Ts** from the opposite of every one of them:

- **DO NOT** trample on the Constitution or excuse those who do.
- **DO NOT** stain the good name of Nigeria with corruption, cybercrime, or shortcuts that mock honest labour.
- **DO NOT** dehumanize your brother or sister because of his/her tribe, religion, or accent.
- **DO NOT** sit idle in your community while it rots, then blame Abuja or Aso Rock.
- **DO NOT** shield criminals from the law because they are “your own.”
- **DO NOT** hide your income and curse the government for empty treasuries.

When you know your DOs and your DON'Ts, **you become qualified to hold others accountable**. You cannot demand integrity from a senator while you cheat in your shop. You cannot demand transparency from a governor while you pad your receipts. **Accountability begins in the mirror before it ever reaches the microphone or the streets.**

THE MOVEMENT IN MOTION



*The handbook is not a theory.
The youths are not waiting.*

The work has already begun.



This is part of the encounters that prompted me to found Nation of Justice — a movement of citizens awakening to their own power, their own duty, and their own dignity under the Constitution that already belongs to them.

Nation of Justice — Why We Stand

These are part of the encounters that prompted me to found **Nation of Justice**. We exist to champion the advocacy of citizens' awareness of their responsibilities — to themselves and to the Nation they call their Country. We do not exist to fight the government. We exist to **help the government see and do the needful for nationwide progress** instead of sinking into the swamp of corruption and personal wealth accumulation that has held us hostage for too long.

We believe in a Nigeria where:

- Sovereignty truly belongs to the people, as **Section 14** promises.
- The Constitution is supreme over every man's pocket and every godfather's table, as **Section 1** commands.
- Our indivisible nationhood is honoured in deeds, not just in anthems, as **Section 2** declares.
- The seven national ethics of **Section 23** are not museum words but daily practice.
- Every citizen's duties under **Section 24** are lived, not just recited.

When the citizens awaken, the government will straighten its back. When the people refuse to be bribed, the politicians will be forced to perform. When accountability becomes the air we breathe, the looters will catch a cold they cannot recover from. ***The fear of accountability is the beginning of the drumbeat of justice for all.*** *And the judiciary, whose task leans more towards accountability, is majorly at dose; and sooner or later, accountability shall lean towards the judiciary at the call of your healing mindset.*

The Revolution Is in the Mind

So hear me, young Nigerian. The greatest revolution is not in the streets — though the streets have their moment. The greatest revolution is in the mind. The day we stop waiting for a messiah and start becoming the citizens our Constitution describes — that is the day Nigeria rises.

No constitution can save a people who will not read it. No election can rescue a nation whose voters have been bought. No foreign aid can heal a country whose own children steal from her. And no leader, however

brilliant, can build in a land where the citizens destroy faster than he can repair.

The enemy is not only at the top. The enemy also lives in our habits, our excuses, our tribalism, our impatience, our willingness to clap for thieves who share our surname.

But the good news — the gospel I have come to deliver — is this: ***the same hand that built the prison can unlock it.*** The mind that accepted the abnormal as normal can also reject it. The voice that once shouted for a party can learn to shout for a principle. The eye that watched evil and looked away can learn to look it in the face and say, ***“Not in my Nigeria.”***

A Final Charge

To every young Nigerian reading this — student, trader, artisan, graduate, hustler, dreamer:

1. **Read your Constitution.** Especially Sections 1, 2, 14, 23, and 24. Make them your daily creed.
2. **Discipline yourself first.** You cannot give what you do not have. Practice your preach.
3. **Refuse the bribe** — whether ₦2,000 on election day or ₦200 million in office.
4. **Defend your community** before you demand Abuja's attention.
5. **Hold the abnormal accountable**, beginning with the one in your own mirror.
6. **Join hands with the Sunlight like Nation of Justice** that exists to awaken, not to deceive.
7. **Mold a Democracy that fits Nigeria** — not one that mocks us.

When the revolution in our mindset succeeds, the true change will begin to take shape — for our economy, for our social development, for our culture, for our children's children. And we shall finally look back and say: we did not wait for a saviour. We became one — together.

*And when I finally decide to seek for your votes, then you know it's a call for you to the work like never before. ***I seek to serve my nation with all my strength as****

a pledge, to defend our unity and uphold our honor, Constitution and glory, so help me God.

Nigeria is NOT exempt from getting better.

But Nigeria can only become what her citizens are willing to be.

Be that citizen. Be that revolution. Be that Nation of Justice.

With unwavering belief in the Nigerian Youth,

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